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Early Modern Games Had Headaches, Too

The modern Olympic Games got off to an impressive start with the staging of the first games of the modern era in Athens in 1896. But poor Baron de Coubertin must have been shocked at what happened to his dream during the course of the next three official Olympiads. The second, third, and fourth gatherings were held in Paris, St. Louis, and London in 1900, 1904, and 1908, with an unofficial meeting in Athens in 1906. The Paris Games were nothing more than a third-rate track meet, the St. Louis Games faced severe problems with food and housing, and the London Games brought us the first overdose of the international bickering which is now such an unfortunate and sometimes prominent part of the Olympics.

There is considerable doubt that the athletes in Paris even knew that the track meet in which they were participating was an Olympic gathering. It was held in conjunction with the Paris Exposition and the Eiffel Tower, then being built, was the main attraction. Neither the newspapers nor the official program ever referred to the competition as the Olympics. The first indication the athletes received of their status as Olympians came on the victory stand when they noticed that the engraving on their medals designated them as such.

Conditions in Paris were abominable. The so-called track was actually a 500-meter course marked off by officials on a grassy field at the Racing Club de France in the Bois de Boulogne. The jumpers had to create their own landing pit, the sprinters had to contend with a treacherously bumpy runway, and the throwers were forced to retrieve their better efforts from among a grove of trees. Usually, more spectators than athletes were present on the playing fields. To make matters even worse, the competition took an endless two months to complete.

Things were not much better in St. Louis although the organization of the competition itself was improved. Outside the athletic arena, however, the Games remained an exercise in how not to conduct an Olympiad. The United States was supposed to send a ship to call at all major European ports to collect the foreign athletes, but the ship never appeared. Thus it was not surprising that the Americans won all but one of the events, and the only non-American winner was a policeman from Montreal who won the 56-pound weight throw. The foreigners who did make it to St. Louis were badly handicapped by the food provided by the organizers. The staple was buffalo meat, which the foreigners found so unpalatable that they chose instead to subsist on a steady diet of boiled potatoes.

It was a reflection on the state of the Games that the Greeks decided to stage their own Olympics in 1906. They felt that the modern Olympics had so degenerated that Greece should bring them home to Athens. However, the 1906 Games, though well-attended, were no better than what had gone before.

The 1908 London Olympics saw the institutionalization of constant strife among the competing nations over biased and unfair officiating. Things got off to a bad start when the English forgot to include Swedish and American flags among those rimming the stadium. The Finns fumed since they were given the choice of marching in the opening ceremonies carrying either the Russian flag or no flag at all. They marched with no flag. The Irish had a similar complaint since they were forced to compete under the English flag, and no self-respecting Irishman would ever take such an affront without a battle.

Fireworks continued in the athletic arenas. The Italians blamed the loss of Pietro Dorando's marathon title on overzealous British officials, the Swedish wrestlers withdrew from the Greco-Roman competition in protest against perceived injustices,



Dan Kelley, 1908 Olympic Games, Broad J-
Photo courtesy of U.S. Olympic Team

and the French and Canadians loudly complained about adverse decisions in the cycling events. The 400-meter final was ordered run over again when British officials ruled that their man, Wyndham

Hallswell, had been obstructed during the race. The Americans, who had clear holds on first and second places when the foul was called with 100 meters left in the race, found the timing of the foul call

more than a bit curious. British officials ordered the race re-run, but the Americans refused and Hallswell won in the only walkover in Olympic history.

As a result of this turmoil, the International Olympic Committee decreed that in future Games the host nation would be only that, while each event would be overseen by its own international governing body. This system also has its shortcomings as was made clear in the vaulting pole brouhaha in Munich.

If nothing else, the history of the early modern Games should give us pause when current Olympic problems are held up as a "sign of the times." The Games are certainly a bigger production today and the ingredients for discord have multiplied, but those early Games were hardly a Golden Age of non-partisan competition either. Any improvement will be a matter of moving forward, not of looking back.



Mexico City, 1968. Decathlon 1500m. L to R: Kurt Bendlin (W. Ger) 3rd, Bill Toomey (USA) 1st, Nikolay Avilov (USSR) 4th.

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Dick Fosbury: Reluctant Star

It was never Dick Fosbury's style to recognize his distinction as a "star," as would, say, a Dwight Stones.

"I enjoyed the jumping, the challenge of doing well, the competition," says the ex-Olympic champion and record holder. "But I didn't like being put up on a pedestal. The whole thing, to be truthful, turned me off."

Fosbury was happy in his role as the world's greatest high jumper but now he's just content to be a "normal person," working for an engineering firm in Eugene, a city he has grown to love.

"Track was always fun for me," says the inventor of the "flop" which so befuddled high jump technicians that they at first deemed it illegal. "I

liked jumping, seeing how well I was doing, traveling around and seeing different places and meeting different people.

"But I gradually began to emerge in the public eye, which meant I had an image to protect. It's an interesting phenomenon. I was made out to be something else — something super-human, I guess — when here I was just a young guy who happened to be good at one thing. It was really just a case of being in the right place at the right time. And I wasn't mature enough at the time to handle it."

It was spring, 1963, in Grants Pass when Medford High sophomore Dick Fosbury created the flop heard 'round the world.

"At that time there were two methods of jumping — the straddle (conventional roll method) or the scissors, which I used," recalls Fosbury. "My coach, Dean Benson, told me I wouldn't go anywhere

using the scissors, that I should work on the straddle. And I became a great underachiever as a result."

After a laugh, "The Fox" further explains: "So it was at a Grants Pass Rotary Meet, and I was placing last and coach tells me to jump whichever way I wanted. So I started going to the bar, each jump changing a little more, arching my back, raising my rear, then dropping my shoulders and retrieving my legs, a flattening out of my body to the bar. I think I improved six inches that day, and nobody knew what I was doing — including myself."

Fosbury kept getting better — to 5-10 as a junior and then 6-7 and second in the state his final prep season. He was a real "happening" — and he enrolled at Oregon State, where he and Coach Berry Wagner created a magical atmosphere for jumpers (the school is still the only one to have four 7-foot high jumpers in one meet; no other team has had even three in a single meet).

As a freshman he cleared only 6-6 ("But I was real consistent at it — and of course, there were the freshman blues"), as a sophomore he set an OSU record at 6-10½ and as a junior, indoor, he leaped 7 feet for the first time.

It was the season of the real emergence of the "Fosbury Flop."

"The reaction to the flop style was varied," says Fosbury now. "It went all the way from other jumpers and coaches deciding it was illegal, to people in utter disbelief, to those who got a great chuckle out of it."

During his career at Oregon State he won three Pac-8 titles, two NCAA championships and the big one — the Olympic crown in 1968. The Fosbury revolution has had such enormous effect that few of the world's top jumpers are non-flopplers anymore. For example, all those entered in the Oregon AAA prep high jump competition this spring used the flop style.

After the Olympics, Fosbury completed his senior year of eligibility at OSU, won the NCAA championship and dropped out of school. His traveling ambitions grew as well as



(Photo courtesy of OSAU Athletic Dept.)

Dick Fosbury.



The Fosbury Flop.

Photo courtesy of USC Athletic Dept.

his hair. He traveled around, often as a member of U.S. National teams. It was the start of "four years of pretty much freelancing it."

In 1972 Fosbury returned to school and graduated in engineering in 1973. He joined the International Track Association for one season, could clear only 6-10 and retired permanently from active competition.

"I toured with the ITA for three or four months and it just wasn't enough to make it back," says Fosbury. "I'd laid off too long. I wasn't in very good shape. Toward the end of the season I started coming on, but by then my financial situation was so bad I had to look for work."

He moved to Eugene and became a land surveyor and engineer. Currently he's working toward getting his professional landscape surveyor license.

Though he considers himself an outgoing person, Fosbury did not thrive on the publicity connected with fame.

"The press got the idea I was introverted during my jumping days," he says. "I just got tired of talking about the same old things, answering the same questions.

"And so many things I'd say would get turned around. I had to be careful what I said to almost everyone. Things would often get taken out of context. After awhile I tended to stay away from all except the people who would treat me as what I considered myself to be — an ordinary person."

Fosbury will be in the stands for the entire Trials. "I've got my season tickets, you bet," he says. "I'm really looking forward to it."

How about Dwight Stones? "He's the guy to beat. He's very consistent, is No. 1 and it would be a shame if he didn't make it. But he's got a lot of

other guys to worry about. Dwight's got a lot of pride in the way he jumps. He'll say things that will floor you, but then he'll go out and amaze you in the pit. He'll be ready."

And Tom Woods? "Tom's gonna be right in there, and I'm pulling for him all the way. We worked out together my senior year in Corvallis and we were friends with a common goal — to do as well as we could."

The memories of Dick Fosbury's past — the international and national competition, the appearances on the Johnny Carson and Mike Douglas shows — linger on. But he's in a different life now.

"I'm jumping in all-comers meets, playing basketball, racquetball, jogging a lot... I feel I'm in pretty good shape."

"I've always played it fairly low key. I really love this world and I'm going to keep trying to live as loosely as possible. That's me."



Oregonians in Olympics Since Early 1900s

Bill Dellinger, the University of Oregon's track mentor who ranked as one of America's great distance runners during his career in the 1950s and '60s, isn't willing to call the bronze medal he won in the 1964 Olympics his "greatest thrill" in track and field.

There have been simply too many magic moments.

"I have had so doggone many thrills in track and field," said Dellinger recently, "that it would be awfully hard to differentiate between them, to categorize their importance.

"Winning the bronze at Tokyo was very satisfying, of course, particularly since I knew it was to be my last competitive race. But I'm not sure it was any greater thrill than winning

the Oregon high school 880 and mile championships while at Springfield High."

