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Track Events: 6.45 2000m S'chase (Senr.). 7.00 800m (Sen., Jun., Yths., Boys). 7.25 200m (Sen., Jun., Yths., Boys). 7.55 B.M.C. Invit. Races. 8.05 10,000m (Sen.). 8.45 400m (Sen., Jun., Yths., Boys).

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, September 9th: Greenwich Open '11'; Solihull Young Athletes' Meeting; Lady Miles Thomas & A. H. Short Trophies at Oxford; Ogden Trophy at Feltham; Dunblane Highland Games; Surrey AC Trophy Meeting at Norbiton; Dartford Road Relay; Bromsgrove & Redditch Road Relays; Banbury Road Relay; Hammersmith Borough Meeting.

Sunday, September 10th: Vancouver Trophy at Newham; Vaux Mountain Trial; Basildon '10'; Rotherham & District Championships.

Tuesday, September 12th: Allsop Trophy at Walton.

Wednesday, September 13th: International Veterans Championships at Cologne (till 17th); Melbourne Trophy at Tooting Bec; Essex Knock-out Competition at Hornchurch.

Friday, September 15th: IAC-Coca Cola Floodlit Invitation Meeting at Crystal Palace.

Saturday, September 16th: Edinburgh SH Floodlit Meeting at Edinburgh; Southern League final fixtures; Poly Half-Marathon; England v. Denmark v. France v. Norway v. Sweden Women's 5km Track Walk at Birmingham; ECCU Annual General Meeting at Birmingham; Midland League Qualifying matches; Highgate H. 'London' Marathon at Hendon; Grangemouth Highland Games; Cutty Sark Road Relay; American Banks Championships at Crystal Palace; Leicester Corintian Road Relays; Nuneaton '10'.

Sunday, September 17th: International Veterans Championships in Cologne (final day); Rossendale Fells Race; Swinton '10'; Salisbury "Round the Houses" Road Races; Yorkshire League (Div. 1) at Rotherham.

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OLYMPIC GAMES REPORT

by Mel Watman and Dave Cocksedge

First Day

Thursday, August 31st

WOMEN'S LONG JUMP (QUALIFYING)

What a sight at ten in the morning... a crowd of over 70,000 in their places for a programme of heats and qualifying rounds! Bright sunshine and a blue sky enhanced the inspiring scene; the only blemish was a capricious and somewhat chilly wind. That wind helped some of the jumpers, hindered others; the readings varied from plus 4.5m/sec to minus 3.7m. Angelika Liebsch, who was only picked at the last moment, had a 1.0m breeze to help her to a personal best of 6.69/21'11½", while the home fans' goddess Heide Rosendahl had a 1.3m wind to jump against for her rapturously received 6.62/21'8¼". Heidi Schuller, the girl who recited the Olympic vow at the opening ceremony, was another popular qualifier but Ingrid Mickler, the Euro-

pean champion, was loudly whistled when she ran through on her final attempt, having not registered a jump. Defending champion Viorica Viscopoleanu got through safely, and so did another 33-year-old in Willye White, the Melbourne silver medallist contesting her fifth Olympics. Willye, let it be whispered, never really qualified for these Games: she had no wind-free jumps over 6.30m during the qualifying period. Incidentally, that 6.77/22'2¼" w jump credited to her recently was misreported—in fact she jumped 20'2¼" (6.16) on that occasion. Sheila Sherwood made it on her first leap (+ 0.6m wind) but Maureen Chitty fell just short with her 6.26/20'6¼" into a 2.0m/sec gust. Ruth Martin-Jones registered only one valid jump, completely failing to do herself justice.

Qualifiers: (6.30) A. Liebsch (E. Ger) 6.69/21'11½"; H. Rosendahl (W. Ger) 6.62/21'8¼"; M. Olfert (E. Ger) 6.27, 6.52/21'4¼"; M. Antenen (Swi) 6.41/21'0¼"; W. White (USA) 6.23, 6.39/20'11¼"; V. Viscopoleanu (Rum) 6.39/20'11¼" w; E. Suranova (Cz) 6.38/20'11¼"; I. Bruzsenyak (Hun) 6.28, —, 6.37/20'10¼" w; S. SHERWOOD (UK) 6.33/20'9¼"; H. Schuller (W. Ger) 6.21, 6.32/20'9" w; M. Garbey (Cuba) 6.32/20'9"; D. Yorgova (Bul) 6.32/20'9"; J. Nygrynova (Cz) 6.31/20'8¼"; E. Vintila (Rum) 6.30/20'8".

Non-qualifiers: E. Nixon (Aus) 6.16, 6.27/20'7", 5.42; M. CHITTY (UK) 6.25, —, 6.26/20'6¼"; S. Ammann (Swi) 6.26/20'6¼", 6.13, 6.04; L. Ilyina (USSR) —, 6.25/20'6¼" w, —; M. Oshikoya (Nig) —, 6.22/20'5", —; O. Ducas (Fra) —, —, 6.16/20'2¼"; H. Yamashita (Jap) 6.13w, 6.06, 6.14/20'1¼"; B. Eisler (Can) 5.61, 6.08, 6.10/20'0¼"; M. Watson (USA) 5.86, 6.09/19'11¼", 6.09; D. Van Kieckebelt (Can) 5.88, 5.79, 6.07/19'11"; R. Franzotti (Yug) 6.02/19'9", 5.53, —; K. Albertus (E. Ger) —, 6.01/19'8¼", —; L. Tillett (Aus) 5.99/19'8", 5.90, 5.97; R. MARTIN-JONES (UK) —, 5.93/19'5¼", —; K. Attlesey (USA) 5.80/19'0¼"; Chun-Yu Lin (Taiwan) 5.50/18'0¼", —, —; A. Chikani (Zambia) 4.29/14'1"; I. Mickler (W. Ger) 3 no jumps; V. Bufanu (Rum) 1 no jump; I. Szewinska (Pol) scr.

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400 METRES HURDLES (HEATS)

(1st 3 & fastest loser to semis)

The Americans, whose super-fast times in Eugene have dominated the ranking lists, looked very human here. From a British viewpoint, David Hemery's most relaxed looking 49.7, looking around in the final straight, was most encouraging. Dick Bank timed him at 21.7 as he touched down at the fifth flight and he reached 7 in

30.5 before changing down. However in heat 5 John Sherwood was off fast, took 3 hurdles and then stumbled to a halt after some 130m, clutching an injured left calf. It was a sad end to his third Olympics. Shocks came with the elimination of Bill Koskei in Hemery's heat, and Richard Bruggeman, who jogged home in 54.4. Fastest loser was Tadeusz Kulczycki with 50.19 on the electrical.

Heat 1: 1, D-W. Buttner (W. Ger) 49.8; 2, V. Savchenko (USSR) 49.9; 3, J-P. Corval (Fra) 50.1; 4, T. Kulczycki (Pol) 50.2; 5, M. Soriano (Spa) 50.9; 6, F. Kimaiyo (Ken) 51.2; 7, R. Frinolli (Ita) 51.7; 8, J. Randrianalijaona (Malagasy) 52.8.

Heat 2: 1, D. HEMERY (UK) 49.7; 2, G. Knoke (Aus) 50.1; 3, Y. Zorin (USSR) 50.3; 4, W. Koskei (Ken) 50.6; 5, G. Ballati (Ita) 50.9; 6, J. Hidaglo (Ven) 54.0; 7, N. Brinkworth (Pak) 54.7.

Heat 3: 1, C. Rudolph (E. Ger) 50.0; 2, R. Mann (USA) 50.2; 3, R. Schubert (W. Ger) 50.2; 4, A. Salin (Fin) 50.4; 5, J-P. Perrinelle (Fra) 51.8; 6, J. Carvalho (Por) 52.6; 7, H. Bergaoui (Tun) 53.7.

Heat 4: 1, J. Akii-Bua (Uga) 50.3; 2, S. Tziortzis (Gre) 50.5; 3, I. Danis (Cz) 50.6; 4, B. Field (Aus) 51.5; 5, H. Wirz (Swi) 52.3; 6, R. Bruggeman (USA) 54.4; 7, J. Ferrer (P. Rico) 54.8. F. Rojas Soto (Paraguay) scr.

Heat 5: 1, Y. Gaverilenko (USSR) 49.7; 2, J. Seymour (USA) 49.8; 3, R. Ziegler (W. Ger) 50.2; 4, Johnson (NZ) 40.5; 5, M. Murei (Ken) 51.6; 6, C-P. Lee (Taiwan) 52.6; 7, G. Agbamu (Nig) 53.6. J. SHERWOOD (UK) dnf.

WOMEN'S JAVELIN (QUALIFYING)

The two outstanding competitors of recent seasons, Angela Ranky (1968 Olympic and 1969 European champion) and Daniela Jaworska (reigning European champion), failed to meet the qualifying standard of 54.00/177'2". Neither did Ewa Gryziecka, who briefly held the world record earlier this season, but she proceeded to the final along with Magda Paulanyi as only ten girls bettered the 54m mark. World record holder and favourite Ruth Fuchs led the qualifiers with 60.88/199'9", followed by her 18-year-old team-mate Jacqueline Todten.

Qualifiers: (1st 12) R. Fuchs (E. Ger) —, 60.88/199'9"; J. Todten (E. Ger) 59.62/195'7"; K. Schmidt (USA) 52.26, 58.84/193'0"; N. Urbancic (Yug) 57.02/187'1"; M. Kucserka (Hun) 56.72/186'1"; L. Mollova (Bul) 56.30/184'8"; E. Janko (Austria) 56.18/184'4"; S. Koroleva (USSR) 55.90/183'5"; A. Gerhards (W. Ger) 55.24/181'3"; E. Zorgo (Rum) 54.34/178'3"; E. Gryziecka (Pol) 53.68/176'1"; —, 51.56; M. Paulanyi (Hun) 53.62/175'11", 52.78, 52.78.

Non-qualifiers: A. Ranky (Hun) 53.48/175'5", —, 51.40; D. Jaworska (Pol) 44.68, 52.40/171'11", 50.16; S. Calvert (USA) —, 51.38/168'7", 51.00; N.

Marakina (USSR) 51.06/167'6", 41.64, —; M. Becker (Rum) —, 58.70, 50.74/166'6"; A. Koloska (W. Ger) 48.42/158'10", —, —; R. Brown (USA) —, 47.88/157'1", —, R. Molina (Chile) scr.

100 METRES (FIRST ROUND)

(1st 3 & 4 fastest losers to 2nd round)

There were few surprises, except that several 10.2 and faster men found themselves ruthlessly cut down to size by the electrical timing and the tricky wind that kept switching direction. Eddie Hart changed gear over the last 30m to win clearly in his heat, and Robert Taylor recovered from a bad start to take his in 10.32 but none of the Americans (Rey Robinson was limping after winning his heat) seemed likely to trouble Valeriy Borzov, who zipped to the front, shot a couple of glances at his rivals and eased in to a 10.47 against a 2.3m wind. All Britain's men went through. Brian Green led for 70m of his heat before the young Czech, Jaroslav Matousek, nipped him on the line, while Les Piggott and Don Halliday held their ground well. Finland's hope, Raimo Vilen, was carried off after limping across in 11.0.

Heat 1: (—0.7m) 1, L. Miller (Jam) 10.5 (actual electric time: 10.45); 2, A. Meite (Ivory C) 10.5 (10.51); 3, H-J. Bombach (E. Ger) 10.7 (10.66); 4, R. Reid (Tri) 10.7; 5, D. Amuke (Ken) 10.8; 6, E. Bjambajav (Mongolia) 10.9; 7, M. Samphon (Cambodia) 11.0; 8, L. Alers (P. Rico) 11.1.

Heat 2: (—2.3m) 1, V. Borzov (USSR) 10.5 (10.47); 2, M. Sands (Bah) 10.7 (10.67); 3, L. Bohman (Cz) 10.7; 4, G. Wucherer (W. Ger) 10.8; 5, T. Cuch (Pol) 10.9; 6, K. Yeo (Sin) 10.9; 7, A. Yanghat (Congo) 11.0; 8, A. Sartee (Liberia) 11.1.

Heat 3: (+0.5m) 1, M. Kokot (E. Ger) 10.5 (10.49); 2, S. Osei-Agyemang (Gha) 10.5 (10.52); 3, L. PIGGOTT (UK) 10.5 (10.54); 4, J. Mwebi (Ken) 10.6 (10.60); 5, L. Gonzaga Da Silva (Bra) 10.6 (10.63); 6, E. Johnson (Bah) 10.9; 7, M. Algego (Saudi A) 11.2. R. Aregba (Togo) scr.

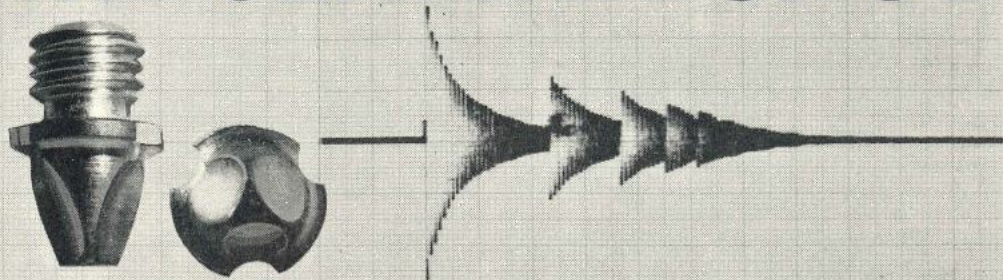
Heat 4: (+2.3m) 1, J. Matousek (Cz) 10.4 (10.37); 2, B. GREEN (UK) 10.4 (10.41); 3, K. Komenan (Ivory C) 10.5 (10.50); 4, W. Callander (Bah) 10.8; 5, C. George (Virgin Is) 10.9; 6, F. Navab (Iran) 11.0; 7, A. Guerreros (Paraguay) 11.1. A. Ratanapol (Thai) scr.

Heat 5: (+0.8m) 1, A. Kornelyuk (USSR) 10.4 (10.38); 2, K. Abdulai (Nig) 10.6 (10.57); 3, S. Wagner (Pol) 10.6 (10.62); 4, J. Damec (Cz) 10.7 (10.66); 5, F. Mata (Ven) 10.7; 6, B. Steffansson (Ice) 11.0; 7, Y. Rabee (Kuwait) 11.2. G. Kone (Ivory C) scr.

Heat 6: (+1.2m) 1, R. Robinson (USA) 10.6 (10.56); 2, P. Clerc (Swi) 10.6 (10.58); 3, S. Monsels (Surinam) 10.6 (10.61); 4, G. Daniels (Gha) 10.7 (10.65); 5, A. Bicaba (Upper Volta) 10.7; 6, M. Moorosi (Lesotho) 10.7; 7, W. Dralu (Uga) 10.9.

Heat 7: (—1.9m) 1, H. Crawford (Tri) 10.5 (10.50); 2, D. HALLIDAY (UK) 10.6 (10.58); 3,

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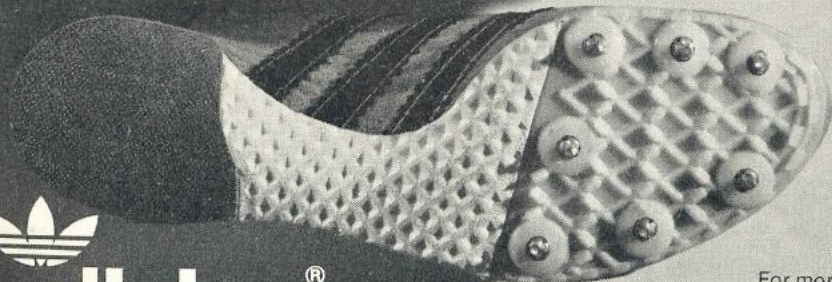


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E. Gustafsson (Fin) 10.7 (10.68); 4, G. Gonzalez (P. Rico) 10.7; 5, N. Chihota (Tan) 10.8; 6, E. Gebre-Gebre (Eth) 10.9; 7, P.-R. Gaetjens (Haiti) 11.5 P. Montes (Cuba) scr.

Heat 8: (+ 2.1m) 1, B. Sy (Senegal) 10.3 (10.30); 2, B. Borth (E. Ger) 10.5 (10.48); 3, A. Garshol (Nor) 10.5 (10.49); 4, W.-H. Soo (Taiwan) 10.6 (10.59); 5, G. Abba-Kimet (Chad) 10.9; 6, R. Vilen (Fin) 11.0; 7, L. Caero (Bolivia) 11.2.

Heat 9: (+ 0.6m) 1, A. Sarteur (Fra) 10.4 (10.42); 2, S. Alah-Djaba (Chad) 10.7 (10.65); 3, C. Francis (Can) 10.7 (10.68); 4, A. Calonge (Arg) 10.7; 5, L. D'Arcy (NZ) 10.8; 6, L. Mukonde (Zambia) 11.2. H. Ramirez (Cuba) scr.

Heat 10: (— 0.3m) 1, V. Papageorgopoulos (Gre) 10.2 (10.24); 2, J.-L. Ravelomanantsoa (Malagasy) 10.3 (10.29); 3, M. Fray (Jam) 10.5 (10.47); 4, A. Rajamaki (Fin) 10.5 (10.52); 5, A. Armstrong (Tri) 10.6 (10.56); 6, J. Vizcarrondo (P. Rico) 10.8; 7, Z. Wahab (Malaysia) 10.8.

Heat 11: (— 2.2m) 1, E. Hart (USA) 10.5 (10.47); 2, D. Chauvelot (Fra) 10.7 (10.66); 3, K. Ehl (W. Ger) 10.7 (10.67); 4, B. Majekodumni (Nig) 10.7; 5, G. Malam (Cameroon) 10.9; 6, S. Gunawardene (Sri Lanka) 11.0; 7, T. Mokalam (Phil) 11.0.

