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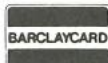
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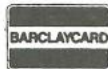
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Britain Ranked Fourth

AT first glance Britain's medal haul from the European Championships — 1 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze — might not look very impressive, but taking into account all the circumstances it wasn't such a bad showing either. Based on the form displayed in Edmonton there seemed to be a good chance that British athletes would collect at least a dozen medals, maybe even breaking the UK record figure of 17, but — as we warned — the unknown factor was whether the athletes would be able to prime themselves psychologically as well as physically for another supreme effort so soon after their triumphs in Canada. The answer, in many cases, was no.

A classic example was Allan Wells, who performed so brilliantly in Edmonton. A repetition of the dynamic sprinting he exhibited in the Commonwealth Games would surely have earned him a couple of medals (probably of the silver variety) in Prague, but he was so bodily fatigued and emotionally drained by the time he got to the European — and he didn't really want to go at all — that he was reduced to 6th place in the 100 and decided to scratch from the 200 as he felt he would be unable to do himself justice. So Prague proved to be an unrewarding, even melancholy experience for Wells, but that must not be allowed to detract from the fact that Edmonton was the goal he aimed for, and achieved. He didn't succeed in hitting two targets, but one bulls-eye in a season is all that can fairly be asked of an athlete . . . and that will be the situation in Olympic year. Only British athletes occasionally have to face this problem of peaking for two major events in close proximity. It last happened in 1966 when, soon after returning from Kingston, Jamaica, the British team gained a total of two medals (both gold) in the European in Budapest — and one of those was won by an athlete, Jim Hogan, who missed the Commonwealth Games. Next time, in 1982, the dilemma won't be so acute as the more searching test, the European (in Athens), will come first, followed about a month later by the Commonwealth in Brisbane.

Another, unforeseen, factor which harmed the British team's performance in Prague was the plague of misfortune. Here is a 'Czech-list' of some of the disastrous happenings: David Jenkins fell over in the heats of the 4×400, an event in which Britain were strong medal contenders . . . Mary Stewart did likewise in her 1500 heat . . . Daley Thompson's prospects of decathlon victory were shattered when, after actually clearing 4.40m in the vault his pole followed through and knocked down the bar (had he then gone on to clear 4.50 — and he's been over 5m in training — Daley would have won) . . . Berwyn Price clobbered the last hurdle in his semi when poised to reach the final . . . injuries reduced the effectiveness of Sonia Lannaman,

Roy Mitchell and Keith Connor in particular . . . Geoff Capes didn't even get to compete in the shot final after being disqualified.

But all was not gloom. The British produced some splendid performances, highlighted by Steve Ovett's 1500 victory (though I would rate his run in the 800 as a greater achievement). There were medals for Daley Thompson, Tessa Sanderson, the women's 4×100 team, Sebastian Coe and Dave Moorcroft; UK records by Ovett, Thompson, Paula Fudge and the girls' sprint relay squad; personal bests for Terry Whitehead and Dave Black.

As can be seen from the table, Britain ranked as the 4th best team overall (as against 5th in Rome despite four gold medals) based on points for the first eight placings. The USSR — back on top again after several years in the shadow of its German satellite — and the GDR have gone even further ahead of the next strongest athletics power, West Germany.

Despite the awful weather most days, the standard of performance was easily the highest ever and world records were set by Marita Koch (48.94 400), Tatyana Selenzova (54.89 400H), Sara Simeoni (2.01m HJ) and Vilma Bardauskiene (7.09m LJ).

Mel Watman

PRAGUE MEDALS TABLE

	G	S	B	Total
USSR	13	12	11	36
GDR	12	9	10	31
Germany	4	2	2	8
Italy	4	1	0	5
Poland	2	2	3	7
UK	1	4	2	7
Finland	1	2	3	6
Yugoslavia	1	1	0	2
France	1	0	1	2
Spain	1	0	0	1

(Czechoslovakia won 5 medals; Rumania & Switzerland 2; Belgium, Bulgaria, Hungary, Norway, Rep of Ireland & Sweden 1).

POINTS SCORES

Based on 8pts for 1st place, 7 for 2nd, down to 1 for 8th. 1974 totals in brackets.

Men

1, USSR 214½ (146½); 2, GDR 128 (130); 3, Germany 84 (99); 4, UK 66½ (77); 5, Poland 65 (78); 6, Italy 57 (58); 7, Finland 56 (55½); 8, France 42½ (49).

Women

1, GDR 196 (157); 2, USSR 154 (96); 3, Germany 37 (33); 4, Rumania 30 (28); 5, Poland 29 (46); 6, UK 28 (29); 7, Bulgaria 26 (33); 8, Czechoslovakia 17 (26).

Combined

1, USSR 368½ (242½); 2, GDR 324 (287); 3, Germany 121 (132); 4, UK 94½ (106); 5, Poland 94 (124); 6, Italy 68 (70); 7, Finland 58 (93½); 8, France 48½ (58).

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

From Mel Watman, Jon Wigley & Dave Cocksedge

100 METRES

Pietro Mennea v Eugen Ray is rather like David v Goliath; the 1.78/5'10", 68kg/150lb Italian is all speed, whilst the 1.83/6'0" tall East German is pure muscle encased in a colossal 86kg/189lb frame.

Ray got the better of Mennea over 100m in both the European and World Cup meetings last year, with the Italian gaining revenge over 200 — his stronger event — in Dusseldorf. Mennea was the first to throw down the gauntlet this time with an impressive personal best in his heat of 10.19, only moving into top gear in the last 40m after his usual very ordinary start. That told the opposition all they needed to know and even Ray confessed after the final that his only chance of victory was if Mennea "fell at the start".

The whole field got away to an even start with Ray the first to show ahead. Mennea pulled even, inside Ray, at 40m and they were locked together until 80m, where the Italian pulled away with consummate ease.

Allan Wells got a good start but was never able to extricate himself from the pack and placings from 4th to 7th were separated by a whisker. His semi-final time of 10.38 would have placed him fourth in the final. Wells had doubts about even competing in Prague as he felt very tired from an excess of racing and travelling and did not feel he had recovered from the pressures of competing in Edmonton. In the space of seven weeks he has raced the elite of world sprinting and proved that he belongs. In a first season at this level he has truly distinguished himself.

After the race Mennea (26) said that he was "quite relaxed at the start, feeling good and confident of victory. At 50m I knew I would win, I had no worries, I was strong and in a position to win. Most of all I was afraid of Ray — and sure enough he got second". Valeriy Borzov, bidding for his fourth European 100 title (Mennea was 2nd to him in Rome four years ago), trailed in last.

The 100, Mennea admits, is the weaker of his distances but he had been planning an attempt to

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be double sprint champion since early in the year when he put in a large amount of background training in preparation for the European Indoor 400, which he won. He feels he has improved his 100m running by working very hard on his start, which he realised was his weak point. Next year he will begin to concentrate on the 400, for which his best so far is 45.87.(jw)

Heats (Aug 29; 1st 4 to semis) **Ht 1:** (nil) 1, A. Wells (UK) 10.40; 2, V. Borzov (USSR) 10.50; 3, J. Arame (Fra) 10.59; 4, L. Micha (Bel) 10.63; 5, F. Fahndrich (Swi) 10.64; 6, L. Latocha (Cze) 10.73; 7, I. Karanyotov (Bul) 10.78. R. Bombardella (Lux) scr. **Ht 2:** (nil) 1, P. Mennea (Ita) 10.19 (champ rec); 2, L. Dunecki (Pol) 10.31; 3, V. Ignatyenko (USSR) 10.38; 4, D. Zaric (Yug) 10.59; 5, R. Desruelles (Bel) 10.60; 6, S. Nilsson (Swe) 10.62; 7, O. Wild (Cze) 10.73. **Ht 3:** (nil) 1, E. Ray (GDR) 10.30; 2, M. Woronin (Pol) 10.50; 3, S. Curini (Ita) 10.58; 4, K. Ronn (Swe) 10.58; 5, P. Thessard (Fra) 10.79; 6, G. Massing (Aut) 10.86; 7, V. Panov (Bul) 10.90. R. Roelandt (Bel) scr. **Ht 4:** (nil) 1, P. Petrov (Bul) 10.44; 2, N. Kolesnikov (USSR) 10.49; 3, L. Kefalas (Gre) 10.53; 4, G. Grazioli (Ita) 10.55; 5, A. Thieme (GDR) 10.55; 6, Z. Mazur (Cze) 10.73; 7, V. Vilhjalmsen (Ice) 10.76.

Semis (Aug 30; 1st 4 to final) **Ht 1:** (nil) 1, Mennea 10.26; 2, Ignatyenko 10.45; 3, Petrov 10.46; 4, Borzov 10.53; 5, Woronin 10.54; 6, Ronn 10.63; 7, Curini 10.72; 8, Micha 10.74. **Ht**

2: (—0.80m) 1, Ray 10.30; 2, Dunecki 10.38; 3, Wells 10.38; 4, Kolesnikov 10.43; 5, Grazioli 10.58; 6, Kefalas 10.60; 7, Arame 10.64; 8, Zaric 10.69.

Final (Aug 30) (nil wind)

1. PIETRO MENNEA (Ita) 10.27
2. EUGEN RAY (GDR) 10.36
3. VLADIMIR IGNATYENKO (USSR) 10.37
4. PETAR PETROV (Bul) 10.41
5. LESZEK DUNECKI (Pol) 10.34
6. ALLAN WELLS (UK) 10.45
7. NIKOLAY KOLESNIKOV (USSR) 10.46
8. VALERIY BORZOV (USSR) 10.55.

200 METRES

No one ever looked likely to threaten holder Pietro Mennea, especially when Allan Wells, obviously tired from his exertions of recent weeks, scratched from the event. Italy's hero completed his sprint double in hustling fashion. He hurtled around the turn level with Peter Muster and then really poured it on along the straight to cross the finish clearly ahead, whilst the fast improving Olaf Prenzler (aged 20, his best before this year was 21.19) came through well to nab the silver. Mennea stared skyward for an instant, then threw up his right hand, index finger extended, to signal his position to the crowd. David Jenkins had to dig deeply to qualify in the first round (21.16) and then bade farewell

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Speakers from the U.K. and Europe will cover other topics including Aspects of Motor Learning in Track and Field by Fred Brouns of the Dutch Amateur Athletic Federation; Ted King will speak of his work with Commonwealth Games Triple Jump Gold medallist, Keith Connor; Nick Moody, National Director for Volleyball in Scotland, who recently returned from Leipzig in East Germany where he attended a two month specialization course in Volleyball held under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee, will speak on the General Significance of Recovery in Relation to the Training Process. The winning lecture for the Dunky Wright Memorial Award will also be presented.

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in the semis when he tightened up to finish a disgusted 7th in 21.59.

Mennea said: "I entered this race knowing that if nothing unexpected happened, I could win one more gold medal here. There was no crisis during the race and as soon as I felt distance between myself and the others I was sure of victory". His time of 20.16 into a slight breeze on a cold evening (12°C) was exceptional, and only 5/100ths outside his personal best. He is the first athlete ever to retain a European 200 title. The other medallists surpassed their wildest dreams: Prenzler said he had been hoping for something between 4th and 6th, while Muster reckoned he would have done well even to reach the final. (dc)

Heats (Aug 31; 1st 4 to semis) Ht 1: (+0.5m) 1, P. Mennea (Ita) 20.70; 2, L. Dunecki (Pol) 21.01; 3, D. Zaric (Yug) 21.13; 4, D. Jenkins (UK) 21.16; 5, R. Bombardella (Lux) 21.17; 6, L. Michia (Bel) 21.36. V. Borzov (USSR) scr. Ht 2: (-1.5) 1, A. Aksinin (USSR) 20.97; 2, J. Arame (Fra) 21.32; 3, A. Rajamaki (Fin) 21.34; 4, K. Thiele (GDR) 21.36; 5, L. Bohman (Cze) 21.39; 6, M. Bayle (Lux) 21.48; 7, V. Vilhjalmsson (Ice) 21.80. Ht 3: (-0.2) 1, Pascal Barre (Fra) 20.78; 2, V. Ignatyenko (USSR) 20.98; 3, L. Sarria (Spa) 21.18; 4, M. Pelach (Cze) 21.48; 5, P. Pavlov (Bul) 21.50; R. Roelandt (Bel) dnf. Ht 4: (+0.2) 1, Z. Licznarski (Pol) 20.82; 2, V. Ivanov (Bul) 20.96; 3, O. Prenzler (GDR) 20.97; 4, P. Muster (Swi) 21.04; 5, T. Hoyte (UK) 21.24; 6, Patrick Barre (Fra) 21.27; 7, M. Kralik (Cze) 21.47.

Semis (Aug 31; 1st 4 to final) Ht 1: (-0.2) 1, Mennea 20.40; 2, Muster 20.63; 3, Dunecki 20.64; 4, Prenzler 20.69; 5, Ignatyenko 20.74; 6, Arame 21.08; 7, Rajamaki 21.19; 8, Pelach 21.59. Ht 2: (nil) 1, Barre 20.96; 2, Ivanov 20.96; 3, Aksinin 21.08; 4, Licznarski 21.10; 5, Sarria 21.24; 6, Zaric 21.28; 7, Jenkins 21.59. Thiele dnf.

Final (Sept 1) (Wind: -0.2m)
 1. PIETRO MENNEA (Ita) 20.16 (champ rec)
 2. OLAF PRENZLER (GDR) 20.61
 3. PETER MUSTER (Swi) 20.64
 4. LECH DUNECKI (Pol) 20.68
 5. PASCAL BARRE (Fra) 20.70
 6. ZENON LICZNAERSKI (Pol) 20.74
 7. ALEKSANDR AKSININ (USSR) 20.87
 8. VLADIMIR IVANOV (Bul) 20.92

400 METRES

"To win the gold medal in the 400 the winner will have to run 45.00" was the prediction of the winner himself, Franz-Peter Hofmeister. In fact he didn't need to run that fast to win, which was just as well because 45.73 saw him collapse at the tape!

Hofmeister went out very fast, putting himself

into a commanding lead at 200m — which he reached in 21.1. By 300m Bernd Herrmann and Karel Kolar, running the race of his life in front of his home crowd, were making inroads on Hofmeister's lead. Fifty metres from the line the German's legs began to buckle and while Herrmann faded, Kolar drew strength from the roaring crowd; catching Hofmeister with every stride he almost pulled even as Hofmeister fell across the line. His time was a Czech record.

Francis Demarthon finished with a tremendous burst to grab the bronze medal while Terry Whitehead chopped his personal best to 46.23, missing out on 4th place by 1/100th of a second. What a season for a man who set out in 1978 with a best of 48.0! Dick Ashton, one place behind, distinguished himself with a time just outside his best.

Co-favourite with Hofmeister for the title, Bernd Herrmann, who was third in 1974, was evidently unhappy about being awarded a false start, and fell right out of the running in the last 100m. Fons Brydenbach suffered a recurrence of injury in his heat.

Hofmeister (27) has had a long career: he was European Junior 100/200 champion in 1970; 2nd to Borzov in the European 200 in 1971. He was a member of the German 4 × 400 squad which finished 3rd in the Montreal Olympics. (jw)

Heats (Aug 30; 1st 3 & 4 fastest losers to semis) Ht 1: 1, K. Kolar (Cze) 46.33; 2, J. Pietrzyk (Pol) 46.75; 3, V. Burakov (USSR) 47.18; 4, Z. Knapic (Yug) 47.51; 5, C. Gombault (Fra) 47.91; 6, M. Bayle (Lux) 48.71; 7, A. Brydenbach (Bel) 53.05. Ht 2: 1, F-P. Hofmeister (Ger) 46.28; 2, R. Ashton (UK) 46.63; 3, M. Tulis (Cze) 46.77; 4, M. Volmar (Fra) 46.94; 5, E. De Leeuw (Bel) 47.27; 6, K. Gijssbers (Hol) 47.65. Ht 3: 1, L. Krieg (Ger) 46.57; 2, F. Demarthon (Fra) 46.73; 3, G. Cohen (UK) 47.05; 4, J. Hansen (Den) 47.28; 5, R. Vandenbergh (Bel) 47.55; 6, O. Karlunen (Fin) 48.02. Ht 4: 1, B. Herrmann (Ger) 46.50; 2, T. Whitehead (UK) 46.51; 3, R. Podlas (Pol) 46.81; 4, S. Malinverni (Ita) 47.03; 5, M. Kukkoaho (Fin) 47.33; 6, F. Schaffer (GDR) 47.59.

Semis (Aug 31; 1st 4 to final) Ht 1: 1, Pietrzyk 46.27; 2, Kolar 46.28; 3, Krieg 46.33; 4, Whitehead 46.69; 5, Cohen 46.91; 6, De Leeuw 47.17; 7, Malinverni 47.18; 8, Volmar 47.50. Ht 2: 1, Herrmann 46.09; 2, Hofmeister 46.18; 3, Demarthon 46.26; 4, Ashton 46.32; 5, Tulis 46.37; 6, Podlas 46.59; 7, Burakov 46.91; 8, Hansen 47.35.

Final (Sept 1)

1. FRANZ-PETER HOFMEISTER (Ger) 45.73
 2. KAREL KOLAR (Cze) 45.77
 3. FRANCIS DEMARTHON (Fra) 45.97
 4. LOTHAR KRIEG (Ger) 46.22
 5. TERRY WHITEHEAD (UK) 46.23

6. **RICHARD ASHTON (UK)** 46.34
 7. **BERND HERRMANN (Ger)** 46.69
 J. Pietrzyk (Pol) scr

800 METRES

Not for a long time had a confrontation been so excitedly awaited as the first-ever clash over 800 between Sebastian Coe, UK record holder with 1:44.3 — fastest in the world thus far in 1978 — and Steve Ovett (best of 1:45.4), silver medallist in the 1974 European and Britain's undisputed number one at this event until Coe's extraordinary emergence last year. Here at last we would see what no meeting promoter had ever been able to arrange: a race between the front runner par excellence and the most feared kicker of them all; between the frail-looking Seb and the powerfully built Steve. Coe must have felt after his great run in Brussels that he could run the legs off Ovett, who in turn was confident he could match Coe's pace and still have something left for the finish.

The two made such an impression in the qualifying rounds, just playing with the opposition, that one could be deluded into thinking that the final would be a private British duel with everyone else scrapping for the bronze. That feeling was reinforced when Willi Wulbeck (the Olympic 4th placer) failed to arrive in time for his heat and other potential dangers in Milovan Savic and Markku Taskinen failed to make the final.

It was fairly obvious that in the final Coe would blast away out in front, but few could have been fully prepared for the devilish tempo he was to set for even Seb himself admitted he got slightly carried away in the excitement of the occasion. Coe's 100m splits on the first lap, supplied by Wolfgang Gitter of Der Leichtathlet (GDR), were 12.2, 24.3 (12.1), 36.7 (12.4) and 49.32 (12.6)! It was a fantastic, throbbing, thrilling pace, yet far from ploughing a lonely furrow, with the others waiting for him to crack, Coe was being closely tracked by the East German pair of Olaf Beyer and Andreas Busse as well as by Ovett. At the 400 mark, Beyer was 2m behind (49.5—49.6), with Ovett on 49.9—50.0 and Busse a close 4th.

Coe's next 100 took 13.1 (62.4 at 500), followed by a 13.8 stretch which carried him to the 600 mark in the exceptional time of 76.2 . . . that's 1:41.6 800 pace. Coe had truly flung down the gauntlet, and the challenge had been accepted by Ovett (c76.4), Beyer (c76.7) and Busse (c76.8). Still Coe was firing on all cylinders as he covered the penultimate 100 in 13.8 (700 — 1:30.0), but it was beginning to look ominous for him as Ovett and Beyer refused to be shaken off.

Entering the final straight Coe was just 1m up on Ovett and 3m ahead of Beyer, and within 30m Ovett had taken the lead for the first time. As

Coe fell back, Steve must have thought the gold was his . . . but Beyer was not done yet. The East German, running in inspired fashion to put it mildly, came storming past Ovett (and when was the last time Steve was overtaken once he had started his run for home?) to snatch victory in the resounding time of 1:43.9 — an improvement of almost 2 sec over his previous best and only half a second outside Alberto Juantorena's world record. Ovett clipped 0.2 from Coe's recent UK record of 1:44.3 to become national record holder in this event for the first time (only seven men in history have ever bettered his 1:44.1), while Coe hung on gamely for a 1:44.8 timing in 3rd place. The shock of seeing the unconsidered Beyer moving through to victory had a devastating effect on British supporters, but nothing should be allowed to diminish one's admiration for the performances by Ovett and Coe. They pulled out all the stops in one of the great 800 races of all time, and it took an unbelievable out-of-the-blue run by Beyer (to the amazement of East German observers too) to deprive them of top honours.

Beyer (21), a mathematics student at Potsdam University currently on military service, said: "I made up my mind before the start to fight for victory, but I would have been happy with any medal. But when I drew level with the two British runners in the finishing straight and felt quite strong I started to feel I could beat Ovett". Until this race Beyer was known as a good runner of promise — but one who had yet to get close to 1:45 never mind break 1:44. His progression: 1972 — 2:05.5, 1973 — 1:55.5, 1974 — 1:50.8, 1975 — 1:50.3; 1976 — 1:46.8, 1977 — 1:46.1, 1978 — 1:45.8/1:43.9. He has been winning GDR titles in his age group ever since 1973 (including the national 4km cross-country in 1976) and in previous major international appearances had placed 2nd in the European Cup Final (1:47.3) and 7th in the World Cup (1:46.6) last year, and 2nd to Taskinen in this year's European Indoor (1:47.7). He won in the match at Crystal Palace in June in 1:46.3, just ahead of fast closing Peter Hoffmann (who in Prague failed to survive his heat). Like Ovett and Coe, Beyer is an 800/1500 (best of 3:37.1) type, and he is coached by 1966 European 5000 bronze medallist Bernd Diessner. He is 1.86/6'1 1/4" tall, weighs 70kg/154lb.