The three-time All-America performer while at Oregon is just one of many state-of-Oregon competitors to participate in the Olympic Games — one of 12 to win a medal during the pre-1972 era in track and field.

Oregon's Olympic track story began in 1906, when Bert Kerrigan, representing Portland's Multnomah Athletic Club, placed third in the high jump. A strange story surrounds Kerrigan: a mishap perhaps cost the Portlander a chance at the gold medal.

A tidal wave struck the ship carrying the U.S. Olympic team to Athens, and Kerrigan was injured severely. According to reports, he was well below top form in the international competition but placed third in the high jump despite the handicap.

The 1908 Games brought the state its first gold medals. Oregon State's

Forest Smithson captured the 110-meter hurdles in 15-flat, a mark which stood as an Olympic record until 1920. And A.C. Gilbert, a native of Salem who attended Pacific University, leaped 12-2 to tie for first in the pole vault.

In 1932 Oregon's Ralph Hill, a Klamath Falls farm boy, was involved in a controversy which thin clad historians today still remember.

Hill and Finland's Lauri Lehtinen waged a great race for the 5,000 meter gold, coming into the final 220 step for step, with Lehtinen in front by a stride.

Said UPI Sports Editor Stuart Cameron on that Aug. 5 day in Los Angeles: "Hill started to sprint. Lehtinen cut in front of him. Again Hill began a final attempt to pass the Finn. And again Lehtinen cut into Hill's path. Hill's stride was broken by this second seeming foul, and, try as he would, could not quite catch the Finn."

Both were timed in a world record



(Photo by E.O. Levy, courtesy of Track & Field News)

Olympic Games, Tokyo, 1964. 5,000m Final, finish plus 10m. L to R: H. Norpoth (Ger) 2nd, M. Jazy (Fra) 4th, R. Schul (USA) 1st, and W. Dellinger (USA) 3rd.

14:30, with Lehtinen the winner. The crowd, which had booed when the interference occurred, now jeered angrily. The judges went into a two-hour huddle, but — because Hill would not protest against his rival — no foul was called.

Hill, who later became a successful politician in Southern Oregon, drew the admiration of many for his sportsmanship, including that of David Jonason, sports editor of the Stockholm, Sweden, **Daily News**, who wrote:

"This is my fourth Olympiad and never before have I seen such graciousness demonstrated by a competitor who had good grounds for protesting a decision...Hill is to be considered the greatest gentleman of sports."

After 1908, the state went 52 years without a winner in the sport until Oregon's Otis Davis captured the 400 meters in 44.9 and was a member of the winning U.S. 1,600 meter relay team. In 1968, Oregon

had two — OSU's Dick Fosbury, the high jump heretic whose "flip" style earned him a gold at 7-4½, and Churchill High School's Margaret Bailes Johnson, a member of the U.S. women's 400-meter relay unit.

Other accomplishments are worth noting: Mark Robinson, the Oregon sprint star, placed second behind Jesse Owens in the 1936 200 meters; Oregon's Harry Jerome, competing for Canada, participated in the 1960 64-68 Games and finished third in the 100 meters at Tokyo; and Dean Cromwell, a Turner, Ore., native, is believed to be the first head coach from the West Coast in 1948.

MEDALISTS

GOLD — Forrest Smithson, Oregon State College, 1908, 100-meter high hurdles (15.0); A.C. Gilbert, Salem, 1908, tie in pole vault (12-2); Otis Davis, University of Oregon, 1960, 400 meters (44.9), 1,600 meter relay; Dick Fosbury, OSU, 1968, high jump (7-4½); Margaret Bailes Johnson, Eugene, 1968, 400 meter relay.

SILVER — Dan Kelley, UO, 1908, long jump (23-3½); Ralph Hill, UO, 1932, 5,000 meters (14:30.0); Mack Robinson, UO, 1936, 200 meters (21.1).

BRONZE — Bert Kerigan, Multnomah Athletic Club, 1906, high jump; Martin Hawkins, UO, 1912, 110 high hurdles (15.7); Bill Dellingar, UO, 1964, 5,000 meters (13:49.8); Harry Jerome, UO (Canada), 1964, 100 meters (10.2).

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

1912—Walt McClure, UO, 1,500 meters; Sam Bellah, MAC, pole vault (12-3½/5, 46).

1920—Ken Bartlett, UO, discuss

(134-1½, 5th); Art Tuck, UO, javelin; Bill Hayward, UO, assistant coach.

1924—Ray Dodge, OSC, 800 meters (6th, won semis in 1:57.4); Ralph Spearow, UO, pole vault (12-2¾, 6th); Bill Hayward, UO, assistant coach.

1928—Bill Hayward, UO, assistant coach.

1948—Rob Likens, ex-Grant High of Portland, javelin; Jack Hutchins, UO (Canada), 800 meters (1:52.6), 1,500 meters (3:54.4); Dean Cromwell, Turner, head coach.

1952—Doug Clement, UO (Canada), 400 meters (49.0), 1,600 meter relay; Jack Hutchins, UO (Canada), 800 meters (1:52.8), 1,600 meter relay.

1956—Bill Dellingar, UO, 5,000 meters (14:16.5); Jim Bailey, UO (Australia), 800 meters; Doug Clement, UO (Canada), 800 meters (5th).

1960—Bill Dellingar, UO, 5,000 meters; Dyrol Burleson, UO, 1,500 meters (3:40.9); Jim Grelle, UO, 1,500 meters; Dave Edstrom, UO, decathlon; Harry Jerome, UO (Canada), 100 meters; Sig Ohlmann, UO (Canada), 800 meters.

1964—Morgan Groth, OSU, 1,500 meters; Dyrol Burleson, UO, 1,500 meters (3:40.9); Les Tipton, UO, javelin (232-0); Harry Jerome, UO (Canada), 200 meters (20.7, 4th); Gerry Morris, UO (Canada), pole vault (15-6); Gary Knoke, UO (Australia), 400 meter intermediate hurdles (50.3, 4th); Bill Robertson, OSU, head trainer.

1968—Gary Stenland, OSU, javelin; Tracy Smith, OSU, 10,000 meters; Wade Bell, UO, 800 meters (1:51.5); Harry Jerome, UO (Canada), 100 meters (10.1, 7th); Norm Trese, UO (Canada), 1,500 meters (3:47.6); Ken Moore, UO, marathon (14h); Gary Knoke, UO (Australia), 110 meter high hurdles (14.1), 400 meter intermediate hurdles (49.6); Bob McLaren, OSU (Canada), 400 meter intermediate hurdles; Bill Heikkila, UO (Canada), javelin (233-7).



Otis Davis

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U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials

(Men & Women)

Saturday, June 19	Monday, June 21	Wednesday, June 23	Saturday, June 26
11:00 M IH h	10:30 W Pent hh	5:20 W 400 qf	4:40 M 5000 h
11:00 W LJ q	11:00 M 200 h	5:50 M 200 f	5:00 M 400 f
11:00 M SP q	11:30 W Pent sp	6:05 M 10km f	5:20 W 400 f
12:00 W J q	4:00 W 400 h	6:50 W Pent 200	5:40 M 1500 h
12:00 M 100 h	4:00 M DT f	7:20 W 800 f	6:30 M Dec 400
1:00 M 20kw f	4:45 W 300 sf		
4:00 M 800 h	5:00 W Pent hj		
4:30 W LJ f	6:15 M 800 s		
5:10 M 100 qf	6:30 M IH s		
5:35 W 800 h	6:50 W 100 f		
6:05 M 10km h	7:05 M 200 2s		
Sunday, June 20	Tuesday, June 22	Thursday, June 24	
11:00 M PV q	11:00 M HH h	11:00 M LJ q	
11:00 M DT q	11:00 M HT q	11:20 W DT q	
12:00 W 100 qf	11:00 W HJ q	3:00 M HT s	
3:30 M SP f	11:30 W Pent hr	3:00 W HJ f	
4:00 M IH sf	12:00 M 400 hr	3:30 M HH sf	
4:00 W J r	12:45 W 200 hr	4:00 W 200 sf	
4:30 M 100 sf	1:30 M PV r	4:20 M 400 sf	
4:50 W 800 sf	3:00 M HH qf	5:00 M Stpl h	
5:10 W 100 qf	3:45 M 200 sf	6:20 M HH r	
5:35 M 800 sf	4:15 M 400 qf	7:20 W 400 f	
5:55 M 100 r	4:45 W 200 qf	7:15 W 400 sf	
		Friday, June 25	Sunday, June 27
		11:00 M Dec 100	3:30 M HJ f
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Women's Events:





L to R: Pam Jiles, Renaye Bowen, Chandra Cheeseborough and Brenda Morehead.

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Rosalyn Bryant of L.A. State won both the 100 and 200 in the women's college nationals (AAW) last month and is picked by **Track & Field News** to win both sprints in the Olympic Trials. Her AAW double of 11.53 and 23.70 put her clearly ahead of several Olympic team contenders—**Evelyn Ashford** of UCLA (11.60), **Mary LeBlanc** of Texas Women's University (11.70) and **Pam Riggs** of Central Washington (11.78) in the 100, and Colorado State's **Pam Green** (23.79 in the 200). Bryant has also run wind-aided times of 11.2 and 22.8 this spring. Her greatest improvement has come in the 100; last year her best was a hand-timed 11.6, good enough for only 13th on the U.S. list.

Pan-Am gold medalist **Pam Jiles** has yet to approach her 11.38 of Mexico City but is favored to make the top three in the Trials in the 200 where she has a season best of 23.4. She was second to teammate

Chandra Cheeseborough in the Pan-Am 200 when Cheeseborough set her American record of 22.77; Jiles ran 22.81. If Jiles can regain her Pan-Am form, she should earn a spot in both the 100 and 200. She was the top ranked U.S. sprinter in 1975, largely on the basis of her Pan-Am victory over world-ranked sprinters **Patty Leverock** (Canada), **Silvia Chivas** (Cuba) and **Marge Bailey** (Canada).