Heat 12: (— 0.3m) 1, R. Taylor (USA) 10.3 (10.32); 2, J. Hirscht (W. Ger) 10.4 (10.36); 3, Z. Nowosz (Pol) 10.4 (10.36); 4, V. Atamas (USSR) 10.5 (10.51); 5, A. Nepraunik (Austria) 10.6 (10.61); 6, A. Byrame (Fra) 10.6 (10.64); 7, M. Matola (Malawi) 11.3.

800 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 3 to semis)

Disaster struck Richard Wohlhuter in the first heat when the 1:45.0 performer was bowled over after 130m. He looked likely to qualify still but was just shut out in a desperate last straight scramble when Azzedine Azzouzi squeezed past. Bob Ouko, the Commonwealth champion, kicked home impressively in heat 2 following a 52.6 first lap, and Dave Cropper was comfortably home behind Franz-Josef Kemper in a fast 1:47.5 after a 52.7 bell in the third heat, where Roqui Sanchez was pushed out in 1:47.9 and Tom Saisi ran out of gas. Andy Carter was involved in a tight race in heat 7, won in 1:47.3 by Mike Boit, but had precious little in reserve ahead of Byron Dyce whilst European Junior 3000m champion Herman Mignon clocked a personal best of 1:47.5. Dave Wottle dispelled some of the doubts about his fitness by unleashing a potent kick out in the fourth lane in heat 4. The winner was the surprising Mulugetta Tadesse in a speedy 1:47.1. Poor Colin Campbell, nursing an injury, merely went through the motions.

Heat 1: (54.6) 1, A. Sans (Fra) 1:49.2; 2, M. Guettaya (Tun) 1:49.4; 3, A. Azzouzi (Alg) 1:49.4; 4, R. Wohlhuter (USA) 1:49.4; 5, R. Entezari (Iran) 1:50.5; 6, E. Rasoanaivo

(Malagasy) 1:50.8; 7, A. Madonda (Congo) 1:51.2. A. Aboker (Somalia) disq.

Heat 2: (52.6) 1, R. Ouko (Ken) 1:47.4; 2, J. Medjimurec (Yug) 1:48.1; 3, Y. Volkov (USSR) 1:48.6; 4, F. Mamede (Por) 1:48.6; 5, S.-A. Djoudi (Alg) 1:50.4; 6, C. CAMBPELL (UK) 1:54.8; 7, M. Francisco (Nicag) 1:58.6; 8, T. O'Brien (Liberia) 2:00.7.

Heat 3: (52.7) 1, F.-J. Kemper (W. Ger) 1:47.3; 2, D. CROPPER (UK) 1:47.5; 3, R. Gysin (Swi) 1:47.5; 4, R. Sanchez (Fra) 1:47.9; 5, T. Saisi (Ken) 1:48.5; 6, A. Zsinka (Hun) 1:49.0; 7, D. Andrade (Sen) 1:53.9. S. Abdulrazak (Saudi A) scr.

Heat 4: (53.4) 1, M. Tadesse (Eth) 1:47.1; 2, D. Wottle (USA) 1:47.6; 3, J. Schmidt (W. Ger) 1:47.8; 4, G. Rootham (Aus) 1:48.2; 5, L. Stewart (Tri) 1:48.7; 6, T. Thorsteinsson (Ice) 1:50.8; 7, R. Kangni (Togo) 1:52.1. M. Amakdouf (Mor) scr.

Heat 5: (54.6) 1, Y. Arzhanov (USSR) 1:48.3; 2, A. Kupczyk (Pol) 1:48.5; 3, H. Minir (Sud) 1:48.9; 4, G. Ghifu (Rum) 1:50.1; 5, C. Dalurzo (Arg) 1:50.6; 6, H. Lopez (Ven) 1:50.8. W. Adams (W. Ger) dnf; A. Fernandez (Spa) disq.

Heat 6: (52.7) 1, D. Fromm (E. Ger) 1:46.9; 2, J. Plachy (Cz) 1:47.1; 3, M. Gayoso (Spa) 1:47.5; 4, Sri Ram Singh (Ind) 1:47.7; 5, F. Gonzales (Fra) 1:48.8; 6, M. Tuemkan (Tur) 1:49.5; 7, K. Hamze (Lebanon) 1:52.5; 8, H. Nyopeka (Malawi) 1:57.7.

Heat 7: (53.8) 1, M. Boit (Ken) 1:47.3; 2, H. Mignon (Bel) 1:47.5; 3, A. CARTER (UK) 1:47.6; 4, B. Dyce (Jam) 1:48.0; 5, D. Mulomba (Zam) 1:53.4; 6, J. Crampton (Burma) 1:54.2; 7, F. Pierre (Haiti) 2:01.5. F. Arese (Ita) scr.

Heat 8: (57.6) 1, I. Ivanov (USSR) 1:51.0; 2, K. Swenson (USA) 1:51.1; 3, F. Murphy (RoI) 1:51.1; 4, S. Hensgens (Neth) 1:51.2; 5, D. Arza (Pan) 1:51.2; 6, J. Abidoye (Nig) 1:52.0; 7, M. Seediq (Pak) 1:52.6; 8, S. Regassa (Eth) 1:53.3.

100 METRES (SECOND ROUND)

(1st 3 & fastest loser to semis)

It was the Americans who created quite a stir—but not by their performances. Apparently, they were given the wrong reporting times and co-world record holders Eddie Hart and Rey Robinson were still over at the athletes' village as the heats were getting underway! Luckily, Robert Taylor arrived just in time to run; without a warm-up he managed 10.16 behind Borzov, which was quite a performance in the circumstances. Don Halliday and Les Piggott made their exit here, but Brian Green took his chance to get into the semis behind Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa, clocking 10.58 into a stiff breeze. Fastest up was the silken smooth Valeriy Borzov, who dipped metres from the line for a throttled back 10.07—which on hand timing would almost certainly have tied the European record of 10.0.

Heat 1: (+ 1.8m) 1, J. Hirscht (W. Ger) 10.3 (10.25); 2, J. Matousek (Cz) 10.4 (10.35); 3, B. Borth (E. Ger) 10.4 (10.44); 4, P. Clerc (Swi) 10.5 (10.45); 5, A. Armstrong (Tri) 10.5 (10.47); 6, M. Sands (Bah) 10.5 (10.50); 7, A. Garshol (Nor) 10.6 (10.55). R. Robinson (USA) scr.

Heat 2: (nil) 1, V. Borzov (USSR) 10.1 (10.07); 2, R. Taylor (USA) 10.2 (10.16); 3, H. Crawford (Tri) 10.2 (10.18); 4, Z. Nowosz (Pol) 10.4 (10.40); 5, K. Ehl (W. Ger) 10.4 (10.44); 6, L. PIGGOTT (UK) 10.5 (10.53); 7, D. Chauvelot (Fra) 10.5 (10.54); 8, H-J. Bombach (E. Ger) 10.7 (10.64).

Heat 3: (+ 0.3m) 1, L. Miller (Jam) 10.3 (10.33); 2, A. Sarteur (Fra) 10.4 (10.40); 3, V. Papageorgopoulos (Gre) 10.5 (10.45); 4, A. Meite (Ivory C) 10.5 (10.52); 5, L. Bohman (Cz) 10.5 (10.52); 6, D. HALLIDAY (UK) 10.6 (10.60); 7, S. Monsels (Surinam) 10.6 (10.64); 8, V. Atamas (USSR) 10.8 (10.83).

Heat 4: (— 2.3m) 1, J. Ravelomanantsoa (Malagasy) 10.5 (10.47); 2, B. GREEN (UK) 10.6 (10.58); 3, K. Komenan (Ivory C) 10.6 (10.60); 4, S. Wagner (Pol) 10.6 (10.61); 5, S. Osei-Agyemang (Gha) 10.7 (10.66); 6, E. Gustafsson (Fin) 10.8 (10.78); 7, W-H. Soo (Taiwan) 10.8 (10.82). E. Hart (USA) scr.

Heat 5: (+ 3.4m) 1, A. Kornelyuk (USSR) 10.2 (10.23); 2, Barka Sy (Sen) 10.3 (10.27); 3, M. Fray (Jam) 10.3 (10.28); 4, K. Abdoulai (Nig) 10.4 (10.41); 5, A. Rajamaki (Fin) 10.4 (10.43); 6, M. Kokot (E. Ger) 10.4 (10.44); 7, S. Alah-Djaba (Chad) 10.5 (10.51); 8, C. Francis (Can) 10.5 (10.51).

WOMEN'S 800 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 3 & fastest loser to semis)

There were some incredible 'goings-on' in these heats. Two girls broke through the 2 minute barrier, seven others were inside 2:02 (one of whom, Gisela Ellenberger, only qualified for the semis as the fastest loser), Maritta Politz found that 2:02.4 was insufficient to take her any further in the competition, and the women's 800m jinx (Sheila Carey in Edinburgh, Hildegard Falck and Gunhild Hoffmeister in Helsinki) continued when in heat 4 Vassilena Amzina, who had beaten Hoffmeister by inches in 1:59.9 the previous week, and Raisa Ruus fell over after 250m. It was a remarkable effort by Amzina that she picked herself up and gave chase, finishing in 2:06.0, for her face was streaming with blood as she left the track.

It was Amzina's Bulgarian colleague, Svetla Zlateva (20), who created the major sensation by streaking to a time of 1:58.9, only 0.4 outside Falck's world record, with Vera Nikolic second in 1:59.4. Apart from Falck, only Sin Kim Dan with her unratified 1:58.0 had ever previously bettered 1:59.9. The pace was astonishing as Elzbieta Skowronska passed 400m in 56.6, with Zlateva, Nikolic and Cheryl Toussaint all around 57 sec or faster! Zlateva, whose previous best was 2:02.0, was 4th in the 1970 European Junior

400m (her best is 53.5) and picked up a bronze medal in this year's European Indoor Championships.

All the heats featured very fast first laps. In the first, Falck went through in 59.2 and left Madeline Jackson, the defending champion, well behind as she cruised seemingly effortlessly through a 62.3 second circuit. Bell time in the third heat was 58.8 and the race was won by Niele Sabaite (a 23.5 200 performer) in a desperately close finish with Abby Hoffman, whose 2:01.6 was a new Canadian record. Margaret Coomber, who ran 6th for most of the race, clocked just under 60 sec and finished in 2:03.0, 1.1 sec inside her best and a time surpassed by only five girls on the UK all-time list. In spite of producing a season's best of 2:03.6, Pat Cropper was eliminated in the next heat, in which the first 400 was run in 59.3. The final race saw Gunhild Hoffmeister and 18-year-old Cheron Maiyo (all 1.53/5'04" and 45kg/99lb of her) speed through in 58.4. Hoffmeister voluntarily eased up towards the finish but Rosemary Stirling took advantage of the Kenyan girl's 'death' in the straight to qualify with a season's best of 2:03.6. Maiyo nevertheless improved from 2:07.5 to 2:04.9 and has a fantastic future.

Heat 1: 1, H. Falck (W. Ger) 2:01.5; 2, M. Jackson (USA) 2:02.6; 3, C. Peasley (Aus) 2:03.1; 4, M. Tracey (RoI) 2:04.2; 5, M. Duvivier (Fra) 2:04.9; 6, D. Govoni (Ita) 2:05.2; 7, E. Neuen-schwander (Swi) 2:06.9. A. Kalapian (Lebanon) scr.

Heat 2: 1, S. Zlateva (Bul) 1:58.9 (Olympic rec); 2, V. Nikolic (Yug) 1:59.6; 3, S. Schenk (W. Ger) 2:02.2; 4, E. Skowronska (Pol) 2:03.3; 5, J. Orr (Aus) 2:04.5; 6, C. Toussaint (USA) 2:08.9; 7, C. Walsh (RoI) 2:09.0; 8, H. Gooding (Barb) 2:19.7.

Heat 3: 1, N. Sabaite (USSR) 2:01.5; 2, A. Hoffman (Can) 2:01.6; 3, M. Sykora (Austria) 2:01.8; 4, G. Ellenberger (W. Ger) 2:01.9; 5, M. Politz (E. Ger) 2:02.4; 6, M. COOMBER (UK) 2:03.0; 7, E. Chizunga (Malawi) 2:19.2; M. Alnasser (Syr) dnf.

Heat 4: 1, I. Silai (Rum) 2:01.4; 2, A. Damm-Olesen (Den) 2:01.8; 3, M. Kulcsar (Hun) 2:02.4; 4, P. CROPPER (UK) 2:03.5; 5, V. Amzina (Bul) 2:05.0; 6, M. Verheuen (Bel) 2:09.1; 7, R. Ruus (USSR) 2:11.2; 8, Chiu-Hsia Lee (Taiwan) 2:11.8.

Heat 5: 1, N. Morgunova (USSR) 2:02.6; 2, G. Hoffmeister (E. Ger) 2:03.2; 3, R. STIRLING (UK) 2:03.6; 4, S. Haden (NZ) 2:04.9; 5, C. Maiyo (Ken) 2:04.9; 6, W. Koenig (USA) 2:08.7; 7, M. Hadky (Mor) 2:12.5.

WOMEN'S LONG JUMP (FINAL)

No one should begrudge Heide Rosendahl her Olympic title. Injury ruined her chances in Mexico City where she finished 8th; the West Germany team walk-out in Athens cost her a likely European title in 1969; and in Helsinki last

year she did well to finish third as she had completed her successful pentathlon only a short while earlier. Now, at 25, she has added the Olympic gold medal to her world record of 6.84/22'54" and must rank in anybody's list of all-time long jumping greats. Her victory, ecstatically acclaimed by the capacity crowd of some 80,000, is a testimony to the Sporthilfe scheme whereby West German sport is largely subsidised by a millionaire. Heide, along with other top international athletes, is granted 750 marks (nearly £100) per month to further her career. Some of that money goes to her coach and masseur for their services; the rest pays for training and equipment expenses. With the finest facilities at her disposal, what a contrast her situation makes in comparison to, say, her old rival Sheila Sherwood.

Heide's first jump of 6.78/22'3" (+ 0.6m/sec wind) sent her fans almost delirious with excitement. That's a distance that has been reached only a handful of times in women's long jumping history, and a second-round 6.76/22'24" (+ 0.4m) underlined her apparent supremacy. After three rounds she led comfortably from Diana Yorgova's 6.62/21'84" (+ 2.2m) and Eva Suranova's 6.60/21'8" (+ 0.6m), but the fourth round yielded two very fine leaps from the opposition. Suranova, the former Miss Kucmanova who came back this season a mother after retiring in 1969, increased her best to 6.67/21'104" (+ 0.9m) and Yorgova, herself a mother of two daughters, gave her fellow journalists plenty to write about as she landed at 6.77/22'24" (- 0.5m). That effort, which ranks her 4th of all-time, drew a stifled gasp of horror from thousands of fans as they sensed the danger, but their heroine preserved her single centimetre advantage to the end. Consolation for Diana is that she became Bulgaria's first ever Olympic athletics medallist. The defending champion Viorica Viscopoleanu put up a gallant fight, producing her longest jump outdoors this season. Her runner-up in Mexico, Sheila Sherwood, was not at peak fitness and gave of her best in placing 9th with 6.41/21'04" (- 0.2m). Another centimetre would have earned her three more attempts. Spare a thought for Angelika Liebsch, whose leap of 6.69/21'114" in the morning would have sufficed for the bronze medal had she been able to reproduce it.

1, HEIDE ROSENDAHL (W. Germany) 6.78/22'3" (6.78, 6.76, 6.69, 6.52, 6.73, 6.71) (born 14.2.47; 1.74 tall, weighs 66kg).

2, DIANA YORGOVA (Bulgaria) 6.77/22'24" (6.43, 6.12, 6.62, 6.77, 6.53, —) (9.12.42; 1.63, 54kg).

3, EVA SURANOVA (Czechoslovakia) 6.67/21'104" (6.51, 6.60, —, 6.67, —, 6.27, —) (24.4.46; 1.72, 57kg).

4, MARCIA GARBEY (Cuba) 6.52/21'44" w (6.26, 6.52w, 3.96w, 5.94, —, —) (9.2.48; 1.62, 56kg).

5, HEIDI SCHULLER (W. Germany) 6.51/



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21'44" (6.32, 6.18, 6.51, —, —, 6.25) (15.6.50; 1.72, 62kg).

6, META ANTENEN (Switzerland) 6.49/21'34" (—, 6.49, —, 6.16, 6.39, —) (7.4.49; 1.68, 56kg).

7, VIORICA VISCOPOLEANU (Rumania) 6.48/21'34" (6.43w, 6.48, 6.48w, 6.44, 6.35, 6.44) 8.8.39; 1.67, 55kg).

8, MARGRIT OLFERT (E. Germany) 6.46/21'24" (6.42, —, 6.34, 6.46, 6.30, —) (10.2.47; 1.74, 68kg).

9, S. SHERWOOD (UK) 6.41/21'04" (6.41, —, 6.40); 10, I. Bruzsenyak (Hun) 6.39/20'114" (6.39, —, 6.36); 11, W. White (USA) 6.27/20'7" (6.01, 6.27, —); 12, J. Nygrynova (Cz) 6.24/20'54" (6.19w, 6.24 6.02w); 13, A. Liebsch (E. Ger) 6.23/20'54" (—, 6.23, 6.07); 14, E. Vintila (Rum) 6.13/20'114" (6.06, 6.01, 6.13).