One could argue that Coe's 49.3 first lap was much too fast, and had he run the 50.5 which he had planned the result might have been different, but it was a daring attempt which could have succeeded — and I, for one, applaud Seb for trying. Next year, stronger and more experienced, he could be ready to take the world record. Ovett, who relatively speaking ran a faster first lap compared to his norm than did Coe (around 50 sec whereas he has rarely run much quicker than 52), performed splendidly and now has a faster 800 time to his credit than Jim Ryun, Peter Snell, John Walker and Filbert Bayi. A word of praise, too, for European junior champion Andreas

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Busse (19), who slipped to 6th after staying in contact with the leaders for 600m. Holder of the European junior record (1:45.5, off a 50.6 bell), we'll be hearing a lot more of him. (mw)

Heats (Aug 29; 1st 3 & 4 fastest losers to semis)
Ht 1: (54.7) 1, S. Ovett (UK) 1:47.8; 2, H-P Ferner (Ger) 1:48.1; 3, M. Taskinen (Fin) 1:48.3; 4, D. Wagenknecht (GDR) 1:48.4; 5, V. Malozemlin (USSR) 1:48.6; 6, C. Grippo (Ita) 1:48.6. **Ht 2:** (53.7) 1, O. Beyer (GDR) 1:47.7; 2, A. Kormeling (Hol) 1:48.1; 3, G. Hasler (Lie) 1:48.5; 4, J. Gloden (Lux) 1:49.0; 5, P. Hoffmann (UK) 1:49.3; W. Wulbeck (Ger) non-starter. **Ht 3:** (55.8) 1, A. Busse (GDR) 1:49.1; 2, J. Marajo (Fra) 1:49.4; 3, A. Reschetnyak (USSR) 1:49.5; 4, M. Savic (Yug) 1:50.0; 5, M. Timko (Cze) 1:50.5; 6, P. Pallikaris (Gre) 1:51.6. **Ht 4:** (54.7) 1, S. Coe (UK) 1:46.8; 2, R. Milhau (Fra) 1:47.1; 3, U. Becker (Ger) 1:47.1; 4, D. Zivotic (Yug) 1:47.2; 5, V. Podolyakov (USSR) 1:47.2; 6, S. Timurlenk (Tur) 1:47.2; 7, J. Didriksson (Ice) 1:50.4.

Semis (Aug 30; 1st 4 to final) **Ht 1:** (53.1) 1, Coe 1:47.4; 2, Busse 1:47.6; 3, Marajo 1:47.7; 4, Podolyakov 1:47.8; 5, Taskinen 1:47.9; 6, Becker 1:48.2; 7, Wagenknecht 1:48.5; 8, Kormeling 1:49.2. **Ht 2:** (52.2) 1, Ovett 1:46.5; 2, Beyer 1:46.7; 3, Zivotic 1:46.9; 4, Reschetnyak 1:47.2; 5, Ferner 1:47.4; 6, Timurlenk 1:47.9; 7, Milhau 1:48.9; 8, Hasler 1:49.3.

Final (Aug 31)

1. OLAF BEYER (GDR) 1:43.8 (champ rec)
2. STEVE OVETT (UK) 1:44.1 (UK rec)
3. SEBASTIAN COE (UK) 1:44.8
4. ANATOLIY RESCHETNYAK (USSR) 1:45.8
5. VLADIMIR PODOLYAKOV (USSR) 1:46.2
6. ANDREAS BUSSE (GDR) 1:47.1
7. DRAGAN ZIVOTIC (Yug) 1:47.4
8. JOSE MARAJO (Fra) 1:53.4

1500 METRES

The race could not have been run in a more ideal manner for Steve Ovett had he stage-managed the whole affair. It was as though his opponents had no advance warning that he was likely to wing away with 200m to go ... or maybe, as in Thomas Wessinghage's case, they were already reconciled to fighting for the other medals. The inevitable outcome was that Ovett romped to victory without, as the French say, forcing his talent. In upholding the grand tradition established by Sydney Wooderson (1938), Roger Bannister (1954), Brian Hewson (1958) and John Whetton (1969), Steve also became only the second British athlete (Alan Pascoe was the first) ever to win three European medals in individual events.

Ovett went into the race as a solid favourite, although after the remarkable turn of events in the 800 the presence in the final of Olaf Beyer was noted with some foreboding. The field included

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the 2nd to 5th fastest Europeans of all time (Ovett 3:34.5, Wessinghage 3:34.8, Dave Moorcroft 3:35.5, John Robson 3:35.6) plus Olympic 4th placer Eamonn Coghlan, 3:52.6 miler Jozef Plachy, European indoor champion Antti Loikkanen and GDR record holder Jurgen Straub.

After an early spell in the lead by Beyer (down from 3:42.6 to 3:37.1 this year) it was, as anticipated, Francis Gonzalez who willingly shouldered the responsibility of setting the pace. He went through 400 in 57.5, with Ovett 6th in 58.0. Ovett moved up to 3rd along the backstraight and the situation at 800 was Gonzalez (1:57.7) ahead of Wessinghage, Ovett (1:58.1), Beyer, Coghlan and Moorcroft. The field remained tightly bunched at the bell with Ovett 6th in 2:42.4) and at 1200 it was Straub (2:56.7) in front, with Steve loping along close at hand in 2:57.1.

Along the backstraight for the last time Straub was replaced as leader by Loikkanen but he, along with everybody else, was powerless to resist when Ovett launched his kick from 200m out. As so often before he was 10m up before anyone knew what was happening and while Steve maintained his long, relaxed stride, his pursuers were flogging themselves trying unsuccessfully to make up the leeway. Entering the finishing straight Ovett still held that 10m advantage over Loikkanen, with Moorcroft a metre behind in 3rd place and Coghlan another 6m back. The Commonwealth champion moved into 2nd early in the straight but any hopes he may have entertained that Ovett might, as in the 800, be vulnerable were quickly dashed — and Coghlan's late rush enabled him to nip Dave for the silver in the last five metres. While this furious little battle was being waged, Steve sailed serenely on to win by 8m, having covered the final 400 in 53.2, 300 in 38.5, 200 in 24.8! The winning time of 3:35.6, a tenth slower than Moorcroft at Edmonton, was the second fastest of Ovett's career and the victory must assure Ovett of the world's top ranking on merit for the second year running.

Coghlan, whom many thought might have won the 5000 had he gone for that event, broke the Irish record with 3:36.6 and Moorcroft (with his second fastest time of 3:36.7) became the only British runner to win an individual medal both in Edmonton and Prague. He's back off shortly to his other home, New Zealand. John Robson, who has such a remarkable string of fast times to his credit this year, finished just ahead of Beyer in 8th place in 3:39.6 (mw)

Heats (Sep 1; 1st 3 & 3 fastest losers to final)
Ht 1: (58.4, 1:59.9, 2:59.7) 1, E. Coghlan (RoI) 3:40.0; 2, **D. Moorcroft (UK)** 3:40.0; 3, O. Beyer (GDR) 3:40.1; 4, T. Wessinghage (Ger) 3:40.1; 5, J. Marajo (Fra) 3:40.6; 6, V. Abramov (USSR) 3:40.9; 7, B. Vifian (Sui) 3:42.5; 8, R. Nemeth (Aut) 3:44.1; 9, A. Paunonen (Fin) 3:45.0; 10, J.

STEVE OVETT'S CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD

1973 European Junior — 1st 800. **1974 European** — 2nd 800. **1975 European Cup** — 1st 800. **1976 Olympics** — 5th 800, semi-finalist 1500. **1977 European Cup** — 1st 1500. **1977 World Cup** — 1st 1500. **1978 European** — 2nd 800, 1st 1500.

Abascal (Spa) 3:47.6; 11, M. Pierrard (Lux) 3:52.8; K. Lok (Hol) dnf. **Ht 2:** (59.8, 2:02.4, 3:02.8) 1, **S. Ovett (UK)** 3:42.9; 2, J. Straub (GDR) 3:43.1; 3, R. Gysin (Swi) 3:43.2; 4, M. Nevens (Bel) 3:43.2; 5, R. Flynn (RoI) 3:44.1; 6, D. Millonig (Aut) 3:44.8; 7, V. Seronov (USSR) 3:45.1; 8, G. Hasler (Lie) 3:46.7; 9, P. Dien (Fra) 3:47.4; 10, B. Nilsson (Swe) 3:47.9; 11, J. Didriksson (Ice) 3:48.1. **Ht 3:** (57.2, 1:59.1, 2:57.1) 1, A. Loikkanen (Fin) 3:39.7; 2, **J. Robson (UK)** 3:40.0; 3, F. Gonzalez (Fra) 3:40.4; 4, J. Plachy (Cze) 3:40.6; 5, P. Deleze (Swi) 3:40.7; 6, G. Ruth (GDR) 3:41.4; 7, L. Ericsson (Swe) 3:42.5; 8, V. Toropov (USSR) 3:45.1; 9, S. Timurlenk (Tur) 3:45.8; 10, F. Kourtis (Gre) 3:45.9; K. Fleschen (Ger) dnf.

Final (Sep 3)

1. **STEVE OVETT (UK)** 3:35.6 (champ rec)
 2. **EAMONN COGHAN (RoI)** 3:36.6
 3. **DAVE MOORCROFT (UK)** 3:36.7
 4. **THOMAS WESSINGHAGE (Ger)** 3:37.2
 5. **ANTTI LOIKKANEN (Fin)** 3:37.5
 6. **JOSE MARAJO (Fra)** 3:38.2
 7. **JURGEN STRAUB (GDR)** 3:38.9
 8. **JOHN ROBSON (UK)** 3:39.6
 9, O. Beyer (GDR) 3:39.7; 10, F. Gonzalez (Fra) 3:40.1; 11, R. Gysin (Swi) 3:41.0; 12, J. Plachy (Cze) 3:42.2

5000 METRES

After Venanzio Ortis had finished second in the 10,000, hacking 33 sec off his personal best and smashing the national record, an Italian journalist voiced his surprise — "He does not like to run the 10,000 as he finds the distance very

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hard and feels it spoils his chances in the 5000". In the space of just under 13½ minutes that theory was exploded!

These championships have seen Ortis grow in confidence. No longer second-string to Franco Fava, he has established himself as one of Europe's top distance runners, but he entered the race uncertain of his chances. "I didn't think I could win today — there was a strong breeze. I thought Ryffel was the biggest danger and I kept an eye on him without losing contact with the leading group. I don't think I have a good sprint finish so I was very nervous in the last lap but surprisingly I had the strength over the 400 to win".

Boris Kuznyetsov and Enn Sellik were the early leaders, passing 1000 in 2:44.6. Nick Rose, starting at the back, worked his way up to the leaders; while Martti Vainio, winner of the 10,000, hung right at the end of the field just as he had done in the longer race.

Christoph Herle led the next kilometre (2:43.5) and 2000 was reached in a modest 5:28.1 with Ortis on the leader's shoulder, followed by Rose, Aleksandr Fedotkin and Ilie Floroiu. The race sparked into life at 2800m when Rose lunged into the lead and threw in a 29.1 200 stretch to reach 3000 in 8:09.5 (2:41.4). Looking back down the field Rose soon realised he had plenty of company and promptly stopped dead in his tracks and Vainio unexpectedly found himself in the lead, with Rose following. The Finn, renowned for his front running tactics, appeared uncertain and the pace dropped as one waited in vain for further attacking surges from Rose. The whole field trundled through a fourth kilometre of 2:43.8, bringing the 4000 mark up in 10:53.3 — with Vainio leading from Ortis, Floroiu, Rose, Fedotkin, Markus Ryffel and John Treacy.

At the bell Rose surged up to the shoulder of Vainio with Floroiu, Ortis, Treacy, Fedotkin and Ryffel all moving into an attacking position. Nobody made a positive move until 250 to go when the whole group of seven took off for real. Rose was left floundering and Treacy was momentarily caught behind him while the leaders opened a gap. Vainio led past 200 going flat out;

Ryffel moved up to his shoulder at 150 and Fedotkin got into position to challenge both. Ortis got baulked by Fedotkin and Ryffel as he in turn moved up close behind them. As they hit the straight all three swept past Vainio with Ryffel and Fedotkin moving apart just sufficiently to leave Ortis all the room he needed to sail past between the pair of them. Neither the Swiss nor the Russian could respond as the Italian pulled clear by a stride, but they remained locked in battle to the line and eventually even the judges were unable to separate them — both being awarded the silver medal. Treacy, moving faster than anyone in the last 50m, was out in lane 4, swerved inside the leaders to get a clear run, but ran out of space and time — 3/10ths of a second covering the first four.

The last lap was a modest 57.9 with all the action taking place in the last 250m; the final kilometre took 2:33.2. The first three were coincidentally the first three in their heat (3), although in a different order, and had to run quicker to qualify than they did to win the medals!

Venanzio Ortis (23), studying the science of forestry at the University of Padua, was runner-up in the 1973 IAAF cross-country championship. His personal bests are: 1500 — 3:43.2, 3000 — 7:53.1, 5000 — 13:20.8, 10,000 — 27:31.5. At the European Indoor last March he placed an inconspicuous 8th in the 3000 (7:55.8), a race won by Ryffel, who in Prague was the victim of indecision in the final lap. Probably the quickest finisher in the field, he explains — "I made a big tactical mistake. First of all I wanted to kick just 80m out but then I went at 150m". The diminutive Swiss spent two years competing in cyclo-cross and only took up running after watching the 1972 Olympics on TV. The cardiovascular endurance of cyclo-cross gave him a good grounding for distance running, and in his first year he ran 14:03 for 5000. The Swiss Federation have high hopes for Ryffel (23) in the marathon and have organised his work as a printer so that he only has to work 5 hours a day with a 5 hour break at mid-day in which to train and sleep.

Fatigue finally overcame Brendan Foster who for the first time failed to reach a major Games final; he could muster only a 62.4 last lap in his heat. Mike McLeod fell by the wayside too, also a victim of too much racing. (jw)

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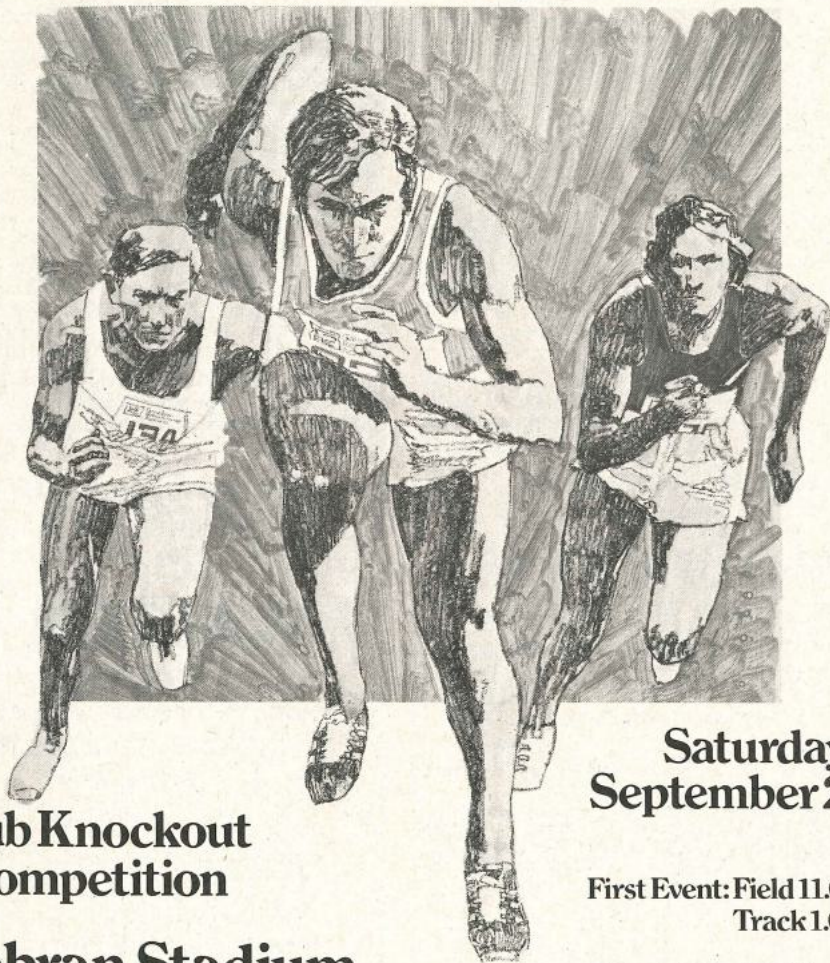
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Ht 1: (2:47.3, 5:26.2, 8:14.0, 10:58.9) 1, F. Zimmerman (Ger) 13:32.4; 2, M. Vainio (Fin) 13:33.6; 3, L. Schots (Bel) 13:34.1; 4, J. Peter (GDR) 13:34.3; 5, B. Kuznyetsov (USSR) 13:34.8; 6, B. Foster (UK) 13:38.3; 7, K. Kvalheim (Nor) 13:43.6; 8, R. Bouster (Fra) 14:09.3; 9, J. Charvetto (Gib) 14:18.4. K. Gaba (Cze) dnf. J. Hermens (Hol) scr. **Ht 2:** (2:41.5, 5:26.2, 8:14.0, 10:54.6): 1, K. Fleschen (Ger)

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Final (Sept 2)

1. VENANZIO ORTIS (Ita) 13:28.5
2eq. MARKUS RYFFEL (Swi) 13:28.6
ALEKSANDR FEDOTKIN (USSR) 13:28.6
4. JOHN TREACY (RoI) 13:28.8
5. ILIE FLOROIU (Rum) 13:29.3
6. MARTTI VAINIO (Fin) 13:29.7
7. NICK ROSE (UK) 13:32.8
8. ENN SELLIK (USSR) 13:35.8
9. B. Kuznyetsov (USSR) 13:36.5; 10, F. Zimmerman (Ger) 13:39.1; 11, L. Schots (Bel) 13:47.4; 12, J. Peter (GDR) 13:48.6; 13, K. Fleschen (Ger) 13:50.3; 14, C. Herle (Ger) 13:55.4; 15, F. Mamede (Por) 13:58.2.

10,000 METRES

When Lasse Viren indicated to the Finnish selectors two days before these Championships

opened that he would not be competing, the rest of Europe must have thought that for once a major championship 10,000m title would not become the property of yet another Flying Finn; not so the Finnish supporters who were quietly pinning their hopes on the tall Martti Vainio — the sole representative of Finland in the 10,000. They felt that he was a consistent, stable character and possessed just the right temperament to survive a fierce championship 10,000. Although Vainio never showed ahead at any intermediate point, an unusual tactic for a man known in his own country for being a front runner — the one aspect of his character that worried his supporters — they need not have feared, for apart from a slight stitch at 3000 he covered all breaks and remained fixed at the back of the leading group to the death.

What a spine-tingling race it turned out to be. The chances are that it will go down in athletics history as one of all-time great 10,000 races, on a par with that in Helsinki in 1971.

Ilie Floroiu evidently decided that his case would be best served by a blistering pace throughout and, to that end, fellow Rumanian Paul Copu threw away his individual chances to act as a pacemaker. When the gun cracked Copu took off like a startled cat and whisked through the first kilometre in 2:43.8. Brendan Foster, who at the end of the first lap was a few strides off the back of the field in 66.2, passed through in 2:46.7 content to watch the race unwind in the early

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stages. Mike McLeod was well placed to the fore and David Black settled himself two-thirds of the way down the field.

Copu and Floroiu piled on the pace through the next kilometre which was a nippy 2:42.4 (5:26.2) and Foster went slightly faster (2:41.2) to move up towards the leaders, passing 2000 in 5:27.9. A lap later and Foster had placed himself where he wanted to be, right behind the leader, and was closely followed by McLeod and Jos Hermens.

Foster showed ahead briefly at 2800 but Floroiu was keen to carry the pace and passed 3000 in 8:12.0 (2:45.8). Black moved up to join McLeod and the British trio were running in concert as the pace surged on at world record pace. Floroiu powered past 4000 in 10:58.3 (2:46.3) and, despite favourable comparison with Henry Rono's pending world record schedule, the leading bunch contained 15 runners! They were Floroiu, Foster, Hermens, Enn Sellik, Gerard Tebroke, McLeod, Black, Aleksandr Antipov, Jerzy Kowol, Leon Schots, Knut Kvalheim, John Treacy, Vainio and Detlef Uhlemann.

A 5000m time of 13:44.8 (2:46.5) served only for the bunch to part company with Uhlemann, and so the pack was down to 14. Again Foster showed ahead, and again Floroiu took up the challenge and moved up. Antipov (2nd in the IAAF Cross-Country Champs this year) led through 6000 in 16:32.6 (2:47.8) and two of the pre-race favourites fell by the wayside — McLeod (suffering stomach cramp) and IAAF CC champion Treacy.

At 6800m, Jos Hermens stumbled on the kerb and ran 10m inside the track on the high jump fan before he rejoined the race, only to pull up 100m later, hopping onto the in-field in agony. He threw his arms up in wretched disbelief and even made an abortive attempt to get started again — eventually limping out of the stadium a bitterly disappointed athlete. It was a seemingly unjust twist of fate for such a well-liked athlete.

Floroiu took up the running again and passed 7000 in 19:20.6 (2:48.0). As the pressure increased the drama heightened and suddenly Sellik was in trouble, running almost doubled up with stitch at the back of a group of ten — Floroiu, Foster, Black, Antipov, Kvalheim, Vainio, Ortis, Tebroke, Kowol and himself. The pace continued its marginal drop as Floroiu led the slowest kilometre of the race (2:48.2) to pass 8000 in 22:08.8. A lap later and Black moved to the front and began a long run for home which he has perfected so well. Kowol was dropped.