Cheeseborough, a high schooler from Florida, has been running well this season, with hand-timed bests of 11.3 and 23.2. (The standard conversion of hand times to electronic times is to add .24 seconds.) **Brenda Morehead** of Tennessee State will be another person to watch in both races. She's run 11.3 and 23.6 this year.

Pam Green of Colorado State should be among the finalists in the 200; she was second to Bryant in the AAW 200. Quartermiles **Sheila Ingram** and **Debra Armstrong**

both have quick times in the 200 (23.2 and 23.9) but may be at a disadvantage if they run full rounds in both the 200 and 400. A 200-400 double may be impossible, considering that on two days, June 22 and 24, the 200 and 400 are scheduled back-to-back.

The survivors from the Trials will have a stiff time in Montreal. East Germany's **Renate Stecher** powered her way to win both sprints in Munich and will be back to defend her titles.

Track & Field News picks Stecher to repeat in both races with Australian **Raelene Boyle** expected to push her. Great Britain's **Audrey Bruce** should be a medal winner in the shorter race while East Germany's **Carla Bodendorf** and Britain's **Sonia Lannaman** could be finalists in both sprints.

The Americans have a chance to make the finals in Montreal but it may take an American record effort in the 200 and an 11.20 in the 100.



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100m Hurdles

In this tricky event the race should be between the old guard of **Patty Van Wolveleere** and **Pat Donnelly** and charging newcomers **Rhonda Brady**, **Deby LaPlante** and **Sonya Hardy**.

Van Wolveleere, who runs for Wilt's Wonder Women, is a two-time Olympian (fourth in Mexico City in 1968) and the 1974 AAU champion.

Lakewood International's Donnelly has run 13.57 this year, a marked improvement over her '75 best of 13.8. The fourth place finisher in the 1975 Pan-Am Games was also a member of the '71 Pan-Am squad, where she was disqualified after two false starts in the semi-finals.

Brady, who competes for the Mayor Hatcher Youth Foundation, is the 1975 AAU Junior Champion and has bettered her last year's time by a remarkable six-tenths of a second. She will definitely be one to watch.

Pan-American silver medalist in Mexico City, Deby LaPlante of Michigan has run 13.5 this year and looks good, while Hardy, of the Boulder Cinderbelles, has a 13.7 to her credit this season. Hardy was fifth in last year's AAU meet and second in the Junior Championships.

Others to look for are **Carol Thomson**, Delaware SC, who has an automatic time of 13.88; and the Long Beach Comets' **Janice Lester**, who ran 13.9 in 1975.

Once in Montreal, the U.S. hurdlers will have to face world record holder **Annelie Erhardt** of East Germany who won the gold medal in Munich in 12.59. Although she is reportedly coming off an injury sustained last year, she should be tough, having run 13.06 in Dresden in early May.

Poland has two challengers in **Grazyna Rabstyn** (12.82 last year and ranked No. 1 worldwide) and third ranked **Natalya Lebedyeva** who ran 12.93 in '75.

Munich silver medalist **Valeria Stavescu** of Rumania had a hand-timed 13.1 last year and her experience should make her a contender again this time around.



Deby LaPlante

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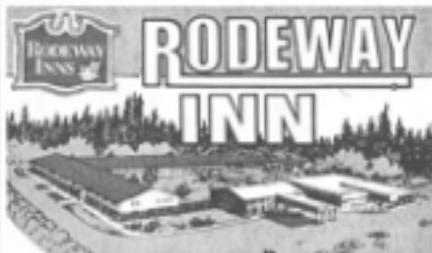


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AIAW champion Sharon Dabney.

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Debra Sapenter has dominated American quarter-miling for three years and should be a sure bet to make the U.S. Olympic team. The other two spots may be up for grabs.

Several runners with leading times will have to make a choice between the 400 and other events. **Robin Campbell**, who has been running internationally since she was 13, may opt for the 800; the same may

be true of **Cheryl Toussaint**. Sprinter **Rosalyn Bryant** has one of the fastest times of the year, but her strongest event is the 200.

Sharon Dabney upset Sapenter in the Pan American Trials last summer and has been coming on strong this spring as has AIAW champion **Shirley Williams**.

Expect to see Sapenter, Dabney, Williams, **Debra Armstrong** and

Sheila Ingram in the Trials final. Veterans **Jarvis Scott, Pat Helm** and **Gwen Norman** could all make the final, although ming stars **Sheila Choates** and **Yolanda Rich** may create some interesting battles in the qualifying rounds.

With the best field ever assembled for this event in the U.S. and the fast track at Hayward Field, the American record held jointly by Segev and **Kathy Hammond** may be in jeopardy. Look for the first three finishers to be under 52.0.

The 400 meter story at Montreal should be between 30-year-old **Irena Szewinska** of Poland and 18-year-old **Christiane Brehmer** of East Germany, who this spring bettered Szewinska's world record. Brehmer (49.77) and Szewinska (49.9) are the only runners to have dipped under the 50.0 barrier. American women will have to make sizeable improvements in their times to get into the finals at Montreal. The East German women will be impressive — and a cinch to win the 4x400 meter relay. In last year's world rankings, the East Germans stood second, third and fourth, led at the time by **Ellen Streitz** (50.5), Brehmer, and **Brigitte Rohde** (51.0).

Sapenter may be the only American rated a chance to make the finals in the Olympics and she'll have to wrangle with Finland's **Riitta Salin** (51.58), Great Britain's **Donna Murray** (51.28), West Germany's **Rita Kuhne** (51.40) as well as the East Germans.

The big question at Montreal will be Saarwinka who must choose between the 200 and 400. A chance to regain her 400 title from Biström may be too enticing to pass up, but the 200 meter world record holder (22.0) could opt for a 200-200 double.

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800m

Madeline Manning Jackson's comeback in last year's AAU 800 meters captured the hearts of fans and propelled her into the limelight as a medal contender for Montreal. The 1968 gold medalist in the 800 showed the best form of her life as she set an American record in the AAU meet, but she'll have to get

under 2:00 if she hopes to win another gold medal.

While Jackson will be the sentimental favorite in Eugene, she can expect stiff competition from 1976 AIAW champion **Wendy Knaudson**, a versatile athlete who appears to be concentrating on the 800 this year in a push to make the Olympics.



1975 AAU Champ Madeline Jackson, followed by Kathy Weston.

Pan American gold medalist **Kathy Weston** is young, but has some solid international experience under her belt and typically comes through when it counts.

Robin Campbell has the potential to make the Olympic team in the 400, 800 or 1500. If she chooses to try for the 800, she may be hard to beat for the top three. **Cyndy Poor** keeps improving each year in the 800, but chances are that she'll go after the 1500 where she may be a cleaner favorite.

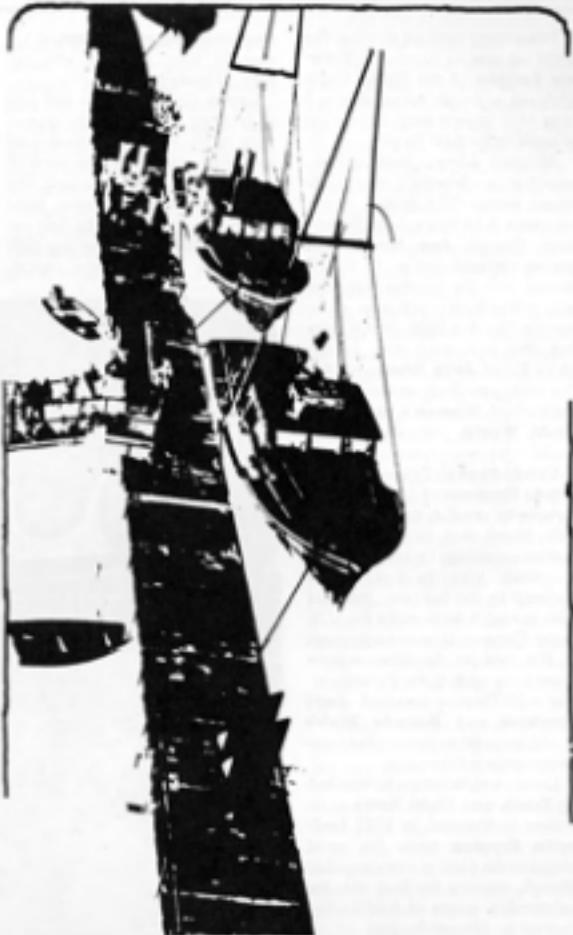
Potential finalists in the Trials should include **Debbie Vetter**, **Ruth Kleinsasser**, **Cheryl Toussaint**, **Liane Swingle** and **Marilyn Carlson**. No American has broken 2:00 yet, but that barrier could go this week. It should take 2:01 or better to make the team.

The depth of competitors who've run in the 1:59 to 2:01 range makes Olympic predictions a risky business in the 800. Last year 21 major races were won in 1:59.4 to 2:01.0.

Although **Svetla Zlateva**'s 1:57.5 world record of 1973 is still intact, it is by no means untouchable. East Germany's **Anita Weiss** has run 1:57.7 this year and 15 women were under 2:01 last year.

Australia's **Charlene Redina** appears ready to go after a medal in Montreal, having clocked a speedy 1:59.0 this year. Countrywoman **Judy Pollock**, who equalled the existing world record in the 880 (2:02.0, equal to 2:01.2 for 800) way back in 1967, has run 2:01.1 this season and at age 36, could be a medalist.