10,000 METRES (HEATS)

(1st 4 & 3 fastest losers to final)

Notable non-starters included Jurgen Haase (suffering from flu) and European champion Juha Vaatainen (saving himself for the 5,000m) but even without them the heats could not have failed to be thrilling and fast. Nevertheless who would have predicted that EVERY finalist would break the Olympic record in order to make it? Rashid Sharafetdinov, the European bronze medallist, missed Billy Mills' historic time of 28:24.4 by a fifth, and did not progress to the final!

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The first heat was enlivened by the irrepressible Dave Bedford, who showed he is over his various problems of late by frisking through 3000m in 8:14.2 and reaching halfway with Emiel Puttemans in 13:48.6. Only Bedford himself and Ron Clarke had previously run that fast in a 10,000. By 6,500m they had lapped the defending Olympic champion, Naftali Temu, and they cruised around, chatting happily, to finish in 27:53.4 and 27:53.6 without showing the least signs of distress! Heat 2 saw the return of the great Mohamed Gammoudi, obviously back to his very best as he served notice of his intentions by ripping off a 58 last lap ahead of Mariano Haro and Frank Shorter, the latter setting a new US record of 27:58.2. It looked for a while as if Shorter would not make it against the big kickers but the pace lifted after a 14:00.0 first half and Sharafetdinov dropped off the back of the leading group. The third heat was a slower affair, resulting in Merus Yifter streaking home in 28:18.8 after a 27:21.4 bell, and it found Lachie Stewart lacking in speed over the last 500m. With five men beating it, 28 minutes became further de-valued and the stage was set for a gripping final three days later. Dave Holt was not disgraced by his 28:46.8, only 5 sec off his best.

Heat 1: (2:45.2, 5:30.2, 8:14.2, 11:00.0, 13:48.6, 16:38.0, 19:27.4, 22:16.2, 25:06.8) 1, E. Puttemans (Bel) 27:53.4 (Olympic rec); 2, D. BEDFORD (UK) 27:53.6; 3, J. Alvarez (Spa) 28:08.6; 4, A. Zaddem (Tun) 28:14.8; 5, J. Jansky (Cz) 28:23.2; 6, A. Badrakov (USSR) 28:35.0; 7, N. Tijou (Fra) 28:36.2; 8, W. Doesseger (Swi) 28:36.4; 9, Tadesse Wolde-Medhin (Eth) 28:45.4; 10, A. Usami (Jap) 29:24.8; 11, J. Galloway (USA) 29:35.0; 12, N. Temu (Ken) 30:19.6; 13, E. Fon-gang (Cambodia) 31:32.6; 14, F. Suppiah (Sin) 31:59.2; 15, C. Quispe (Bol) 32:31.8; 16, G. Cindolo (Ita) 33:03.4. G. Mielke (W. Ger) dnf; U. Sotutu (Fiji) scr.

Heat 2: (2:46.6, 5:35.4, 8:22.8, 11:11.0, 14:00.0, 16:53.0, 19:44.2, 22:29.8, 25:16.4) 1, M. Gammoudi (Tun) 27:54.8; 2, M. Haro (Spa) 27:56.0; 3, F. Shorter (USA) 27:58.2; 4, L. Viren (Fin) 28:04.4; 5, P. Mose (Ken) 28:18.8; 6, R. Sharafetdinov (USSR) 28:24.6; 7, W. Masresha (Eth) 28:28.0; 8, P. Miranda (Mex) 28:35.8; 9, K. Lismont (Bel) 28:41.8; 10, N. Cusack (RoI) 28:45.8; 11, D. HOLT (UK) 28:46.8; 12, K. Sawaki (Jap) 29:29.0; 13, A. Rafael (Costa R) 29:36.6; 14, J. Quevedo (Gua) 30:08.4; 15, A. Khamis (Egy) 30:19.2; 16, L. Rosa (Cey) 30:20.2. R. Nabuza (Swaziland), A. Gulet (Somalia) & P. Halle (Nor) dnf.

Heat 3: (2:47.8, 5:36.4, 8:25.0, 11:15.4, 14:06.0, 17:00.4, 19:53.0, 22:48.6, 25:44.8) 1, M. Yifter (Eth) 28:18.2; 2, W. Polleunis (Bel) 28:19.8; 3, P. Andreyev (USSR) 28:21.0; 4, D. Korica (Yug) 28:22.2; 5, J. Martinez (Mex) 28:23.2; 6, L. STEWART (UK) 28:31.4; 7, A. Risa (Nor) 28:31.8; 8, J. Anderson (USA) 28:34.2; 9, C. Lopes (Por) 28:53.6; 10, A. Moser (Swi) 29:05.8; 11, R. Juma (Ken) 29:13.0; 12, D. Tibaduiza (Col) 29:24.0; 13, S. Medani (Sud) 29:32.8; 14, M. Letzerich (W. Ger) 29:37.8; 15, H. Sen (Tur) 29:51.8. A. Joseph (Haiti) & G.

Thorley (NZ) dnf; J. Vaatainen (Fin) & E. Warnke (Chi) scr.

20 KILOMETRES WALK

Paul Nihill was dejected, bewildered and hobbling along in pain. Half an hour earlier he had finished 6th in the race he felt confident of winning, and he was at a loss to explain what had gone wrong. In fact there was a very good reason why he failed in his objective: from the half-way point, just as he was in the process of making his move, he experienced an unprecedented heaviness in his thighs and after finishing he was practically unable to put one foot in front of another, so painful were the tops of his legs.

"I've never had this before", he mused. Perhaps it is something to do with coming down from altitude—I've been five days at sea level—because the other lads (Phil Embleton and Peter Marlow) also felt very sluggish and tired in the legs during the race. I should have done about 86 minutes (the race was won by Peter Frenkel in 86:42.4) without trouble. My pace was bang on at halfway, things were going exactly to plan. I kept with the leaders and at 12km made a break. I led for about 50 yards but my legs felt so bad that four men eventually passed me, with Smaga going past later. I came to life again but could hold only sixth place. Although I didn't particularly like the course that wasn't to blame. It felt like cramp; I don't really know what it was".

So ended Paul Nihill's gallant attempt. He walked his usual intelligent race but, on this of all days, physical problems prevented the fulfilment of his plans. That, as Paul well knows, is what the Olympics are about. All the training and preparation in the world cannot win an athlete a gold medal unless everything goes well with him on the day. That is the unpredictable element of competition which makes athletics the fascinating sport it is, and Paul has the character to put this race behind him and proceed towards his next goals. One should hastily add that Nihill's walk here was no failure. A time of 1:28:44.4, barely two minutes behind the winner, is a fine performance by any standards and, in the circumstances, a tribute to a remarkable walker, but all the rationalising in the world cannot erase the bitter disappointment of losing a race that might have been won.

The race proved to be showcase for the exceptional East German walkers; only the intervention of amazing Vladimir Golubnichiy (1st in 1960, 3rd in 1964, 1st in 1968) in second place prevented a clean sweep of the medals for the GDR. It was the East Germans who made the pace. At the 5km checkpoint Frenkel led from Hans-Georg Reimann, both 22:16, followed closely by Nihill and Bernd Kannenberg (22:17), Golubnichiy and Nikolay Smaga (22:18), Gerhard Sperling and Yevgeniy Ivchenko (22:19). Phil Embleton was 13th in 22:34 and Peter Marlow 17th in 22:52. At 10km Reimann showed just in front of Frenkel as both passed by in 43:57. Kannenberg, who retired soon afterwards, showed

43:58, Nihill and Sperling 44:00, Ivchenko 44:02, Golubnichiy 44:05 and Smaga 44:06. No one else was in contention, for the next man was Jose Oliveros in 45:02. Embleton (45:22) was 12th and Marlow (46:30) 19th of the 24 starters.

The next 5km stretch was faster still, with Frenkel leading from Reimann and Golubnichiy (all 1:05:22). Sperling (1:05:28) was still in touch but then came a long gap before Smaga (1:06:00), Ivchenko (1:06:02)—who was pulled out in the closing stages—and Nihill (1:06:03). Next up was Oliveros in 1:07:52; Embleton was 12th in 1:08:56 and Marlow 18th in 1:10:59. Frenkel covered the final 5km stretch in a tremendous 21:20.4 to pull away from Golubnichiy, while Reimann settled for the bronze.

The winner, Peter Frenkel, is very well known in international walking circles. Aged 33, he was for many years an unsuccessful middle distance runner before switching to walking on the advice of former walking star (and his present coach) Hans-Joachim Pathus. He clocked 92:10.6 for 20km in his first serious season, 1964, and four years later he placed 10th in Mexico City. He was 4th in Helsinki and earlier this season he shared a world track 20km record of 85:19.4 with Reimann. As the appended results show, all of the first six walkers home are in their thirties.

1, PETER FRENKEL (East Germany) 1:26:42.4 (Olympic record) (5km splits of 22:16.0, 21:41.0, 21:25.0, 21:20.4) (born 13.5.39; 1.82, 75kg).

2, VLADIMIR GOLUBNICHY (USSR) 1:26:55.2 (22:18.0, 21:47.0, 21:17.0, 21:33.2) (2.6.36; 1.79, 78kg).

3, HANS-GEORG REIMANN (East Germany) 1:27:16.6 (22:16.0, 21:41.0, 21:25.0, 21:54.6) (24.8.41; 1.80, 65kg).

4, GERHARD SPERLING (East Germany) 1:27:55.0 (22:19.0, 21:41.0, 21:28.0, 22:27.0) (25.11.37; 1.87, 75kg).

5, NIKOLAY SMAGA (USSR) 1:28:16.6 (22:18.0, 21:48.0, 21:54.0, 22:16.6) (22.8.38; 1.80, 72kg).

6, PAUL NIHILL (UK) 1:28:44.4 (22:17.0, 21:43.0, 22:03.0, 22:41.4) (5.9.39; 1.81, 66kg).

7, JAN ORNOCH (Poland) 1:32:01.6 (30.5.52; 1.81, 75kg).

8, VITTORIO VISINI (Italy) 1:32:30.0 (25.5.45; 1.77, 62kg).

9, J. Oliveros (Mex) 1:32:40.6; 10, L. Young (USA) 1:32:53.4; 11, J. Rolstad (Nor) 1:33:03.2; 12, P. Aroche (Mex) 1:33:05.0; 13, H. Mayer (W. Ger) 1:33:13.8; 14, P. EMBLETON (UK) 1:33:22.2 (22:34.0, 22:48.0, 23:34.0, 24:26.2); 15, T. Dooley (USA) 1:34:58.8; 16, W. Wesch (W. Ger) 1:35:20.6; 17, P. MARLOW (UK) 1:35:38.8 (22:52.0, 23:38.0, 24:29.0, 24:39.8); 18, C. Sowa (Lux) 1:36:23.8; 19, G. Klopfer (USA) 1:38:33.6; 20, H. Toure (Eth) 1:43:11.6; 21, V. Esteban (Nicaragua) 1:45:09.4; 22, I. Avila (Mex) 1:45:45.4. Y. Ivchenko (USSR) disq; B. Kannenberg (W. Ger) dnf.

Second Day

Friday, September 1st

DISCUS (QUALIFYING)

Fourteen men met the qualifying standard of 59.00/193'7", with European champion Ludvik Danek well clear of the rest at 64.32/211'0". The big surprise, and an unpleasant one for the vast crowd at the morning session, was that not one of West Germany's three throwers, all of whom have bettered 62m this season, reached the 59m line. Unexpected, too, was the failure of former European champion Hartmut Losch. Bill Tancred, who had recently thrown 214ft. (65.22) in training, was unlucky to fall over in the circle and foul his opening effort of around 60m. His other two throws were below the requirement and so he went out, as did John Watts who, not surprisingly, was below form as only a few days earlier he had narrowly escaped death when he was struck by the full force of a discus in flight. His



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injuries necessitated several stitches to his head, but the situation could have been much worse had the implement not hit him first on the shoulder.

Qualifiers: L. Danek (Cz) **64.32/211'0"**; J. Rinne (Fin) **62.02/203'6"**; G. Fejer (Hun) **61.58/202'0"**; P. Kahma (Fin) **58.50, 61.24/200'11"**; R. Bruch (Swe) **61.24/200'11"**; J. Silvester (USA) **58.98, 61.20/200'9"**; F. Tegla (Hun) **60.60/198'10"**; J. Muranyi (Hun) **54.42, 60.34/197'11"**; S. Simeon (Ita) **58.38, 59.78/196'1"**; T. Vollmer (USA) **59.60/195'6"**; N. Niare (Mali) **59.38/194'10"**; D. Thorith (E. Ger) **59.36/194'9"**; J. Powell (USA) **54.94, 59.30/194'7"**; L. Mills (NZ) **59.22/194'3"**.

Non-qualifiers: K-P. Hennig (W. Ger) **55.32, —, 58.64/192'5"**; D. Wippermann (W. Ger) **56.42, 58.10/190'7"**; 57.96; H-D. Neu (W. Ger) **56.36, 58.10/190'7"**; —; Z. Pecar (Yug) —, **57.84/189'9"**; 53.52; W. TANCRED (UK) —, **55.86, 57.24/187'9"**; R. Tait (NZ) **56.60/185'8"**, **55.88, —**; A. Roost (Can) **56.58/185'7"**, **55.48, —**; H. Losch (E. Ger) **56.54/185'6"**, —, **56.28**; E. Valdimarsson (Ice) **55.38/181'8"**, **55.16, 53.26**; J. WATTS (UK) **53.48, —, 53.86/176'8"**; K. Andersen (Den) —, **51.60, 53.52/175'7"**; P. Kumar (India) **52.58, 53.12/174'3"**, **51.58**; H. Reinitzer (Austria) —, **52.32, 52.56/172'5"**; S. F. Tourkey (Saudi A) —, **33.78/110'10"**, —. A. De Vincentiis (Ita) 3 fouls.

POLE VAULT (QUALIFYING)

With several leading vaulters handicapped by various injury problems, four men who did not clear the required **5.10/16'8½"** went through to the final. Most seriously injured were Renato Dionisi, who made two half-hearted attempts at **4.80/15'9"** and then threw the pole into the bar on his third; and Kjell Isaksson, who actually cleared **5.00/16'4½"** on his final try only to have

the bar follow him down into the pit. Also out of the hunt was **5.50** man Steve Smith, who made **4.80** on his third and then never came close at **5.00**. Chris Papanicolaou was lucky to make this height and get into the final although he was behind the two Poles, Slusarski and Buciariski, on failures. It was quickly evident that Mike Bull's injury had not cleared up either: he found **5.00** beyond him this time—a height he could almost have cleared in his sleep two months ago. Seagren, vaulting on a standard Cata-Pole, needed two tries at **5.10** whilst Nordwig had an easy clearance. Just how much the IAAF's constant switches on their ruling over the new high density poles (they were finally banned from the competition) affected the athletes is a matter for conjecture.

Qualifiers: (at **5.10/16'8½"**) A. Kalliomaki (Fin); W. Nordwig (E. Ger); H. D'Encausse (Fra); R. Kuretzky (W. Ger); B. Simpson (Can); V. Ohl (W. Ger); H. Lagerqvist (Swe); F. Tracanelli (Fra); R. Seagren (USA); J. Johnson (USA). Also into final at **5.00/16'4½"**: T. Slusarski (Pol); W. Buciariski (Pol); C. Papanicolaou (Gre) and I. Jernberg (Swe).

Non-qualifiers: S. Fraquelli (Ita) **4.80/15'9"**; M. BULL (UK) **4.80**; S. Smith (USA) **4.80**; R. Boyd (Aus) **4.80**. K. Bryde (Can), R. Dionisi (Ita) & K. Issaksson (Swe) no clearance.

WOMEN'S 100 METRES (1st ROUND)

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

All the heats were run into the wind, yet there were several good times. Leading the parade was Cuba's outstanding 17-year-old talent, Silvia Chivas, at **11.18**. Her heat was easily the fastest overall and Andrea Lynch, away fast, ran the finest race of her career to date to place 4th in



Start of the European 20 kilometres walk at Helsinki, with Peter Frenkel leading from Paul Nihill and Nikolay Smaga.

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11.52. That 11.5 equals her personal best but on hand timing that would have been 11.4, and she was facing an 0.8m/sec. breeze. Sonia Lannaman also tied her legal best of 11.5 in 4th place; had she run 1/100th of a second faster she would have been credited with 11.4, and the headwind in her heat was 1.3m. At 70m she was 2nd, ahead of Sylvie Telliez and Irena Szewinska. Anita Neil also advanced to the next round.

Heat 1: (— 0.8m) 1, S. Chivas (Cuba) 11.2 (11.18); 2, A. Richter (W. Ger) 11.3 (11.30); 3, W. van Gool (Neth) 11.4 (11.43); 4, A. LYNCH (UK) 11.5 (11.52); 5, M. Render (USA) 11.6 (11.60); 6, J. Mosquera (Col) 11.6 (11.64); 7, M. Hoffman (Aus) 11.7 (11.68); 8, M. Misomali (Malawi) 12.8.

Heat 2: (— 0.9m) 1, E. Shachamorov (Israel) 11.5 (11.45); 2, I. Valkova (Bul) 11.5 (11.49); 3, E. Glaskova (Cz) 11.5 (11.50); 4, E. Kaufer (E. Ger) 11.6 (11.59); 5, G. Bukharina (USSR) 11.7 (11.69); 6, B. Lungu (Zambia) 12.4; 7, F. Elfaquir (Mor) 12.6; 8, C. Russell (Nicaragua) 13.5.