Black really began driving hard and dropped in a 32.0 200 to reach 9000 in 24:54.4 (2:45.6). Foster quickly covered and for the first time Vainio emerged from the back of the group to follow Foster. With 800 to go these three were clear by 5m with Ortis and Antipov fighting to get back in contention. Floroiu and Sellik were out of contact

MARTTI VAINIO

Born December 30th 1950 in Vehkalahti. Single. Height: 1.91/6'3" Weight: 71kg/156lb. Engineer. Club: Turun Urheiluliitto (Turku). **Personal bests:** 1500 — 3:45.5, 3000 — 7:50.7, 5000 — 13:30.5, 10,000 — 27:31.0. **Annual progression:** 1974 — 29:09.6; 1975 — 29:00.0; 1976 — 28:07.4; 1977 — 28:20.7; 1978 — 27:31.0. **10,000m races this year:**

27:31.0 (1)	Prague	29.8
27:59.7 (6)	Helsinki	29.6
28:04.9 (1)	Helsinki	12.8
28:15.5 (1)	Kouvola	11.7
28:21.0 (1)	Kokkola	6.8
28:28.3 (1)	Helsinki	25.5

As the bell clanged (26:33) Foster changed gear and began to stretch out his legs to build up for his finish. Ortis challenged at the start of the backstraight and Foster beat that off by taking off with 250 to run. Vainio leapt past Ortis and quickly closed the gap on Foster so that as they rounded the bend he was in position to strike off Foster's shoulder. When he went with 100 left Foster could not respond but was gritting his teeth to preserve the silver. Ortis set off in pursuit of Vainio but it was an impossible task as the Finn was going away. The Italian, having the race of his life (as were so many in this race), passed Foster in the straight, but was not aware of the finishing power of Antipov, who at 200 had seemed right out of the medals. The Soviet runner overtook an exhausted Foster 60m out and caught Ortis on the line, both receiving the same time to 1/100th of a second but with the decision going to the Italian.

The stadium erupted as the Finnish flags began waving in salute of yet another long-distance hero. National records and personal bests went wholesale, in many respects due to the unstinting work of Floroiu whose courage ensured an honest race and at least was rewarded with a new national record of 27:40.1 in 7th place.

Halfway through the race a Finnish journalist shouted to Vainio's coach — Aulis Potinkara —

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PAST FINNISH 10,000 WINNERS

1934	Ilmari Salminen	31:02.6
1938	Ilmari Salminen	30:52.4
1946	Viljo Heino	29:52.0
1971	Juha Vaatainen	27:52.8
1978	Martti Vainio	27:31.0

Finland have also won the Olympic 10,000 seven times through Hannes Kolehmainen, Paavo Nurmi (twice), Ville Ritola, Ilmari Salminen and Lasse Viren (twice). Britain has yet to win an Olympic or European 10,000 title

"Is the pace too fast"? The coach calmly replied with a casual wave of the hand "No"! Vainio and his coach have a close working relationship; having spent three months training in warmer climates last winter (the largest quality of training was 1000km in one month or about 140 miles a week), the pair came back to Finland, and instead of starting straight back into further training, took a week off to go to Lapland and just do some cross-country skiing for relaxation. In fact the word "relaxation" crops up over and over again in discussions on Vainio — his ability to relax; so unlike his Turku clubmate, the brilliant but erratic Pekka Paivarinta.

The Finns' confidence in Vainio was boosted in recent weeks when he ran a solo 1500 in 3:45 (about his best) and 3000 on an undersize cinder track, again solo, in 7:50.7.

Because of his studies to become an engineer, Vainio did not start running until he was 21 — running 3:51 for 1500 in his first year and 29:09.6 for his first 10,000 in 1974. He was knocked out of his heat in the Olympic 10,000, finishing 8th in 28:28.6, and finished 4th in last year's European Cup Final 10,000. So confident was he of success in Prague that "two days before the event I kept sending home picture postcards to tell everybody I should come in first."

Brendan Foster said afterwards that his legs had felt heavy throughout the race and whilst there are those who will be quick to claim wisdom after the event as to whether Brendan should or should not have run both Commonwealth and European (note: this was Vainio's sixth 10,000 race this season!), who else has served British athletics so well in these two Championships. Brendan's disappointment, if there is any, is his alone; he has let nobody down.

David Black in fifth place was one of the heroes of the race; perhaps rather in the doldrums over the past few years since his marvellous 1974 Commonwealth Games, he has really got his training organised this year, and it was a joy to see him chop 11 seconds off his personal best. Mike McLeod may have been suffering from the same problems as Brendan but equally won the right to decide to double up. He stuck to his task

manfully when others dropped out and the experience will serve to harden him for the next occasion. (jw)

(Aug 29)

1. MARTTI VAINIO (Fin) 27:31.0 (champ rec)
2. VENANZIO ORTIS (Ita) 27:31.5
3. ALEKSANDR ANTIPOV (USSR) 27:31.5
4. BRENDAN FOSTER (UK) 27:32.7
5. DAVID BLACK (UK) 27:36.3
6. GERARD TEBROKE (Hol) 27:36.6
7. ILIE FLOROIU (Rum) 27:40.1
8. ENN SELLIK (USSR) 27:40.6
9. K. Kvalheim (Nor) 27:41.3; 10. J. Kowol (Pol) 27:53.6; 11. J. Treacy (Rol) 28:17.0; 12. L. Schots (Bel) 28:19.6; 13. C. Andreica (Rum) 28:29.4; 14. M. McLeod (UK) 28:38.0; 15. O. Dahl (Nor) 28:43.2; 16. F. Grillaert (Bel) 28:43.5; 17. R. Kopijasz (Pol) 28:44.2; 18. K. Lismont (Bel) 28:49.2; 19. W. Cierpinski (GDR) 28:58.9; 20. K. Gaba (Cze) 29:56.3. P. Copu (Rum), P. Levisse (Fra), D. Uhlemann (Ger) & J. Hermens (Hol) dnf.

MARATHON

A championship marathon with a sprint finish was an inevitable development of distance running and it needed a kick in the late the top ranked competitor (in the absence of Esa Tikkanen) Leonid Moiseyev the European title ahead of team-mate Nikolay Penzin.

Once away from the tree-lined suburbs surrounding the Strahov complex the course wound out on to an open plain with no protection from the strong chilly breeze, which was slightly head-on as the runners made the outward journey on this out-and-back course. Sadik Salman of Turkey (personal best of 2:23:26) seemed hell-bent on destruction as he led the field through the opening kilometres.

At 10km the route swung onto the left-hand carriageway of a motorway, and the course flew straight as an arrow out to Lidice, the turning point. If one could visualise any typical 10km section of the M1 this was identical in size, undulation and road surface.

Tony Simmons, Massimo Magnani (3rd in Fukuoka 1977) and Olympic champion Waldemar Cierpinski took alternating turns from Salman at leading the field; but without the advantage of a forcing front runner, the leading group stretched and regathered accordingly. Dave Cannon often found himself slightly dropped in places but worked away at an even pace and always got settled in with the pack without much difficulty. Colin Taylor set himself a schedule which he knew he could preserve and ran a consistent race throughout.

In the pack and looking very strong was Moiseyev — light in body weight, but with a large chest and strong upper arms. He was pumping

away with a glazed expression on his face. Karel Lismont, as always looked in agony, and if it had been anyone else looking like that you wouldn't have given him a chance of even finishing!

At 15km the leading group still numbered 30 and the light bursts of the leading trio did nothing to shake the tail-enders. The course took in some long drags and at 18km Magnani just edged 25m clear but by the turn at the sombre War Memorial in Lidice (the village destroyed in a Nazi massacre in 1942) the Italian had been gathered in and it was the tiny Portuguese, Aniceto Simoes, showing in front.

On a hard climb up to 25km Henri Schoofs put in the first hard effort of the race and gradually opened a 10 sec gap as a bunch of 13 seemed hesitant to break ranks. Cierpinski kept the bunch herded together and it was Michael Koussis who stepped in front and reeled the Belgian back in by 30km.

As the group split ranks at the next feeding station, Magnani took control and really put his foot down. For the first time in the race Simmons could not respond and was losing ground. Cannon who only 5km before had been 100m down, was using all his immense strength to advantage and beginning to mow the field down.

Magnani really began to make his bid at 32km and the gap opened as the group again seemed reluctant to split and chase. Simmons fell 25m back. The Italian gave everything he had and opened up a 30 sec lead at 35km but he just could not prevent the group hauling him back. The leading pack of five — Cierpinski, Catalin Andreica, Moiseyev, Lismont and Penzin — swept by the exhausted Italian who was breathing hard.

The leaders turned on to the dark stadium approach road with the dazzling floodlights waiting 4km away. Magnani followed 10 sec later, Truppel 10 sec after that, with Koussis 50 sec in arrears, closely followed by Goran Bengtsson. Cannon was closing the gap on an exhausted Simmons at a fast rate and it was evident had every intention of catching him.

As the stadium drew closer the Russians grew stronger and the only challenger was the ever-consistent Lismont. "The race was decided in the last two kilometres," said the Belgian. "I couldn't fight the Soviet runners any longer". Penzin — "With 800m to go I challenged Leonid (Moiseyev) and we broke away".

The pair ran onto the track a stride apart and at first it appeared they would cross the line together but, with 150m left, Moiseyev picked up the pace and Penzin had no response as his faster compatriot pulled away for victory.

Leonid Moiseyev (25), a student of Physical Education, is fast proving to be a major force in the marathon. After finishing 7th in the Montreal Olympic marathon he improved his best time to 2:11:57 when finishing second to Bill Rodgers at Fukuoka in 1977. He has also been successful

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Editorial

The people who inhabit our planet are many and varied. People's views on everything are many and varied and, likewise, within the sport of Athletics, people's views, attitudes, ambitions and frustrations are many and varied. Some are born to begin, some born to be good, some born to succeed and some can even claim to be born to lose, some born to give up, but for the vast majority of mortals to succeed at anything, and I term success as the ability to persevere, they need, apart from their own willpower, motivating factors that will propel them to and beyond the level of the ordinary man in the street. This book contains interviews with people who, I think, have done just that. There must be a message somewhere — in their views and lifestyle — that can and will motivate others to at least try in a realistic way to be as good as they possibly can. We hope there is a message, too, for parents, coaches, educators, devotees of sports of all kinds, commercial enterprises and even Governments — and so to John Walker, Eamon Coghlan, Niall O'Shaughnessy, Rod Dixon, Dick Quax, Wilson Waigwa, Raelene Boyle, Dick Mitchell, Beth Nail, Dave Bedford, Jos Hermens, Nick Rose, Stan Long, Brendan Foster, Ainsley Bennett, Gerry Deegan, John Treacy, David Jenkins, Erik de Beck, Irena Szewinska, Mark Belger, Steve Ovett, and Frank Clement, I say a very sincere thank you and I assure you that this book was not written for commercial gain, but just simply to promote the ancient sport of Athletics among the young and, maybe, those not so young.

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over shorter distances, winning the World Student Games 10,000 title in 1977 and finishing 3rd in European Cup 10,000 in a personal best of 28:03.6. He has also been a solid scoring member in the USSR cross-country team, finishing 11th in the 1977 'International'.

After the race Moiseyev said — "I was pleased to win against such strong rivals as Cierpinski, Lismont and my team-mates — they are racers. I did not think the course was tough, I have raced on harder ones. I had no problems during the race, but once you have finished you forget these anyway".

Moiseyev is the first Soviet runner to win the marathon title since Sergey Popov ran a world beating 2:15:17 in 1958. Since then Soviet marathon running has fallen further and further behind, but it appears that finally the USSR have swung the pendulum back in the right direction.

It was sad to hear Karel Lismont announce his retirement after the race, due to "stomach problems". However, he will continue to "run for fun". His major championship career speaks for itself: 1971 — 1st European; 1972 — 2nd Olympics; 1976 — 3rd Olympics; 1978 — 3rd European. (jw)

(Sep 3)

1. LEONID MOISEYEV (USSR) 2:11:57.5 (champ rec)
2. NIKOLAY PENZIN (USSR) 2:11:59.0
3. KAREL LISMONT (Bel) 2:12:07.7
4. WALDEMAR CIERPINSKI (GDR) 2:12:20.0
5. CATALIN ANDREICA (Rum) 2:12:29.4
6. MASSIMO MAGNANI (Ita) 2:12:45.3
7. HANS-JOACHIM TRUPPEL (GDR) 2:12:54.3
8. JURGEN EBERDING (GDR) 2:13:39.7
9. D. Cannon (UK) 2:14:31.7; 10. M. Koussis (Gre) 2:14:41.3; 11. S. Dzmanazarov (USSR) 2:14:43.3; 12. G. Bengtsson (Swe) 2:15:01.9; 13. A. Simmons (UK) 2:15:31.5; 14. F. Szekeres (Hun) 2:15:45.0; 15. R. Marczak (Pol) 2:15:47.8; 16. M. Arena (Ita) 2:16:09.2; 17. V. Zwiefelhofer (Cze) 2:16:37.6; 18. H. Schoofs (Bel) 2:16:49.5; 19. J. Jansky (Cze) 2:16:53.0; 20. R. Leibold (Ger) 2:16:56.3; 21. J.-M. Ancion (Bel) 2:17:24.5; 22. K. Van den Weyden (Hol) 2:17:32.8; 23. B. Bobes (Fra) 2:17:48.0; 24. A. Ristimäki (Fin) 2:18:17.8; 25. C. Taylor (UK) 2:18:44.5; 26. A. Romero (Spa) 2:19:26.4; 27. P. Hooper (RoI) 2:20:28.5; 28. M. Paiva (Por) 2:20:49.4; 29. R. Hooper (RoI) 2:21:00.2; 30. C. Vriend (Hol) 2:21:25.2; 31. H. Olsen (Nor) 2:21:35.1; 32. S. Salman (Tur) 2:22:47.4; 33. J. Lauenborg (Den) 2:23:14.8; 34. R. Veld (Hol) 2:23:38.3; 35. A. Fancsali (Hun) 2:23:39.7; 36. V. Balli (Tur) 2:25:56.2; 37. K. Lazarides (Gre) 2:32:16.9.

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3000 METRES STEEPLECHASE

They say the Grand National is the world's greatest steeplechase. Athletics fans might dispute that claim, but in any case the two forms of steeplechasing became virtually indistinguishable when the biggest pile-up in the history of the event, human version, occurred at a hurdle some 300m from the start. What happened there resembled nothing so much as the annual carnage at Beechers Brook!

Bronislaw Malinowski was out ahead, setting a cracking pace ahead of Dennis Coates and Patriz Ilg. Those three negotiated the fateful barrier safely... but they were the only ones in the 12-man field to do so. Poor Krzysztof Wesolowski tripped over the top of the obstacle and finished up draped helplessly over the hurdle. The men immediately behind had to swerve to avoid him, causing several others to fall at the barrier. A chain reaction took place and for a moment or two there were men sprawled all over the place. Michael Karst and Ismo Toukonen reacted quickly enough to run round the hurdle (an action which in more normal circumstances would have merited disqualification), but even they were left far behind the three leaders.

For a time it looked as though this was going to be Coates' lucky day; at the kilometre point he was lying 2nd (2:42.2) to Malinowski (2:41.1) with Ilg 3rd in 2:42.9 and Karst leading the chase, but that early speed — inside world record pace — took a heavy toll. By halfway Coates was back in 5th place and at 2000 (5:27.7 by Malinowski, followed by Ilg at 5:34.5 and Toukonen at 5:35.0) he was 7th in 5:37.8. He was still 7th at the bell but a 75.7 last lap, jogging in, reduced him to 10th place in 8:44.0 — 25 sec outside his UK record and not far ahead of the gallant Wesolowski. Remarkably, 8th place (Maurice Herriott & Gerry Stevens) remains the highest ever achieved in the European by a UK steeplechaser.

Malinowski, meanwhile, also found himself weakening but he had built up such a formidable lead (over 50m with two laps to go, 40m at the bell) that he was safe. His final lap took 66.1, whereas runner-up Ilg covered his in 61.4 for a personal best of 8:16.9, but the Pole still had a dozen metres in hand at the finish. Toukonen, also under 8:20 for the first time, held off Karst for the bronze.

Malinowski thus became the first steeplechaser to retain a European title, clocking 8:15.1 in Prague as against 8:15.0 in Rome. Sad to see such an athlete in decline! Ilg (20), who took up the 3000 steeplechase only last year (best of 8:40.4 in 1977), admitted he made a mistake in allowing Malinowski to open up such a big lead early on. "I hadn't thought it was serious, then it was too late to catch him up". (mw)

Heats (Sep 1; 1st 3 & 3 fastest losers to final)

Heat 1: (2:46.6, 5:40.8) 1, G. Gerbi (Ita) 8:29.1; 2, I. Toukonen (Fin) 8:29.5; 3, K. Wesolowski (Pol) 8:30.0; 4, F. Bartos (Cze) 8:31.9; 5, M. Schoeneberg (Ger) 8:34.2; 6, D. Glans (Swe) 8:34.5; 7, D. Betini (Rum) 8:34.9; 8, V. Filonov (USSR) 8:39.0; 9, P. Thys (Bel) 8:34.8; 10, W. Konrad (Aug) 8:43.9. Heat 2: (2:45.2, 5:38.6) 1, P. Copu (Rum) 8:33.3; 2, M. Karst (Ger) 8:33.7; 3, D. Coates (UK) 8:34.7; 4, S. Olizarenko (USSR) 8:36.7; 5, R. Volpi (Ita) 8:39.1; 6, D. Moravcik (Cze) 8:43.2; 7, K. Maranda (Pol) 8:48.4; 8, B. Lafranchi (Swi) 8:51.7; 9, C. Strom (Swe) 8:53.8; 10, H. Koeleman (Hol) 8:59.6; 11, D. Ramon (Spa) 9:07.8. Heat 3: (2:47.1, 5:41.6) 1, V. Bichea (Rum) 8:25.4; 2, B. Malinowski (Pol) 8:25.6; 3, P. Ilg (Ger) 8:30.4; 4, V. Lisovskiy (USSR) 8:31.4; 5, G. Wetzig (GDR) 8:36.1; 6, J.-L. Lemire (Fra) 8:38.0; 7, A. Campos (Spa) 8:38.2; 8, M. Slovak (Cze) 8:41.4; 9, T. Kantanen (Fin) 8:46.0; 10, J. Davies (UK) 8:57.4; 11, J. Hagelbrandt (Swe) 9:21.1.

Final (Sep 3)

1. BRONISLAW MALINOWSKI (Pol) 8:15.1
2. PATRIZ ILG (Ger) 8:16.9
3. ISMO TOUKONEN (Fin) 8:18.3
4. MICHAEL KARST (Ger) 8:19.0
5. PAUL COPU (Rum) 8:20.4
6. VASILE BICHEA (Rum) 8:24.9
7. FRANTISEK BARTOS (Cze) 8:38.0
8. MANFRED SCHOENEBERG (Ger) 8:40.1
- 9, G. Gerbi (Ita) 8:42.8; 10, D. Coates (UK) 8:44.0; 11, K. Wesolowski (Pol) 8:46.4; 12, V. Lisovskiy (USSR) 9:00.5.

110 METRES HURDLES

The favourite was Viktor Myasnikov, top of the European rankings this year with a Soviet record of 13:47 achieved when running Greg Foster to 1/100th in the USA v USSR match, but



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when he failed to finish in his semi the title looked as good as in the pocket of World Cup winner Thomas Munkelt. The East German did win, but it couldn't have been much closer as only 2/100th of a second — that's something less than eight inches — covered the first three.

It wasn't the best of runs for Munkelt who had a slowish start and hit at least a couple of hurdles, but it was a tremendous race with Munkelt, Arto Bryggare and Jan Pusty taking the last hurdle in line abreast. The Finn, who set a European junior record of 13.66 last year, lunged for the finish too soon. His head crossed the line first, but that doesn't count, and he had to be satisfied with the bronze medal with a national mark of 13.56 into an 0.55m/sec breeze.

Commonwealth champion Berwyn Price, last at the first hurdle in his semi, put in some good running to move up to 3rd as he rose for the final barrier — only to crash into it, thereby losing his forward momentum and a certain place in the final. On recent form he could well have finished 4th in the final. Mark Holtom, whose chances of doing well in Edmonton were ruined by a recurrence of an old shin injury which prevented him from driving off effectively, was close to his best time with 14.12 (—0.3m wind) in the heats but was unlucky in the semis where he was showing good form and possibly headed for his first sub-14 clocking when he rapped the 7th hurdle, causing him to twist and lose his rhythm. (mw)

Heats (Sep 1; 1st 5 & faster loser to semis) **Ht 1:** (+0.7) 1, V. Myasnikov (USSR) 13.76; 2, A. Bryggare (Fin) 13.83; 3, R. Giegiet (Pol) 13.97; 4, J. Moracho (Spa) 14.15; 5, J. Ivan (Cze) 14.22; 6, P. Vukicevic (Yug) 14.25. **Ht 2:** (—0.3) 1, T. Munkelt (GDR) 13.62; 2, G. Buttari (Ita) 13.81; 3, E. Pereverzev (USSR) 13.86; 4, D. Gebhard (Ger) 14.05; 5, **M. Holtom** (UK) 14.12; 6, J. Lloveras (Spa) 14.17; 7, J. Cerovsky (Cze) 14.36. **Ht 3:** (nil) 1, J. Pusty (Pol) 13.81; 2, V. Kulebyakin (USSR) 13.95; 3, **B. Price** (UK) 14.00; 4, B. Pisic (Yug) 14.02; 5, P. Euripidou (Ger) 14.11; 6, P. Cech (Cze) 14.13.

Semis (Sep 2; 1st 4 to final) **Ht 1:** (—0.45m) 1, Munkelt 13.05; 2, Buttari 13.74; 3, Pereverzev 13.78; 4, Giegiet 13.97; 5, Pisic 14.01; 6, Moracho 14.16; 7, Cech 14.20; 8, **Holtom** 14.27. **Ht 2:** (nil) 1, Pusty 13.75; 2, Bryggare 13.78; 3, Kulebyakin 13.94; 4, Gabhard 13.95; 5, **Price** 14.01; 6, Euripidou 14.16; 7, Ivan 14.29; Myasnikov dnf.