Bulgaria's **Lilyana Tomova** (1:58.1), West Germany's **Hildegard Falck** (1:58.3), Rumania's **Mariana Suman** (1:58.6) and Bulgaria's **Nikolina Shtereva** (1:59.4) are all possible finalists for the Montreal 800. **Track and Field News** picks Madeline Jackson to win in Montreal, followed by Tomova and Suman.



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1500m

Times came crashing down in the 1500 last year for Americans. **Françie Larrieu** of the Pacific Coast Club was no longer untouchable and three U.S. women made the top 20 in world rankings for the year.

Although Larrieu must still be regarded as America's best 1500 meter runner (she looked strong running a 4:14.4 to win the Prefontaine Classic), **Jan Merrill** improved tremendously in '75 as she moved into the number two spot with a fine 4:10.6 and went on to win the Pan Am 1500. Merrill, who has the best mark this season (4:14.1) and **Julie Brown** (4:18.2 this year) were both ranked 14th in the world by **Women's Track and Field World** with Larrieu well ahead in the seventh spot.

Candy Poser (4:13.9 indoors) and **Cindy Bremser** (4:17.2 this year) have to be rated as favorites, along with Merrill and Brown, to give Larrieu a challenge for the top spot in the Trials. With the best runners gathered for the first time, it should take at least 4:10 to make the U.S. team. There could be some surprises in this race as American women seem to be rising to the challenge of the 4:15 Olympic standard. **Judy Graham** and **Brenda Webb** could be making some impressive improvements this season.

Larrieu and Merrill are both picked by **Track and Field News** to be finalists at Montreal. In 1972 **Ludmilla Bragina** broke the world record in the 1500 in every round at Munich, winning the final with the still-standing record of 4:01.4. The race will be different this year.

Nina Morganova of the Soviet Union led the world list with 4:06.0 last year but was ranked only fifth by **Women's Track and Field World** on the basis of all-around performances. **WTFW** ranks Norway's **Grete Waitz** number one and she is the favorite for the gold medal in Montreal. Waitz was undefeated last year and had the second fastest time in the world — 4:07.5. She's reportedly looking for something "around 4:00" in Montreal. She could be challenged by

newcomer **Brigitte Kraus**, a 19-year-old West German who ran 4:06.04 in late May.

Larrieu should have the best shot at breaking into European dominance in the final at Montreal. Last year seven women ran between 4:08 and 4:08.9, Larrieu included. The chances of another Bragina being able to run away from the field are slim; the Montreal final of the 1500 should be both fast and tactical.

Larrieu, Waitz, Kraus, Morganova and possibly Merrill should be in that final, along with **Tatyana Kazanskina** of the Soviet Union (4:07.9), **Waltraud Strotzter** of East Germany (4:08.0) and **Natalia Andrei** (4:08.4) of Romania. Eight-hundred meter runners **Gunhild Hoffmeister** (East Germany) and **Nikolina Shtereva** (Bulgaria) could be dark-horse contenders if they switch to the longer race.



Julie Brown (left) and Françoise Larrieu.

Photo by Ralph Martin



Distance Women Barred from Olympic Games

According to recent physiological research, distance runners, like sprinters, are products of hard work and specific genetic gifts. But if one were to judge by the events on an Olympic schedule, women who can run more than 1500 meters don't even exist.

"I feel badly for myself because the 1500 is too short for me," said Iowa State's Peg Neppel, new American record holder at 10,000 meters. "So I may not make the Olympics even though I've got the talent and worked hard enough to get there."

On May 22, while the country's best male distance runners were fighting it out on the roads of Eugene for berths on the U.S. Olympic marathon squad, Neppel easily out-

paced a field of American and world record holders—at distances considerably longer than the metric mile—to break teammate Carol Cook's old AR by 30 seconds, winning in 34:19.0. Cook also finished under the old mark in 34:42.2.

Third in the race was Cheryl Bridges, former world record holder in the marathon, who had driven out from Minnesota two days before—a test of endurance which took its toll although the Los Angeles TC athlete still managed to better her own personal record by nearly five and a half seconds.

"We need more of these, just to learn how to run them," Bridges said afterward, a sentiment heartily echoed by Neppel, who also set a world mark in the three-mile this year (15:41.4) and is the national collegiate two-mile champion. "Heavens, I have no idea how fast I can run it," she said. "Just look at

me—do I look tired to you?"

Marathon world record holder Jacki Hansen, 27, finished fourth, behind Nadia Garcia, owner of the American record for the hour run. Hansen is pushing hard for a women's marathon in the Olympics.

"They're going to add just one distance for women," she declared. "It shouldn't be the 3,000 or 5,000. That's still catering to the miler types. They should go straight to the 10,000 or the marathon."

The International Road Runners Club in Switzerland is lobbying for the marathon for the 1980 Games, but with Montreal just around the corner, 1980 seems careers away. Besides, the International Olympic Committee has not been noted in the past for its readiness to accommodate women distance runners. In 1928 L. Radke-Batschauer of Germany won the 800m in 2:16.8 but the IOC, apparently displeased with the performance, eliminated the race from succeeding Games, leaving 200 meters as the longest women's event. Only in 1960 was the 800 reintroduced, followed by the 400 in 1964. Not until Munich in 1972 were women even allowed to run the 1500.

Hansen's world record 2:38.19, set last October in Eugene, would've put her ahead of 15 men in the Munich marathon. It is not surprising, then, that women find it galling that any country can send at least one man to the Olympic marathon, no matter what his caliber, while women athletes such as Hansen and former world record holder Christa Vahlensieck of West Germany (2:40.15) must remain at home.

Since 1967 the women's record for the 26-mile, 385-yard race has dropped more than 37 minutes (the men's has not been improved since 1969). Hansen has lowered her own best mark by 27 minutes since her first race in 1973. And the base of the pyramid is broadening as more women take up the sport. Marilyn



Women's 10,000m. L to R: Jacki Hansen, Cheryl Bridges, Nadia Garcia, Carol Cook, Peg Neppel.

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Jackie Hansen, Marathon
WR holder.

Paul of Portland, 38, who finished sixth in the Eugene 10,000, ran a PR 2:49 one week later in the Lions Gate Marathon in Vancouver, B.C., making her one of nine women in the world who have broken 2:50.

Paul finished second in that race to Doris Brown Heritage of Seattle, who won in 2:47.34. Heritage is a veteran of two Olympic teams, but this was her first marathon. An 800m runner in the Mexico City Games, she moved up to the 1500 for Munich, but her real love through the years has been cross-country. The wiry athlete has won innumerable national and five world cross-country titles and placed well internationally last season despite a series of injuries.

Even when getting ready for the 1968 two-lap race in Mexico, Heritage was noted for taking ultra-long training runs (35 miles at a crack). The fact that she did so well in short races—her 2:02.2 in 1968 is

still the third best all-time U.S. mark—speaks well for her versatility, but athletes such as Neppel do not have that advantage.

"My coach and I agree that I don't have a prayer to make the Olympics [in the 1500]," Neppel said last month. "My fastest mile is 4:45, which is about 4:25 for 1500. (The Olympic qualifying standard is 4:15.) I just don't have the quickness I need for that race."

An hour and a half after Neppel's record-breaking effort, Frank Shorter of the Florida TC cruised into the stadium to make his second Olympic team. Bill Rodgers and Don Kerton soon followed, each of them now first time Olympians, rejoicing in having won a trip to that magical land of athletic excellence and solidarity. Peg Neppel, Carol Cook, Cheryl Bridges, Jacki Hansen and their sisters could only look on and hope that someday the trip would be open to them, too.



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Things are popping in the long jump this year, both nationally and internationally. North Carolina high schooler **Kathy McMillan** soared 22-1½ in April, breaking her own 12-day-old American record of 21-7½. The '75 Pan-Am Games bronze medal winner first broke **Martha Watson's** AR by ¼ inch in a high school triangular meet with a leap of 21-7½. Then, less than two weeks later, in the Volunteer Classic, the teenager's first effort of the day registered 21-10, a new record. Then came a foul and a 21-1½ before she opened the final three

rounds with that lengthy 22-1½, putting her tenth on the all-time world list.

But the rest of the world didn't stand still. In a meet which saw three women's world records fall, **Angela Voigt** of East Germany stretched Munich gold medal winner **Heidi Rosendahl's** world mark by 3½ inches to 22-8½. A few weeks later Voigt's teammate **Sigrun Steigl-Thon** pushed the WR to 22-11½.

Meanwhile, veteran U.S. jumper Watson has a year's best of 21-4¾, set indoors. Nevertheless, the two-



Two-time Olympian Martha Watson.

Photo by Chuck Pratt

time Olympian and 1975 Pan-Am silver medalist will certainly give McMillan a hard run at first spot on the U.S. team. She was ranked No. 2 in the world last year to McMillan's No. 3, the highest ranking of any U.S. woman athlete except javelin thrower Kathy Schmidt (who also ranked second worldwide).

The third berth on the Montreal squad would seem to be up for grabs. **Sherron Walker** of Seattle Pacific has a season best of 20-9½ while **Lorraine Ray**, Community Youth Club, is close behind with 20-8½. Pentathletes **Jane Frederick**, Los Angeles TC, and **Marilyn King**, Milbrae Lions, have the next best marks this year but will probably concentrate on their five-event specialty.

Five-time Olympian **Willye White**, with a season best of 19-6½, will be trying to make her sixth Games and can never be counted out of the running. Her best Olympic showing was her first, when she won the silver medal in 1956.

Other names to look for during the Trials should include **Karen Elmore**, Milbrae Lions, who has a best of 20-¾ this year; **Jody Anderson**, Premier TC, with a season mark of 19-11; L.A. State's **Vicki Betts** (19-10); and Iowa State's **Celeste Johnson** (19-9½).