Heat 3: (— 0.4m) 1, I. Davis (USA) 11.3 (11.34); 2, A. Annum (Gha) 11.5 (11.54); 3, A. NEIL (UK) 11.6 (11.55); 4, C. Molinari (Ita) 11.6 (11.61); 5, P. Ryan (Aus) 11.7 (11.73); 6, L. Haglund (Swe) 12.0; 7, F. Nicholls (Barb) 12.2; 8, I. Fitzner (Arg) 12.5.

Heat 4: (— 0.5m) 1, R. Stecher (E. Ger) 11.3 (11.31); 2, R. Allwood (Jam) 11.5 (11.45); 3, B. Ferrell (USA) 11.5 (11.47); 4, H. Afriyie (Gha)

11.9; 5, L. Nappi (Ita) 12.0; 6, C. Rieuwpassa (Indonesia) 12.2; 7, A. Alanes (Phil) 12.4; 8, M. Kheng (Cambodia) 12.7.

Heat 5: (— 0.3m) 1, R. Boyle (Aus) 11.4 (11.37); 2, C. Valdes (Cuba) 11.5 (11.53); 3, I. Mickler (W. Ger) 11.6 (11.55); 4, L. Zharkova (USSR) 11.6 (11.56); 5, E. Stropahl (E. Ger) 11.6 (11.63); 6, T. Rautanen (Fin) 11.9; 7, E. Edet (Nig) 12.1; 8, M. Joseph (Haiti) 13.8.

Heat 6: (— 1.3m) 1, E. Schittenhelm (W. Ger) 11.3 (11.32); 2, I. Szewinska (Pol) 11.3 (11.33); 3, S. Telliez (Fra) 11.4 (11.36); 4, S. LANNAMAN (UK) 11.5 (11.45); 5, B. Matthews (NZ) 11.8 (11.77); 6, M. L. Vilca (Peru) 11.9; 7, C. Powell (Bahamas) 12.0. N. Besfamilnaya (USSR) scr.

400 METRES HURDLES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

Drawn against John Akii-Bua and Ralph Mann, both inside him, David Hemery had a tough task on his hands, but as in Mexico City four years back, he came through it looking most impressively relaxed and easy. Akii-Bua pulled up to within a metre of him after three flights where Hemery surged powerfully along the backstraight to hit the final stretch about even with both Mann and the Ugandan. From there it was almost a stroll for the world record-holder, as he sauntered in glancing quickly around a couple

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of times to make sure he was safe. Akii won in an electrically time 49.25 ahead of Mann, who looked much better than in his heat. The latter's time was 49.53, with Hemery on 49.66. Rainer Schubert edged team-mate Rolf Ziegler by eight hundredths to take the last spot in the final.

The second semi was packed with drama. Firstly, Gary Knoke thought a recall had been fired and lost precious ground by jogging out of the blocks at the gun. Jim Seymour and Yevgeniy Gavrilenko turned out of the final curve together and Christian Rudolph was just moving up to challenge when he stumbled after landing beyond the tenth flight and crashed headlong into Dieter Buttner's lane, causing the West German to leap skywards in order to avoid him. Both failed to finish. That let in Stavros Tziortzis, who thus became the first ever Cypriot to reach an Olympic final.

Heat 1: 1, J. Akii-Bua (Uga) 49.3; 2, R. Mann (USA) 49.5; 3, D. HEMERY (UK) 49.7; 4, R. Schubert (W. Ger) 49.8; 5, R. Ziegler (W. Ger) 49.9; 6, I. Danis (Cz) 50.0; 7, V. Savchenko (USSR) 50.3; 8, J-P. Corval (Fra) 50.8.

Heat 2: 1, J. Seymour (USA) 49.3; 2, Y. Gavrilenko (USSR) 49.3; 3, Y. Zorin (USSR) 49.6; 4, S. Tziortzis (Gre) 50.1; 5, T. Kulczycki (Pol) 50.8; 6, G. Knoke (Aus) 52.8. C. Rudolph (E. Ger) & D. Buttner (W. Ger) dnf.

WOMEN'S 100 METRES (SECOND ROUND)

(1st 4 to semis)

Silvia Chivas again turned in the fastest time of the round, but whereas she was running hard for her 11.22, Commonwealth champion Raelene Boyle produced a markedly relaxed 11.30 behind her. Out in this heat went Ellen Stropahl, whose world record equalling 11.0 earlier in the season appears increasingly questionable. Anita Neil and Sonia Lannaman also left the scene at this stage but Andrea Lynch again excelled herself. She led until halfway in her heat and although passed by three girls she grimly held on to 4th place ahead of such superior (on paper) opponents as Sylvie Telliez (personal best of 11.1), Mattline Render (11.4), Marion Hoffman (11.3) and Galina Bukharina (11.3). Wilma van Gool, credited with 11.1 in East Germany this season, was another to be eliminated.

Heat 1: (+ 0.9m) 1, S. Chivas (Cuba) 11.2 (11.22); 2, R. Boyle (Aus) 11.3 (11.30); 3, B. Ferrell (USA) 11.4 (11.38); 4, E. Shachamov (Isr) 11.5 (11.46); 5, E. Stropahl (E. Ger) 11.5 (11.48); 6, A. NEIL (UK) 11.6 (11.58); 7, C. Molinari (Ita) 11.6 (11.63); 8, B. Matthews (NZ) 11.9.

Heat 2: (- 0.5m) 1, R. Stecher (E. Ger) 11.3 (11.27); 2, I. Szwinska (Pol) 11.5 (11.49); 3, I. Mickler (W. Ger) 11.5 (11.52); 4, R. Allwood (Jam) 11.5 (11.52); 5, S. LANNAMAN (UK) 11.7 (11.72); 6, P. Ryan (Aus) 11.9; 7, H. Afriyie (Gha) 12.0; 8, L. Nappi (Ita) 12.1.

Heat 3: (+ 0.2m) 1, A. Richter (W. Ger) 11.3 (11.33); 2, E. Gleskova (Cz) 11.4 (11.43); 3, A. Annum (Gha) 11.5 (11.45); 4, A. LYNCH (UK) 11.6 (11.57); 5, S. Telliez (Fra) 11.6 (11.64); 6, M. Render (USA) 11.7 (11.67); 7, M. Hoffman (Aus) 11.8; 8, G. Bukharina (USSR) 11.8.

Heat 4: (- 0.4m) 1, I. Davis (USA) 11.3 (11.27); 2, E. Schittenhelm (W. Ger) 11.4 (11.42); 3, C. Valdes (Cuba) 11.5 (11.46); 4, L. Zharkova (USSR) 11.5 (11.46); 5, W. van Gool (Neth) 11.5 (11.47); 6, I. Valkova (Bul) 11.5 (11.48); 7, E. Kaufer (E. Ger) 11.6 (11.55); 8, J. Mosquera (Col) 11.7 (11.66).

100 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

In the first semi Vassilios Papageorgopoulos scratched with groin trouble, which probably allowed Mike Fray to reach the final. The winner was Valeriy Borzov, who came out of the blocks running hard for 60m, then eased slightly and started spectating as he flashed across the line a metre ahead of Halsey Crawford in 10.21 with the wind gauge registering nil. Robert Taylor barely edged Lennox Miller by one-hundredth of a second in the second semi, run with a slightly aiding wind. Early leader Alexander Kornelyuk gave the Russians another finalist as he held onto third spot. Brian Green was off well, but simply lacked the sheer power of this sort of company



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after 50m, and faded to last. In his June form he might have made the final. Barka Sy lost out in spite of clocking the same time as fourth placing Zenon Nowosz, right down to the hundredth.

Heat 1: (nil) 1, V. Borzov (USSR) 10.2 (10.21); 2, H. Crawford (Trin) 10.4 (10.36); 3, J. Hirscht (W. Ger) 10.4 (10.36); 4, M. Fray (Jam) 10.5 (10.48); 5, A. Sarteur (Fra) 10.5 (10.51); 6, K. Komenan (Ivory C) 10.6 (10.57); 7, B. Borth (E. Ger) 10.6 (10.60). V. Papageorgopoulos (Gre) scr.

Heat 2: (+ 0.2) 1, R. Taylor (USA) 10.3 (10.30); 2, L. Miller (Jam) 10.3 (10.31); 3, A. Kornelyuk (USSR) 10.4 (10.35); 4, Z. Nowosz (Pol) 10.4 (10.42); 5, B. Sy (Senegal) 10.4 (10.42); 6, J-L. Ravelomanantsoa (Malagasy) 10.5 (10.46); 7, J. Matousek (Cz) 10.5 (10.51); 8, B. GREEN (UK) 10.5 (10.52).

800 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 2 and 2 fastest losers to final)

Surprisingly, with fastest losers getting through, the first two heats were "cycle-sprint" affairs. Dieter Fromm led at the bell in 53.2 in the first; Robert Ouko moved quickly into position in the backstraight and the pair of them were comfortable qualifiers ahead of David Cropper whose kick took him into third in 1:48.4. When a tight bunch of runners reached the bell in 55.3 in the next heat, it was felt that Dave's time might still just get him through. Franz-Josef Kemper

was in control coming off the bend after a long run from 360m out. Then halfway down the stretch Dave Wottle extricated himself from a boxed-in position and zipped past the West German on the inside. Josef Plachy, considered a medal contender, was therefore eliminated in 1:48.9 in third place. Andy Carter very quickly put a stop to this sort of nonsense in heat 3 by tearing into the lead when the runners broke from lanes, and taking Mike Boit and Yevgeniy Arzhanov past the bell in 51.6. Ken Swenson had meanwhile retired from the race after 200m, where he sat on the infield with head in hands. Andy was still ahead of the pack as they went past 600m in 1:18.3, but could not withstand the stretch drives of Boit and Arzhanov. The Kenyan won handily as the Russian eased, clocking a personal best of 1:45.9, and Carter and Kupczyk were through as fastest losers in 1:46.5 and 1:46.7. However, when the result came up, Boit had been disqualified, apparently for leaving his lane early. This was a decision that was not at all popular with the crowd, who booed and whistled incessantly until it was reversed after a protest by the Kenyan team leader.

Heat 1: 1, R. Ouko (Ken) 1:47.6; 2, D. Fromm (E. Ger) 1:48.1; 3, D. CROPPER (UK) 1:48.4; 4, J. Schmidt (W. Ger) 1:48.8; 5, F. Murphy (RoI) 1:49.2; 6, A. Azzouzi (Alg) 1:49.4; 7, A. Sans (Fra) 1:49.6; 8, Y. Volkov (USSR) 1:50.1.

Heat 2: 1, D. Wottle (USA) 1:48.7; 2, F-J. Kemper (W. Ger) 1:48.8; 3, J. Plachy (Cz) 1:48.9; 4, J. Medjimurec (Yug) 1:49.0; 5, I. Ivanov (USSR) 1:49.6; 6, H. Mignon (Bel) 1:48.7; 7, M. Guettaya (Tun) 1:49.8; 8, H. Nimir (Sudan) 1:51.1.

Heat 3: 1, M. Boit (Ken) 1:45.9; 2, Y. Arzhanov (USSR) 1:46.3; 3, A. CARTER (UK) 1:46.5; 4, A. Kupczyk (Pol) 1:46.7; 5, M. Gayoso (Spa) 1:47.7; 6, R. Gysin (Swi) 1:48.2; 7, M. Tadesse (Eth) 1:48.9. K. Swenson (USA) dnf.

3000m STEEPLECHASE (HEATS)

(1st 3 to final)

Kerry O'Brien, world record holder at 8:22.0; Anders Garderud, personal best of 8:23.4; Kazimierz Maranda (8:23.6); Gerard Buchheit (8:25.4); Sverre Sornes (8:26.0); Tadeusz Zieliński and Willi Wagner (8:26.6) . . . these were just some of the runners who FAILED to survive the heats, alongside the British trio of Andy Holden, Steve Hollings and John Bicourt—all of whom ran quite close to their best but found that world class steeplechasing has taken a considerable stride forward this season. The elimination of Kerry O'Brien was particularly sickening. Here is a man who, cheated by the altitude, missed a medal by inches in Mexico City, and who at the 1970 Commonwealth Games lost his chance of a likely title when he fell heavily at the water jump. The Australian surely deserved a change of luck and yet here the jinx struck again. On the back-straight of the last lap, when possibly placed to

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qualify, his shoe flew off and he completely failed to rise for the hurdle prior to the final water-jump. Instead he smacked into the barrier, and out of the race. Another casualty in the same heat was Kazimierz Maranda. He fell on the second lap, quickly recovered and seemed to be all right until he began to drop away at around 2000m. He finished 10th in a distressed state and had to be carried off on a stretcher clutching his leg.

Gaston Roelants' Olympic record of 8:30.8 was bettered by nine men, two of whom—Josef Horcic and a very disappointing Anders Garderud (who folded in the last 50m after looking so relaxed throughout) — failed to reach the final. Tapio Kantanen became the new record holder with his fast finishing 8:24.8 in the first heat (2:41.2 last kilometre) ahead of Kip Keino's personal best of 8:27.6; but within half an hour or so the Finn was ex-Olympic record holder as reigning champion Amos Biwott for once looked the part and steamed in for an 8:23.8 clocking—breaking Ben Jipcho's African record. Revelation: Tanzania's 19-year-old Filbert Bayi, who improved from 9 min.-plus to 8:41.4.

Heat 1: (2:50.4, 5:43.6) 1, T. Kantanen (Fin) 8:24.8 (Olympic rec); 2, K. Keino (Ken) 8:27.6; 3, T. Koyama (Jap) 8:29.8; 4, G. Cefan (Rum) 8:33.8; 5, A. HOLDEN (UK) 8:33.8; 6, A. Feldmann (Swi) 8:35.8; 7, S. Savage (USA) 8:39.0; 8, G. Buchheit (Fra) 8:41.2; 9, F. Bayi (Tanz) 8:41.4; 10, V. Ashaba (Uga) 8:45.0; 11, T. Zielinski (Pol) 8:49.8; 12, W. Pedersen (Den) 9:03.0.

Heat 2: (2:51.6, 5:48.6) 1, B. Jipcho (Ken) 8:31.6; 2, M. Ala-Leppilampi (Fin) 8:31.8; 3, M. Zhelev (Bul) 8:35.8; 4, W. Maier (W. Ger) 8:37.6; 5, A. Takeuchi (Jap) 8:40.4; 6, S. Skripka (USSR) 8:41.4; 7, J. Voje (Nor) 8:42.0; 8, H. Menet (Swi) 8:45.4; 9, E. Leddy (Rol) 8:47.4; 10, K. Maranda (Pol) 8:50.4; 11, N. E. Ade (Cameroon) 9:34.4; K. O'Brien (Aus) dnf.

Heat 3: (2:50.4, 5:46.2) 1, P. Paivarinta (Fin) 8:29.0; 2, R. Bitte (USSR) 8:30.2; 3, J-P. Villain (Fra) 8:30.4; 4, J. Horcic (Cz) 8:30.6; 5, A. Garderud (Swe) 8:30.8; 6, W. Wagner (W. Ger) 8:34.0; 7, P. Thijs (Bel) 8:35.0; 8, J. BICOURT (UK) 8:38.8; 9, D. Brown (USA) 8:41.2; 10, P. Nakopoulos (Gre) 8:48.4; 11, Y. Mohamed (Eth) 8:52.6; 12, R. Hackman (Gha) 8:57.6.

Heat 4: (2:44.8, 5:35.0) 1, A. Biwott (Ken) 8:23.8 (Olympic rec); 2, B. Malinowski (Pol) 8:28.2; 3, D. Moravcik (Cz) 8:33.4; 4, S. HOLINGS (UK) 8:35.0; 5, F. Fava (Ita) 8:35.0; 6, H-D. Schulten (W. Ger) 8:39.8; 7, B. Rahoui (Alg) 8:41.0; 8, S. Kontosoros (Gre) 8:41.0; 9, G. Kaiser (Swi) 8:45.4; 10, M. Manley (USA) 8:50.4; 11, S. Sornes (Nor) 8:54.8; 12, U. Sotutu (Fiji) 9:12.0; 13, J. Quevedo Elias (Guat) 9:28.4.

WOMEN'S JAVELIN (FINAL)

For years women's javelin throwing languished in the doldrums. This season began with Yelena Gorchakova's mark of 62.40/204'9", set during the qualifying round of the Tokyo Olympics, as the world record still, and a throw of 60 metres was the exception rather than the rule for a top-class thrower. Ruth Fuchs has changed all that; in the space of a few months she has revolutionised the event. "The formula is 95% work and 5% talent," says this 1.69/5'6½", 65kg/143lb medical assistant from Jena who in June pushed the world record out to a startling 65.06/213'5" and who has since maintained an admirably high standard of performance. She was as close to being an odds-on favourite as there can be in such a fluctuating event, and indeed she dominated the final once she got into stride in the second round.

Kathy Schmidt, a very tall 18-year-old Californian who might just develop into the next world record holder given the right opportunities for coaching and competition, had opened with

59.94/196'8" but Fuchs took over with her second cast of 60.20/197'6". From that point on she was never headed, improving to 61.16/200'8" in the 4th round and a magnificently flighted 63.88/209'7" in the 5th. Only one athlete responded to this great display: Ruth's own teammate Jacqueline Todten (18), who with her final throw overtook the American for the silver medal with a superb 62.54/205'2". That not only shattered her personal best of 60.00/196'10" but moved her into 3rd place on the all-time list—the girl who ranks 2nd, Ewa Gryziecka, finishing a lowly 7th in this competition. Jacqueline, a 1.72/5'7½", 63kg/139lb schoolgirl, has made sensational progress. She began life as a javelin thrower in 1967, aged 13, and threw 37.70/123'8". She reached 44.32/145'5" in 1968, 47.78/156'9" in 1969, 55.20/181'1" in 1970 (she won the European junior title that season), 56.06/183'11" last year . . . and now a jump of over 20 feet.