Final (Sep 3; wind: —0.55m)
1. **THOMAS MUNKELT** (GDR) 13.54
2. **JAN PUSTY** (Pol) 13.55
3. **ARTO BRYGGARE** (Fin) 13.56
4. **GIUSEPPE BUTTARI** (Ita) 13.78
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400 METRES HURDLES

The first shock came in heat 3 when defending champion Alan Pascoe, looking ragged and worn, was eliminated in 50.95, a sad end to a great career that spans 10 years in international class. None of the other British entry survived with Gary Oakes and Bill Hartley, still with Edmonton in their legs, tailed off. Interesting to note that Axel Salander, late of Oxford University, was running for Germany, while the indestructible Jean-Claude Nallet (31) made the final in his FIFTH European Championships. He was 3rd in the 1966 200, 2nd in the 1969 400, 1st in the 1971 400 hurdles and 2nd to Pascoe in 1974.

Drawn in lane three in the final, the clear favourite Harald Schmid was out fast, fast, fast. I timed him at 21.4 at the fifth hurdle touchdown, and by then he had whistled past the field and was headed for a possible European record (48.12 by David Hemery, 1968). But lack of opposition, the drizzle and the cold told on him in the final straight and he slowed somewhat to score by ten metres over Dmitriy Stukalov, who used a strong last 30m off the last barrier to edge countryman Vasily Arkhipenko. Schmid (20), who enjoyed a rare win over Ed Moses last season, has already run 48.43 (second best ever by a European) and

must rate only below Moses in the world at present. Prodigiously talented, he has run 100 in 10.3, 200 in 20.8, 400 in 45.06 (best in Europe this year) and 800 in 1:46.9! It was a pity that Volker Beck (GDR), who made such an impression in Dusseldorf last year, was injured and unable to offer a challenge. Schmid ran 13's to hurdle seven, which he reached in 30.1. He then changed to 15's and clocked 35.6, 38.9 and 43.5 at the next three touch-downs. Times were taken by Bob Hersh of 'TFN'.

The happy winner said: "Every hurdle is dangerous and I was afraid of all my other rivals here. I injured my knee just before the start and had to get an ice-pack on it. But that didn't bother me in the race and I knew by the tenth hurdle I had it won. All the time I was thinking of my rhythm and going as fast as I could." Stukalov: "As the most experienced of our team here I felt the responsibility of doing well. I knew Schmid would win — he is better than I am; but I was pleased with my finish which was good but hard as is usual in this race". Arkhipenko said: "I could have won it! Just that mistake on the tenth hurdle — what a pity!" (dc)

Heats (Aug 29; 1st 3 & 4 fastest losers to semis)
Ht 1: 1, D. Stukalov (USSR) 50.35; 2, H. Schulting (Hol) 50.39; 3, P. Haas (Swi) 50.45; 4, J. Carvahlo (Por) 51.02; 5, C. Gullstrand (Swe) 51.03; 6, G. Oakes (UK) 52.08; 7, F. Rummele (Aut) 52.13. **Ht 2:** 1, T. Lowe (Ger) 50.34; 2, J. Bratanov (Bul) 50.45; 3, H. Toboc (Rum) 50.75; 4, O. Bulatkin (USSR) 50.90; 5, C. Anicet (Fra) 51.68; 6, K. Kodejs (Cze) 51.98; 7, W. Hartley (UK) 52.15. **Ht 3:** 1, H. Schmid (Ger) 49.78; 2, R. Kopitar (Yug) 50.43; 3, G. Parris (Gre) 50.45; 4, J.-C. Nallet (Fra) 50.49; 5, A. Pascoe (UK) 50.95; 6, L. Karsky (Cze) 51.38; 7, L. Nielsen (Den) 51.48. **Ht 4:** 1, V. Arkhipenko (USSR) 50.15; 2, J. Alonsovalero (Spa) 50.27; 3, S. Tziortzis (Gre) 50.49; 4, A. Salander (Ger) 50.55; 5, F. Meier (Swi) 50.66; 6, L. Welander (Swe) 50.72.

Semis (Aug 30; 1st 4 to final) **Ht 1:** 1, Schmid 50.07; 2, Alonsovalero 50.32; 3, Toboc 50.42; 4, Stukalov 50.51; 5, Tziortzis 50.83; 6, Haas 51.29;

7, Salander 51.63; 8, Bratanov 52.39. **Ht 2:** 1, Arkhipenko (USSR) 49.92; 2, Nallet 49.98; 3, Meier 50.12; 4, Schulting 50.22; 5, Parris 50.66; Kopitar 50.98; 7, Welander 50.99; 8, Lowe 51.96.

Final (Aug 31)

1. HARALD SCHMID (Ger) 48.51 (champ rec)
2. DMITRIY STUKALOV (USSR) 49.72
3. VASILIIY ARKHIPENKO (USSR) 49.77
4. FRANZ MEIER (Swi) 49.84
5. HARRY SCHULTING (Hol) 50.07
6. JEAN-CLAUDE NALLET (Fra) 50.19
7. JOSE ALONSOVALERO (Spa) 50.19
8. HORIA TOBOC (Rum) 50.46.

HIGH JUMP

The testing moment for Vladimir Yashchenko came with the bar at 2.24m and six other men left in the competition. His countryman, Aleksandr Grigoryev had popped over easily and was enjoying a clean scorecard of jumps; Andre Schneider had missed; Henry Lauterbach, a 2.30 man this year, had cleared on his second; and Jacek Wszola, Rolf Beilschmidt and Carlo Thranhardt were awaiting their third attempts. Taking his time, the lanky youngster psyched up, and launched into his run. He was over easily, showing relief. Wszola then failed as the top of his calves pulled the bar off. Beilschmidt, keeping his injured right knee tightly bandaged (he is due to have an operation next month), seemed to be in deep trouble. He finally started his approach run with just 8 seconds of his time left — and boomed over!

Four men were left at 2.26, and all four cleared — Grigoryev getting another excellent flop layout as he went over. Yashchenko hit the bar with his trailing knee but it stayed up. Lauterbach slipped over, leaving it shivering slightly, and Beilschmidt (limping badly between jumps) needed two tries — costly indeed to him because of the pain he was obviously suffering. So, the bar was raised to 2.28 and still the medals were undecided. Here Grigoryev had his first miss, rapping the bar with his buttocks and calves. Yashchenko came through to take the lead with one of the best efforts of the evening — lifting

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himself way over the bar with an explosive lead leg kick. Beilschmidt jumped into the bar with a misplaced take-off, Grigoryev missed again and so did Lauterbach.

In round three, Grigoryev just slipped over with the bar trembling; Lauterbach failed again and then the remarkable Beilschmidt mustered up the necessary determination and technique to get over yet another height, and put himself into the medals in one of the most courageous performances of these championships.

Up went the crossbar to 2.30, and the thousands of fans lingering on in the darkened stands buzzed with excitement. First up, Grigoryev hit the bar badly with his back. Yashchenko appeared over until his inside left thigh dragged it down. Beilschmidt, in great pain, made a futile attempt, and then withdrew from the contest. During the competition he was seen applying a pain-killing spray to his knee, and his 15 jumps throughout the long contest had reduced him to a near-cripple. He limped off to a standing ovation from the spectators. Round 2: Grigoryev made an explosive effort, but missed badly and hurt his leading arm on landing. Yashchenko bided his time, then ran up and scraped over by just getting his left knee out of the way in time. Seeing that, and knowing a silver medal was safe whatever happened now, Grigoryev elected to pass his final effort and go for 2.31... and a chance of snatching back the lead.

This came extremely close. The Soviet flopper draped himself over beautifully but nicked the bar down with his heels as he passed over. Yashchenko, cool as ever, passed! He wanted 2.35 for a new world outdoor record, so up went the bar again. But he had run out of good jumps by now, drained by the cold and 4¼ hour contest. The host of cameras whirring each time he started his run did not appear to unsettle him unduly, but he was out of luck, clipping the bar with a trailing knee each time. No matter. If his damaged arches hold up to the strain, he will jump 2.40 (7'10½") someday.

The handsome young Soviet superstar, who was pursued by autograph hunters throughout the championships, said: "It was very cold out there tonight, but I proved I can still perform well. For instance, I jumped 2.33 in Richmond, USA last year in the heat and this result is not so dissimilar. It was very interesting and a very exciting competition, because I have never seen so many worthy opponents over 2.28 metres. As for 2.40 metres; well, we shall live and we shall see." (dc)

Qualification (Sept 1; 2.18 or 1st 12 to final)
Qualifiers: G. Belkov (USSR), V. Yashchenko (USSR), C. Thranhardt (Ger), A. Schneider (Ger), A. Grigoryev (USSR), B. Bruni (Ita), R. Beilschmidt (GDR) & G. Moreau (Bel) 2.18; J. Vondra (Cze), M. Naylor (UK) (2.05—1, 2.10—1, 2.15—1, 2.18—fail), E. Annys-Campstein (Bel), H. Lauterbach (GDR), R. Almen (Swe), T. Totland (Nor), J. Wszola (Pol), W. Nachtgaeel (Bel), J. Hrabal (Cze) & R. Moravec (Cze) 2.15. **Non-qualifiers:** P. Poaniewa (Fra), E. Ozdamar (Tur), J. Aletti (Fra), V. Papadimitriou (Gre) & R. Bergamo (Ita) 2.10; B. Burgess (UK) 2.00 (2.00—2, 2.05—fail). R. Wielart (Hol) & M. Di Giorgio (Ita) failed 2.10.

Final (Sept 2)

- VLADIMIR YASHCHENKO (USSR) 2.30 (champ rec) (2.10—1, 2.15—1, 2.21—1, 2.24—3, 2.26—1, 2.28—1, 2.30—2, 2.35—fail).
- ALEKSANDR GRIGORYEV (USSR) 2.38 (2.10—1, 2.15—1, 2.18—1, 2.21—1, 2.24—1, 2.26—1, 2.28—3, 2.30—2 failures, 2.32—3rd failure)
- ROLF BEILSCHMIDT (GDR) 2.28 (2.10—1, 2.15—1, 2.18—2, 2.21—2, 2.24—3, 2.26—2, 2.28—3, 2.30—1 failure, retired).
- HENRY LAUTERBACH (GDR) 2.26 (2.10—1, 2.15—1, 2.18—1, 2.21—3, 2.24—2, 2.26—1, 2.28—fail).
- CARLO THRANHARDT (Ger) 2.21 (2.10—2, 2.15—2, 2.21—1, 2.24—fail).
- JACEK WSZOLA (Pol) 2.21 (2.10—1, 2.15—2, 2.21—2, 2.24—fail).
- ANDRE SCHNEIDER (Ger) 2.21 (2.10—1, 2.15—1, 2.18—2, 2.21—2, 2.24—fail)
- JOSEF HRABAL (Cze) 2.18 (2.00—1, 2.05—1, 2.10—2, 2.15—1, 2.18—1, 2.21—fail)

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POLE VAULT

A five hour competition in occasional drizzle and cold (11°C) produced some surprising results. The first occurred in the qualifying competition, held in pelting rain, when Olympic champion Tadeusz Slusarski, who has made 5.60m this year, missed at a paltry 5.15. Halfway through it was decided to scrap the qualifying height of 5.25, which only three men cleared, and take the 13 men over 5.15 and better into the final. Keith Stock, who injured himself training shortly after arriving in Prague stalled out three times at his opening height of 5.15.

In the final there were seven men still alive at 5.45. Yevgeniy Tananika passed and next man up, Rauli Pudas, had an amazing experience: he rapped the crossbar hard, saw it bounce high and then land back on the pegs! Favourite Wladyslaw Kozakiewicz needed two attempts. Philippe Houvion, Vladimir Trofimenko and Antti Kalliomaki passed. The bar was cranked up to 5.50 and both Trofimenko and Kalliomaki slipped over on third trials, looking good. Cool Kozakiewicz (5.62 this year) elected to pass. Pudas and Houvion both missed badly three times and that left three men involved as 5.55 was measured up. Kozakiewicz was first up and he missed narrowly with a chest scrape. Trofimenko then shot way over in an excellent vault that drew a great roar from spectators. Seeing that, Kalliomaki decided to pass as he was behind on total jumps anyway. Now it was up to 'Kozak', the muscular Pole who has dominated the vault scene in Europe for two years. He dislodged the crossbar twice more — both times with good efforts with not enough follow through. That gave the bronze medal to Pudas with that lucky clearance at 5.45.

Both Trofimenko and the bespectacled Finn missed at 5.60, Kalliomaki getting fairly close with the last vault of the day. So Vladimir Trofimenko, national record holder with 5.61, retained the title for the Soviet Union. Brian Hooper did well to secure equal 7th on 5.30. He has never jumped higher abroad. After getting a

time fault ruled against him at 5.40, he came close on his final try. (dc)

Qualification (Aug 31; 5.15m to final)
Qualifiers: W. Kozakiewicz (Pol), G. Lohre (Ger) & M. Klimczyk (Pol) 5.25; T. Haapakoski (Fin), Y. Tananika (USSR), R. Pudas (Fin), F. Tracanelli (Fra), V. Trofimenko (USSR), P. Abada (Fr), **B. Hooper (UK)** (5.15—2), R. Oriol (Spa), A. Kalliomaki (Fin) & P. Houvion (Fra) 5.15. **Non-qualifiers:** D. D'Alisera (Ita), R. Zrun (Cze), E. Sakellariadis (Gre), P. Jensen (Den) & R. Lechner (Aut) 4.90; **K. Stock (UK)** & T. Slusarski (Pol) failed 5.15; P. Desruelles (Bel) (retired after 1 jump) A. Hadinger (Cze) & J. Lesak (Cze) failed 4.90. R. Dionisi (Ita) scr.

Final (Sep 1)

1. VLADIMIR TROFIMENKO (USSR) 5.55 (champ rec) (5.20—1, 5.40—1, 5.50—3, 5.55—1, 5.60—fail)
2. ANTTI KALLIOMAKI (Fin) 5.50 ((5.20—1, 5.40—3, 5.50—3, 5.60—fail))
3. RAULI PUDAS (Fin) 5.45 (5.10—1, 5.20—1, 5.30—2, 5.40—1, 5.45—1, 5.50—fail)
4. WLADYSLAW KOZAKIEWICZ (Pol) 5.45 (5.30—1, 5.45—2, 5.55—fail)
5. YEVGENIY TANANIK (USSR) 5.40 (5.20—2, 5.40—1, 5.50—fail)
6. PHILIPPE HOUVION (Fra) 5.40 (5.10—3, 5.30—2, 5.40—3, 5.50—fail)
- 7eq FRANCOIS TRACANELLI (Fra) & **BRIAN HOOPER (UK)** 5.30 (5.20—2, 5.30—1, 5.40—fail)

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9, P. Abada (Fra) 5.30 (5.30—2, 5.45—fail); 10, T. Haapakoski (Fin) 5.30 (5.10—1, 5.20—1, 5.30—3, 5.40—fail); 11, G. Lohre (Ger) 5.20 (5.20—2, 5.40—fail). M. Klimczyk (Pol) failed 5.20. R. Oriol (Spa) scr.

LONG JUMP

France's best hope for a gold medal, Jacques Rousseau, gave his supporters a few more shivers to add to those caused by the weather when he needed the full quota of jumps to qualify for the final. He reached only 7.51m with the first two, so it all depended on his final effort . . . which at 7.72 was still 8cm below the listed qualifying standard but sufficed to rank him 8th in the field. He blamed his poor jumping on trouble with his checkmarks due to a fluctuating wind.

All such problems were forgotten in the final when Rousseau unsettled his opponents with an excellent first-round leap of 8.15, and that was followed by jumps of 8.11 and 8.18 (+0.4m). Only European record holder Nenad Stekic, who had himself jumped 8.18 at a Prague meeting a few days earlier, was able to stay in touch after such an assault. The Yugoslav registered 8.09 in the 3rd round and 8.12 (+0.4m) in the 5th to duplicate the silver medal he won behind Valeriy Podluzhny in 1974, who this time finished 6th a centimetre ahead of Roy Mitchell (7.88 with 0.4m wind). The Commonwealth champion, rated by Rousseau as his most dangerous rival after Stekic, was suffering from a heel injury. This was the first major international title for Rousseau (27), who was 2nd in the 1970 European Junior and 4th in Montreal. He is a fine sprinter, with times of 10.3/20.7w/47.5 to his name. (mw)

Qualification (Sep 1; 7.80m or 1st 12 to final)
Qualifiers: N. Stekic (Yug) 7.96; V. Tsepelev (USSR) 7.95; J. Priscak (Cze) —, 7.81; J. Leitner (Cze) —, 7.50, 7.80; V. Podluzhny (USSR) 7.79, 6.14, —, **R. Mitchell (UK)** 7.77, —, 7.49; S. Jaskulka (Pol) 7.64, 7.57, 7.47; J. Rousseau (Fra) 7.51, 7.51, 7.72; G. Cybulski (Pol) 7.71, 7.67, —; J. Krivka (Cze) 7.71, 7.57, 7.62; J. Verschl (Ger) 7.41, 7.66, 7.40; A. Fransson (Swe) 7.61, 7.66, —. **Non-qualifiers:** M. Chludzinski (Pol) 7.61, 7.17, —; P. Deroche (Fra) 7.58, 7.47, 7.37; R. Desruelles (Bel) 7.33, 7.54, 7.39; L. Szalma (Hun) 7.35, 7.19, 7.33; O. Stepanyan (USSR) 7.28, 7.37, 7.52; W. Klepsch (Ger) 7.37, 7.52, 7.25; D. Delifotis (Gre) —, 7.21, 7.44; M. Maffi (Ita) 7.42, 7.15, 7.17; A. Solanas (Spa) —, 7.36, —.

Final (Sep 2)
 1. JACQUES ROUSSEAU (Fra) 8.18 (champ rec) (8.15, 8.11, 8.18, pass, —, pass)
 2. NENAD STEKIC (Yug) 8.12, 7.97, 7.96, 8.09, —, 8.12, 7.93
 3. VLADIMIR TSEPELEV (USSR) 8.01 (7.80, —, 7.63, 8.01, 7.67, 8.01)

4. GRZEGORZ CYBULSKI (Pol) 7.96 (7.92, 7.72, 7.75, —, —, 7.96)
 5. JOACHIM VERSCHL (Ger) 7.89 (7.71, 7.68, 7.86, 7.89, —, pass)
 6. VALERIY PODLUZHNY (USSR) 7.89 (7.84, —, —, 7.78, 7.68, 7.89)
 7. **ROY MITCHELL (UK)** 7.88 (7.61, 7.67, 7.63, 7.88, 7.66, 7.71)
 8. AKE FRANSSON (Swe) 7.65w (7.65w, 7.39, 7.64, —, 7.54, 7.64)
 9, J. Krivka (Cze) 7.60 (7.42, —, 7.60); 10, S. Jaskulka (Pol) 7.60 (7.10, —, 7.60); 11, J. Leitner (Cze) 7.59 (7.59, 5.76, —); 12, J. Priscak (Cze) 7.48 (7.48, 7.41, 7.28).

TRIPLE JUMP

Viktor Sanyeyev, 33 on October 3rd, looked all set to retain the title. The three-time Olympic champion had led throughout, from the moment he jumped 16.84m in the first round. He improved to 16.92 in the 3rd round and 16.93 (+0.9m) in the 5th, whereas the next best were Anatoliy Piskulin and Bernard Lamitie at 16.87 and the little known Yugoslav, Milos Srejevic (16.73). Commonwealth champion Keith Connor, considered a potential winner after his brilliant showing in Edmonton, was in 4th place after two rounds with 16.51 (—1.1m) and up to 3rd when he reached 16.64 (+0.4m) with his next effort. That was to prove his best of the evening, an injury causing him to retire before the end of the contest, and he slipped back to 6th . . . still the highest European placing ever achieved by a British athlete in this event. That distinction otherwise would have gone to Aston Moore, 8th with 16.55 (+0.6m).

The bombshell came in the final round when Srejevic bounded out to 16.94 (nil wind) to overtake the legendary Sanyeyev by one centimetre! Sanyeyev had one shot left, but at that moment the wind gauge registered the stoniest adverse reading of the contest (—2.1m) and Sanyeyev fell short with 16.79. Nevertheless he picked up his fourth European medal; he was champion in 1969 and 1974, 2nd in 1971.

Srejevic, a 1.91/6'3" tall economics student, said, "First of all I just wanted to qualify for the finals, then a place in the first six. How did I win? Simply, I had more luck today". Luck, maybe . . . but talent and cool nerves too. The 22-year-old Yugoslav had already made stunning progress this year. He improved from 15.60 to 16.10 in 1975, only added a centimetre in the next two years, and then shot up to 16.75 — and now 16.94 — this season. (mw)

Final (Sep 3)

1. MILOS SREJEVIC (Yug) 16.94 (16.24, 16.48, 16.39, 16.60, 16.73, 16.94)
 2. VIKTOR SANYEYEV (USSR) 16.93 (16.84, 16.71, 16.92, 16.50, 16.93, 16.79)

3. ANATOLIY PISKULIN (USSR) 16.87 (14.47, —, 16.87, —, —, 16.65)
4. BERNARD LAMITIE (Fra) 16.87 (16.36, 16.59, 16.55, 16.87, —, 16.27)
5. GENNADIY VALYUKEVICH (USSR) 16.64 (15.87, 16.40, 15.85, 16.62, 16.64, —)
6. KEITH CONNOR (UK) 16.64 (16.19, 16.51, 16.64, 16.32, —, pass)
7. MILAN SPASOJEVIC (Yug) 16.62 (16.41, 16.62, —, 16.08, —, 15.96)
8. ASTON MOORE (UK) 16.55 (—, 15.88, 16.49, 16.55, 14.96, 14.82)
9. J. Hegedis (Yug) 16.24 (—, 16.24, —); 10. E. Biskupski (Pol) 16.23 (15.84, 16.23, 15.98); 11. L. Gora (GDR) 16.20 (16.08, 16.03, 16.20); 12. G. Katona (Hun) 16.18 (15.96, 16.18, —); 13. K. Hradil (Cze) 16.05 (15.73, 16.05, 15.31); 14. C. Corbu (Rum) 16.02 (15.47, 15.78, 16.02); 15. B. Bakosi (Hun) 15.74 (—, 15.74, 15.48).