In Montreal U.S. jumpers will face WR-holder Voigt; **Lydia Alfeyeva** of the USSR, ranked No. 1 in the world last year with consistent performances over 21-4; Czechoslovakia's **Jarmila Nygynova**, who has surpassed 21-0 eleven times; and **Ana Alexander** of Cuba, who aced out Watson for the Pan-Am title last October with a personal best of 21-9.

As an indication of how unpredictable this event can be, it should be noted that Angela Voigt was ranked sixth in the world last year and that her new world record exceeds her previous best mark by four inches.



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High Jump



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American record holder Joni Huntley.

Joni Huntley was the first American woman to clear six feet in the high jump (in 1974) and she's been on top ever since. Two others have cleared that height since then (**Paula Girven** and **Pam Spencer**) and Huntley improved her American record to 6-2½ in early 1975 in New Zealand. She is very consistent at 6-0 to 6-2, but is still looking for the 6-3 or 6-4 jump she'll need in Montreal.

Huntley should have no problem making the U.S. squad for Montreal. Consistency will be the key for other Olympic hopefuls. The high jump is one of the tensest events in track and field and every jumper must face the frustration of failing at heights easily cleared in practice. Girven and Spencer have already met the Olympic standard, giving them an automatic edge in the trials. **Louise Ritter** and **Susan Hackett** are

only half an inch from qualifying. The top three placers in the Trials must meet the 5-11½ standard in order to go to Montreal.

Spencer is the only American who's beaten Huntley in recent years. Both jumpers cleared 6-0 in the '76 ANU indoor meet, with Spencer winning on fewer misses.

World record holder **Rosemarie Ackermann** of East Germany recently upped her mark to 6-5½ and will be the person to beat in Montreal. West Germany's **Eberike Meyfarth** (6-3½) was the surprise winner in Munich and she's favored by **Track and Field News** to win the silver medal this year. Huntley is picked for the bronze.

Canadian **Debbie Brill** has edged Huntley this spring and upped her national record to match Huntley's. Brill has some strong company at home: **Julie White** (6-1),

Louise Walker (6-1½) and **Diane Jones** (6-1½). Jones will compete in the pentathlon, but should she also enter the individual competition in the high jump, she could be a factor.

While Germans and North Americans should make good showings in Montreal, the Russians have an impressive trio: **Nadyesha Oskolok** (6-2½), **Alla Fedorchuk** (6-2) and **Gallina Filatova** (6-2). Italy's **Sara Simeoni** has cleared 6-2½ as well.

The pressure and intensity of Olympic competition may very well prevent any world records, but most observers agree that it will take at least a jump of 6-3 to earn a medal. Ackermann should have a clear shot at the gold, but with 11 jumpers packed between 6-1½ and 6-2½ last year, look for many national records to fall as the field narrows.



Huntley U.S. Hope for Montreal Medal

Competing for a high school without track facilities in 1974, seventeen-year-old Joni Huntley scored 38 points in the Class AA Oregon state high school champion-

lank (5-8, 134 lbs) Flopper became the first women to attend Oregon State University on an athletic scholarship, upped her American record to 6-2½, won the Pan-

After a brief and unspectacular indoor season, including a rare loss to an American (Pam Spencer in the AAU Championships), Huntley decided to take advantage of Olympic Development travel funds to get coaching help. Choosing to forego college competition and classes for spring term, she accepted pentathlete Mita McMillan's offer to share an apartment in Los Angeles and set her sights firmly on the Olympics.

Training with Dave Rodde of Lakewood International and Tom Telzer of UCLA, the Oregon Track Club athlete has regained her confidence. "I feel good about what I'm doing," she said in May. "I'm still holding back, but it'll come. I know my workouts are good and I'm able to jump."

The fresh-faced redhead is quick to compliment her coaches and mention other jumpers who have a shot at the Olympics. She picks Spencer of Seattle Pacific College, Paula Girven of College Park, Md., and Susan Hackett of River Ridge, La., as her chief competitors in the Olympic Trials. Although she admits to counting on a berth on the U.S. team, she's more cautious than many track observers who pick her to win a medal in Montreal.

Last year eleven women had marks between 6-1½ and 6-2½ so it will take consistency plus a lifetime best for almost any hopeful to win a medal. Huntley points out that world records in the high jump are rarely set at the Olympics. "It's a lot of factors — like tensions and nerves," she said, but predicted at least a 6-4 or 6-5 effort for the winner in Montreal.

For herself she would only say "I want to be satisfied. I'd like to hit a good height."

Whether or not she brings home a medal, Huntley knows she's appreciated back home in Sheridan. At the inaugural All-Comers meet on the high school's new track Huntley officiated her event. "You know something?" she said. "Thirty-seven of the 40 kids entered the high jump."



Photos by Jeff Johnson

Joni Huntley.

ships, giving Sheridan H.S. a tie for first place in team scoring. Her efforts included a 14.6 win in the 110 yard hurdles, a first in the 100 in 11.25, second in the long jump (18-3½) and a stunning win in the high jump with an American record of 6-0.

Huntley became the first American woman over six feet in the high jump in February of 1974 with an indoor leap of 6-0½ but her outdoor jump clearly established her as the premier jumper in the United States.

In the two years since then the

American gold medal and became the third-ranked jumper in the world.

Being on top is never easy, especially in an Olympic year.

Huntley got to the top with little technical background. Before beginning work with coach Benny Wagner at OSU she had had no specific high jump coaching. When Wagner left OSU at the end of 1975 for a coaching job in Saudi Arabia, Huntley felt at loose ends, bothered by leg and back problems and lacking a firm training schedule.

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Javelin

Dubbed "Kate the Great" by discus world record holder Mac Wilkins, Los Angeles TC's super javelin thrower **Kate Schmidt** shattered her own American record by more than six feet this year. Competing with 18 men in the Long Beach Relays in March, the Munich bronze medalist flung the spear 215' 6" on her second effort.

That mark is the fourth best in world history, the top three belonging to world record holder **Ruth Fuchs** of East Germany.

Ranked No. 2 in the world last year by **Women's Track & Field World**, Schmidt seems a sure bet to win the Olympic Trials and is certainly in contention for another medal in Montreal. But her



Sherry Calvert, 1975 Pan-Am Champion.

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overriding goal is the world record: "I want the WR," she told **Track & Field News**. "221 would be the world record but I don't want a world record that'll be replaceable in a few years. I want 245—something that's going to take until the year 2000 to break."

A distant second to Schmidt in season best marks is **Cathy Sullen-ski**, who throws for the Milbrat Lions and took second at Modesto with a fine 193-6 effort. That makes her the fourth best all time U.S. performer.

1975 Pan-Am Games gold medalist **Sherry Calvert**, Lakewood International, has a season best of 188-8. The 1972 Olympian, who also took the silver medal in the 1971 Pan-Am Games, has the experience to see her through Trials pressure and is a good choice for a spot on the team.

Others to look for during the Trials are UCLA's **Karen Smith**, who was third in the AAU last year and has a 1976 best of 185-7; **Barbara Whittlefield**, who took fourth at Modesto this season with a 174-6; and '75 Pan-Am Games bronze medalist **Lynn Cannon** of the Milbrat Lions, who has thrown 168-3 this year. Cannon's PR of 192-1, set in 1974, makes her the fifth all-time U.S. performer.

While Schmidt's 65-69/215-6 makes her far and away the best in this country, she will face formidable competition for the title in Montreal. Munich gold medalist Fuchs has a '76 best of 218-0 and is consistently over 65m. Fuchs' teammate, **Jacqueline Todten**, who took silver in '72, was ranked third in the world last year with four 60m plus performances. Other strong medal contenders will be the USSR's **Svetlana Babich**, ranked fifth in the world in '75; and Bulgaria's **Lut-vian Mollova**, who was fourth in Munich and second behind Schmidt in the Montreal Pre-Olympics last year.

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Jan Svendsen is closing in on the 56 meter mark; she moved to number two on the all-time U.S. list with a toss of 180-11 this spring; a 14-foot improvement over her 1975 best. Eugenean **Liane Wisbigner** has also shown impressive progress

in a year, improving almost 19 feet to 172-0. **Monette Driscoll** is close behind at 171-0.

Linda Langford has been throwing around 170-175 for two years and may have consistency in her favor. The discus has been an up and down event in national competition and the thrower with the best mark coming into the Trials is no automatic cinch to win or even place in the event. Realizing the inconsistencies of their event, most throwers coming to Eugene will hope that no one has made the Olympic qualifying standard, leaving the one



Monette Driscoll.

(Photo by Jeff Johnson)

berth up for grabs. However, if one person does make the standard prior to the Trials (Swedson appears to have the best chance), that individual would automatically earn the berth providing that no one else meets the standard during the Trials.

Probable competitors in the Trials include **Lorna Griffin**, Flathead Valley, with a season and personal best of 160-0; Oregon TC's **Mary Stevenson**, a prepster who's thrown 156-8 this year; **Teri Sabol** of the Los Angeles TC whose lifetime best is 165-9; UCLA's **Lisa Vogelsang** with a personal and season best of 151-9; and **Linda Montgomery**, Texas TC, whose PR of 152-9 was also set this year.

While the U.S. Trials are filled with "is" and "butts," the women's discus at Montreal may be the most predictable event of the Games. **Faina Melnik**, selected the outstanding female track athlete of 1975, is a shoe-in for the gold medal. Melnik has totally dominated the event since 1970 and has improved every year, most recently upping her record to an awesome 231-3. For the last three years she's been unbeatable and there is no one in sight who could possibly challenge her as she goes after a second Olympic gold medal.