1. RUTH FUCHS (East Germany) 63.88/209'7" (Olympic rec) (57.44, 60.20, 50.20, 61.16, 63.88, 59.16) (14.12.46; 1.69, 65kg).

2. JACQUELINE TODTEN (East Germany) 62.54/205'2" (—, 55.44, 57.18, 59.70, 56.92, 62.54) (29.5.54; 1.72, 63kg).

3. KATHY SCHMIDT (USA) 59.94/196'8" (59.94, 58.32, 59.84, —, 48.80, 56.10) (29.12.53; 1.86, 73kg).

4. LUTVIAN MOLLOVA (Bulgaria) 59.36/194'9" (56.46, 59.36, 55.10, —, 56.00, 58.44) (18.12.47; 1.69, 66kg).

5. NATASA URBANCIC (Yugoslavia) 59.06/193'9" (—, —, 56.48, 56.38, 59.06, —) (25.11.45; 1.78, 75kg).

6. EVA JANKO (Austria) 58.56/192'1" (—, 58.50, —, —, 58.56, 52.06) (24.1.45; 1.80, 72kg).

7. EWA GRYZIECKA (Poland) 57.00/187'0" (44.40, 47.34, 57.00, 55.88, 54.86, —) (11.4.48; 1.71, 65kg).

8. SVETLANA KOROLIOVA (USSR) 56.36/184'11" (56.30, 55.08, —, —, 56.36, —) (17.7.47; 1.69, 69kg).

9. A. Gerhards (W. Ger) 55.84/183'2" (54.84, 55.84, 54.72); 10. M. Kucserka (Hun) 54.40/178'6" (—, —, 54.40); 11. M. Paulanyi (Hun) 52.36/171'9" (—, —, 52.36); 12. E. Zorgo (Rum) 3 no throws.

100 METRES (FINAL)

There was always something inevitable about Valeriy Borzov's victory—right from the qualifying rounds, he always looked the pick of the bunch, as they say. But of course there will be those who will say that perhaps Eddie Hart or Rey Robinson might just have beaten the 22-year-old Soviet speedster, had they not missed the second round. It is difficult to agree with them. As Borzov said afterwards in the interview room: "I'm Olympic 100 metres champion, and such a person is usually acknowledged to be the fastest man in the world. The circumstances surrounding the Americans were unfortunate, but all I can say is that I have beaten American sprinters six times out of six in the past. Perhaps they are stagnating whilst European sprint standards are improving."

His win was classic and simple in the extreme. From his wide arm spread in the set position, he powered out of the blocks into an immediate lead, was into that distinctive high knee pick-up very quickly, and at no time looked in danger. He flung up both arms at the non-existent tape, where he was so far ahead in 10.14 he did not need to dip. Perhaps it was relief more than anything else that showed in his face immediately afterwards as the camera men swarmed around him: "This was a victory for my country, for my coach, for all the many people who have helped me in the past, and lastly for myself." The scrap for the other positions was fairly clear-cut. Robert Taylor was second at 60m, and kept a metre ahead of the high-stepping Lennox Miller, who narrowly out-lunged the very surprising little Alexandr Kornelyuk for the bronze medal. First and fourth was a tremendous boost for Soviet sprinting, which so often in the past has been sniggered at. Mike Fray garnered fifth over Jobst Hirscht as they both ran 10.40. Halsey Crawford pulled up



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lame after only ten metres or so. There was a headwind of 0.3m/sec.

1, VALERIY BORZOV (USSR) 10.1 (10.14) (20.10.49; 1.82, 79kg).

2, ROBERT TAYLOR (USA) 10.2 (10.24) (14.9.48; 1.83, 75kg).

3, LENNOX MILLER (JAMAICA) 10.3 (10.33) (8.10.46; 1.83, 80kg).

4, ALEXANDR KORNELYUK (USSR) 10.4 (10.36) (28.6.50; 1.65, 65kg).

5, MICHAEL FRAY (JAMAICA) 10.4 (10.40) (3.9.47; 1.88, 90kg).

6, JOBST HIRSCHT (WEST GERMANY) 10.4 (10.40) (19.7.48; 1.74, 65kg).

7, ZENON NOWOSZ (POLAND) 10.5 (10.46) (6.2.44; 1.81, 72kg).

HALSEY CRAWFORD (TRINIDAD & T) dnf.

WOMEN'S 800 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

One of the first principles of running, drummed into any young athlete, is never slacken off before the finishing line when in a competitive situation. Even Olympic champions are supposed to remember that—but, incredibly, Madeline Jackson (née

Manning) practically stopped a stride or two from the finish of her heat and lost her place in the final to Rosemary Stirling. Lucky Rosemary may have been, but all credit to her for running through and taking advantage of the situation when it presented itself. One requires more than just good fortune to reach an Olympic final these days, and Rosemary has only once run faster than her 2:02.4 in this race. As so often in the past she has perked at the right time and her record of being an individual finalist at Kingston, Athens, Edinburgh (gold medal), Helsinki (bronze) and now Munich is an indication of her consistency. On paper, taking into account her best 1972 time of 2:04.4 prior to the Games, she ranked about 30th among those entered!

The first heat went more to form, although Vera Nikolic salvaged the 4th qualifying place by barely a centimetre from Sylvia Schenk, whose fine personal best of 2:01.5 was still not quite good enough to make the final. Niele Sabaite, running a rather erratic race, finished strongly after having seemed to fade out to win in a Soviet record of 2:00.9, with Abby Hoffman improving her Canadian record again, to 2:01.4.

Heat 1: (59.2) 1, N. Sabaite (USSR) 2:00.9; 2, G. Hoffmeister (E. Ger) 2:01.2; 3, A. Hoffman (Can) 2:01.4; 4, V. Nikolic (Yug) 2:01.5; 5, S. Schenk (W. Ger) 2:01.5; 6, A. Damm-Olesen (Den) 2:04.2; 7, C. Peasley (Aus) 2:04.6; M. Kulcsar (Hun) scr.

Heat 2: (59.6) 1, H. Falck (W. Ger) 2:01.4; 2,

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Third Day

September, 2nd

JAVELIN (QUALIFYING)

As only four men from pool 1 and a further three from pool 2 reached the 80 metres (262'5") line a further five men were promoted into the final—and Richard Dowswell of Canada found his third effort of 77.42/254'0" just got him through. The leader into the final was Klaus Wolfermann, who had the crowd roaring as he dispatched the spear 86.22/282'10" with the opening throw of the morning. Janis Lusi, dispelling rumours about his state of fitness, almost contemptuously unleashed an opener of 82.92/272'10" and then packed up his gear and left. Dave Travis never looked happy, starting with 74.68/245'0", a throw he did not manage to improve upon.

Qualifiers: K. Wolfermann (W. Ger) 86.22/282'10"; J. Lusi (USSR) 82.92/272'0"; M. Nemeth (Hun) 70.90, 81.78/268'4"; F. Luke (USA) 81.34/266'10"; M. Stolle (E. Ger) 80.78/265'10"; J. Kinnunen (Fin) 80.10/262'9"; M. Sönsky (USA) 79.96/262'4"; 78.78, 74.24; J. Csik (Hun) 79.08/259'5"; —, —, W. Schmidt (USA) 75.28, 75.90, 78.96/259'1"; L. Tuita (Fra) 75.36, 78.78/258'5"; 77.34; B. Grimnes (Nor) —, 77.54/254'5"; —; R. Dowswell (Can) 66.54, 72.52, 77.42/254'0".

Non-qualifiers: G. Kulcsar (Hun) —, —, 77.24/253'5"; A. Claude (Can) 75.56/247'11"; —, —; D. TRAVIS (UK) 74.68/245'0"; 70.10, 74.30; G. Glasauer (W. Ger) —, —, 73.12/239'11"; J. Abehi (Ivory C) 72.20/236'10"; —, —; R. Cramerotti (Ita) 71.12/233'4"; —, —; V. Donald (Nicaragua) 63.74/209'1"; —, —; S. Alkhatani (Saudi A) —, —, 53.06/174'1". L. Pusa (Fin) 3 no throws.

WOMEN'S 100 METRES (SEMI-FINALS)

(1st 4 to final)

Renate Stecher's time of 11.18 into an 0.3m/sec wind and her two-metre victory over Iris Davis in the first semi left little doubt as to the eventual winner of the final. Raelene Boyle overcame a slow start to take the second race in 11.32. Barbara Ferrell deprived Israel of her first ever Olympic athletics finalist by the narrowest of margins, for both she and Esther Shachamorov were timed in 11.49 in 4th and 5th places. Andrea Lynch, who

on paper seemed destined to be last, again ran most creditably to place 7th.

Heat 1: (— 0.3m) 1, R. Stecher (E. Ger) 11.2 (11.18); 2, I. Davis (USA) 11.4 (11.36); 3, E. Gleskova (Cz) 11.4 (11.43); 4, A. Annum (Gha) 11.5 (11.47); 5, E. Schittenhelm (W. Ger) 11.5 (11.49); 6, C. Valdes (Cuba) 11.5 (11.52); 7, I. Mickler (W. Ger) 11.5 (11.53); 8, R. Allwood (Jam) 11.6 (11.58).

Heat 2: (— 0.1m) 1, R. Boyle (Aus) 11.3 (11.32); 2, S. Chivas (Cuba) 11.3 (11.33); 3, A. Richter (W. Ger) 11.4 (11.39); 4, B. Ferrell (USA) 11.5 (11.49); 5, E. Shachamorov (Isr) 11.5 (11.49); 6, I. Szewinska (Pol) 11.5 (11.54); 7, A. LYNCH (UK) 11.6 (11.64); 8, L. Zharkova (USSR) 11.7 (11.67).

WOMEN'S 400 METRES (FIRST ROUND)

(1st 4 and 4 fastest losers to 2nd round)

The Olympic record, shared by Betty Cuthbert and Colette Besson at 52.0, was surprisingly beaten in the first heat by the little known, at least internationally, Charlene Rendina (née Neighbour). The 24-year-old Australian, who had never previously run faster than 53.2, produced a time of 51.9 no less! Mable Ferguson (17) also improved by a tremendous margin, from 53.3 to 52.1, but the girl who impressed most was Rita Wilden who appeared to be trotting the final 30 metres or so and yet finished second in 52.0. Nine others bettered 53 sec., a tremendous standard for the first round, including Yvonne Saunders—running for Jamaica, living in Canada and a former 1.69/5'6½" high jumper for Stretford AC as an intermediate. She eased up visibly, yet ran 52.4. Both Verona Bernard (a tenth outside her best of 53.2) and Jannette Roscoe survived their heats, but Janet Simpson had her 28th birthday ruined by running a listless and unavailing 54.1.

Heat 1: 1, C. Rendina (Aus) 51.9 (51.94) (Olympic record); 2, R. Wilden (W. Ger) 52.0; 3, M. Ferguson (USA) 52.1; 4, J. Ayaa (Uga) 52.9; 5, K. Kafer (Austria) 53.6; 6, A. Acosta (Cuba) 54.5; 7, B. Bishop (Barb) 56.4.

Heat 2: 1, K. Hammond (USA) 53.5; 2, J. ROSCOE (UK) 53.7; 3, M. Eklund (Fin) 53.8; 4, N. Chistyakova (USSR) 53.8; 5, K. Kacperczyk (Pol) 53.9; 6, J. Aman (Malaysia) 57.4; C. Casapicola (Austria) scr.

Heat 3: 1, M. Zehrt (E. Ger) 52.5; 2, M.-L. Strandvall (Fin) 52.9; 3, T. Ruth (Neth) 53.2; 4, T. Chemabwai (Ken) 53.4; 5, D. Edwards (USA) 54.4; 6, M. Sykora (Austria) 54.5; 7, J. Vicent (Urug) 55.3.

Heat 4: 1, N. Duclos (Fra) 52.7; 2, G. Balogh (Hun) 52.8; 3, N. Kolesnikova (USSR) 53.2; 4, K. Lundgren (Swe) 53.7; 5, B. Zientarska (Pol)

54.2; 6, R. Williams (Jam) 55.7; 7, A. Mantawel (Phil) 57.9.

Heat 5: 1, Y. Saunders (Jam) 52.4; 2, H. Seidler (E. Ger) 52.8; 3, C. Besson (Fra) 53.4; 4, A. Ross-Edwards (Aus) 53.5; 5, D. Govoni (Ita) 54.0; 6, I. Orosz (Hun) 54.8; 7, A. Kalpakian (Lebanon) 65.2.

Heat 6: 1, C. Frese (W. Ger) 52.9; 2, D. Kasling (E. Ger) 53.0; 3, A. Penton (Cuba) 53.3; 4, O. Syrovatskaya (USSR) 53.6; 5, J. SIMPSON (UK) 54.1; 6, J. Sadowick (Can) 54.6; 7, E. Rivas (Col) 56.3; 8, K. Sandhu (India) 57.7.

Heat 7: 1, C. Trustee (Cuba) 52.8; 2, P. Hunt (NZ) 52.8; 3, D. Piecyk (Pol) 53.1; 4, V. BERNARD (UK) 53.3; 5, A. Ruckes (W. Ger) 53.9; 6, V. Leiser (Swi) 54.7; 7, G. Muneene (Zambia) 57.7.

DISCUS (FINAL)

The two men who suffered most from being contemporaries of Al Oerter—Jay Silvester and Ludvik Danek (both of whom are now 35 and running out of Olympic chances)—badly needed to win to set the seal on careers that have certainly been brilliant and yet ultimately unfulfilled. Silvester, 20 years a discus thrower, in international class since 1958 and six times a world record breaker, had not won an Olympic medal although among the favourites both times: he was 4th in Tokyo and 5th in Mexico City. This has caused him to be saddled with the reputation of tightening up on the most important occasions, although he is freely acknowledged as being the most consistent high-level competitor outside of the Olympics. Danek, who has been throwing since 1956, has competed in every major Games since 1962 and has picked up Olympic silver (Tokyo) and bronze (Mexico) medals as well as his European title in Helsinki. A former world record holder, and a 66.64/218'8" performer this year, he went into this contest as slight favourite over Silvester and the unpredictable Ricky Bruch, who had equalled Silvester's world record of 68.40/224'5" earlier in the season.

The stage was set for a thrilling battle—and so it proved. The distances thrown were not remarkable, but that was immaterial in a competition of this nature. The "big three" finally shared the spoils although John Powell, Geza Fejer and Detlef Thorith played a prominent role in the early rounds.

Fejer, who ranks equal 3rd with Danek on the all-time list with 66.92/219'7", led the first round with 62.50/205'1" ahead of Silvester (62.12/202'10") and Powell (61.92/203'2"). He was replaced in the 2nd round by Powell (62.82/206'1")—who had been seen to throw 226ft. (68.88) in training a few days earlier. Fejer improved to 62.56/205'3" for 2nd and Thorith came through for 3rd with 62.42/204'9". It was in the 3rd round that Silvester clicked, as he threw 63.50/208'4". Powell and Fejer followed, Danek moved into 4th (62.38/204'8") and Bruch rose to 6th behind Thorith with 61.52/201'10".

While Danek progressed slightly to 62.54/205'2" and Silvester fouled around 63m, Bruch slipped into the bronze medal position with his 4th toss of 62.76/205'11"—and in the 5th round he went into 2nd place, a mere 10cm behind Silvester. The pressure was really on as the throwers took their final flings... and it was Danek, only 5th until then, who accepted the challenge. In a manner worthy of Oerter himself, he responded with 64.40/211'3". Bruch's last effort went 62.60/205'4" and the luckless Silvester's 62.86/206'3"—and so Czechoslovakia hailed her first male Olympic champion since Emil Zatopek 20 years ago.

1, LUDVIK DANEK (Czechoslovakia) 64.40/211'3" (58.12, 60.38, 62.38, 62.54, 61.70, 64.40) (61.1.37; 1.94, 115kg).

2, JAY SILVESTER (USA) 63.50/208'4" (62.12, —, 63.50, —, —, 62.86) (27.8.37; 1.91, 114kg).

3, RICKY BRUCH (Sweden) 63.40/208'0" (59.12, —, 61.52, 62.76, 63.40, 62.60) (2.7.46; 1.99, 122kg).

4, JOHN POWELL (USA) 62.82/206'1" (61.92, 62.82, 60.44, —, 61.38, —) (25.6.47; 1.88, 107kg).

5, GEZA FEJER (Hungary) 62.62/205'5" (62.50, 62.56, —, —, 61.50, 62.62) (20.4.45; 1.92, 118kg).

6, DETLEF THORITH (East Germany) 62.42/204'9" (61.74, 62.42, 61.06, —, 59.88, —) (27.9.42; 1.90, 105kg).

7, FERENC TEGLA (Hungary) 60.60/198'10" (58.38, 59.66, 57.40, —, 58.16, 60.60) (15.7.47; 1.86, 101kg).

8, TIM VOLLMER (USA) 60.24/197'8" (59.26, 60.24, —, —, —, 58.54) (13.9.46; 1.91, 101kg).

9, P. Kahma (Fin) 59.66/195'9" (57.20, 58.92, 59.66, —, 58.92, —); 10, S. Simeon (Ita) 59.34/194'8" (58.80, 59.34, 58.36); 11, J. Rinne (Fin) 59.22/194'3" (57.30, 56.88, 59.22); 12, J. Muranyi (Hun) 57.92/190'0" (57.92, 57.16, —); 13, N. Niare (Mali) 56.48/185'4" (56.48, 55.10, —); 14, L. Mills (NZ) 55.86/183'3" (—, 54.48, 55.86).