SHOT

The event was marred before the competition even began when Geoff Capes was disqualified "because of his serious misconduct and unsporting behaviour towards officials in the call-room".

Capes, raring to go after an encouraging qualifying put of 20.08m, was refused entry to the stadium for being incorrectly attired. He had a number on the back of his tracksuit and a number on the back of his vest but did not have a number on his chest, as is required by IAAF rules. However, Capes had been given clearance to compete without a number on the front of his vest by the same official the day before in the qualifying rounds, and furthermore claims that he has not worn a number on his chest in the last four major Championships. Many field event referees turn a blind eye in the interests of the competitor's comfort whilst throwing.

Capes, understandably tense for the forthcoming competition, was restrained on the arm by one official, and reacted by angrily trying to push his way forward, thus incurring a disqualification from the referee. An apology on the part of Capes was not accepted.

Thoroughly choked by the whole affair (at his own request he flew home next day — a move which "concurred with the view of the team management") Capes is now resolved to train even harder in his bid to win in Moscow in 1980.

When the competition finally got underway some 30 minutes later, it took Udo Beyer just one throw (21.08m in the 2nd round) to establish his supremacy. Yevgeniy Mironov, who beat Beyer earlier in the year, plugged away throughout and produced a solid series, coming close in the 5th round, (20.87) but was unable to find the extra distance. It was a depressed competition in which Capes could, if he had really got himself on target, have won a medal.

Udo Beyer, looking considerably bulkier than he did last year, broke Aleksandr Baryshnikov's world record in Gothenburg on July 6th with a mighty put of 22.15m — just as he had promised his wife to compensate for his absence on their wedding anniversary! "I have attained all the objectives which I set at the beginning of my career. I have won an Olympic title and become world record holder. All this I owe to my coach, Fritz Kuhl, who always trained me along the right lines. But my career is not finished: the next objective is another Olympic title in 1980, and in this period it should be possible to throw around 22.50m I think". (jw)

Qualification (Aug 31; 19.50m or first 12 to final) **Qualifiers:** Y. Mironov (USSR) —, 19.30, 20.40; R. Stahlberg (Fin) 20.25; **G. Capes (UK)** 17.03, 18.96, 20.08; U. Beyer (GDR) 19.35, 20.03; A. Yarosh (USSR) 19.80; J. Vlk (Cze) 19.76; A. Baryshnikov (USSR) 19.74; W. Schmidt (GDR) 19.72; H. Halldorsson (Ice) 19.62; J. Brabec (Cze) 19.20, 19.09, 19.48; M. Schmidt (GDR) 19.38, 18.69, 18.88; V. Stoev (Bul) —, 19.21, 19.26. **Non-qualifiers:** R. Reichenbach (Ger) 18.64, —, 19.09; J-P. Egger (Swi) 18.67, —, 18.33; M. Janousek (Cze) 18.24, 18.61, —; A. Arrhenius (Swe) 18.16, 18.29, 18.48; V. Milic (Yug) 18.35, 17.97, —; M. Montelatici (Ita) —, —, 18.14; A. Groppelli (Ita) —, —, 18.04.

Final (Sep 1)

1. UDO BEYER (GDR) 21.08 (—, 21.08, —, 20.21, —, 20.18)
2. YEVGENIY MIRONOV (USSR) 20.87 (20.73, 20.11, —, 19.73, 20.87, 20.53)
3. ALEKSANDR BARYSHNIKOV (USSR) 20.68 (19.73, 20.68, 20.16, 20.03, 19.84, 20.48)
4. WOLFGANG SCHMIDT (GDR) 20.30 (19.86, 19.63, 19.92, 19.62, 20.30, 19.49)
5. REIJO STAHLBERG (Fin) 20.17 (19.61, —, 19.36, 20.17, 19.99, 20.08)
6. ANATOLIY YAROSH (USSR) 20.03 (19.72, 19.66, 19.86, —, 20.03, —)
7. JAROMIR VLK (Cze) 19.53 (19.36, 19.27, 19.48, 19.53, —, —)
8. HREINN HALLDORSSON (Ice) 19.34 (18.42, 19.34, 19.02, —, —, —)
9. J. Brabec (Cze) 19.27 (19.23, —, 19.27); 10. V. Stoev (Bul) 19.23 (18.28, 19.15, 19.23); 11. M. Schmidt (GDR) 19.21 (19.12, 19.21, 18.78). **G. Capes (UK) disq.**

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The Highgate Harriers Open Floodlit Meeting on Wednesday, September 20th has had to be cancelled due to the state of the track. Entry fees will be refunded.

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DISCUS

Czechoslovakia's Grand Old Man of athletics, Ludvik Danek (41), competing in his sixth European, didn't get through the qualifying round but the home fans still had plenty to enthuse over in the final. Imrich Bugar, 23, who has improved steadily over the last four years (1974 — 51.38m, 1975 — 53.88, 1976 — 57.52, 1977 — 62.54, 1978 — 65.96), led his more celebrated rivals, including world record holder Wolfgang Schmidt and defending champion Markku Tuokko, a merry dance.

With his 2nd throw, Bugar (64.24) overtook Schmidt's opener of 64.04. The East German responded with 64.52 in the 3rd round, only for Bugar — throwing next — to seize the lead again with 64.66, provoking a mighty roar from the crowd. As the 5th round opened, the positions were: 1, Bugar 64.66; 2, Velko Velez (Faina Melnik's hubby) 64.56; 3, Schmidt 64.52; 4, Tuokko 63.16. That unexpected state of affairs was rectified in the 5th round when, first, Tuokko threw 64.90 and then Schmidt recorded 65.94, a mark he improved to 66.82 with his final throw. The Czech thus finished 3rd, remarking: "to tell the truth I expected to place 5th or 6th. It was my first big competition and I'm quite happy." He added: "I was rather shocked that Schmidt was quite bad technically. I had hoped to learn something from the world record holder".

Schmidt himself, the first East German to hold the world discus record (he threw 71.16 in Berlin on August 9th), said he felt in good form and knew that "only an accident would cause me to lose". It was a sad sign of the times that no fewer than three of the top five positions were filled by athletes who have been found guilty of taking anabolic steroids and yet restored quickly to international competition: Tuokko, Velez and Knut Hjeltnes. It was Tuokko who, while serving his suspension, told a Finnish newspaper: "Without hormones there is no way one can reach top international level and make new records these days". He added: "I stopped the hormones 16 days before the European Cup Final in Helsinki, but the test was positive. I followed the same practice in connection with the World Cup in Dusseldorf, and nothing happened there". (mw)

Qualification (Sept 2; 61.00m or 1st 12 to final)
Qualifiers: W. Schmidt (GDR) 67.20; W. Warnemunde (GDR) 63.80; M. Tuokko (Fin) 62.82; K. Hjeltnes (Nor) 59.10, —, 62.36; A. Wagner (Ger) 58.54, 62.04; I. Duginets (USSR) 59.58, 61.52; I. Bugar (Cze) 60.22, 60.96; D. Kovchun (USSR) 60.96, 56.94, 60.14; O. Jakobsson (Ice) 60.86, —, —; F. Tegla (Hun) 59.82, 57.10, 57.80; V. Velez (Bul) 59.62, 58.00, 56.82; S. Simeon (Ita) 56.22, 59.28, —. **Non-**

Qualifiers: W. Hartmann (Ger) —, 59.14, 57.12; D. Juzyszyn (Pol) —, 58.48, 58.86; L. Danek (Cze) —, 54.70, 58.60; A. De Vincentis (Ita) —, 57.10, 58.20; F. Piette (Fra) 53.52, 57.08, 57.54; J. Silhavy (Cze) 55.26, 54.56, 57.28; J. Tuomola (Fin) 56.38, 54.80, —; J. Farago (Hun) —, —, 56.14.

Final (Sept 3)

1. WOLFGANG SCHMIDT (GDR) 66.82 (champ rec) (64.04, 61.68, 64.52, 62.08, 65.94, 66.82)
2. MARKKU TUOKKO (Fin) 64.90 (58.84, —, 62.48, 63.16, 64.90, —)
3. IMRICH BUGAR (Cze) 64.66 (62.88, 64.24, 64.66, —, —, 62.98)
4. VELKO VELEV (Bul) 64.56 (62.22, 59.50, —, 64.56, 61.06, 63.06)
5. KNUT HJELTNES (Nor) 63.76 (61.72, —, 60.52, 62.80, 63.76, —)
6. ALWIN WAGNER (Ger) 62.70, (—, 61.70, 60.50, 60.18, —, 62.70)
7. DMITRIY KOVCHUN (USSR) 61.84 (60.76, —, —, 61.84, 61.40, 61.46)
8. WOLFGANG WARNEMUNDE (GDR) 61.28 (61.28, 61.14, 60.12, 60.56, —, —)
- 9, F. Tegli (Hun) 60.22 (56.34, 58.18, 60.22); 10, I. Duginets (USSR) 59.80 (53.92, 55.94, 59.80); 11, O. Jakobsson (Ice) 59.44 (56.78, 58.34, 59.44); 12, S. Simeon (Ita) 59.16 (59.16, 57.96, 59.16).

HAMMER

Despite the shock elimination of Aleksey Malyukov, 4th ranked this year with 78.32m but nearly 10m below that in the qualifying round, and a comparatively modest showing in the final by Boris Zaichuk (the first man ever to throw 80m), the event was still won by a Soviet athlete. Olympic champion Yuriy Sedykh, who has developed into as great a big-time competitor as his coach Anatoliy Bondarchuk, pulled off a narrow victory over East Germany's remarkable 19-year-old Roland Steuk with world record holder (80.32) Karl-Hans Riehm winning his first major Games medal in 3rd place.

As is so often the case on these occasions it was a first-round throw which proved to be the winner . . . 77.28 by Sedykh. Riehm, who is unable to warm up properly as a result of an injured knee, opened with 76.50 and Steuk occupied 3rd place with 75.30. Riehm (3rd throw of 76.90) and Steuk (4th round 76.50) drew closer to Sedykh, and with his 5th trial the world junior record holder (78.14) moved into the silver medal position with 77.16 as both Sedykh and Riehm fouled. Steuk's last effort landed at 77.24, just 4cm short of the winning distance; Sedykh closed his account by duplicating his initial throw of 77.28 and then had to sweat it out until Riehm's final fling . . . which thudded to the ground at 77.02. Riehm said he thought Sedykh would win:

"I competed with him in Zurich recently and knew he was in good form". At that meet, on August 16th, Sedykh had landed all five of his valid throws beyond Riehm's best of 78.54, topped by a personal best of 79.76. (mw)

Qualification (Sept 1; 70.00m or 1st 12 to final)

Qualifiers: R. Steuk (GDR) 73.22; K-H. Riehm (Ger) 73.06; G. Urlando (Ita) 68.88, 69.28, 73.04; D. Gerstenberg (GDR) 72.80; Y. Sedykh (USSR) 71.36; B. Zaichuk (USSR) 71.34; M. Huning (Ger) 66.66, 71.18; K. Ploghaus (Ger) —, 70.86; J. Sachse (GDR) 70.62; E. Podberscek (Ita) 70.26; G. Tamas (Hun) —, 70.04; H. Huutala (Fin) 69.84, 67.48, 68.26. **Non-qualifiers:** O. Bianchini (Ita) 69.78, —; E. Dylugorov (Bul) 68.96, 68.60, —; A. Malyukov (USSR) 68.78, —, 67.72; R. Olsen (Nor) 67.60, 68.56, —; J. Accambray (Fra) 63.98, 67.78, 66.86; P. Suriray (Fra) 66.50, 66.78, 66.54; R. Skoumal (Cze) 65.44, —, 65.22; C. Black (UK) —, 63.54, —; H. Polvi (Fin) scr.

Final (Sept 2)

1. YURIY SEDYKH (USSR) 77.28 (champ rec) (77.28, 75.92, 75.54, 76.96, —, 77.28)
2. ROLAND STEUK (GDR) 77.24 (75.30, 73.24, 75.10, 76.50, 77.16, 77.24)
3. KARL-HANS RIEHM (Ger) 77.02 (76.50, 76.40, 76.90, 75.66, —, 77.02)
4. DETLEF GERSTENBERG (GDR) 76.70 (74.34, —, —, 76.70, 72.24, —)
5. MANFRED HUNING (Ger) 76.46 (—, 74.24, —, 75.00, 76.46, 70.26)
6. BORIS ZAICHUK (USSR) 75.62 (73.44, —, 73.38, 73.38, 75.62, —)
7. EDOARDO PODBERSCEK (Ita) 73.02 (73.02, 68.28, 69.98, 67.80, —, 68.00)
8. GIANPAOLO URLANDO (Ita) 72.62 (72.62, 70.68, —, —, 72.48, —)
- 9, J. Sachse (GDR) 71.56 (71.56, 71.10, 71.40); 10, G. Tamas (Hun) 70.72 (69.10, 69.80, 70.72); 11, H. Huutala (Fin) 69.92 (69.92, —, 69.32); 12, K. Ploghaus (Ger) 69.30 (67.86, 69.30, —).

JAVELIN

The event was delayed over 30 minutes due to a drawn-out decathlon high jump competition and by the time the throwers appeared the stadium was clamped in a freezing cold dampness and an already reduced crowd was dwindling through the exits. It could have done nothing to inspire great performances, but gold medals are often won by those who can overcome such circumstances.

World Cup hero Michael Wessing struggled for three rounds with a meagre 82.94m to his credit before unleashing a superb 89.12 — well short of his 94.22 throw in Oslo this year, but remarkable throwing in the conditions.

Detlef Michel was the early leader with a first round throw of 85.46, a mere 66cm short of his lifetime best, and for two rounds it looked as

though it would be enough to win, as the serious contenders for the crown — Wolfgang Hanisch, Nikolay Grebnyev and Wessing — watched in amazement as their javelins nose-dived in the still night air. Vasily Yershov came closest with 85.06, before Hanisch moved ahead in the third round with an impressive 87.66.

It was disappointing to watch all three Finnish throwers, who were ranked in the European top 10, defy tradition by falling very short of expectations, and leave the stadium at the end of the third round as tail-enders.

Whether the wind picked up slightly or the narrowing down of contenders sharpened the competitive edge is impossible to tell but round 4 produced the spark that had been missing from the competition. Grebnyev moved into the lead ahead of Hanisch with a fine throw of 87.82 but while he celebrated his success, Wessing tore down the runway like an express train and catapulted the javelin with a viciously fast arm. All his frustration and anxiety as a favourite went into the throw and, unlike those before it, the nose of the javelin stayed up and hung in the air as it drifted out to a distance of 89.12. Wessing stomped round the throwing area, victory arm aloft to the few hardy supporters who had stayed to watch... there were no further takers, and victory went to the West German, who celebrated his 26th birthday the day before.

Afterwards Wessing said: "After the first two rounds I was sure I could win and anybody that followed the competition would understand why — I knew that Grebnyev and Hanisch would be my toughest rivals. I didn't rate Paragi as a threat, his throw of over 86m in the qualifying round was his maximum and I knew he would find that difficult to repeat". (jw)

Qualification (Aug 29; 80m to qualify for the final) **Qualifiers:** F. Paragi (Hun) 78.40, 75.76, 86.04; N. Grebnyev (USSR) 85.18; H. Schreiber (Ger) 85.16; W. Hanisch (GDR) 84.50; A. Puranen (Fin) 84.42; M. Nemeth (Hun) 83.48; S. Boros (Hun) —, 74.20, 83.22; P. Sinersaari (Fin) 82.46; M. Wessing (Ger) 81.84; V. Yershov (USSR) 81.80; S. Hovinen (Fin) 80.94; D. Michel (GDR) 80.48; T. Thorslund (Nor) 80.22; P. Bielczyk (Pol) 77.32, 80.06. **Non-qualifiers:** K. Elderbrink (Swe) 74.82, 78.60, 76.24; B. Grimnes

(Nor) 78.58, 74.26, 75.32; J. Hanak (Cze) 78.56, —, —; R. Pihl (Swe) 76.14, 76.58, 78.42; P. Smiding (Swe) 73.54, 76.28, 76.36; P. Yates (UK) 70.82, 75.82, 74.50; T. Babiak (Cze) —, 75.20, —; T. Pirvu (Rum) 75.14, 73.38, —; V. Marchetti (Ita) —, 71.80, 68.54.

Final (Aug 30)

1. MICHAEL WESSING (Ger) 89.12 (82.94, —, 72.08, 89.12, 85.74, 83.66).
2. NIKOLAY GREBNEYEV (USSR) 87.82 (82.80, 80.02, 83.26, 87.82, 78.34, 79.42).
3. WOLFGANG HANISCH (GDR) 87.66 (83.58, —, 87.66, 82.84, 80.90, 86.92).
4. DETLEF MICHEL (GDR) 85.46 (85.46, 73.74, 79.86, 78.10, —, 81.36).
5. VASILAY YERSHOV (USSR) 85.06 (85.06, —, 81.50, 76.40, 76.84, 79.22).
6. HELMUT SCHREIBER (Ger) 83.58 (76.66, 71.84, 82.84, 77.88, 82.48, 83.58).
7. MIKLOS NEMETH (Hun) 83.58 (81.16, —, —, 83.58, —, —).
8. PIOTR BIELCZYK (Pol) 81.80 (71.80, 81.80, —, 77.22, —, —).
9. T. Thorslund (Nor) 80.42 (80.20, 80.42, 78.74); 10. F. Paragi (Hun) 79.08 (79.08, —, 76.20); 11. S. Boros (Hun) 78.78 (74.70, 78.78, —); 12. P. Sinersaari (Fin) 77.10 (—, 77.10, 71.12); 13. S. Hovinen (Fin) 73.08 (—, 71.48, 73.08); 14. A. Puranen (Fin) 72.74 (68.64, 70.48, 72.74).

DECATHLON

The conditions (rain and wind) were not remotely comparable to Edmonton, but Daley Thompson was in an equally determined mood on the first day (Aug 30th) as he went about piling up his 288 point lead over his nearest opponent. This was not European record breaker Guido Kratschmer as had been expected. The West German appeared at the 100m start line sporting a heavily taped right groin area — bearing out rumours that he had re-aggravated an old injury. His challenge to Thompson lasted exactly four strides. After that he pulled up in agony and limped disconsolately off the track. Daley, driving hard to a 'legal' decathlon best of 10.69, immediately turned around on finishing, saw his time and then looked back for Kratschmer. On observing his rival's plight, he whooped in glee and threw both arms skywards — an action that earned him boos and whistles from the Germans in the crowd.

Thompson's long jumping was up to scratch — he started with 7.81m before kicking out to 7.93 (wind: +0.5m) in the second round his best ever without wind assistance. That gave him a two event total of 1888 pts. Another decathlon personal best was soon to follow when he punched the shot out to 14.69m on his opening effort and followed that up with another at 14.58. But Aleksandr Grebnyuk, with a 15.90 effort,

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had crept up to 2nd place with 2450 pts (Thompson 2658) and looked menacing. By the time the high jump started in the afternoon, the drizzle had turned to pelting rain and jumping was hazardous. The end result: Thompson 2.04m, Grebenyuk 2.01, whilst Johannes Lahti went over 2.07. Points now were — Thompson 3549; Lahti 3324; Grebenyuk 3315.

The 400 saw the rare sight of Thompson headed to the line by a fellow decathlete. Dietmar Schauerhammer did the damage here in 47.59 with Daley lunging across the line a step behind him in 47.77. In the dismal conditions, that was fine sprinting and Daley's first day total added up to a highly respectable 4459 digits — his best 'legal' score. Rainer Pottel was just two points behind Grebenyuk in 3rd place with Schauerhammer 4th on 4150. In fact, just 45 points covered 2nd to 7th!

Sipping a drink after his long day, Daley reflected: — "If I have the same sort of second day that I got in Edmonton, I'm in for gold; that is as long as someone doesn't come along with something ridiculous or if I get injured. Edmonton was good fun. This is business. This is the one that counts."

(1st day positions)

1, D. Thompson (UK) 4459; 2, A. Grebenyuk (USSR) 4171; 3, R. Pottel (GDR) 4169; 4, D. Schauerhammer (GDR) 4150; 5, J. Lahti (Fin) 4145; 6, H. Schmidt (Ger) 4132; 7, Y. Kucenko (USSR) 4126; 8, S. Stark (GDR) 4073; 9, J. Zeilbauer (Aut) 4050; 10, T. Dubois (Fra) 4025; 11, R. Kanerva (Fin) 3998; 12, R. Hingsen (Ger) 3970; 13, A. Tschenett (Swi) 3956; 14, Y. Le Roy (Fra) 3927; 15, V. Buryakov (USSR) 3881; 16, A. Kiss (Hun) 3838; 17, A. Andonov (Bul) 3824; 18, G. Werthner (Aut) 3819; 19, J. Fric (Cze) 3809; 20, C. Lythell (Swe) 3774; 21, E. Sveninsson (Ice) 3681; 22, L. Pernica (Cze) 3633; 23, K.

Riggberger (Swe) 3624; G. Kratschmer (Ger) dnf 100m.

On the second day (Aug 31st) two near-disasters in the hurdles and pole vault cost Daley Thompson the title, although he showed his class by recovering well to keep a silver medal safe. Winner Aleksandr Grebenyuk, who has now beaten Daley four times, showed the sort of ultra-consistency that wins these major meetings: his two day's scores were 4171 and 4169! Contrast that to Thompson's 4459 and 3830. Event by event analysis:—

110H: Thompson was out well, level with the powerful Soviet athlete over the first barrier. Then he clobbered the second hurdle hard, turned sharply sideways and almost lost balance. Somehow he got back into the race and safely cleared the remaining eight barriers for a dismally disappointing 15.28 against Grebenyuk's 14.43. That cut his overnight lead to 195 pts.