Romania's **Argentina Menis** (222-8) and East Germany's **Sabine Engel** (220-11) were the only other throwers over 220 last year. Engel has since improved to 224-3. Bulgaria's **Maria Vergova** threw 219-9 last year and was strong in big competition. East Germany's **Gabriele Hinzmann** equalled Vergova's best throw but lost in several important meets. Pan Am winner **Carmen Romero** of Cuba improved to 217-2 and was ranked sixth by **Women's Track and Field World** for 1975. She and **Carmen Ionesco** (211-8) of Canada may be the only non-European finalists.

A throw of 220-plus should be necessary for a silver or bronze medal in Montreal but look for Melnik to win the event by a clear ten feet.



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Shot Put



Maren Seidler, No. 1 in U.S.

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As the Trials program goes to press, American record holder **Maren Seidler** is the only entrant who has ever met the Olympic qualifying standard, but she hasn't met it within the designated period. This makes first place in the Trials the crucial goal.

If no Americans make the Olympic standard, then the first place winner in Eugene is the only U.S. entrant. A knotty problem arises when one or more athletes make the Olympic standard prior to the Trials but are not among the top three finishers in the Trials (and no one else achieves the Olympic standard). U.S. Olympic Committee rules state that if any of the top three finishers in the Trials haven't met the Olympic standard, the next athlete or athletes in order of finish below third place who have met the standard would then qualify for the Olympic team.

Kathy Devine has made dramatic improvement this year, from a best of 47-8½ last year to 53-

1 this spring, a little more than a foot shy of the Olympic mark. Seidler may be threatened by Devine, but the American record holder has experience on her side and will be the favorite to win the Trials. With luck, both Devine and Seidler will make the Olympic standard and the U.S. team. No other Americans have broken 52-0 this year, but **Ann Turbyne** (51-5½) is fast improving and could make a big breakthrough.

Other Trials athletes to watch should be the Falcon TC's **Marcia Mecklenburg** with a season and personal best of 51-5; **Jan Svedeen**, San Jose Stars (50-10½ inches); and Oregon Track Club's **Karen Marshall** who upped her PR to 47-1½ this year.

American women have never figured in international competition, but the increasing acceptance of weight training as a necessity even for beginning throwers should result in a large improvement in American marks by the next Olympiad.

World record holder **Marianne Adam** of East Germany recently upped her mark to 71-1½ and is an easy favorite for the gold medal in Montreal. **Women's Track and Field World** predicts a mark of 21.00 meters (68-10½) or better for medal winners. Bulgaria's **Ivana Kharstova** is coming on strong this season with a toss of 20-5½ moving her to the number three all-time position. **Helena Fibingerova** of Czechoslovakia was ranked second to Adam last year with a best of 70-3½ and is rated highly as a probable medal winner.

Veteran **Nadyeshda Chizhova** of the Soviet Union was out of action last year with back problems but is expected to make a bid at Montreal where she is a potential medalist. Another contender should be her countrywoman, **Svetlana Krashchukaya**, who has improved dramatically in two years; she has thrown 69-1½ this season. The competition for the silver and bronze medals in Montreal will be tight.

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Pentathlon

Jane Frederick just keeps getting better and better, and barring another freak Frisbee accident, she's a cinch to win the Olympic Trials pentathlon and should be in the running for a medal in Montreal.

Frederick is far and away the best American in her event. Besides Frederick, **Gale Fitzgerald** and **Marilyn King** have met the Olympic qualifying standard of 4300 points. The real battle in the trials will be to reach 4300 points, and finish third. King, Fitzgerald and Frederick will be heavy favorites and anyone who hopes to challenge them has to score at least 4300 to be eligible to go to the Olympics. **Dana Collins**, the senior from South Salem High School, and **Mitzi McMillan** of Lakewood International, could have the best chance to upset either King or Fitzgerald. Collins has come into her own in the last year and scores consistently over 4000 points. Collins edged King in the Pan-Am Trials last summer and went on to place sixth in the Games.

Heidi Mertz of the University of Florida has a season and personal best score of 3897 while **Kerry Zwart** of La Cocina TC is not far behind with 3891 this year.

While it takes 4300 points to get into the Olympic competition, it may take 4800 points to win a medal.

World record holder **Burglinde Pollak** of East Germany (4932) is favored to win the gold medal with Russia's **Nadyeshda Tkachenko** (4776) given the nod for second. Frederick and Canadian **Diane Jones** are expected to be evenly matched in the fight for the bronze medal. Jones (4673) has the edge over Frederick in the high jump ($5\frac{1}{4}$ to $5\frac{9}{16}$) while Frederick is the superior hurdler and sprinter.

East Germans **Sigrun Siegl** and **Christine Laser** were both over 4630 last year and should be among the leaders in Montreal, along with Austria's **Christina Prokop** (4579), and Russia's **Valentina Tikhomirova** (4754 in 1974).

Great Britain's **Mary Peters**



American record holder Jane Frederick.

Photo by Jeff Johnson

won't be back to defend her Munich gold medal, nor will **Heidi Rosendahl**, the darling of the Munich Games (second in the pentathlon, first in the long jump and anchor on the winning West German team in the 4x100). Jones will be the sentimental favorite, as was Rosendahl, when she competes in front of her compatriots, but it could be a calm and collected Jane Frederick who pulls the upset.

Getting by Pollak and Tkachenko will be no easy matter, considering the marks that they produced to earn their respective scores of 4932 and 4776. For the Russian, it meant 13.5 in the hurdles, 50¾ in the shot, 5-8¾ in the high jump, 21-3½ in the long jump and 25.2 for 200 meters. Pollak's world record pentathlon marks were 13.21, 52-0, 5-10, 21-2¾ and 23.35—marks which stand well by themselves.



Jane Frederick: Patient Pentathlete

Only five women in the world have ever done a better job in the pentathlon than Jane Frederick who, at 24, is preparing for her second Olympics. "I've been pushing myself more in the last two or three years, but I can handle it," says the powerfully built Los Angeles T.C. athlete. "A lot of people thought I could have made the Olympic team when I was 16, but at that age I couldn't have handled it."

A long-range planner with a fair share of patience ("I'd rather take six years instead of three to achieve my goals. Maybe I'll peak in 1980 or maybe next year. It doesn't blow me away if I don't quite make it right now"), Frederick is highly regarded internationally but her stature in U.S. track isn't fully appreciated except perhaps by the connoisseur of women's track statistics. Last year she was ranked fourth in the world with a pentathlon best of 4670; she won the open 100m hurdles race in the AAU Championship with the fastest U.S. time for the year, and she had one of the ten-best American marks in the high jump, long jump and shot put.

This spring she upped her American record to 4732 points and could boast personal bests of 13.1 in the hurdles, 49-3½ in the shot, 5-10½ in the high jump, 20-11 in the long jump and 24.0 for 200 meters. All of these marks are strong enough to give her a shot at making the Olympic team in one or two individual events. But in her patient search for perfection Frederick will stick with the pentathlon, saying she'd like to score in the high 4800s in Montreal.

"Everything in Montreal will be timed electronically, but I'd like to be around 13.10 or 13.20 in the hurdles, around 15 meters (49-5) in the shot and at least 6-0 in the high jump. The 200 will be fast. That's what I'm counting on to change my

score — 23.8 electric. Maybe that's too much to hope for," she says, "but that's the one event I really want."

This may be the last year for the 200 meters in the pentathlon since the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) will vote in Montreal on changing to 800 meters instead.

"The change would make it a better event," says Frederick, who became infatuated with the pentathlon as a Bay Area teenager who

loved to watch seven-time AAU champion Pat Winslow compete. "But I'd like to see them add more events, like the javelin, discus, 100 and 800. But then," she reflects, "that would change the event. In the pentathlon you have to be really good in all events whereas decathletes can have a lower quality in certain events. For the women each event counts one-fifth, not a tenth. In a world record pentathlon each individual event would rank in the top 10 or 15 in the world."



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Look closely at the emblem on **Steve Williams'** racing shirt. No matter that the lyrical young man from the South Bronx runs for the Florida Track Club, the symbol is that of Rolls Royce, and Williams's sprinting is appropriately elegant. Possessing the fastest times (9.9, 19.9) and undefeated this year, Williams seems a sure bet to have a chance at three gold medals in Montreal (the third coming in the 400 meter relay). World-ranked first in the 100, second in the 200 (to Jamaican **Dos Quarrie**) in 1975, Williams has spent the last year in careful study of the biomechanics of sprinting under FTC coach Brooks Johnson, and his margin of superiority over all American challengers seems to have widened accordingly, as he defeated fine

fields in the Tom Black Classic and King Games.

The spring discovery of 1976 is clearly 19-year-old Auburn freshman **Harry Glance**, the SEC and NCAA champion, who has twice run 9.9 for 100 meters. A small man at 5'8/145, Glance nevertheless can bench press over 300 pounds, and his 200 meter best of 20.1 speaks of remarkable staying power. Glance is a fine starter, but feels that his strength makes him dominant over the last third of his sprints, and so far it has. In 1976 he has been beaten only by Williams.

Behind these two, the scramble for Olympic uniforms seems so close it will tax the electronic photo-timer. **Steve Riddick** of the Philadelphia Pioneer Club ran the fastest 100 in the world last year, an electric 10.5

in Zurich, a race in which he beat Steve Williams and **Valeriy Borzov**. He has a 20.1 (wind-aided) 200 this year, and the international experience that can be crucial in these trials. Borzov rates him a prime threat in Montreal.

Houston McTear, despite the much-publicized academic difficulties which have affected his form, has remarkable athletic gifts. Last year's 9.0 for 100 yards as a high school junior must have seemed far away when he finished a distant seventh in the King Games 100 meters, but with careful preparation, McTear will be back quickly.