400 METRES HURDLES (FINAL)

David Hemery had dreamed and prepared for this day. Carefully he had timed his peak and gradually cut down on his times in his races pointing towards this one day. In fact only he himself, among Europeans, has run faster than his 48.52 on the electrical timing—but it was only good enough for the bronze medal this time. Who can disagree with the statement immediately made that John Akii-Bua's 47.82 is one of the greatest achievements in the history of athletics? It is possibly the finest single track performance of all time. Hemery did excellently to run up to his Mexico form without the benefit of altitude—it was just that he was beaten by a superman on the big day, and lost second place in the closing stages to an inspired Ralph Mann. David's whole race strategy is to build up a big lead early and then hold on. He has always been suspect at scramble finishes; if an opponent comes at him in the straight he cannot respond. In the event

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he did everything he could reasonably have been expected to do. The Ugandan's time might have been around 47.4—47.5 on hand timing in sunny, dry conditions—and there is simply no beating that.

David's title defence began well and lasted for all of 300m. Hemery was very slightly ahead from the third flight with Akii inside him and Mann in the next lane (6). As they flashed by 200m Mann was gaining a little with the Ugandan also making ground. Around the second turn Hemery was a couple of metres to the good and still hurdling well although Mann was slowly drawing level. As they hit the straight the race ended because it was roughly with 100m to go that Akii (striding thirteens to the 6th hurdle and closing with fourteens!) changed gear. In a flash he had drawn ahead of his two great rivals and continued to pull away in stupendous fashion. There has never been anything quite like it—he was pulling a "Hemery at Mexico" on Hemery. By the finish he was six metres clear and still going away, and he continued past the post to clear a couple more hurdles just for good measure! The stadium was in uproar as the popular East African jogged around a victory lap, waving all the time, a huge grin lightning up his face. This was the man once predicted by track expert Dick Bank as being capable of running 47.0 flat for 400mH; but one wonders if he will ever go that fast. He surely has the potential to do so, but who is going to push him to it?

Jim Seymour closed well in the straight on a dying Hemery but went home without a medal to show for his time of 48.64; Rainer Schubert took fifth place in 49.65, a bare hundredth ahead of Yevgeniy Gavrilenko and Stavros Tziortzis. They could not be split on the photo-finish and were therefore awarded equal 6th place.

John Akii-Bua coached by "AW" correspondent Malcolm Arnold, sprang to prominence in 1970 when he ran 51.0 in the Commonwealth Games. He also holds the Ugandan decathlon record, and his previous best was 49.0 set in the USA v. Africa match in 1971. He lost only one race over 400mH last year. A right leg lead hurdler should be at a disadvantage in an inside lane, and Akii was in lane 1—but great athletes cancel out unlucky breaks like that. And John Akii-Bua is one of the greatest athletes of all time.

1, JOHN AKII-BUA (UGANDA) 47.8 (World & Olympic Record) (3.12.49; 1.87, 75kg).

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5, RAINER SCHUBERT (W. GERMANY) 49.7 (12.10.41; 1.90, 78kg).

6, eq. YEVGENIY GAVRILENKO (USSR) 49.7 (5.4.51; 1.87, 76kg).

STAVROS TZIORTZIS (GREECE) 49.7 (15.9.48; 1.75, 64kg).

8, YURIY ZORIN (USSR) 50.3 (4.9.47; 1.85, 67kg).

Olympic Reports and Results

It had been anticipated that we should only be able to get the first two days' reports and results from Munich in this issue, but with the copy for the first two days taking up less than originally allowed for, and half of the third day arriving earlier than expected, this has been included though it does mean splitting the third day, the remainder of which will be in next week's enlarged 44 page issue.

38th C.T.C.

CYCLISTS v HARRIERS

At Walsall, Saturday, October 28th

Team & Ind. entries, also Junior event to age 16 years. Full particulars from John C. Smith 28 Bosty Lane, Aldridge, Staffs.

CLOSING DATE OCTOBER 16th

GATESHEAD HARRIERS & A.C.

"DIAMOND JUBILEE" TROPHY ROAD RACES

SATURDAY, 28th OCTOBER, 1972

Senior 5 Miles, Boys 1½, Colts 1½, Youths 3x2½ Relay. Medallion Trophies to 1st and 2nd Teams. Prizes first 3 Ind.; Relay—fastest on each lap.

Team Fees: Sen. 50p, Yths., Boys 30p, Colts 25p. Entries to J. Corrigan, 92 Aycliffe Avenue, Gateshead, Co. Durham, NE9 7BX.

CLOSING DATE 14th OCTOBER

WALTON ATHLETIC CLUB

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SATURDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, at 3 p.m.

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NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, 25th SEPT.

REFUTATION BY BAAB

Dear Sir,

Since many of your readers will, I am sure, have seen the 'Panorama' programme on B.B.C. Television on Monday the 21st August may I use your columns to correct any unfortunate impression which may have been left by utterances of Mrs. Sheila Sherwood in regard to the visit of our small party to the international meetings in East Berlin and Potsdam on the 14th/15th June, 1972.

It is true that the travel arrangements for this visit left a great deal to be desired. It is also true, however, that these transport arrangements were entirely the responsibility of the East German Athletic Association since, when we visit East Germany for small meetings as the guests of their Association and they are responsible for the payment of the air tickets, the actual bookings are made by them.

The air tickets were, in due time, made available to us and passed to the Team Manager for this visit, Mrs. Mabel Cotton. When our athletes reported to the West London Air Terminal at the appointed time and presented their air tickets they were told that the flight on which they had been booked by the East Germans did not operate. Mrs. Cotton immediately telephoned me at the B.A.A.B. office and I got into touch with the agency concerned and with our good friends at B.E.A. We eventually managed to get our athletes re-booked on a B.E.A. flight into West Berlin.

After some delay I managed to contact the offices of the East German Athletic Association and told their Officers of the booking error. The East Germans were, as indeed they always are, most charming and very concerned indeed when they realised what had happened and freely admitted that the fault was theirs.

I asked them to try and arrange for our athletes to be met on arrival at West Berlin airport (Tempelhof) and taken to 'Check Point Charlie' to cross to the Eastern sector. This they promised to try and do but said that it might be difficult for them to come into West Berlin and that, if they could not do so, our athletes should stay at a hotel in West Berlin that night and make their way to 'Check Point Charlie' the following morning where they would be met and escorted across. This is, in fact, what eventually happened.

It was only due to the efforts of my colleagues in the teams secretariat, Mrs. Bedford and Miss Fox, and the help we received from the London office of B.E.A. in contacting the Station Controller at Tempelhof to inform him of the impending arrival of our party that the visit was able to go ahead.

There seems to be a prevalent feeling that our own administration is somewhat less than perfect whereas that in other countries it is 100%. Having

been at the 'receiving end' in the B.A.A.B. office for a considerable number of years I can do no better than use Mrs. Sherwood's own words . . . "You must be joking".

In regard to Mrs. Sherwood's contention that no accommodation was reserved for her for the night prior to departure I can only say that Mrs. Sherwood was told that accommodation was reserved for her at the Lincoln Hotel, Cromwell Road, S.W.7. and we have received an account from the hotel for £3.57 in the name of Mrs. Sherwood indicating that she occupied Room 107 at that hotel on the night of June 12th. I have received confirmation from the hotel this morning that the booking was made by the B.A.A.B. on Mrs. Sherwood's behalf.

Mary Tupholme,
Clerk to the Board.

NOTTS A.C. MEETING & ROAD RACE

Late entries for the above Open Meeting and Road Race on September 23rd, will be accepted from competitors or spectators returning from Munich by event secretary John Burney, 28 Kneeton Road, East Bridgford, Notts.

Acknowledgement

"Jimmy" Green would like to thank all those who have sent him their best wishes for a return to normal fitness—a great morale booster. At the same time he would ask readers who have sent copy, letters and adverts for inclusion in the next few weeks, and may feel disappointed if they do not appear, to bear with him. The editor had left little space in 9th. and 16th. Sept. issues for anything but the Olympic reports and results from Munich. So until Mel Watman gets back it is largely a case of "don't shoot the driver, he's doing his best."

CAMBERLEY & DISTRICT A.C.

LADIES ANNUAL CROSS-COUNTRY MEETING ON OLD DEAN COMMON

SATURDAY, 2nd DECEMBER, 1972

Minors (O/11, U/13 1.9.72) 1½M. approx.

Juniors (O/13, U/15 1.9.72) 1½M. approx.

Inters. (O/15, U/17 1.9.72) 2M. approx.

Seniors (Over 17 yrs. 1.9.72) 2½M. approx.

Trophy and Medals winning team in each, Medals first individual each race. All races 4 to run, 3 to score. Fees:—40p per team, 15p individuals.

Entries to Mr. Tom Searle, 24 Highland Road, Camberley, Surrey.

ENTRIES CLOSE 25th NOVEMBER

HISTORY OF PROFESSIONAL ATHLETICS (Part 2) — by Tom McNab

THE more that the historian looks for the halcyon days of 'pure' amateurism, the more they recede from view. It may indeed be said that more money passed hands among a larger fraction of the English amateur population in the 1880-1900 period than at any time before or since. This was because although no money prizes were given, betting was rife and no effective laws existed to allow amateur organisers to ban bookmakers. The Street Betting Act of 1906 gave organisers of amateur meetings the power to eject and reject bookmakers and although this did not end betting completely it reduced it to manageable proportions.

There was, however, from the earliest days of amateur athletics a small élite of wandering 'amateurs' who flitted from one meeting to another accepting lavish 'expenses' and showing little sign of lawful employment. These, the first 'shamateurs' eventually became a matter of public notoriety and in 1896 several, including the great sprinter A. R. Downer and the distance-runner F. E. Bacon, were suspended. These athletes immediately moved into the professional ranks, thus giving pedestrianism a much-needed boost. Downer and Bacon were to challenge such outstanding professionals as C. Harper and G. B. Tindler. There were also American ex-amateurs such as T. P. Conneff and C. H. Kilpatrick and the brilliant English middle-distance runner E. C. Bredin who had turned professional in 1896 of his own accord. These athletes were to enable pedestrianism to end the 19th century in some style.

The events of professional athletics, which lacked any central organising body, existed in different forms in different parts of the country and in some areas, but not in others. Jumping events existed in two forms. The group of professional jumpers who had existed since the early nineteenth century separate from rural sports were basically a type of acrobat. Howard of Chester, the greatest jumper of the middle of the nineteenth century, used a beat-board and 7 lbs. dumb-bells to clear 29'7" (9.01m) in the long jump in 1854 and all over England in the 1850-1900 period men engaged each other in strange and exotic jumping competitions on stages, athletic grounds and race-courses. The centres of this activity were in Yorkshire and Lancashire and athletes from these counties have left behind from the 19th century records which will never be matched.

Few of these jumpers involved themselves in Northern rural sports although some competed in the bigger meetings such as Grasmere Games. In Scotland, however, the acrobat-jumper performer never developed and all jumping took

place in Border and Highland Games. The standards which obtained in these primitive meetings were only matched by amateurs in the post World War I period and it is doubtful if the depth of local interest, both at spectatorial and participant level, will ever be matched. Every week from May to October tens of thousands of Scots country people flocked to view the feats of local champions and to catch an occasional glimpse of one of the great jumpers from farther afield. If there was ever a golden period of local athletics, this was it.

Throwing events existed only in Southern and Northern Scotland, in those same Games as featured such a variety of jumping activities, though the stress in Southern Scotland was on jumping rather than on throwing events. One athlete stands out in this period, an athlete who must be considered one of the giants of the nineteenth century. He is Donald Dinnie. Dinnie was at some time the best wrestler, shot-putter,

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(Age groups—under age shown on 1st Sept., 1972).

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10M. Prizes: £8, £5, £3, £2, £1, 50p; first 5 teams; 1st 'B' team; 1st Veteran (O/40).

Entry Fees: Seniors 15p; Others 10p (no team entry fee).

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY, 11th SEPT.

(U/16 and U/14 events on the day)

Details from and entries to John Burney, 28
Kneeton Road, East Bridgford, Notts.

hammer-thrower, weight-lifter, caber-tosser and high jumper of the era. The word 'charisma' has been badly overworked, but if anyone in 19th century sport possessed it, it was Dinnie. In his world tours, he took Scottish sports to America, New Zealand and South Africa. Time and again he took on all comers in every part of the world, even in late middle age, and he was rarely defeated. His performances of 5'11" (1.80m) high jump, 49'6" (15.09m) shot and 138'0" (42.06m) hammer, accomplished on the rough games fields of the late 19th century, still command respect.

Won over 10,000 prizes

By the late 1860s a small troupe of top-class throwers, of whom Dinnie was one, had begun to tour both the local and the major Games. These men were capable of putting the 16lb shot in the mid-40s and tossing the 16lb hammer over 110' from a standing position, and seriously out-classed local competitors. This resulted in many Games committee adopting a policy of 'prizing out' (denying entry to a previous prize-winner) which for some time limited the success of Dinnie and his colleagues. Many committees, realising the drawing power of men like Dinnie (who won over 10,000 prizes in his long career) solved the problem by holding both local and open events, and this procedure has been followed to the present day.

The standards of throwing which existed in the Scottish Games at this period were undoubtedly the highest in the world, with such athletes as Owen Duffy, Kenneth McCrae and A. A. Cameron spanning the years from 1880 to the early years of the 20th century. From then on, the story was to be one of rapidly developing international athletics catching up with and passing the loose and haphazard structure of Scottish rural Games.

At this distance, it can be seen that British professional athletics had its peak period in the late 19th century. In 1896, the first crude Olympic Games were held in Athens and although it was some time before the Olympic movement achieved world-wide support, the development of international amateur athletics was inevitable. It was also inevitable that, with the speedy development of athletics competition within the British schools system, young athletes would not be encouraged to throw away their chances of amateur competition by competing in professional athletics. Added to this, professional soccer, which drew only small attendances in its early years, was by the beginning of the 20th century drawing ever larger crowds and was competing with pedestrianism during the winter period. Greyhound racing, introduced unsuccessfully in the 1880s to add variety to running programmes, was soon to provide gamblers with more favourable opportunities for betting and was also to quickly overtake and pass pedestrianism.

There was, until the middle of the 1890s, a period when Lakeland meetings such as the Grasmere Games held special events for amateurs,

who did not prejudice their amateur status by competing in these meetings. Indeed, W. Byrd-Page, an American amateur, is still co-holder of the Grasmere high jump record at 6'1" (1.85m). At this distance it can be seen that this offered the last slim chance for amateur athletics to link itself with a rich rural field events culture. Alas, it was not taken and amateurs were later banned from competing within professional meetings.

The 1900-1914 period was, however, not without its moments. Pedestrianism had been taken to the colonies in the middle of the 19th century by Scottish immigrants and had flourished (as it had in Britain) in mining communities, particularly in Australia. From the beginning of the 20th century, athletes such as A. B. Postle (Australia) and R. E. Walker (South Africa) travelled to Britain to challenge the best of the British runners. When Americans such as T. F. Keane and N. Cartmell, Irishmen such as B. R. Day and others such as the Finn W. Kohlemainen are added, it can be seen that the sport had begun to develop an international flavour.

Spate of marathons

In 1908, after the thrilling 'Dorando' marathon at the London Olympics there occurred a spate of professional marathon races. Dorando Pietri himself, and other ex-amateurs such as A. Shrubbs and A. Aldridge commuted between Britain and America to engage in a series of marathons, most of them indoors, on wooden tracks. This resulted in the record for the distance being brought down in 1912 to 2:29:30.2 by W. Kohlemainen, a time well ahead of the best amateur performance of the period. Alas, interest in professional marathon racing petered out almost as quickly as it had arisen and Kohlemainen's record still stands.

If there was ever an opportunity for professional athletics to set up an effective organisation, it was in the pre-World War I period when national amateur organisations were still young, when living standards among the working classes were low and when there was considerable talent available in all events from sprints to marathon. However, although several abortive attempts were made to form national and international associations, no figure of the calibre of de Coubertin arose to bring both idealism and integrity to professional athletics.

Thus the period following World War I saw a seedy, faded 19th century sport struggling to survive in the dark industrial towns of northern England and Scotland. The carnage of the War had taken the flower of manhood from many of the villages where runners had trained for the big meeting of Newcastle, Manchester and Edinburgh. Many rural sports meetings failed to survive the War and the decline was particularly seen in southern Scotland where the Border Games were never again to reach their Victorian peak. Farther north, the harder Highland Games struggled to rise again and by the mid-twenties were again widespread.

One major casualty was the matches between

professional runners. These were cut to a handful by the early twenties and the last major matches were held in Scotland and Australia in the mid-thirties. The reason for this is fairly simple. Greyhound-racing had become the main sport for the gambler who had previously supported pedestrianism. His feeling was that dogs could be trusted more than men and the history of professional running provided plenty of evidence to support this view.

Professional running was, however, given a fillip in the pre-World War II period by the sprinting of a Scot, W. McFarlane, who twice won the Powderhall Sprint from virtual scratch. McFarlane was at that time undoubtedly one of the fastest sprinters in the world, amateur or professional, as was seen in 1935 when he finished inches behind E. Tolan, the American Olympic athlete, in a 100m in Australia in 10.4. McFarlane breathed new life into a fading sport and this resulted in a small pre-war 'boom' in Scotland and the north of England.

The last attempt to revive professional athletics in southern England was seen in 1934, when a meeting was held at Hackney Wick, the old centre for 19th century London pedestrianism. Alas, there were few southern runners (although one prize-winner came from Bury St. Edmunds) and most entrants came from Scotland and northern England. There is no record of later London meetings and it must therefore be assumed that this last attempt was a failure.