DT: Grebenyuk had the lead briefly with a good opener of 48.42m against Thompson's 36.24. Then Daley pulled out yet another personal best of 43.52 for 754 precious points and 7-event total of 6032. His lead was now down to 105 pts and Grebenyuk, a 73m man, had the javelin still to come. The situation was that if each equalled their 1978 best marks, Thompson would win by 62 points. It all depended on the pole vault.

PV: Thompson's casual approach may well be the culprit here. He neglected to measure up his pole against the bar on crucial attempts (and the standards were being constantly moved by other competitors). After clearing 4.20m with ease, (his best is 4.90), he took 4.30 off with a trailing arm and thigh and then had the pole bring the bar down after going well clear on a second try. His third desperate effort was a fluffed jump as he took it off with his calves on the way up. Meanwhile Grebenyuk was busy eating away into

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the lead with a 4.50 clearance (932 against 859). Grebenyuk then had trouble at 4.60, which cost him the lead — now down to 32 pts. Siegfried Stark, with a fine vault of 4.90, had moved into 3rd over Josef Zeilbauer. The scores were: Thompson 6891; Grebenyuk 6859; Stark 6709; Zeilbauer 6707; Schmidt 6668; Kucenko 6608.

JT: Daley's first throw went out of the sector. Meanwhile Grebenyuk armed one out to 67.74m and it looked all over. But then Thompson showed the fighting qualities of a great athlete. Getting plenty of pull back he unloaded a toss that measured 59.80 — a personal best. Grebenyuk had the lead now with 7712 against 7650. Stark had 7577 and Zeilbauer 7473. Silver seemed safe for the Briton but he needed to get 8½ to 9 seconds clear of his big red vested rival in the 1500 if he wanted to snatch the gold medal by a point — a tall order.

1500: In driving rain the decathletes set off on their 10th discipline, Grebenyuk keeping Thompson firmly in his sights. Stark led in 71 and 2:23 whilst Thompson followed, ever mindful of the Soviet athlete tailing him. He was running on the shoulder of Kucenko, and every time he tried to edge past and take the running up from Stark, the Russian increased cadence and held him off. Into the final straight, Daley at last got the lead, only to have Kucenko buffet and bore him almost onto the verge until he edged ahead in the last 40m. Grebenyuk (running a personal best) was just 1.6 sec behind Daley's 4:22.8 timing and had his gold medal safe by 51 points. Such a show of bad sportsmanship by Kucenko seemed unnecessary and a protest ("an emotive one" claimed BAAB general secretary David Shaw) was filed but rejected. However, Thompson with 4 personal bests, had a European silver medal and another UK record (legal scoring) by 51 points. And he had learned much.

He said afterwards: "Every time I went to go past him (Kucenko) he blocked me; but I can't complain. I lost it myself in the hurdles and pole vault." Of the protest, David Shaw said: "I realise it has no chance but I felt that the point had to be made that we were aware of the fact that the Russians were using questionable gamesmanship. If no one will back me up I will pay the protest fee of 100 crowns out of my own pocket".

Grebenyuk said: "Daley is going to be a great competitor but I knew that this time he was still too young and inexperienced to beat me. Moscow may be different — we must wait and see". (dc)

Final Positions

- 1, ALEKSANDR GREBENYUK (USSR) **8340** (4169) (champ rec) (11.02, 6.94, 15.90, 2.01, 48.88, 14.43, 48.42, 4.50, 67.74, 4:24.4).
- 2, DALEY THOMPSON (UK) **8289** (3830) (Commonwealth & UK rec) (10.69, 7.93, 14.69, 2.04, 47.77, 15.28, 43.52, 4.20, 59.80, 4:22.8).

- 3, SIEGFRIED STARK (GDR) **8208** (4135) (11.17, 7.30, 15.04, 1.95, 49.58, 15.12, 44.52, 4.90, 69.00, 4:24.0).
- 4, JOSEF ZEILBAUER (Aut) **7988** (3938) (11.12, 7.32, 14.81, 1.92, 49.55, 14.61, 45.22, 4.70, 60.36, 4:41.6).
- 5, YURIY KUCENKO (USSR) **7978** (3852) (11.02, 7.24, 14.82, 1.98, 49.23, 15.34, 43.76, 4.40, 57.74, 4:22.9).
- 6, ROGER KANERVA (Fin) **7945** (3947) (11.18, 7.22, 13.32, 2.01, 49.62, 15.28, 41.82, 4.80, 61.60, 4:25.4).
- 7, JOHANNES LAHTI (Fin) **7913** (3768) (10.86, 7.08, 14.06, 2.07, 49.64, 15.00, 41.36, 4.00, 67.98, 4:36.7).
- 8, RAINER POTTTEL (GDR) **7900** (3731) (11.05, 7.40, 15.05, 1.92, 48.04, 14.89, 32.80, 4.90, 56.24, 4:29.5).
- 9, H. Schmidt (Ger) **7839** (3697) (10.96, 7.16, 15.74, 1.95, 49.66, 14.84, 48.12, 4.10, 59.82, 5:01.1); 10, Y. Le Roy (Fra) **7780** (3853) (11.27, 7.17, 14.38, 1.89, 49.65, 15.11, 47.96, 4.70, 56.32, 4:46.6); 11, T. Dubois (Fra) **7705** (3680) (10.99, 7.23, 13.78, 1.95, 49.58, 14.97, 42.82, 4.00, 66.80, 4:54.4); 12, V. Buryakov (USSR) **7670** (3789) (11.45, 7.12, 14.01, 1.95, 50.20, 15.11, 40.58, 4.70, 57.86, 4:37.7); 13, R. Hingsen (Ger) **7640** (3670) (11.39, 7.39, 13.94, 1.98, 50.22, 15.33, 39.72, 4.10, 48.66, 4:28.5); 14, D. Schauerhammer (GDR) **7635** (3485) (10.81, 7.21, 14.91, 1.86, 47.59, 15.02, 41.96, 4.00, 51.70, 4:52.0); 15, A. Andonov (Bul) **7590** (3766) (11.15, 6.94, 13.54, 1.92, 51.00, 14.77, 41.50, 4.40, 58.34, 4:39.4); 16, J. Fric (Cze) **7516** (3707) (11.39, 7.08, 13.58, 1.92, 50.76, 15.40, 45.32, 4.80, 52.96, 4:55.0); 17, A. Tschenett (Swi) **7362** (3406) (10.98, 7.01, 13.15, 1.92, 48.74, 15.47, 34.30, 4.10, 49.14, 4:30.8); 18, C. Lythell (Swe) **7362** (3588) (11.39, 7.17, 13.55, 1.83, 50.12, 15.43, 45.42, 4.00, 53.08, 4:41.7); 19, E. Sveinsson (Ice) **7317** (3636) (11.24, 6.17, 14.17, 1.95, 51.50, 15.48, 43.64, 4.20, 57.14, 4:44.8); 20, L. Pernica (Cze) **7290** (3657) (11.55, 6.72, 13.43, 1.89, 51.41, 15.18, 42.46, 4.30, 48.90, 4:29.6); 21, A. Kiss (Hun) **7202** (3364) (11.34, 6.83, 14.45, 1.95, 51.02, 15.05, 42.20, 3.80, 50.70, 5:02.0); 2 K. Riggberger (Swe) **7063** (3439) (11.39, 6.62, 13.46, 1.80, 50.15, 16.08, 39.60, 4.20, 50.88, 4:41.5). Retired: G. Werthner (Aut) (11.39, 7.11, 13.46, 1.92, 50.49, 15.48, 35.92, 4.20, 68.70, dnf 1500); G. Kratscher (Ger) dnf 100.

Full event-by-event details will appear next week.

4 × 100 METRES RELAY

Zenon Nowosz (34), taking part in his fourth European — he was the 200 bronze medallist of 1969 — brought his international career to a golden close when he ran the lead-off leg for

Poland's victorious squad. Marian Woronin, who just failed to reach the 100 final, took over for the anchor leg only half a metre ahead of the USSR (100 bronze medallist Vladimir Ignatyenko) but at the finish was two metres clear of the GDR's Alexander Thieme, who overtook the Soviet's sprinter for the silver medal. The Anglo-Scottish alliance of Trevor Hoyte, Allan Wells, Cameron Sharp and Steve Green ran well for 6th place in 39.49, one of the fastest times ever by a British team. (mw)

Heats (Sept 2; 1st 3 & 2 fastest losers to final)
Ht 1: 1, Poland (Z. Nowosz, Z. Licznarski, L. Dunecki, M. Woronin) 39.20; 2, Italy (G. Grazioli, L. Caravani, S. Curini, P. Mennea) 39.51; 3, Switzerland (F. Fahndrich, U. Gisler, P. Muster, H. Ziegler) 39.87; 4, UK (T. Hoyte, A. Wells, C. Sharp, S. Green) 40.08; 5, Czechoslovakia (J. Cheben, O. Wild, M. Kralik, L. Bohman) 40.43. **Ht 2:** 1, GDR (M. Kokot, E. Ray, O. Prenzler, A. Thieme) 39.05; 2, USSR (S. Vladimircov, N. Kolesnikov, A. Askinin, V. Ignatenko) 39.21; 3, France (Patrick Barre, Pascal Barre, L. Sainte Rose, H. Panzo) 39.45; 4, Belgium (R. Desruelles, H. Van Den Daele, D. Roelandt, L. Micha) 40.16. Bulgaria (I. Karanjotov, V. Ivanov, V. Panov, P. Petrov) dnf.

Final (Sept 3)
 1. POLAND (Zenon Nowosz, Zenon Licznarski, Leszek Dunecki, Marian Woronin) 38.58
 2. GDR (Manfred Kokot, Eugen Ray, Olaf Prenzler, Alexander Thieme) 38.78
 3. USSR (Sergey Vladimircov, Nikolay Kolesnikov, Aleksandr Askinin, Vladimir Ignatenko) 38.82
 4. FRANCE (Patrick Barre, Pascal Barre, Lucien Sainte Rose, Herman Panzo) 38.90
 5. ITALY (Giovanni Grazioli, Luciano Caravani, Stefano Curini, Pietro Mannea) 39.11
 6. UK (Trevor Hoyte, Allan Wells, Cameron Sharp, Stephen Green) 39.49
 7. SWITZERLAND (Franco Fahndrich, Urs Gisler, Peter Muster, Hansjorg Ziegler) 39.56
 8. BELGIUM (Ronald Desruelles, Hans Van Den Daele, Danny Roelandt, Lambert Micha) 39.73

4x400 METRES RELAY

Terry Whitehead and Richard Ashton must be wondering what they have done to be subjected to such frustration in their first season of relay duty for Britain. As though their experience in Edmonton wasn't depressing enough, here in Prague they found themselves — along with Glen Cohen and David Jenkins — unhappy spectators of a final in which the British team could well have won the silver medals behind a very strong German squad. Britain's interest in the event came to a sudden end in the heats when, just after halfway through the third leg, Jenkins fell. He was in 3rd place at the time of the incident,

running in heavy traffic behind the Polish and Swiss representatives and ahead of the Czech. Whether it was just an unfortunate accident or whether the Swiss or Czech runners should have been penalised is difficult to determine. The British lodged a protest, requesting either a re-run of the heat or a place in the final, but after viewing a TV recording the Jury of Appeal decided there was no infringement of the rules and rejected the protest.

Apart from a brief period on the second stage when the GDR were ahead, Germany led throughout in the final. Martin Weppler led off in 46.3 and individual 400 champion Franz-Peter Hofmeister swept his team into a 7m lead over the GDR with Poland 3rd thanks to a leg timed in 44.96. Bernd Herrmann (45.7) handed over to the final runner 15m clear of Poland, with Switzerland another 10m behind but ahead of GDR and Czechoslovakia. Harald Schmid, the 400 hurdles champion, clocked 45.06 to win by nearly 15m over Poland, for whom Ryszard Podlas must have clocked slightly under 45 sec. Karel Kolar, the individual silver medallist, brought the house down when he took the Czech team into 3rd place at the 200 mark and held that position for an unexpected set of bronze medals for the home runners. Kolar (23) was credited with the spectacular time of 44.23 for his stint. He was certainly one of the revelations of the meeting; his best time before 1977 was a mere 48.8, last season he improved to 47.1 and at the Championships he progressed from a best of 46.13 to 45.77. Far back, taking over in last place, Pietro Mennea ran his anchor leg in 44.2 — his 10th race of the meeting! (mw)

Heats (Sept 2; 1st 3 & 2 fastest losers to final)
Ht 1: 1, Poland (J. Wlodarczyk, Z. Jaremski, C. Lapinski, R. Podlas) 3:06.50; 2, Switzerland (R. Strittmatter, P. Haas, K. Vogt, R. Gisler) 3:06.60; 3, Czechoslovakia (M. Tulis, J. Lomicky, F. Brecka, K. Kolar) 3:07.10; 4, Holland (R. Heerenveen, K. Gijssbers, M. Klarenbeek, H. Schulting) 3:07.60; 5, Belgium (E. De Leeuw, J. Borlee, H. Hermans, R. Vandenbergh) 3:08.00; 6, UK (T. Whitehead, G. Cohen, D. Jenkins, R. Ashton) 3:39.90. **Ht 2:** 1, Germany (M. Weppler, F-P. Hofmeister, B. Herrmann, H. Schmid) 3:06.00; 2, Italy (R. Tozzi, D. Zanini, S. Malinverni, P. Mennea) 3:06.50; 3, France (M. Volmar, G. Boutier, F. Llatser, F. Demarthon) 3:06.60; 4, GDR (F. Richter, G. Arnold, A. Busse, J. Pfennig) 3:06.80; 5, Yugoslavia (R. Kopitar, D. Zivotic, M. Savic, Z. Knapic) 3:07.10. Finland (H. Hamalainen, M. Kukkoaho, A. Rajamaki, M. Taskinen) dnf.

Final (Sept 3)
 1. GERMANY (Martin Weppler, Franz-Peter Hofmeister, Bernd Herrmann, Harald Schmid) 3:02.00

2. POLAND (Jerry Włodarczyk, Zbigniew Jaremski, Cezary Lapinski, Ryszard Podlas) 3:03.60
 3. CZECHOSLOVAKIA (Josef Lomicky, Frantisek Brecka, Miroslav Tulis, Karel Kolar) 3:04.00
 4. SWITZERLAND (Rolf Strittmatter, Peter Haas, Konstantin Vogt, Rolf Gisler) 3:04.30
 5. GDR (Frank Richter, Gunter Arnold, Andreas Busse, Jürgen Pfenning) 3:04.40
 6. FRANCE (Maurice Volmar, Gerard Boutier, Hector Llatser, Francis Demarthon) 3:05.60
 7. ITALY (Roberto Tozzi, Daniele Zanini, Stefano Malinverni, Pietro Mennea) 3:06.70
 8. YUGOSLAVIA (Rok Kopitar, Dragan Zivotic, Milovan Savic, Zeljko Knapic) 3:06.90

20 KILOMETRES WALK

(Aug 30)

1. RONALD WEISER (GDR) 1:23:11.5 (champ rec) (5km — 20:59.0/10km — 42:26.0/15km — 1:02:42.0)
 2. PYOTR POTCHENCHUK (USSR) 1:23:43.0 (20:50.8, 42:26.0, 1:02:42.0)
 3. ANATOLIY SOLOMIN (USSR) 1:24:11.5 (20:58.0, 42:34.0, 1:02:42.6)
 4. BORIS YAKOVLYEV (USSR) 1:24:27.9 (20:58.0, 42:24.0, 1:02:48.0)
 5. JOSE MARIN (Spa) 1:24:38.1 (20:59.0, 42:25.0, 1:03:07.2)

6. MAURIZIO DAMILANO (Ita) 1:24:57.5 (20:58.0, 42:24.0, 1:02:57.2)
 7. HARTWIG GAUDER (GDR) 1:25:15.7 (20:59.0, 42:25.0, 1:03:19.2)
 8. ROBERTO BUCCIONE (Ita) 1:25:40.9 (21:00.0, 42:27.0, 1:03:32.0)
 9. B. Bulakowski (Pol) 1:25:56.8 (21:01.0, 43:26.0, 1:03:55.6); 10. B. Gustafsson (Swe) 1:26:13.5 (20:57.0, 42:23.0, 1:03:33.0); 11. G. Lelievre (Fra) 1:26:42.3 (21:00.0, 42:26.0, 1:04:02.2); 12. A. Pezzatini (Ita) 1:26:44.2 (20:59.0, 42:27.0, 1:04:22.2); 13. J. Bencik (Cze) 1:27:47.4 (21:22.0, 43:26.0, 1:05:42.6); 14. S. Blazek (Cze) 1:27:49.3 (22:03.0, 44:04.0, 1:05:44.2); 15. L. Faber (Lux) 1:29:19.7 (21:32.0, 43:49.0, 1:06:15.8); 16. S. Rola (Pol) 1:29:22.0 (21:23.0, 43:38.0, 1:06:02.8); 17. I. Stankovics (Hun) 1:29:33.3 (21:31.0, 43:50.0, 1:06:53.6); 18. S. Petrik (Cze) 1:30:08.4 (21:56.0, 44:23.0, 1:06:47.2); 19. O. Hemmingson (Swe) 1:30:44.2 (21:30.0, 44:03.0, 1:06:47.4); 20. A. Schwarz (Ger) 1:31:17.6 (21:30.0, 44:03.0, 1:07:32.2); 21. R. Mills (UK) 1:31:52.5 (21:33.0, 43:50.0, 1:07:10.8); 22. J. Kamenov (Bul) 1:31:08.9 (22:01.0, 45:21.0, 1:08:38.4); 23. E. Andersen (Nor) 1:32:13.0 (21:08.0, 43:47.0, 1:06:47.2); 24. A. Brandt (Swe) 1:32:41.7 (21:31.0, 44:04.0, 1:07:44.2); 25. B. Adams (UK) 1:33:08.2 (21:55.0, 45:14.0, 1:08:18.0); 26. A. Seddon (UK) 1:34:17.8 (22:40.0, 46:11.0, 1:10:04.2); 27. K.-A. Stromoy (Nor) 1:36:01.9 (22:50.0, 46:34.0, 1:11:06.8) D. Guebey (Fra) dnf (22:34.0, 46:04.0,

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1:14:00.6); K-H. Stadtmuller (GDR) disq after finishing first.

50 KILOMETRES WALK

(Sept 2)

1. JORGE LLOPART (Spa) 3:53:29.9 (25kms — 1:58:48)
2. VENYAMIN SOLDATENKO (USSR) 3:55:12.1 (1:58:44)
3. JAN ORNOCH (Pol) 3:55:15.9 (1:58:46)
4. OTTO BARTSCH (USSR) 3:57:23.7 (1:58:45)
5. VIKTOR DOROVSKIY (USSR) 3:57:26.7 (1:58:45)
6. VITTORIO VISINI (Ita) 3:57:42.8 (1:59:04)
7. ALESSANDRO BELLUCCI (Ita) 3:58:25.9 (1:58:44)
8. OLAF PILARSKI (GDR) 4:00:03.8 (1:58:46)
9. M. Kroel (GDR) 4:00:11.9 (2:00:00); 10. M. Kerber (GDR) 4:01:03.7 (1:59:13); 11. B. Simonsen (Swe) 4:03:34.6 (2:01:51); 12. G. Weidner (Ger) 4:04:01.9 (1:59:17); 13. H. Binder (Ger) 4:04:12.4 (2:00:08); 14. J. Dzurnak (Cze) 4:04:40.0 (2:01:49); 15. P. Gregucci (Ita) 4:05:46.8 (1:58:45); 16. L. Vitez (Cze) 4:07:55.8 (2:03:05); 17. L. Lundgren (Swe) 4:09:54.7 (2:03:15); 18. D. Guebey (Fra) 4:09:57.0 (2:03:06); 19. L. Sator (Hun) 4:10:22.4 (2:02:25); 20. S.-O. Elofsson (Swe) 4:12:39.1 (2:03:15); 21. S. Immonen (Fin) 4:16:52.5 (2:01:50); 22. C. Patusinschi (Rum) 4:23:26.9 (2:04:38); 23. I. Richards (UK) 4:27:09.3 (2:06:35).

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Colin Young's on-the-spot reports from Prague will appear next week.

WOMEN'S EVENTS

100 METRES

Marlies Gohr (née Oelsner) might have had her hands full defeating Linda Haglund in the European indoor 60 in Milan last March — there was only 1/100th of a second in it — but it was a different story here in Prague. The East German, holder of that phenomenal world record of 10.88, showed ahead at halfway and by the finish had pulled clear by 1½ metres. The cold (9°C) and wet conditions militated against fast sprinting, yet the winner still managed to equal Irena Szewinska's championship best of 11.13. It was the first gold medal in a major outdoor championship for the 20-year-old student of psychology, she having placed 2nd in the 1975 European Junior and 8th in the Montreal Olympics. Haglund, who finished last in her semi-finals both in the 1974 European and 1976



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Olympics, underlined the progress she has made this past year by holding on for the silver ahead of fast closing Lyudmila Maslakova — one of three Soviet girls (all named Lyudmila) to finish in the first six.

Injury finally caught up with Sonia Lannaman. Running with her right leg strapped up from just under the knee to the ankle, she did well even to reach the final. An abysmal start in her semi cost Bev Goddard any chance of achieving that distinction, while Kathy Smallwood was withdrawn so that she could concentrate on the 200. Ireland's Michelle Walsh, at 17 the youngest in the event, reached the semis. Ignore the queried 11.18 attributed to her this season; her best time is 11.43. (mw)

Heats (Aug 29; 1st 5 & fastest loser to semis)
Ht 1: (nil) 1, M. Gohr (GDR) 11.34; 2, L. Kondrasheva (USSR) 11.41; 3, L. Miano (Ita) 11.52; 4, B. Goddard (UK) 11.53; 5, H. Laihorinne (Fin) 11.58; 6, A. Alize (Fra) 11.61; 7, E. Possekkel (Ger) 11.82; 8, T. Verhoef (Hol) 12.04. **Ht 2:** (nil) 1, L. Maslakova (USSR) 11.23; 2, S. Lannaman (UK) 11.54; 3, I. Valkova (Bul) 11.61; 4, M. Walsh (RoI) 11.70; 5, V. Rosset (Fra) 11.77; 6, P. Sharp (Ger) 11.84; 7, B. Haest (Aut) 11.89; 8, L. Jimramovska (Cze) 11.91. **Ht 3:** (nil) 1, L. Haglund (Swe) 11.24; 2, C. Rega (Fra) 11.38; 3, L. Storoshkova (USSR) 11.38; 4, M. Hamann (GDR) 11.52; 5, S. Popova (Bul) 11.65; 6, G. Molik (Pol) 11.90; 7, E. Henzen (Hol) 12.04.