Reggie Jones of Tennessee, the 1975 NCAA 200 champion, probably has a better chance for the team in the long sprint, but it might be recalled that he beat Williams at 100 in the 1974 US v. USSR meet.

Ed Preston, a 20-year-old sophomore at Arkansas State, has an automatically timed 10.07 in 1976, and was third behind Williams and Glance in the King Games despite a poor start. A solid finisher, Preston was fourth in the 1975 NCAA and AAU 100s.

Clancy Edwards of the Maccabi Track Club has a 10.0 this year and learned a few international ropes in the Pan-American Games in Mexico City, where he was fifth in the 100.

Arizona sprinters have fine chances in the 200. **Wardell Gilbreath** has the fastest automatically timed mark of the year, 20.27, while **Dwayne Strozier** is not far off with 20.43. And **Larry Brown**, fourth-ranked in the U.S. last year and Pan-American silver medalist, has been lying low this year.

Internationally, the sprint picture seems less fluid than in this talent-rich country. Most European and Caribbean sprinters seem to last as their countries' champions through at least two Olympics. Thus the names of the men that Williams and company will face in Montreal are familiar. The Soviet Union's Valeriy Borzov of course won both the 100 and 200 in Munich. He has an unimpressive indoor season this past winter, and an injury has slowed him



Steve Williams, Florida TC.

Photo by Mike Lyons

further this spring, but if Bozov's medical entourage is all it is reported to be, he'll be in Montreal ready to defend.

Cuba's **Silvio Leonard** was ranked first in the world in both sprints in 1974, and won the Pan-American 100 in 10.15, but immediately plunged into the twelve-foot concrete moat surrounding the Mexico City track, and hasn't been the same since. After treatment for a damaged ankle and, later, a back operation, he is reported to be training well. **Hasely Crawford** of Trinidad, the 1975 NCAA 100 champion and Pan-Am silver medalist, was ranked fifth in the 100 meter world last year. And **Pietro Mennea**, Italy's bronze medalist in the Munich 200, lost only to Williams in that event last year.

But the strongest challenge to American hopes in the sprints will surely come from Jamaica's **Don Quarrie**.

The self-possessed Quarrie was



Photo by Dave Danner

Don Quarrie, Houston McTear and Reggie Jones.

first-ranked at 200 last year because of his splendid running in Eugene, where he nipped Williams by a head in a world record 19.9220 at the Pre Classic, then returned to win the

AAU 100 and 200 in 10.16 and 20.12. This year Quarrie seems better than ever, winning the California Relays 200 in a record-tying 9.9 from Reggie Jones.

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400m

Postwar American performances have been stronger in the 400 meters than in perhaps any other event. Such athletes as Otis Davis, Mike Lanesbee, Lee Evans, John Smith, Wayne Collett and Vince Matthews have forged a tradition of near-invincibility. In this Olympic year U.S. talent seems undimmed, but great names are absent. Thus as many as a dozen quartermilers have a shot at the team. Those who make it will surely be the great names of tomorrow.

Pan American Champion **Ronnie Ray** of North Carolina Central — where he is coached by this year's head Olympic Coach LeRoy Walker — was the fastest in 1975 with his 44.45 in Mexico City's thin air. 1973-74 AAU Champion **Maurice Peoples** of the DC Striders has speed and the experience so crucial in the pressure of the Trials. **Fred Newhouse** of the Baton Rouge TC ran 44.2 in the semifinals of the 1972 Trials, then in the final astounded onlookers with a first 200 in the 20.4 range. He paid for it in the stretch and finished seventh. Newhouse has run 45.1 already this year and is determined to rectify his mistake.

Smooth, slender **Robert Taylor** of Texas Southern ran 45.26 last year and gained Pan-American Games experience. **Ken Handie** of USC is fresh from winning the 1976 NCAA in 45.2. Steady **Stan Vinson** (Florida TC) was third in last year's AAU with a late rush, clocking 45.24. The two Jim Bush-coached men for the Maccabi TC, **Maxie Parks** (45.50) and **Benny Brown** (a hand-timed 45.4) will never be far from the front.

1976's fastest mark, a hand-timed 45.0, belongs to NCAA indoor champion **Evel Jennings** of Mississippi State.

Herman Frazier of Arizona State (45.78) is solid and his training partner **Gerald Burl** (45.62) is improving rapidly. **Charles Oliver** (Troy) has a 45.74, while Oregon State transfer **Curtis Byrd** has a hand-timed 45.6. Such is the ob-

vious closeness of these men that it seems impossible to issue any sensible predictions until after the semifinals. What is clear, however, is that we will see a new order of American quartermiling before this event is settled.

U.S. runners have won the last four Olympic 400 meter races, and 12 of the 17 contested since the modern Olympics began, but this year the rest of the world presents the strongest challenge since Rome in 1960, when West Germany's **Karl Kaufman** missed catching Oregon's **Otis Davis** by an inch, with the time for both men a world record 44.9.

Great Britain's tall, powerful **David Jenkins** whipped all the

best Americans at their own AAU meet here last year with a 44.93, but was soundly beaten by Parks (45.17 to 45.59) in the Prefontaine Classic June 5.

Easygoing **Alberto Juan-Soriano** of Cuba, a strikingly powerful runner whose stamina has carried him to a 1:45.2 800 meters, ran 44.7 in 1974 (when he was top-ranked in the world), but lost the Pan American Games 400 to Ronnie Ray last October. Thus sobered, he will be ready in Montreal.

Undefeated **Fons Brydenbach** (45.25) of Belgium and **Karl Hora** of West Germany are two strong continental hopes, while **Stephen Chepkwony** of Kenya (45.34) is dangerous.



Herman Frazier, Arizona State.

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Four men seem to be in contention for the three Olympic team berths in the high hurdles:

No. 1 in the world in 1974 and No. 2 last year, **Charles Foster** is expected by most experts to go to Montreal. Foster, who finished third in the NCAA and fell in the AAU in '75, says he hopes to run 13.2 or better.

Olympic bronze medal winner **Thomas Hill** has been taking it relatively easy since Murrich, but is picked by all his opponents to be in the top two. The Army officer is eager: "Making the team is my No. 1 priority."

Tough **Willie Davenport** will be

trying for his fourth Olympic team. The 1968 champion in Mexico City looked fast as ever last year before his knee injury in the AAU. He hurdled remarkably well this indoor season and Hill considers Davenport "one of the most dangerous opponents."

Included among the favorites because of one 1975 race is '72 NCAA winner **Jerry Wilson**. After competing very little in 1974, Wilson made last year's China trip and then won the AAU in 13.38, a time second only to world record holder Guy Drut.

Other hurdlers to watch during the Trials include LSU's **Larry Shipp**,

who ran 13.4 in 1974 and a converted 13.55 last year. Shipp has added weight training to his program and has been doing more running, factors which may help him realize his potential greatness this year.

Fast-starting **James Owens** improved drastically to 13.60 last year as a freshman. With another year's experience under his belt he is certainly a possibility.

Clim Jackson, who was second in the AAU and No. 3 in the U.S. last year, has added weight training and is definitely in the running.

Arizona State's **Gary Best** has a 13.57 to his name this year, a marked improvement over last season's 13.89, and reason enough to keep him in mind.

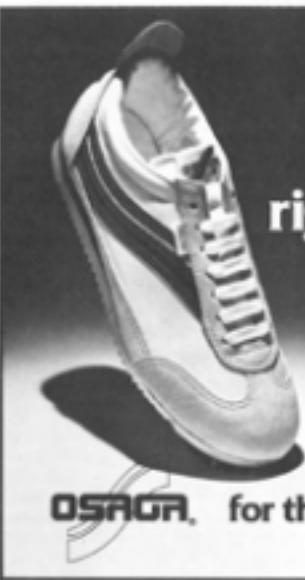
Allen Misner, another LSU athlete, has an early 13.73 and expects his form to improve. He has the speed, having run 13.5 last year.

Auburn freshman **James Walker** already has run 13.5 and could be the surprise of the season, while co-holder of the prep record **Dedy Cooper** is beginning to bloom in his freshman year at San Jose State.

In Montreal the U.S. contingent will have to face the likes of world record holder **Guy Best** who easily claimed the No. 1 world ranking in '75. The silver medal winner in Munich and '74 European gold medalist won all important races in consistently fast times. The Frenchman is a big favorite to become the first non-American in 48 years to win Olympic gold in this event.

Cuba's **Alejandro Casanas** made history by being the first non-American to win the Pan-Am title in a personal best of 13.44, but has yet to test himself against the world's best. Ranked fifth in the world the last two years, Casanas is also a member of the Cuban 400 relay team.

Another hurdler with flat speed is East Germany's **Thomas Menske** who was fifth in Munich in '72. Last year he ran a PR 13.45 to win the East German title and was ranked fourth in the world. In top form he could be in contention for a medal.



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Intermediate Hurdles

"This will be one of the most interesting races," says Olympic silver medalist **Ralph Mann** of the Tobias Striders. The U.S. record-holder with his 48.51 set in Munich, Mann once again faces **Jim Boldling** of the Pacific Coast Club, who ran a hand-timed 48.1 in 1974. These two best American intermediate hurdlers could hardly strike more contrasts, or more sparks. Boldling, the faster quartermiler and a more fluid hurdler, is known for his astonishing first 300 meters, while Mann is a bull in the stretch. Mann caught Boldling over the last hurdle to win the AAU championship last year on this track, and afterward the normally mild Boldling said of the volatile Mann: "It's hard to lose to Ralph. You have to beat him back about seven times to make things seem even." Their duel in the trials should carry them both to Montreal in U.S. colors.