If World War I had been a severe blow to professional athletics, World War II was an almost equally heavy one. A limited number of meetings continued to be held at Powderhall, but rural sports vanished completely until peace was declared. Fortunately in 1948 the Scottish Games Association was formed and this Association, although it directly governs only a small fraction of the professional meetings held in Scotland, influences all meetings held in Scotland and northern England. One of its first acts was to ban the use of assumed names, a practice which had been for years used as a means of confusing handicappers and public alike. The SGA is however essentially a conservative body, concerned with the maintenance of this section of Scottish sporting culture, rather than its further development.

Australian activity

From a performance point of view, the centre of gravity of professional running has undoubtedly shifted to Australia where there are 1200 professional athletes and where strong professional associations organise well-attended, rigidly-controlled meetings. The sprint distances run at these meetings (usually 120y and 130y) do not allow for comparison with amateur performances, but the professional 100y record of 9.3, run on grass, is not far off the amateur one of 9.1, run on a springy, rubberised track.

It is only in recent years that British challengers have arisen to meet the Australians, though the

Blyth runner A. Spence in the early 1950s made some moderately successful visits to Australia. A. Dunbar and R. Hutchison are two British professionals who have recently made successful visits to Australia. Both of these athletes could undoubtedly rank high in international amateur athletics, as would the Scot, George McNeil, who has bettered 10.2 for 100m at Edinburgh's Meadowbank Stadium.

The training (usually called 'preparation') of professional runners for big races follows traditions handed down from the 19th century and has changed little over the years. Runners are taken to live with their managers or trainers for some 2-3 months before competition and are conditioned by a carefully prepared programme of exercise, diet and rest. If the basis of this training is empirical, the results achieved by 'prepared' professional sprinters in the mid-winter gloom of Powderhall have been startling, involving many sub-evens times in harsh winter conditions.

Field events performances in the Highland and Northern Games have almost completely failed to keep pace with those of amateur athletics. This is understandable, when we look at the professional field events athlete, drawn almost exclusively from the ranks of an untrained rural population, with no organised clubs or training facilities. The standards of professional field events are, in the main, the standards of the nineteenth century, as the recent jumping records (high jump 6'3½"/1.91m, long jump 23'7½"/7.20m, triple jump 48'7½"/14.82m, pole vault 12'8"/3.86m)



ARTHUR ROWE

H. W. Neale

show. They reflect too the fact that the facilities provided for jumping are basically those of the 19th century. Few landing areas are provided for high jump and pole vault and in the latter event the vaulter still jabs his spike-tipped pole into the grass in front of the uprights rather than placing it into a trough.

The position in the throws is, however, different. This is because of the appearance in the Games fields in 1963 of Arthur Rowe, the former holder of the European record. Rowe immediately demolished records which had stood inviolate for years and, after a short period during which he learnt the traditional Scottish throwing events such as caber and shafted hammer, he re-wrote the record-book in these events. Also W. Anderson, the Scottish professional, has matched Rowe in all but the putting events and the battles between Rowe and Anderson have become a feature of recent years. Rowe has brought the 20th century to the Games and this has already led to a rise in throwing standards.

An echo of the 'go as you please' races of the 1880s was sounded in 1960 when the Butlin John O'Groats to Land's End race was held. This race was the result of the public interest shown in the long-distance walking feats of Dr. Barbara Moore. It attracted over 700 athletes, eccentrics and optimists to John O'Groats, not the warmest spot in a highlands at that time in the grip of a severe winter. It was the 'wobbles' all over again with over a third of the competitors withdrawing in the first two days. The eventual winner of the £1,000 first prize was an athlete, Jim Musgrave, with Wendy Lewis, an 18-year-old Liverpool girl, taking the same sum for winning the ladies' race. Neither Musgrave nor Lewis competed again in long-distance races, because this was possibly the shortest craze of all time, lasting for only one race.

There are no clubs in professional athletics and athletes are identified by the name of their town or village. 'Scott of Inchmurrin' and 'Glen of Bathgate' are typical and famous professional names. National championships held on a scratch basis have little status in the running section of professional athletics as such meetings mean the exposure of form to handicappers and the professional champion of Great Britain (short sprints apart) would often have difficulty in reaching the final heats of amateur regional championship meetings. The bias in professional athletics is towards handicap meetings, where the large money prizes are given.

The picture is different in field events, which are always held on a scratch basis. The results of the national light (jumping) and heavy (throwing) field events championships, which are mainly Scottish affairs and are always held in Scotland, are fairly predictable as professional field events draw mainly from an untrained rural population, the only field-events athletes of real calibre being Anderson and Rowe.

It is not possible to be optimistic about the future of professional athletics. The sport has withdrawn to the rural areas of Australia, the

North West corner of England and the rural areas of Scotland, and is without an international governing body. The steady if unspectacular development of amateur athletics and the gradual erosion of rural life is bound to lead to the decline of rural sports and professional running, with its built-in tendency to corruption, is unlikely to experience a revival. It is difficult to see any real reason for the professional sport to continue to exist in Great Britain, for it offers little in the way of a 'profession', even to its best exponents. From a broader national point of view, its existence simply prevents hundreds of potential amateur athletes from entering a sport which ultimately offers international and Olympic honours and which even at club level offers wide and varied athletic competition. Against this, it can be said that professional athletics only exists in areas where amateur athletics is badly developed and that when the amateur sport shows more evangelising zeal, its professional counterpart will simply wither away.

There can be few tears on the decline of pedestrianism although the sport has, at its best, provided some of the most memorable moments in the history of athletics. George running 4:12½ for a mile; Hutchens threading his way through the field in mid-winter gloom to run 30 sec. for 300y; the great races of 'Deerfoot'; the impeccable Perkins walking eight miles in an hour; these will always be part of the fibre of athletics history.

It is not, however, mere nostalgia which prompts dismay at the decline of the field events-biased rural sports. The untrained competitors at these sports, who pay their own expenses to compete against each other on rough grass on scratch terms are possibly the last amateurs, the last survivors of an ethos never put on paper by a de Coubertin, but no less strong for that. When they depart, something fine will have gone.

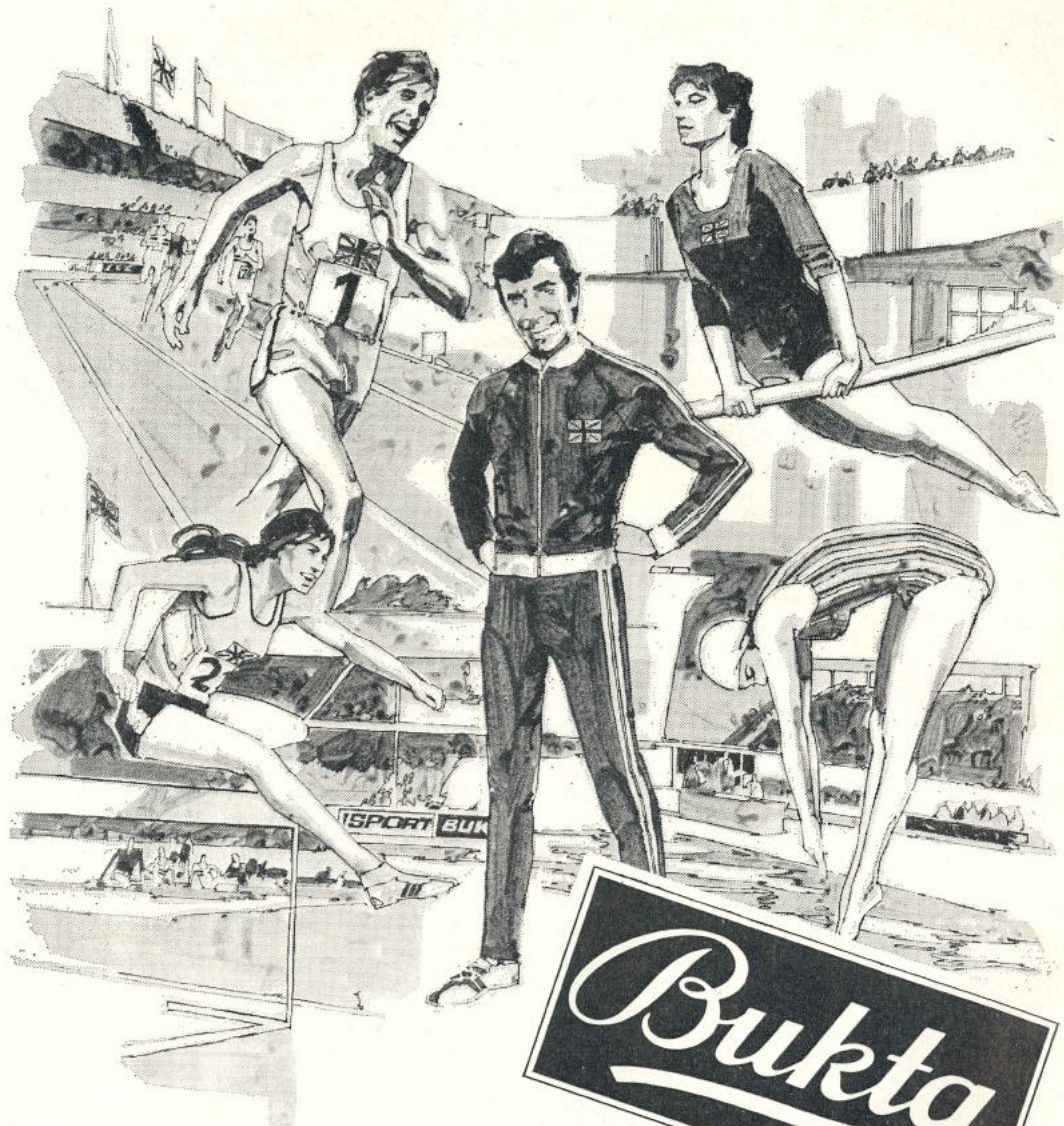
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Attention, Olympic Athletes!

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN HARRIERS'

Floodlit Trophy Meeting, Meadowbank Stadium, Saturday, September 16th, 6.30 p.m.
 Invit. 110m, 300, mile, 5000, PV, Hammer;
 Women's 800, 3000, Discus. Details: A. L. Sutherland, 37 Bellfield St., Edinburgh, EH15 2BR (Tel: 31-669-5731).



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Letter

WOMEN'S VETS CLUB?

Dear Sir,

As a result of a discussion among some officials at the recent SCWAAA Inter-Counties' Championships, I have been asked to request you to allow me to make an appeal through your magazine to any of your readers who might be interested in the suggestion outlined below.

A group of like-minded 'ex-athletes' wish to form a women's equivalent to the men's Veterans AC. Advancing years bring increased domestic and professional responsibilities and it is not 'Anno Domini' only which takes toll of an individual's mental and physical reserves. We feel that there must be other retired or partly retired athletes who, like ourselves, would welcome the opportunity of taking part in athletic events which would allow us to satisfy our "competitive urge", whilst making suitable allowance by means of a handicapping system for our increasing 'maturity'!

Plans are only tentative at the moment and will be influenced in no small measure by the response which this letter receives. A minimum age limit of 35 years of age at midnight on the 1st/2nd September in the year of competition, following Rule 104 "Ages for Competition" in the WAAA Handbook, is one suggestion for qualification. If anyone who finds this venture of interest of who wishes to comment on this proposition, would write to me at the address below, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, I will endeavour to reply to all letters received and notify the senders of any progress made.

Hazel M. Rider (née Needham),

5 Hillbrow Close, Bexley, Kent

Have readers any suggestions as to what to call women competitors of 35 and over? They would hardly be enchanted at being known as veterans! Mature ladies?—Ed.

WELSH LEAGUE (DIV. 1)

Afon Taf, August 12th

Newport 221; 2, Carmarthen 217; 3, Swansea 202; 4, Cardiff 'B' 194; 5, Gilwern 129; 6, Troedyrhiw 120.

100: 1, J. Williams (Sw) 10.9; 2, G. Edwards (Gil) 10.9. 200: 1, Williams 21.8; 2, Edwards 22.8. 800: T. Beese (New) 1:57.2. 1500: 1, A. Dyke (Swansea-Yth/guest) 3:53.8; 2, D. Hopkins (New) 3:54.0. 5000: 1, S. Gibbons (New) 14:50.4; 2, J. Kirby (Card) 14:56.0. 400H: M. Ashton (Gil) 59.7. 4x100: Cardiff 44.9. PV: I. Rees (New) 3.35/11'0". SP: A. Buttriss (Gil) 13.43/44'1". HT: G. Window (Card) 45.06/147'10".

ANDOVER & DISTRICT A.A.C.

YOUNG ATHLETES C.C. RACES

SATURDAY, 14th OCTOBER, 1972, at 2 p.m.

Events for Colts, Boys & Youths; Junior & Enter. Girls. Details from and entries to W. Barnett, 21 Cherry Tree Road, Andover, Hants. Entries close 26th September.

Northern Women's League Progresses

LATEST news on the proposed Northern Women's Track and Field League is that a meeting is to be held in September or October of representatives from interested clubs, at which officers for the League will be elected, and plans for its structure formulated.

Forty clubs have so far replied to the questionnaires sent out by Neil Nuttall of Rossendale AC, and the breakdown was as follows:

In favour of the League, and wishing to join—25 clubs.

Against the League—4 clubs.

In favour, but not wishing to join at present—11 clubs.

Most clubs in favour wished the League to include a full programme of events for Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors, but Mr. Nuttall points out that this is not really practical because of the time element. Nevertheless, he adds, it is for the meeting of clubs to decide what they want.

The favoured structure of the majority was to have smaller regional leagues with promotion matches, a similar system to the Northern men's league. With the area ranging from, say, Derby in the south to Newcastle in the north, obviously travel is a major headache, but one which any ambitious club will have to face.

Most of the top clubs in the North are in favour of the League, and says Mr. Nuttall "What is also encouraging is the response from the North Yorkshire, Northumberland and Durham, and Cumberland clubs. For so long these areas have been regarded as athletic backwaters, but now there are clubs up there who are really interested in athletics on a Northern and National scale."

Any further comments or suggestions, or offers of help in the running of the League, will be welcomed by Neil Nuttall at 59 Grasmere Road, Haslingden, Rossendale, Lancs.

Cliff Temple

MIDLAND WOMEN'S LEAGUE

(Division 4) at Warley, August 6th

1, Cardiff 337; 2, Derby 359; 3, Gloucester 282; 4, Warley 275; 5, Briery Hill 95; 6, Stafford 81.

200: 1, K. Sambell (G) 25.8; 2, E. Saunders (Dby) 26.0. 400: Saunders 57.8. (B) D. Peake (Dby) 59.6. 1500: C. Readdy (St) 4:56.5. 2,500W: 1, K. Braznell (War) 14:29.6; 2, S. Davis (C) 15:45.2. LJ: J. Beamish (G) 5.26/17'3¼". (Juniors) 100: D. John (C) 13.2. 200: J. Nash (Dby) 27.5. 800: P. Waters (Glos) 2:23.5. 1500: Waters 5:15.3. 2000W: 1, E. Smith (W) 11:28.8; 2, F. Jakes (S) 12:17.8. 75H: 1, Nash 12.0; 2, W. Paterson (C) 12.5. 4x100: Cardiff 53.5. LJ: Nash (Dby) 4.92/16'1¼". SP: D. Chapman (C) 9.90/32'5¼". Final positions: 1, Cardiff 1069; 2, Warley 891½; 3, Gloucester 879; 4, Derby 684; 5, B. Hill 436; 6, Stafford 317½.

RESULTS IN BRIEF

July 15th

Norfolk Oly. 543, Ipswich 511, Diss 407, W. Norfolk 339, Colchester 166, Bury St. Edmunds 151, Norfolk & Norwich 85, at King's Lynn. JT: C. Glover (Ips) 64.30/210'11". (Youths) HT: 1, J. Huizar (W. Nor-Boy) 39.88/130'10"; 2, J. Roger (Diss) 39.74/130'4". Junior Girls 800: S. Humphreys (W. Nor) 2:26.6.

July 16th

Plymouth AC Women's Trophies. 200: L. Wright (AFD) 26.0. 800: A. Barrass (AFD) 2:15.5. 4x200: 1, Aldershot 1:46.4; 2, B'mth 1:50.7. DT: 1, L. Mallin (Tor) 39.68/130'2"; 2, L. Blank (Ply) 36.76/120'7". JT: L. Stratford (AFD) 33.80/110'11". Score: 1, Aldershot, F&D 134; 2, Bournemouth 133; 3, Plymouth 126; 4, Cornwall Lge. 82; 5, Torbay 80. (Juniors) 100: J. Marshall (B'mth) 12.9. 800: 1, M. Lea (AFD) 2:24.7; 2, M. Keetley (B'mth) 2:25.3. 4x200: 1, AFD 1:51.4; 2, B'mth 1:52.1. 75H: 1, J. Jenkin (Cor) 12.6; 2, D. Bawden (Ply) 12.7. SP: 1, P. Squire (Ply) 10.09/33'14"; 2, D. Wheeler (Ply) 9.35/30'84"; 3, L. Smith (B'mth) 9.26/30'44". HJ: V. Marshall (B'mth) 1.45/4'9". LJ: Marshall 4.98/16'44". Teams: 1, Bournemouth 142; 2, Cty. Plymouth 125; 3, Aldershot, F&D 117.