Semis (Aug 30; 1st 4 to final) **Ht 1:** (—1.17m) 1, Gohr 11.27; 2, Haglund 11.43; 3, Kondrasheva 11.51; 4, Lannaman 11.54; 5, Miano 11.71; 6, Rosset 11.80; 7, Popova 11.87; 8, Alize 11.87. **Ht 2:** (—1.58m) 1, Maslakova 11.42; 2, Hamann 11.47; 3, Storoshkova 11.52; 4, Rega 11.59; 5, Goddard 11.72; 6, Valkova 11.80; 7, Laihorinne 11.82; 8, Walsh 11.95.

Final (Aug 30) (nil wind)
 1. MARLIES GOHR (GDR) 11.13 (eq champ rec)
 2. LINDA HAGLUND (Swe) 11.29
 3. LYUDMILA MASLAKOVA (USSR) 11.31
 4. MONIKA HAMANN (GDR) 11.33
 5. LYUDMILA STOROSHKOVA (USSR) 11.33
 6. LYUDMILA KONDRASHEVA (USSR) 11.38
 7. CHANTAL REGA (Fra) 11.49
 8. SONIA LANNAMAN (UK) 11.67

200 METRES

Had the timetable permitted (the 200 semis were only half an hour before the 400 final), world record holder Marita Koch would surely have won this event as well as the 400; in her enforced absence the GDR relied on the formidable trio of Marlies Gohr, Carla Bodendorf and Monika Hamann. Those three recorded the fast times of 22.53, 22.64 and 22.76 respectively in the final (in chilly 12°C weather, with a light headwind), but it was indicative of

the USSR's spectacular resurgence that victory went to Lyudmila Kondrasheva (20), who had earlier placed 6th in the 100. The Soviet girl had made a good impression when winning her semi in 22.83 (her previous best was 22.90) but few would have expected her to defeat Gohr in the final. Admittedly, Marlies has only taken the event seriously since the beginning of this season — her fastest previously was 23.23 — but she had made such fine progress (to 22.38) that she seemed destined to complete the sprint double. She failed, by just 1/100th of a second, after beginning to tie up in the closing stages. Kondrasheva, 3rd behind Gohr and Hamann entering the straight, snatched the verdict in a national record of 22.52.

Kathy Smallwood missed reaching the final by 1/100th of a second. Seventh coming into the straight, she moved through to 5th in 23.12, inches behind Linda Haglund. Sonia Lannaman, her leg still strapped up after pulling a calf muscle while training in Yugoslavia the week before the Championships, finished 5th in the other semi but never looked like qualifying. (mw)

Heats (Aug 31; 1st 4 to semi-finals) **Ht 1:** (—0.30) 1, T. Prorocenko (USSR) 23.23; 2, K. Smallwood (UK) 23.54; 3, M. Gohr (GDR) 23.73; 4, C. Steger (Ger) 23.96; 5, M. Walsh (RoI) 23.99; 6, R. Soborova (Cze) 24.55. **Ht 2:** (nil) 1, L. Kondrateva (USSR) 23.11; 2, M. Hamann (GDR) 23.35; 3, I. Orosz (Hun) 23.46; 4, S. Lannaman (UK) 23.48; 5, D. Schenten (Ger) 23.70; 6, H. Laihorinne (Fin) 23.84; 7, T. Verhoef (Hol) 24.12. **Ht 3:** (nil) 1, C. Rega (Fra) 23.26; 2, L. Haglund (Swe) 23.38; 3, Z. Bielczyk (Pol) 23.40; 4, B. Goddard (UK) 23.54; 5, M. Masullo (Ita) 23.62; 6, S. Schnizel (Aut) 24.30. **Ht 4:** (+0.50) 1, L. Maslakova (USSR) 22.92; 2, L. Ivanova (Bul) 22.93; 3, C. Bodendorf (GDR) 23.11; 4, R. Naigre (Fra) 23.56; 5, J. Stalmach (Pol) 23.96; 6, E. Henzen (Hol) 23.97.

Semis (Aug 31; 1st 4 to final) **Ht 1:** (—0.20) 1, Gohr 22.86; 2, Maslakova 22.86; 3, Hamann 22.99; 4, Ivanova 23.12; 5, Lannaman 23.36; 6, Bielczyk 23.41; 7, Naigre 23.89; 8, Steger 24.18. **Ht 2:** (—0.30) 1, Kondrateva 22.83; 2, Bodendorf 22.92; 3, Rega 22.98; 4, Haglund 23.11; 5, Smallwood 23.12; 6, Prorocenko 23.30; 7, Goddard 23.37; 8, Orosz 23.56.

Final (Sep 1) (—0.20)
 1. LYUDMILA KONDRASHEVA (USSR) 22.52
 2. MARLIES GOHR (GDR) 22.53
 3. CARLA BODENDORF (GDR) 22.64
 4. MONIKA HAMANN (GDR) 22.76
 5. CHANTAL REGA (Fra) 22.77
 6. LYUDMILA MASLAKOVA (USSR) 22.89
 7. LINDA HAGLUND (Swe) 23.07
 8. LILYANA IVANOVA (Bul) 23.23

400 METRES

Marita Koch — "The world records I have beaten this season have given me confidence. But

I remain on guard because I know perfectly well the resources of Irena Szewinska. Even though she is 11 years older than I am, I know she is capable of beating me, like last year”.

Irena Szewinska — “The East Germans are making great progress. She (Koch) was a great threat to me last year. But I have not abdicated. If I opt to run 400m in Prague it will be to take the record, despite Marita Koch”.

The scene was set in the final for a classic head-on duel, a re-match of last year's World Cup 400 where Olympic champion Szewinska held the upper hand, 49.52 to 49.76.

Koch, in lane 5, with Szewinska in her sights in lane 7, made full use of her 22.06 200 speed to tear out of the blocks and pull even with Szewinska in the first 150m! Koch drove straight past Szewinska, flashing through 200 in a spectacular 22.9 after covering the first 100 in 11.5. She drew clear of the entire field around the bend (300 — 34.9) and entered the straight utterly alone. The big question was whether her legs could hold up after such an incredible start. She didn't falter one step and held her form all the way to the line to stop the clock in a staggering 48.94 — her fifth world record of the season. Just as Szewinska had taken the event a huge step forward in Montreal, so now Koch had revolutionised the event by smashing the 49 sec barrier. Her previous record was 49.02 in Potsdam on August 19th.

Szewinska pulled clear of Maria Kulchunova (the first woman from the mountainous region of Kirghizia in the Soviet Far East to hold a USSR record) at 300 but couldn't quite fight off the late challenge of Olympic Silver medallist Christina Brehmer and was shunted back to 3rd place for her 9th European medal.

Koch — “I was out to win so I decided to run hard all the way. The world record is one more thing to be happy about after the gold medal”. Brehmer — “I am delighted to get silver as I didn't hope for anything higher than bronze.” Szewinska — “I have had a lot of injuries this

MARITA KOCH

Born February 18th, 1957 in Wismar.
Height: 1.71m/5'7¼". Weight: 60kg/132lb. Medical student. Coach: Wolfgang Meier. Progression:

	100	200	400
1972	12.2	25.5	60.3
1973	12.1	24.5	—
1974	11.8	24.2	55.5
1975	11.7	23.92	51.60
1976	11.42	22.70	50.19
1977	11.28	22.38	49.53
1978	11.16	22.06	48.94

season, so I could say that I did well to get the bronze considering”.

Koch (21) first entered the lists as a 15-year-old with a 400 time of 60.3. By the age of 17 her times were down to 11.8, 24.2 and 55.5, but it was the following year (1975) that she burst into the international scene, clocking 51.60 and winning the silver medal in the European Junior. Such was the overwhelming strength of the East Germans that in 1976 Marita ran 22.70 and 50.19 — and yet couldn't make the Olympic team! Some consolation came in the form of a European Indoor title (in a world best of 51.14, with Verona Elder 2nd) in March 1977, while in August of that year she became the second fastest 400 performer in history when winning — in Szewinska's absence — the European Cup Final in 49.53. This year she has twice run a world record 22.06 for 200 and reduced the world 400 mark to 49.19 and 49.02 prior to 48.94 in Prague.

Donna Hartley and Verona Elder were unable to take advantage of the sizzling pace, but such was the standard of the race that a British record would only have improved Donna's fortunes by one place! Joslyn Hoyte ran close to her personal best in her heat, clocking 52.79, before being eliminated in the semis. (jw)

Heats (Aug 29, 1st 3 & 4 fastest losers) **Ht 1:** 1, M. Koch (GDR) 52.95; 2, I Szewinska (Pol) 53.14; 3, I. Pal (Hun) 53.42; 4, P. Darbonville (Fra) 53.50; 5, R. Wallez (Bel) 53.99; 6, A. Aren (Swe) 54.37. **Ht 2:** 1, C. Marquardt (GDR) 52.12; 2, J. Hoyte (UK) 52.79; 3, G. Bussmann (Ger) 52.92; 4, J. Kratochvilova (Cze) 53.33; 5, M. Sidorova (USSR) 53.72; 6, Y. Hannus (Fin) 53.98; 7, I. Petrika (Hun) 54.01. **Ht 3:** 1, C. Brehmer (GDR) 51.71; 2, V. Elder (UK) 52.64; 3, P. Haggman (Fin) 52.68; 4, E. Decker (Ger) 52.97; 5, C. Delachanal (Fra) 53.81; 6, T. Van Amstel (Hol) 54.37. **Ht 4:** 1, M. Kulchunova (USSR) 51.55; 2, D. Fuhrmann (Ger) 53.45; 3, D. Hartley (UK) 53.61; 4, S. Schinzel (Aut) 53.80; 5, R. Halmosi (Hun) 53.93; 6, E. Rakova (Cze) 54.00.

Semis (Aug 30; 1st 4 to final) **Ht 1:** 1, Koch 51.76; 2, Kulchunova 51.88; 3, Hartley 52.14; 4, Haggman 52.24; 5, Decker 52.92; 6, Hoyte 52.92; 7, Kratochvilova 53.93; 8, Darbonville 54.47. **Ht**

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1. **1.20 p.m. GIRLS & JUNIOR LADIES 1½ MILES INDIVIDUAL RACE** (11 on the day of the race, and under 15)
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Prizes for the first 20 to finish.
3. **1.55 p.m. BOYS 2 MILES INDIVIDUAL RACE** (Ages 14 and 15)
Prizes for the first 20 to finish.
4. **2.10 p.m. SENIOR & INTERMEDIATE LADIES 2 MILES INDIVIDUAL RACE** (At least 15 years old on 31st August, 1978)
Prizes for the first 10 to finish.
5. **2.25 p.m. SENIOR MEN'S 6 MILES INDIVIDUAL RACE**
Prizes for the first 30 to finish, also 3 prizes for Veterans over 40, 2 prizes for Veterans over 45, and 1 prize for the first Veteran over 50. The club which has the lowest aggregate points for its first six first claim members to finish will hold the PROVINCIAL LIFE ASSURANCE TROPHY for one year.
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2: 1, Brehmer 52.01; 2, Marquardt 52.29; 3, Szewinska 52.37; 4, Elder 52.65; 5, Busmann 52.66; 6, Fuhrmann 53.23; 7, Pal 53.50; 8, Sidorova 54.08.

Final (Aug 31)

1. MARITA KOCH (GDR) 48.94 (World record)
2. CHRISTINA BREHMER (GDR) 50.38
3. IRENA SZEWINSKA (Pol) 50.40
4. MARIA KULCHUNOVA (USSR) 51.25
4. CHRISTIANE MARQUARDT (GDR) 51.99
6. DONNA HARTLEY (UK) 52.31
7. PIRJO HAGGMAN (Fin) 52.46
8. VERONA ELDER (UK) 52.53

800 METRES

British women 800m runners continue to fall further behind their European rivals. They once had a proud record in this event: Diane Leather was 2nd in 1954 (the inaugural race) and 1958, Joy Jordan and Pam Piercy were 4th in 1962 and 1966, Lillian Board was crowned champion in 1969, and there were silver and bronze medals for the future Pat Cropper and Rosemary Wright in 1971. But, for the second European running, there were no British finalists this time and the UK record still stands after six years at 2:00.2 by Rosemary Wright. In Prague, last place in the final went in 1:58.8, whereas the fastest British time of the season was Liz Barnes' 2:01.7 for 6th

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place in her semi after passing the bell 3rd in 58.9 and the 600 mark 4th in 90.5.

The final was a cracker of a race. Anita Weiss, who it may be recalled ran 1:55.7 in Montreal and yet missed a medal, led at the break from lanes and she was passed by Nadyezhda Mushta whose time at 200 was 27.2 and at 400 was a fierce 55.9. Even at that pace nobody was out of contact, all eight runners fitting into a space of some 10 metres. Weiss struck ahead to pass 600 in 86.3, followed by Mushta and Totka Petrova, but Tatyana Providokhina — who slipped into 2nd place around the final turn — surged into the lead at the start of the home straight. As Weiss faded back to 6th place the challenge to Providokhina came from Mushta, who just failed to catch her (both were given the same time) and made no secret of her disgust. In another very close finish, Petrova was pipped for the bronze by Zoya Rigel . . . so it was a clean sweep for the Soviet girls, all of whom recorded personal bests.

Providokhina (25), whose previous best was 1:57.0 and who had set a notable 'world record' of 2:30.6 for 1000m on August 20th — that's 2:00.5 800 pace for 2½ laps — said she knew she could win one of the medals "but I have never thought of gold". (mw)

Heats (Aug 29); 1st 5 & fastest loser to semis
Ht 1: (58.7) 1, T. Providokhina (USSR) 2:00.0; 2, F. Lovin (Rum) 2:00.0; 3, U. Bruns (GDR) 2:00.4; 4, G. Dorio (Ita) 2:00.4; 5, A. Van Nuffel (Bel) 2:01.3; 6, J. Colebrook (UK) 2:03.0; 7, M. Ritter (Lie) 2:09.0. **Ht 2:** (59.7) 1, H. Ullrich (GDR) 2:01.4; 2, Z. Rigel (USSR) 2:01.6; 3, T. Petrova (Bul) 2:01.8; 4, I. Lipcsei (Hun) 2:02.3; 5, E. Tarita (Rum) 2:02.9; 6, J. Prictoe (UK) 2:03.7; 7, E. Van Hulst (Hol) 2:03.9; 8, J. Kubeckova (Cze) 2:04.0. **Ht 3:** (59.1) 1, N. Mushta (USSR) 2:01.7; 2, A. Weiss (GDR) 2:01.8; 3, J. Cerchlanova (Cze) 2:02.0; 4, E. Barnes (UK) 2:02.1; 5, M. Suman (Rum) 2:02.2; 6, M. Verhoeven (Bel) 2:04.5; 7, F. Schmitt (Lux) 2:04.7.

Semis (Aug 30; 1st 4 to final) **Ht 1:** (57.7) 1, Weiss 1:58.8; 2, Mushta 1:58.8; 3, Lovin 1:58.8; 4, Rigel 1:58.9; 5, Dorio 2:00.5; 6, Tarita 2:01.7; 7, Van Nuffel 2:06.2; 8, Lipcsei 2:06.8. **Ht 2:** (58.8) 1, Providokhina 2:00.1; 2, Petrova 2:00.2; 3, Bruns 2:00.3; 4, Ullrich 2:00.6; 5, Suman 2:01.6; 6, Barnes 2:01.7; 7, Colebrook 2:02.9; 8, Cerchlanova 2:07.0.

Final: (Aug 31)
1. TATYANA PROVIDOKHINA (USSR) 1:55.8 (champ rec)
2. NADYEZHDA MUSHTA (USSR) 1:55.8 (champ rec)
3. ZOYA RIGEL (USSR) 1:56.6
4. TOTKA PETROVA (Bul) 1:56.6
5. HILDEGARD ULLRICH (GDR) 1:57.5
6. ANITA WEISS (GDR) 1:57.7
7. ULRICH BRUNS (GDR) 1:58.6
8. FITA LOVIN (Rum) 1:58.8

1500 METRES

The Soviet dominance of the women's distance events, started by Svetlana Ulmasova in the 3000 on August 29th and continued with the 1-2-3 in the 800 two days later, was completed with the victory of Giana Romanova in a very fast 1500 on September 3rd. Tatyana Kazankina (out for maternity reasons) and Lyudmila Bragina (retired) have hardly been missed.

Such was the pace that Chris Benning ran the first lap in what for her was practically a suicidal 63.6 and still found herself last of the dozen finalists as Valentina Ilynych and Lyudmila Karnitskaya headed through in 62.8. The Soviet trio and Grete Waitz were prominent on the second lap, and the 800 time was 2:07.7. Chris Benning went through in 11th place, ahead of Cornelia Burki, in 2:09.6 — that's 4:03 pace. Ilynych stayed in front past the bell in 2:55.5 and 1200 in 3:11.6, Chris's time with 300 to go being 3:18.0. Ilynych maintained her lead until the finishing straight, but with 70m to go she was overtaken by Romanova who went on to win by 5m in 3:59.0 for second place on the world all-time list behind Kazankina's 3:56.0. Natalia Marasescu, spiked during the race, sped to the silver medal in 3:59.8 for equal 3rd position on the all-time list. It was the fourth time this year she has placed 2nd in a major event: the European Indoor 1500, the IAAF cross-country, the European 3000 and now the European 1500. Totka Petrova made up for losing the 800 bronze by a few inches when she pipped Ilynych on the line for 3rd place in 4:00.2. Close behind came Grete Waitz, who set a national record as did Marasescu, Petrova, Dorio and Burki.

It was easily the greatest mass 1500 yet, and it was a great pity that Commonwealth champion Mary Stewart was unable to be part of it, for she might have been pulled under Sheila Carey's UK record of 4:04.8. Mary had just moved up to 5th place shortly after the bell in her heat when she accidentally tripped over. She hurt herself badly (damaging her nose, which was streaming blood, bruising her face and grazing her leg) but showed great courage to pick herself up and go after the fast receding pack. She put in a tremendous effort along the back straight to pass two of the tailenders but it was hopeless: there were six girls far ahead with only the first five certain to qualify. She still managed to clock 4:17.5.

Romanova (23), who had thought her better chance of a medal lay in the 3000 (she placed 5th in 8:45.7), said her failure in that race "drove me angry, but today I won and everything is all right again". Her previous best was 4:03.0, and before this year her fastest was 4:09.6. (mw)

Heats (Sep 1; 1st 5 & 2 fastest losers to final)
Ht 1: 1, U. Bruns (GDR) 4:11.5; 2, G. Dorio (Ita) 4:11.5; 3, V. Jacinska (Bul) 4:11.7; 4, G.

Romanova (USSR) 4:11.8; 5, C. Burki (Swi) 4:11.8; 6, B. Kraus (Ger) 4:11.9; 7, M. Stewart (UK) 4:17.5; 8, T. Kluft (Hol) 4:17.7; 9, I. Lipcsei (Hun) 4:20.2; 10, F. Schmitt (Lux) 4:31.3; L. Olafsson (Den) & I. Silai (Rum) scr. **Ht 2:** 1, N. Marasescu (Rum) 4:05.8; 2, M. Puica (Rum) 4:06.1; 3, V. Ilynych (USSR) 4:06.3; 4, G. Waitz (Nor) 4:06.3; 5, L. Kalnickaya (USSR) 4:06.7; 6, T. Petrova (Bul) 4:07.2; 7, C. Benning (UK) 4:11.8; 8, M. Lazar (Hun) 4:14.4; 9, D. Zvonickova (Cze) 4:19.2; 10, V. Renties (Fra) 4:40.3. H. Ritter (Lie) & M. Purcell (RoI) scr.

Final (Sep 3)

1. GIANA ROMANOVA (USSR) 3:59.0 (champ rec).
2. NATALIA MARASESCU (Rum) 3:59.8.
3. TOTKA PETROVA (Bul) 4:00.2.
4. VALENTINA ILYNYCH (USSR) 4:00.2.
5. GRETE WAITZ (Nor) 4:00.6.
6. GABRIELLE DORIO (Ita) 4:01.3.
7. ULRIKE BRUNS (GDR) 4:02.2.
8. CORNELIA BURKI (Swi) 4:04.6.
- 9, V. Jacinska (Bul) 4:04.7; 10, L. Kalnickaya (USSR) 4:06.6; 11, M. Puica (Rum) 4:09.3; 12, C. Benning (UK) 4:11.5.

3000 METRES

"As I'm not the best when it comes to finishing it was my tactical plan to try and lead the pack from the start", said Grete Waitz after finding her magnificent time of 8:34.3 sufficed 'only' for the bronze medal in the greatest race yet seen in this event.

The times of Svetlana Ulmasova (8:33.2), Natalia Marasescu (8:33.5) and Waitz were announced as breaking the world record of 8:36.8 held by the Norwegian, but it should be noted that after two years Lyudmila Bragina's 8:27.1 in the USA v USSR match has still to be forwarded by the AAU for ratification by the IAAF although everything was perfectly in order.