July 22nd

Rotherham Municipal Sports. 200: 1, D. Artley (Hull Sp-J) 21.7; 2, J. Henson (Hallam) 21.8. 800: 1, A. Gibson (Bing) 1:51.6; 2, B. Foxon (Linc) 1:56.9. Rotherham Mile: 1, J. Bett (Grim) 4:16.7; 2, P. Moon (Hull Sp) 4:18.5; 3, A. Gibson (Bing) 4:19.0. 10min Paarlauf: Loughborough 9 laps 305m. HJ: K. Whittingham (Roth) 1.88/6'2". Youths 2000SC: 1, P. Stacey (Sheff. UH) 6:29.0; 2, P. Neale (Roth) 6:40.0. (Women) 100: 1, D. Ramsden (D. Hyman TC) 11.9; 2, L. Barratt (Carn. C) 12.2; 3, D. Webster (Hull Sp) 12.3. 200:

July 23rd

Yorkshire League, at Hickleton. 800: B. Winter (H. Main) 1:55.4; 2, P. Burgin (Bing) 1:56.1. 5000: D. Slater (Sky) 14:36.6. Junior 200: M. Jones (H. Main) 23.4. Girls 100: E. Frost (H. Main) 12.7. 800: M. Jones (H. Main) 2:26.2. Scores: 1, Hickleton Main 66; 2, Skyrac 44; 3, Holmfirth 29; 4, Bingley 14; 5, Spenborough 10; 6, Harrogate 3.

Essex Women's League, at Chelmsford. 200: J. Barnett (S'end) 25.6. 400: 1, Barnett 57.5; 2, B. McMaster (Ilf) 58.7; 3, C. McFarlane (Chel) 59.4. (B) L. Caldwell (Chel) 57.4. 800/1500: C. Brannon (Hav) 4:49.8. 100H: J. Philp (Chel) 15.2. 4x100: 1, Chelmsford 49.8; 2, Southend 50.9. HJ: 1, C. Reddings (Had. O) 1.55/5'1"; 2, M. Holliday (Chel) 1.50/5'11". DT: S. Wood (Chel) 33.16/108'9". JT: P. French (Hav) 47.06/154'5". (Intermediates) 200: J. Prosser (S'end) 26.6. 400: P. Daly (N'ham) 59.2. 800: Y. DeVries (Chel) 2:21.6. 80H: B. Campbell (N'ham) 12.0. 4x100: 1, Newham 50.8; 2, Havering 51.5. DT: B. Reed (Had. O) 29.64/97'3". LJ: M. MacDonald (N'ham) 4.92/16'14". JT: C. Johnson (Hav) 30.86/101'3". (Juniors) 100: 1, I. Van Sertima (Chel) 12.9; 2, D. Showler (Hav) 13.0. 200: 1, Showler 27.0; 2, M. Stewart (Ilf) 27.1; 3, S. Palmer (N'ham) 27.1; 4, J. Davidson (Chel) 27.2. (B) VanSertima 26.8. 800: D. Rippe 2:25.7. 1500: 1, B. Keys (Chel) 5:10.6; 2, D. Kiernan (Hav-aged 11) 5:16.6. 75H: M. Dray (S'end) 12.5. (B) 1, L. Avis (S'end) 12.7; 2, D. Lyons (N'ham) 12.7. 4x100: 1, Newham 52.0; 2, Ilford 52.3; 3, Havering 52.6. JT: J. Davidson (Chel) 29.30/96'1". LJ: 1, Davidson 5.15/16'104"; 2, Dray 4.92/16'14". Scores: 1, Chelmsford 271; 2, Havering 264; 3, Southend 2474; 4, Newham 2294; 5, Hadleigh Oly. 134; 6, Ilford 125.



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A TRIAL over 5000m to decide the English team for the International Walk to be held on September 16th at Warley, was held at Salford Park, Birmingham, on August 19th, and the standard of walking was high.

Fifteen athletes faced the starter and Margaret Lewis (Birchfield) took the lead, setting a fast pace for four laps, with Virginia Lovell in second place. On the fifth lap a group of three led by Betty Jenkins, the National Track & Road Champion, passed the leaders and they gradually drew away from the field. With a lap to go, Betty Jenkins (Birchfield), Brenda Cook (Wolverhampton & Bilston) and Barbara Cook (née Fisk) of Redhill & Reigate were still shoulder to shoulder and finished in that order. Margaret Lewis (Birchfield) was 32 seconds behind her club mate. Seventeen-year-old Virginia Lovell (Solihull), a further 22 seconds behind, completed the team of five (four will score on the day). Christine Coleman (Highgate) thoroughly earned the travelling reserve spot, whilst Mrs. Pam Horwill, who finished 8th, will be the Team Manager.

A Junior 2,500m Walk followed. Sally Wish, the very promising 14-year-old from Solihull, led the 18 girls throughout without a challenge. Pamela Branson (Harborne) decided to walk solo in second spot and these two girls are quite outstanding and will soon make their mark this winter when entering the Senior ranks.

D.N.N.

1, B. Jenkins (Birchfield) 26.26; 2, B. J. Cook (W'ton & Bilston) 26.27; 3, B. Cook (Fisk) (Redhill & Reigate) 26.28; 4, M. Lewis (Birchfield) 26.58; 5, V. Lovell (Solihull) 27.20; 6, C. Coleman (Highgate) 27.32; 7, M. Graham (Birchfield) 27.50; 8, P. Horwill (Dudley & Stourbridge) 27.57; 9, C. Daniels (Warrington) 29.23; 10, A. Johnson (Houghton) 29.34; 11, M. Hindley (Birchfield) 30.05; 12, M. Brown (Birchfield) 30.06; 13, G. Rhodes (Stoke) 30.51; 14, J. Armstrong (Enfield) 31.57; 15, M. Cooke (Stoke) 32.32.

Juniors

1, S. Wish (Solihull) 12.47; 2, P. Branson (Harborne) 13.06; 3, N. Dunn (Stoke) 13.48; 4, K. Hill (Solihull) 13.50; 5, K. Boote (Stoke) 14.15; 6, D. Ilderton (Stoke) 14.34; 7, A. O'Connor (Harborne) 14.35; 8, C. Duffin (Croydon) 14.44; 9, S. Roberts (Harborne) 15.15; 10, B. Strawford (Harborne) 15.21; 11, V. Kelly (Stoke) 16.06; 12, P. Chadwick (Stoke) 16.37; 13, N. Kidnor (Stoke) 16.45; 14, S. Smith (Harborne) 16.46; 15, D. Smith (Harborne) 17.12; 16, D. Green (Harborne) 18.00; 17, J. Rose (Burntwood) 18.18.

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SOUTHERN LEAGUE

(Division 3)

QUALIFYING MATCH

At Bracknell, August 12th

1, RNAC (South) 417½; 2, Southgate 392½; 3, Cty. Plymouth 368½; 4, Peterborough 351; 5, SLH 337; 6, Stevenage & NH 284; 7, Yeovil Olympiads 268½; 8, Woking 255½; 9, Horsham BS 223; 10, Twickenham 206½; 11, Tonbridge 175; 12, Eton Manor 167½; 13, Bath 150; 14, London Irish 110½. (First 5 clubs promoted).

100: P. Gabbett (RN) 11.0. 200: 1, Gabbett 22.0; 2, V. Lyle (S'gate) 22.4; 3, D. Laing (SLH) 22.5. 400: 1, Laing 50.1; 2, V. Ware (Ply) 50.6. 800: 1, K. May (HBS) 1:54.4; 2, K. Crew (S'gate) 1:54.4; 3, J. Greatrex (SLH) 1:55.9; 4, R. Ward (Ply) 1:56.0. (B) G. Side (S'gate-J) 1:56.2. 1500: 1, T. Butt (Stev) 3:56.0; 2, D. Ansle (Pet) 3:58.0. 5000: 1, D. Collins (Ply) 14:23.8; 2, R. Gevers (SLH) 14:32.8. (B) J. Rix (SLH) 14:47.6. 110H: 1, Hogg (RN) 15.6; 2, R. Barnes (Ply) 15.9. 400H: 1, C. Morris (Wok) 56.3; 2, P. Erskine (Pet) 57.5. 3000SC: 1, J. Rix (SLH) 9:16.0; 2, N. Saunders (S'gate-J) 9:28.8; 3, Osborn (RN) 9:29.0; 4, G. Styan (HBS) 9:38.2. 4x100: 1, Royal Navy 43.5; 2, Southgate 43.9. 4x400: 1, Royal Navy 3:23.5; 2, Southgate 3:25.7; 3, SLH 3:27.7. HJ: E. Fitzgerald (RN) 1.83/6'0". PV: 1, B. Hooper (Wok) 4.87/16'0"; 2, T. Walhen (RN) 3.51/11'6". (B) 1, R. Kent (Wok) 3.51/11'6"; 2, E. Fitzgerald 3.35/11'0". LJ: 1, Mitchell (RN) 7.16/23'6"; 2, R. Edwards (S'gate) 6.78/22'3". (B) Gabbett 7.12/23'4½". TJ: 1, Edwards 14.58/47'10"; 2, Fitzgerald 13.41/44'0". SP: Walhen 13.59/44'7". (B) Gabbett 13.24/43'5½". DT: 1, P. Ribbins (Ply) 46.02/151'0"; 2, D. Maloney (Twi) 44.90/147'4"; 3, Walhen 42.04/137'11". HT: 1, E. Berry (Yeo) 56.96/186'10"; 2, Bell (RN) 43.38/142'4". (B) Robinson (RN) 42.64/139'11". JT: 1, R. Silvester (S'gate) 63.44/208'2"; 2, R. Chandler (Twi) 57.48/188'7"; 3, B. Mawson (Pet) 56.42/185'1"; 4, Gabbett 54.70/179'5".

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

(Division 1) At Luton, August 12th

1, Luton 145; 2, Feltham 113; 3, Walton 103; 4, Southend 95; 5, Hadleigh O. 82. (Only details available).

(Division 1) At Hurlingham, August 12th

1, Met. Police 139; 2, Herne Hill H. 110; 3, Crawley 108½; 4, LAC 92½; 5, Bournemouth 82. (Only details available).

(Division 2) At Welwyn, August 12th

1, Verlea 125; 2, Norfolk Oly. 116; 3, Invicta 107; 4, Torbay 96; 5, Newham 91. (Only details available).

Winner of the shot in the Manchester & Dist. v. Liverpool & Dist. match was D. Sorrell (L) not C. Robinson with 14.20/46'7".

The Veterans A.C. commence their C.C. season with a Social Run from The White House, Epsom, with Epsom & Ewell H., on Saturday, September 16th.

Crystal Palace Extravaganza

THE fifth Coca-Cola International meeting, to be held at Crystal Palace on Friday, September 15th (7.30 p.m.) will aim to present the star performers of the Munich Olympics to the British public in a floodlit evening extravaganza consisting of thirteen track and five field events. As in the past four years, the meeting is organised by the International Athletics Club, and an edited television show of the event will be transmitted nationwide by London Weekend Television as part of their 'World of Sport' programme the next day.

Invited athletes include: **300m Hurdles:** Ralph Mann (USA), John Akii-Bua (Uganda), Roger Johnson (NZ), David Hemery, Alan Pascoe. **Pole Vault:** Bob Seagren (USA), Kjell Isaksson (Sweden), Hans Lagerquist (Swe). **Chris Papanicolaou** (Greece), **Mike Bull**. **Triple Jump:** John Craft (USA), Tony Wadhams, Allan Lerwill. **Discus:** Ricky Bruch (Swe) **Les Mills** (NZ), **Robin Tait** (NZ), **Bill Tancred**, **John Watts**. **Mile:** **Jim Ryun** (USA), **Dave Wottle** (USA), **Andre De Hertoghe** (Belgium), **Francesco Arese** (Italy), **Rod Dixon** (NZ), **Tony Polhill** (NZ), **John Kirkbride**, **Walter Wilkinson**, **Ray Smedley**. **2M:** **Steve Prefontaine** (USA), **Emiel Puttemans** (Bel), **Gaston Roelants** (Bel), **Anders Garderud** (Swe), **Javier Alvarez** (Spain), **Dick Quax** (NZ), **Gavin Thorley** (NZ), **Richard Taylor** (NZ) **Juhu Vaatainen** (Finland), **Alan Blinston**, **Mike Baxter**, **Jack Lane**, **Andy Holden**, **David Bedford**, **David Black**, **Tony Birks**, **Chris Stewart**, **Mike Tagg**, **Ian McCafferty**. **100m:** **Lawrie D'Arcy** (NZ), **Bevan Smith** (NZ), **Ian Matthews**, **Ian Green**, **Barrie Kelly**, **Brian Green**. **300m:** **Lee Evans** (USA), **Wayne Collett** (USA), **Gary Armstrong**, **Martin Reynolds**, **David Jenkins**, **Andy Williams**. **Shot:** **Geoff Capes**, **Bill Tancred**, **Les Mills**. Other events—3000mSC, 4x800m, Junior 200m.

(Women) **100m:** **Brenda Matthews** (NZ), **Helen Golden**, **Anita Neil**, **Madeleine Cobb**, **Sonia Lannaman**, **Donna Murray**, **Andrea Lynch**, **Della Pascoe**. **400m:** **Colette Besson** (France), **Penny Hunt** (NZ), **Maureen Tranter**, **Rosemary Stirling**, **Dawn Webster**, **Verona Bernard**. **800m:** **Vera Nikolic** (Yug), **Hildegard Falck** (W. Germany), **Sue Haden** (NZ), **Norine Braithwaite**, **Sheila Carey**, **Thelwyn Bateman**, **Gloria Dourass**, **Jannette Roscoe**, **Margaret Coomber**. **HJ:** **I. Gusenbauer** (Austria), **Barbara Inkpen**, **Ruth Watt**, **Rosaline Few**, **Penny Dimmock**, **Debbie Brill** (Canada).

STRETTFORD LEAGUE

August 5th

400: 1, C. Knee (Skirac) 50.6; 2, P. Haynes (St) 50.8. "Ciba-Geigy" 800: 1, J. Carroll (Liv. Pembroke) 1:50.8; 2, P. Lewis (Wall) 1:51.8; 3, K. Rassmussin (Leeds) 1:52.7; 4, J. Gerrard (Sale) 1:53.5. 1500: 1, A. Mottershead (MAC) 3:56.0; 2, M. Billington (Stoke) 3:56.9; 3, S. Deegan (Liv. Pem) 3:57.2. 5000: 1, K. Carroll (Liv. Pem) 14:22.0; 2, L. Reilly (Liv. Pem) 14:40.6. 3000mW: 1, J. Taylor (Lancs. WC) 13:20.6; 2, J. Barraclough (LWC) 13:37.4; 3, J. Ireland (LWC) 14:08.8. (Youths) 1500: 1, M. Plant (MAC) 4:06.1; 2, T. Bailey (Dby) 4:08.3. (Boys) 200: M. Francis (Stret) 24.4. 800: M. Francis (Stret) 2:03.0. (Veterans) 200: K. Whitaker (ASV) 25.0. 800: 1, Whitaker 2:05.4; 2, R. Colson (Stret) 2:05.5; 3, A. Hughes (New) 2:06.5. (Women) 1500: 1, J. Watts (Wall) 4:35.1; 2, M. Hepworth (Blay) 4:43.6. 2000W: 1, C. Daniels (Warr) 11:26.0; 2, J. Grimshaw (Stret) 11:35.0; 3, S. Cornes (Warr) 11:47.0. Intermediate HJ: S. Hutchinson (N'pool) 1.65/5'5".

MILK MARATHON

Preston to Morecambe, August 29th

1. J. Norman (Altrincham) 2:21.24
2. T. O'Reilly (Small Hth) 2:22.34
3. C. Woodward (Leamington) 2:24.03
4. M. Craven (Kendal) 2:25.44; 5. R. Donkin (Sunderland) 2:25.57; 6. J. Dingwall (Edin. Univ) 2:27.47; 7. J. Balmer (Liv. Pem) 2:31.03; 8. K. Mayor (Bolton) 2:32.45; 9. J. Murphy (Salford) 2:34.20; 10. I. Burgess (S'ton) 2:36.21; 11. A. Rydout (Alt) 2:37.32; 12. D. Attwell (Alt) 2:39.45; 13. M. Whiteside (Salford) 2:40.02; 14. B. Woolford (Sutton) 2:40.26; 15. G. Bennison (Bolton) 2:41.13; 16. D. Poste (Gateshead) 2:42.11; 17. B. Charlton (Tipton) 2:42.19; 18. T. Buckingham (Leam) 2:44.45; 19. I. Malcolm (Edin. Univ) 2:44.59; 20. T. Pouncy (Woking) 2:46.33; 21. J. Wilson (Man. YMCA) 2:47.30; 22. R. Radley (E. Sy. H) 2:47.33; 23. R. Scott (Cty Hull) 2:48.02; 24. P. Dearing (E. Hull) 2:48.43; 25. M. Hutchinson (Midd & C) 2:48.47; 26. A. Lawton (Leeds C) 2:52.53; 27. A. Vanderplank (S'ton) 2:54.36; 28. P. Hart (Leam) 2:55.44; 29. N. Harvey (Sm. Hth) 2:56.30; 30. K. Mackay (Pres) 2:58.33. **Teams:** 1, Altrincham 24; 2, Leamington 49; 3, Small Heath 64; 4, Southampton & E. 74; 5, Manchester YMCA 97; 5, Lancaster & Morecambe 129. Veteran: Buckingham

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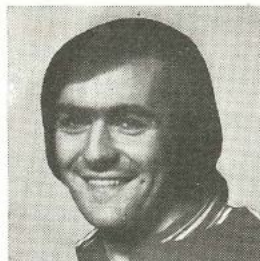
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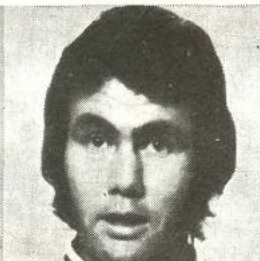
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