Racing in cool, windless conditions which were ideal for distance running, the field of 26 was headed for the first lap by Ulmasova. It was shortly after the 400 mark (71.0) that Waitz set about her task of running the legs off the opposition. By the kilometre point (2:53.8) only the Soviet trio of Ulmasova, Giana Romanova and Raisa Belousova, and the Rumanian pair of Marasescu and Marica Puica were right up with her, although Paula Fudge (8th in 2:55.0) was not far behind at this stage.

The pace being set by Waitz was fast (4:19.8 at 1500) — but not that fast as to present her rivals with insuperable difficulties. Coming up towards 2000 (5:45.4) she still had Marasescu (5:45.6), Puica (5:45.8), Romanova and Ulmasova breathing down her neck. Belousova had drifted back 10m, and a further 20m behind came Paula Fudge (5:52.6), Ann Ford and Mary Purcell.

Having lapped in 71.0, 68.4, 69.2, 68.5 and 68.3, Waitz kept up the pressure with a sixth circuit of 68.7. Her tactics appeared to be paying off, for with 600 to go only the two Rumanians remained in close contact — Ulmasova and Romanova having slipped 15m or more behind. A 34.3 200 stretch brought the world cross-country champion to the bell in 7:28.4, one stride ahead of Marasescu (the runner-up, half a minute behind in Glasgow) and three in front of Puica, the third-placer on that occasion last March. The medals were tied up among these three, it seemed, for Ulmasova was 15m adrift of Puica in fourth position. Romanova was 5th, Belousova 6th, South African-born Cornelia Burki 7th, Paula 8th (7:39.9) and Ann 9th.

The stately Norwegian still held a slim lead over Marasescu with 200 to go, as Puica faded, but making up ground at a furious rate was Ulmasova. Relatively little known internationally, despite ranking equal fourth in the world this year with 8:42.6, the Soviet girl went ahead on the turn, was challenged and passed by Marasescu in the straight, and came again strongly to regain the lead in the final 20m. Thanks to a last lap of around 61 sec when all had appeared lost, Ulmasova had emerged a stunning winner of a magnificent contest. "Some 600m before the finish", she related, "I felt that the leading trio were already quite tired, so I decided to try my luck. To be honest, I had never dreamt of gold, but of a medal — any medal". Her winning margin was two metres over Marasescu, who said she suffered a slight crisis when the pace picked up on the second kilometre. The gallant Waitz, whose 1500 splits were 4:19.8/4:14.5 as against 4:18.2/4:13.9 when she ran 8:32.1 in Oslo in June, commented philosophically: "Taking into consideration what a difficult run this was, I

am quite happy to have placed third". It was her second European bronze medal, adding to the one she gained in the Rome 1500.

Commonwealth champion Paula Fudge capped a monumental season (remember, her best time before this year was only 9:16.0) by smashing the UK record, held fleetingly by Chris Benning at 8:52.3, with a highly commendable 8:48.7 in 8th place made up of kilometres of 2:55.0, 2:57.6 and 2:56.1 with a last lap of 68.8. Sister Ann Ford, who had set a personal best of 9:07.0 when finishing 7th four years ago, this time clocked 8:53.1 for 9th — another indication of how the event has moved on. Glynis Penny was 13th, a couple of places ahead of Ireland's Mary Purcell (credited with an unofficial 8:51 this season) who, suffering from a virus, fell back after battling with Paula and Ann for two-thirds of the race. One place further back came Loa Olafsson, an 8:42.3 performer. In addition to the UK record there were national marks for the USSR, Rumania, Switzerland, Hungary, France and Czechoslovakia.

The new champion, Svetlana Ulmasova (25) is 1.62/5'3 3/4" tall and weighs in at 62kg/126lb. Her previous best of 8:42.6 was set when defeating Jan Merrill (8:44.0) in the match against the USA at Berkeley on July 8th, but ten days later in Vilnius, in what were virtually the USSR trials for Prague, she was placed 2nd (8:44.5) to Romanova (8:43.0). Her fastest 1500 time of 4:05.1 dates back to 1976. Of some significance is the fact that Ulmasova lives at high altitude in Uzbekistan. (mw)

(Aug 29)

1. SVETLANA ULMASOVA (USSR) 8:33.2 (champ rec)
2. NATALIA MARASESCU (Rum) 8:33.5
3. GRETA WAITZ (Nor) 8:34.3
4. MARICICA PUICA (Rum) 8:40.9
5. GIANA ROMANOVA (USSR) 8:45.7
6. CORNELIA BURKI (Swi) 8:46.1
7. RAISA BELOUSOVA (USSR) 8:48.7
8. PAULA FUDGE (UK) 8:48.7 (Commonwealth & UK rec)
9. A. Ford (UK) 8:53.1; 10. I Christensen (Nor) 9:02.9; 11. M. Lazar (Hun) 9:05.1; 12. J. Debrouwer (Fra) 9:05.2; 13. G. Penny (UK) 9:08.9; 14. H. Ledvinova (Cze) 9:10.9; 15. M. Purcell (RoI) 9:11.9; 16. L. Olafsson (Den) 9:12.0; 17. B. Sudicka (Cze) 9:12.9; 18. B. Van Roy (Bel) 9:13.9; 19. D. Nagle (RoI) 9:21.9; 20. D. Gustin (Bel) 9:24.0; 21. C. Beurskens (Hol) 9:25.5; 22. T. Klufft (Hol) 9:31.0; 23. C. Valero (Spa) 9:34.0; 24. M. Margoldova (Cze) 9:36.1; 25. C. Olsen (Den) 9:40.6; B. Friedmann (Ger) dnf.

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By Monday, 25th September
NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED ON NIGHT

100 METRES HURDLES

Johanna Klier, the Olympic champion, v Grazyna Rabsztyń, the world record holder. The

score was 1-1. Rabsztyń had triumphed last year in the World Cup, Klier had turned the tables in this year's European Indoor, and their clash in Prague was awaited with some excitement. Even British supporters could concentrate on the duel for what is in effect the world title after the demise of the Commonwealth medal-sweeping trio. Shirley Strong went out in the heats, while Sharon Colyear (despite her season's legal fastest of 13.25) and Lorna Boothe each placed a non-qualifying 5th in the semis — highlighting the enormous difference between Commonwealth and European standards in women's athletics.

The final had the makings of a classic, and such was the tension that both Klier and Rabsztyń were penalised for false starts. Alas, it ended in disaster. Approaching the 8th hurdle Klier led by half a metre and seemed headed for victory, and any remaining hopes that the Pole might have entertained were dashed when she smacked into that hurdle. Apparently that caused Rabsztyń to step into the neighbouring lane, occupied by Nina Morgulina, with the result that the Soviet girl crashed into the next hurdle. As she fell she took Rabsztyń with her and all was confusion, other than that Klier had won the race in 12.61, a personal best.

The USSR delegation lodged a protest and the Jury of Appeal decided that in view of Morgulina's misfortune the final would be re-run next afternoon but without Rabsztyń, who was disqualified. Happily for Klier she led all the way to win in 12.62, and the other medallists, Tatyana Anisimova and Gudrun Berend, also finished in the same order as in the original race. Rabsztyń's only very, very slight consolation is that her semi-final time of 12.60 will stand as a championship record. (mw)

Heats (Aug 31; 1st 4 to semi-finals) **Ht 1:** (—0.30) 1, G. Rabsztyń (Pol) 12.94; 2, N. Morgulina (USSR) 13.04; 3, G. Berend (GDR) 13.26; 4, X. Siska (Hun) 13.48; 5, S. Strong (UK) 13.56; 6, L. Elloy (Fra) 14.07. **Ht 2:** (+1.80) 1, J. Klier (GDR) 12.85; 2, L. Langer (Pol) 13.13; 3, S. Colyear (UK) 13.23; 4, S. Kempin (Ger) 13.40; 5, L. Lebeau (Fra) 13.60; 6, H. Fredriksen (Nor) 13.63. **Ht 3:** (—1.90) 1, E. Rabsztyń (Pol) 13.20; 2, L. Boothe (UK) 13.46; 3, L. Guseva (Bul) 13.52; 4, M. Schonauerova (Cze) 13.61; 5, L. Spoof (Fin) 13.63. **H. Phil (Swe) scr.** **Ht 4:** (+0.40) 1, T. Anisimova (USSR) 12.85; 2, A. Fiedler (GDR) 13.43; 3, I. Ongar (Ita) 13.74; 4, E. Pantazi (Gre) 13.84; 5, D. Rasmussen (Den) 13.95; 6, H. Chocova (Cze) 14.04.

Semi-finals (Aug 31; 1st 4 to final) **Ht 1:** (—0.20) 1, G. Rabsztyń 12.60; 2, Klier 12.90; 3, Morgulina 13.00; 4, Fiedler 13.07; 5, Colyear 13.25; 6, Siska 13.36; 7, Schonauerova 13.72; 8, Ongar 13.90. **Ht 2:** (+0.20) 1, Berend 12.90; 2, Anisimova 12.92; 3, Langer 13.00; 4, E. Rabsztyń 13.14; 5, Boothe 13.44; 6, Pantazi 13.82. S. Kempin dnf. Guseva scr.

MORE NEXT WEEK

Even in an enlarged 44-page Magazine, it has proved impossible to fit into a single issue adequate reports and complete results of all 40 events. Consequently, detailed coverage of some of the women's events plus reports on the walks will appear in next week's 'AW' . . . together with lots of photos.

Final (Sep 2; re-run after Grazyna Rabsztyń was disqualified) (+0.60)

1. JOHANNA KLIER (GDR) 12.62.
2. TATYANA ANISIMOVA (USSR) 12.67.
3. GUDRUN BEREND (GDR) 12.73
4. NINA MORGULINA (USSR) 12.86.
5. LUCYNA LANGER (Pol) 12.98.
6. ANNEROSE FIEDLER (GDR) 13.09.
7. ELZBIETA RABSTYŃ (Pol) 13.17.

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Detailed coverage of the following events will appear next week:—

400H: 1, T. Selenzova (USSR) 54.89 (world rec); 2, S. Hollmann (Ger) 55.14; 3, K. Rossley (GDR) 55.36; 4, B. Kohn (GDR) 55.46; 5, K. Kacperczyk (Pol) 55.55; 6, A. Weiss (GDR) 55.63; 7, I. Barkane (USSR) 55.97; 8, G. Blaszak (Pol) 57.72 . . . **E. Sutherland (UK)** 8th sf (62.83; 57.61 ht).

HJ: 1, S. Simeoni (Ita) 2.01 (eq world rec); 2, R. Ackermann (GDR) 1.99; 3, B. Holzapfel (Ger) 1.95; 4, J. Kirst (GDR) 1.93; 5, U. Meyfarth

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ENTRIES CLOSE SAT., 7th OCTOBER

(Ger) 1.91; 6, A. Matay (Hun) 1.85; 7, S. Hrepevnik (Yug) 1.85; 8, U. Kielan (Pol) 1.85 . . . **G. Hitchen (UK)** dnq with 1.75.

LJ: 1, V. Bardauskiene (USSR) 6.88 (7.09 qual — world rec); 2, A. Voigt (GDR) 6.79; 3, J. Nygrynova (Cze) 6.69; 4, B. Wujak (GDR) 6.60; 5, G. Panait (Rum) 6.52; 6, S. Reeve (UK) 6.48; 7, K. Hanel (Ger) 6.48; 8, H. Wycisk (GDR) 6.44 . . . **S. Hearnshaw (UK)** dnq with 6.25.

SP: 1, I. Slupianek (GDR) 21.41 (champ rec); 2, H. Fibingerova (Cze) 20.86; 3, M. Droese (GDR) 20.58; 4, S. Krachevskaya (USSR) 20.13; 5, E. Stoyanova (Bul) 19.43; 6, E. Wilms (Ger) 19.20; 7, I. Petrova (Bul) 18.85; 8, S. Melnikova (USSR) 18.63.

DT: 1, E. Jahl (GDR) 66.98; 2, M. Droese (GDR) 64.04; 3, N. Gorbacheva (USSR) 63.58; 4, S. Engel (GDR) 63.46; 5, F. Veleva (USSR) 62.30; 6, S. Boshkova (Bul) 61.94; 7, L. Isayeva (USSR) 61.56; 8, J. Prouzova (Cze) 59.90 . . . 13, **M. Ritchie (UK)** 52.64.

JT: 1, R. Fuchs (GDR) 69.16 (**Eur rec**); 2, T.

RONO TRIES FOR 2 MILE RECORD

Having already broken world records this year at 3000, 5000, 10,000 and steeplechase, Henry Rono sets his sights on Brendan Foster's world 2 miles best of 8:13.7 (the event is no longer on the IAAF's world record schedule) at the IAC/Coca Cola Meeting at Crystal Palace on September 15th. An average of 61.7 per quarter is required to break the record, and Rono has made it known that he is hoping to pass the mile mark in very close to 4 min. Foster's ¼M intermediate times were 60.8, 2:01.4, 3:03.9, 4:05.4, 5:07.3, 6:10.8, 7:14.0, 8:13.7. The Kenyan's opposition includes Bronislaw Malinowski (who beat him in the steeplechase last week); Nick Rose, Markus Ryffel, Mike McLeod and John Robson.

Another intriguing race should be the 800, which brings together Sebastian Coe and Willi Wulbeck, the German who defeated (not to mention manhandled) Coe in last year's European Cup Final, and who ran 1:45.1 last week. Coe will be after a very fast time if the conditions are favourable, for he has indicated that he would like to go through 400 in 51 and 600 in 77. Also in the race are Garry Cook, who made such a splendid breakthrough last week with runs of 1:45.8 and 1:46.0 in Germany plus victory against the Finns, and Richard Ashton, who was primarily an 800 runner before making sensational progress in the 400 this season.

Other star attractions in London's most glamorous athletics occasion of the year include — 100: Quarrie, Crawford, Gilkes, Obeng, 200: Quarrie, Gilkes; mile: Moorcroft, Clement, Williamson, Paunonen, Gysin; 5000: Dixon Black, Simmons, Tebroke (Foster has an inflamed achilles tendon and is out for the rest of the track season); 110H: Price, Bryggare; 400H: Pascoe (his farewell race at Crystal Palace), King; PV: Hooper, Taylor, Jessee, Pullard; SP: Capes,

Sanderson (UK) 62.40; 3, U. Hommola (GDR) 62.32; 4, U. Richter (GDR) 62.04; 5, E. Zorgo (Rum) 61.14; 6, E. Helmschmidt (Ger) 60.96; 7, I. Thyssen (Ger) 60.18; 8, B. Blechacz (Pol) 60.14.

Pent: 1, N. Tkachenko (USSR) 4744; 2, M. Papp (Hun) 4655; 3, B. Pollak (GDR) 4600; 4, K. Nitzsche (GDR) 4599 (1.93 HJ.); 5, Y. Gordienko (USSR) 4572; 6, B. Philipp (Ger) 4554; 7, Y. Smirnova (USSR) 4534; 8, R. Neubert (GDR) 4380 . . . 15, **Y. Wray (UK)** 4171; 19, **S. Mapstone (UK)** 3993.

4×100: 1, USSR 42.54; 2, **UK (B. Goddard, K. Smallwood, S. Colyear, S. Lannaman)** 42.72 (**Commonwealth and UK rec**); 3, GDR 43.07; 4, Bulgaria 43.47; 5, Poland 43.83; 6, Germany 44.34; 7, Sweden 44.37; France dnf.

4×400: 1, GDR 3:21.2 (M. Koch 48.21 anchor); 2, USSR 3:22.5; 3, Poland 3:26.8; 4, **UK (K. Williams, J. Hoyte, V. Elder, D. Hartley)** 3:27.2; 5, Germany 3:28.0; 6, Czechoslovakia 3:30.4; 7, Rumania 3:30.7; 8, Hungary 3:32.2.

Feuerbach, Shmock; Women's 200: Szewinska, Lannaman, Goddard; 400: Hartley, Elder; 800: Waitz, Kacperczyk, Barnes, Colebrook, Stewart, E. McMeekin; JT: Sanderson, Helmschmidt, Thyssen.

The meeting starts at 7.30, but don't travel to Crystal Palace unless you have a ticket — it's a sell-out. Highlights will be shown on BBC-1.

STAR LINE-UP AT GATESHEAD

Entries for the McEwans Games in Gateshead on September 17th include: sprints — Allan Wells, Haseley Crawford, David Jenkins, Daley Thompson, Alan Pascoe, Steve Green; mile/3000 — Mike McLeod, Nick Rose, Dave Black, Tony Simmons, Laurie Spence, Rod Dixon, Bernie Ford, Frank Clement, Dennis Coates, Sebastian Coe, Graham Williamson, Steve Cram, John Robson; hurdles — Bill Hartley, Mark Holtom; PV — Larry Jessee, Bob Pullard, Brian Hooper; SP — Geoff Capes; Women's 1000 — Angela Creamer, Christine Benning, Margaret Coomber, Alison Wright; 100H — Lorna Boothe, Shirley Strong, Sharon Colyear, Elaine Davidson.

BRITISH JUNIORS BEAT GERMANS

At Crystal Palace, August 27th

UK winners — 200: P. Cooke 21.3; 400: R. Dickens 47.9; 1500: S. Cram 3:40.1 (2, G. Williamson 3:40.9); 3000: A. Salter 8:27.8; 5000: S. Binns 14:21.5; 2000SC: C. Reitz 5:32.6 (UK jnr rec); 110H: N. Alexander 14.9; 10,000W: M. Miley 47:41.8; TJ: E. McCalla 15.55; HT: M. Girvan 60.04; 4×400: UK 3:11.1. (**Women**) 100: L. Stewart 12.0; 200: J. Parry 24.3; 800: D. Kiernan 2:06.7; 1500: S. Arthurton 4:20.3; SP: B. Wright 13.13; JT: M. Jervis 53.32; Relays: UK 45.5/3:46.0. Result: UK 184, Germany 172.

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CHELTENHAM & COUNTY HARRIERS OPEN CROSS COUNTRY RACES

(Under AAA Laws & ECCL Rules)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th, at 2 p.m.

Excellent varied course and good facilities at ICI Sports Ground, Brockworth, Gloucester.

Senior 6M, Youths 3½M, Boys 3M, Colts 2M

Prizes: 1st 3 Inds, Winning Teams (4 score), 1st Vet, 1st Junior, also 2nd and 3rd Team if good entry.

Fees: 35p Seniors, 25p others, per Individual.

Entries to: J. Daniels, 'Tarantella', Sandycroft Road, Churchdown, Glos (Tel. 0452-855542) by **October 11th**. SAE please.

BUCKS A.A.A. COACHING COMMITTEE

The above committee is running a series of lectures for potential Assistant Club and Club Coaches at Quarrendon School, Quarrendon Road, Aylesbury, Bucks. Starting at 7.30 p.m.

The series comprises of:

Wednesday 4th October — Sprints and Middle Distance

Wednesday 1st November — Throws.

Wednesday 6th December — Jumps.

The cost 50p per session or £1 for all three.

Applications to: G. Gorman, 6 Mentmore Green, Stoke Mandeville, Bucks.

EALING AND SOUTHAL A.C. 28th Annual Open Team CROSS-COUNTRY RELAY RACE

(Under A.A.A. and E.C.C.U. Rules)

**6 x 2½ Miles for the Horsenden Trophy
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th at 2.45 p.m.**

Medals for first three teams, and trophy and medals for the first unplaced 'B' team. Plaques for three fastest laps.

Entry Fee: 75p per team for first teams, 60p per team for others.

Entries on A.A.A. forms (all runners must be named on programme) to J. Keating, 88 Sellon Avenue, London, NW10. by **Monday, September 18th.**

CORBY ATHLETIC CLUB 'ABOUT ANGLIA T.V.'

CROSS COUNTRY RACES

MONDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1979

THROUGH SALE WOODS, CORBY

Both sexes — All ages

PRIZES VALUE £300

Full details later

Enquiries (SAE) Mr G. D. White, 111 Colyers Avenue, Corby Northants.

KINGSMEAD MOTORS CITY OF BATH ROAD RACES

(Under AAA & WAAA Laws)

WEDNESDAY, 20th SEPT., 1978

7.00 pm Colts U/12 yrs 1500 Metres

7.15 pm Girls U/14 yrs 1500 Metres

7.30 pm Boys U/14 Yrs 3000 Metres

7.40 pm Youths U/17 Yrs 3000 Metres

8.00 pm Senior Men 5000 Metres

Changing: Cricket Pavilion, Rec. Ground, Bath.

Awards: first 6 Ind. each race. **Entries:** 25p Juniors, 35p Seniors (50p on day) to Lynn Hughes, 4 Melcombe Court, Oldfield Park, Bath (Tel: 23014 or 833513). Ages as at 1.9.78.

ROWNTREES A.C. (YORK)

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ROWNTREE MACKINTOSH

10 MILE

OPEN ROAD RACE

(Under A.A.A. Laws)

incorporating Yorkshire Championships

on Sunday, 8th October, at 2.15 pm
from Sports Ground, Haxby Road, York.

Prizes: 1st 6 ind; 1st 3 teams; 1st Vet O/40; 1st Vet O/45; 1st Vet team (O/40 or O/45).

Entries to David Crawford, 1 Scarborough Terrace, York YO3 7AW, by **27th September, 1978.**

Fee 35p ind, no team fee.

No programme sent unless SAE received.

MAIDENHEAD ATHLETIC CLUB

THE DEN HAWKINS MEMORIAL RACES

**34th Annual 6x¼ Mile Road Relay
& 11th Annual 2½M Youths & Boys Road Races**
(Under AAA Laws)

ON SATURDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1978

Starting from Kidwells Park, Maidenhead

2.20 Youths 2.40 Boys 3.00 Relay

Plaques: 1st Relay Team, Ind. winners Youths & Boys.
Medals: 2nd & 3rd Relay Teams, 3 fastest laps & fastest "B" Team Relay. **Medals:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd Youths & Boys Teams and 2nd & 3rd Individuals both age groups.

Entries: £1 per team Relay, 75p per team Youths & Boys (4 run, 3 score), 30p Ind.

To: R. Stevenson, 8 Gage Close, Maidenhead, Tel: 24528 by **23rd September.**