Yet such is the wave of fresh American hurdling talent that either Boldling or Mann could be swept from the team. The phenomenal **Edwin Moses**, a calm, self-assured honor student in engineering at Morehouse, bolted to a 48.8 in winning the Martin Luther King Games in Atlanta — this in his first year of intermediate hurdling. "He is the kind of guy who will run just fast enough to win," says Morehouse coach Lloyd Jackson. "I can see him running a 48-flat during the trials."

Quentin Wheeler of San Diego State shocked the NCAA field with a 48.55, improving from 50.24.

Then there is **Nolan Cromwell**, the 6-2, 210 pound all-Big-Eight quarterback from Kansas. Cromwell lost by a tenth to Mann in the Drake Relays, and has done 49.7, all while taking his licks in spring football drills.

Rapidly improving **Tom Andrews** of USC, a junior from Bakersfield, is the Pacific-8 champion, and ran 49.41 against UCLA. **James King** of the Maccabi Union Track Club, a steady, pressure-resistant performer, beat Mann for the Pan American Games gold medal last October in Mexico City and ran

49.03 in 1975. **Dedy Cooper**, the San Jose State freshman, has done 50.0 this year and has the speed to improve.

Bruce Collins (Philadelphia Pioneer Club), twice NCAA champion, was the heartbroken fourth placer in the 1972 trials after clobbering a hurdle on the last turn. He ran 49.6 in 1975. **Blick Walker** of Arizona State was the latest new face of last year with 49.68. And hope still burns brightly for **Wes Williams** of Maccabi; **Bogd Gittens**, the WSU graduate who ran 49.1 in 1968; **Rob Cassleman** of the PCC; **Harold Schwab** of Penn; **James Walker** of Auburn and **Craig Caudill** of PCC.

As strong as it seems the eventual U.S. team in this event will be, it will face some marvelous athletes in Montreal, headed by the incomparable **John Akii-Bua** of Uganda. Akii-Bua flew to the present world record of 47.82 in the Munich final, easily beating Mann and 1968 champion **David Hemery**. He has not approached that time since, but

neither has he put himself through the amazingly rigorous training he did in 1972 — until this year.

1975's best intermediate hurdler was **Allan Pascoe** of Great Britain, carrying on in Hemery's tradition of splendid, hard racing and graceful discussion of his sport. Predicting it will take a 47.5 to win in Montreal, Pascoe says, "It's wrong to get hung up about times because this is a race and the way to approach races is to win them. If you win the big ones, you'll get the fast times." Pascoe's fastest in 1975 was 48.59 in Stockholm and came in beating Boldling by two one-hundredths of a second.

France's **Jean-Claude Nallet** is one of Mann's old foes, first taking him to the cleaners in 1970 with a 48.6. Nallet was injured during the 1972 Olympics, but returned strongly the last two years, running 48.94 in 1974 and finishing second to Pascoe in the 1975 European Cup. An emotional man, Nallet will certainly respond well to the urgings of Montreal's French-speaking fans.



Jim Boldling, Pacific Coast Club.

Photo by Dan Chodae

800m

The 800 belongs to **Rick Wohlhuter** and **Mark Enpeart**. Wohlhuter, the half-mile and 1,000 meter world record holder, was undefeated at this distance in 1974 when he won the Sullivan Award as this country's outstanding amateur athlete. Though he lost to Enpeart in the '75 AAU 800, Wohlhuter's exceptional consistency at a world-class level makes him the favorite to win this race. Enpeart is just as certain a choice for second. He won the '75 NCAA and topped that with his upset of Wohlhuter. Though he was injured towards the end of last summer, and though he has had a slow start this season, he remains a solid choice for No. 2.

Tom McLean, Keith Francis and James Baxter finished within two-tenths of each other in the battle for third in last year's AAU 800. McLean had a fine record in 1975 and has done even better this year, winning both the IC4A (1:45.3) and the NCAA (1:47.4) championships. If he is close near the finish, his strong kick will put him on the team. Francis has been among the most consistent and competitive American half-milers for several years. The Pan-Am Trials winner should be in the thick of it for third. Baxter, who finished fifth in that tight AAU race in 1:46.3, needs only a slight improvement to make him a serious contender.

Mark Robinson and James Robinson both had off-years in 1975 after running extremely well in 1974. Both are on the comeback trail with some fine early-season relay running. Watch out for Mark Robinson, in particular. He produced a sparkling 1:45.7 relay leg in April, and anyone that fast that early is a definite threat.

Mark Winzenreid, veteran half-miler from Wisconsin, was favored to make the team in 1972, but he lost in his opening heat after an injury had interrupted his training just before the Trials. Achilles problems this year have again taken the edge off and Winzenreid is reportedly "not serious" about aiming for Montreal.



Mark Enpeart, Utah State, followed by Rick Wohlhuter.

Photo by Don Schmitt

There are others whose records are not as strong as those listed above, but who still deserve consideration. **Randy Veltkamp** was second in last year's NCAA and **Ken Schappert** finished well at both national meets. **Rick Brown** showed great potential in 1972, but met the misfortune of the depth-laden 800 meter final in Eugene, in which 1:45.1 took third place. He still did very well through 1974, but was not heard from in 1975. **Dale Scott**, who has run consistently well for Washington State, is a highly competitive runner with a strong finish. However, he must improve his time by 2-3 seconds to be given a realistic chance of making the team. **Dan Dean** of Weber State did himself proud last year with a sixth-place NCAA finish and a personal record of 1:46.8. Last year's AAU Junior Champion, **Mark Belger**, has run well in the early part of this season, and continued improvement will

make him a contender.

In Montreal the U.S. trio will meet up with '72 bronze medalist **Mike Boit** of Kenya, who has been world-ranked in the top four every year since Munich. Last year he garnered No. 1 ranking, losing only two of seventeen big races. A tough competitor with 3:36.8 1,500 strength, Boit will be a major factor in the race for gold.

Luciano Susani of Yugoslavia, a 45.9 400-man turned two-lapper, was No. 2 in the world last year and has a PR of 1:44.1. He bested Wohlhuter four out of five times in '75 and was World Games champion.

Belgian **Ivo Van Damme**, 22, lacks the experience of major races, but has been making steady improvements in his times. Last year he was second in the Pre-Olympics in Zurich in 1:45.3 and fourth in the World Games behind Susani, Wohlhuter and Boit.



Newland Olympic Team Asst. Manager in '76

Six weeks before the 1976 Olympic Track & Field Trials were due to begin meet director Bob Newland reported, "So far we have two confirmed entries. It's going to be a great meet. Short — but great."

A veteran director of NCAA and

AAU championships as well as of the Portland Indoor Invitational, Newland took charge of the 1972 Olympic Trials and doesn't bat an eyelash though he's not above a practiced Gallic shrug when he acknowledges the inevitable last-minute rush that attends putting on any track meet. Somehow it all gets done: athletes enter, are assigned numbers, and arrive at the starting line; officials take their appointed places, the gun goes off on schedule and another meet gets underway.

This time Newland's post-meet R&R will be brief. Within a few days after the trials he will go to Flensburg,

N.Y., for the two-week pre-Olympic training camp as assistant manager for the '76 team. In Flensburg (which may turn out to be the team's permanent base during the Montreal Games if living conditions in the Olympic Village are as cramped as reported) team members will be measured and outfitted while team managers begin the job of co-ordinating the thousand and one details that athletes don't want to worry about before their competition.

Newland's ability to attend to these details and his genuine interest in seeing to the athlete's well-being are



Bob Newland (center)

Photo by Dave Thomas

part of a long Oregon tradition. When he returned to Eugene in 1957 after nine highly successful years as head track coach at Medford (Oregon) High School, he co-founded the Oregon Track Club's All-Comers Meets summer program.

"We started out with a minimum number of officials to accommodate any number of participants from 50 to 500," Newland says. "The plan we devised works well even with a meet the caliber and stature of the Olympic Trials." The U.S. Track and Field Federation has since recognized the All-Comers program as a model for similar organizations throughout the country.

Newland traces his roots in track and field to Bill Hayward, the legendary figure after whom the University of Oregon track facility is named, as well as to longtime U of O track coach Bill Bowerman, who was head Olympic T&F coach in 1972. "I

have always been fortunate enough to work with very good people," Newland says, "people with a great deal of expertise in different areas."

With regard to the selection of Eugene as the host city for the Trials Newland says, "We offered to run the Trials in any manner that the U.S. Olympic Committee wanted. In essence we said, 'You tell us how you want it done and we will conform to your wishes.' Of course, the interest created by the 1972 Trials program and the amount of money raised for the Olympic Fund were positive factors contributing to Eugene's selection for the 1976 Trials."

Two major improvements in this year's meet, Newland points out, indicate that the best interests of the competitors are squarely in focus. This will be the first time that athletes will be compensated for their expenses while competing in the Trials.

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The second major change is that for the first time in U.S. Olympic Trials history both men and women will compete in the same location. The combined Trials will both heighten spectator enjoyment and create an exciting competitive atmosphere for the athletes. "After all," Newland says, "we are representing the United States so we should be competing and travelling as a unit to provide the solidarity so necessary to insure peak performance."

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1500m

Two famous foreigners — **John Walker** and **Filbert Bayi** — are having a dramatic effect on the selection of the U.S. 1500 squad. They have forced **Marty Liquori** to move up to the 5,000, where he believes he has a better chance to mine Olympic gold.

Nevertheless, the United States has an impressive array of talent at this distance. **Blick Wobihuter** leads the field. He is the most consistent in terms of both superior performances and times. Although the sub-3:54 miler is even better at 800 meters and favors that distance, he has nothing to lose by running the 1500 as it comes in the second week of competition — after the 800 — and would give him a chance at additional Olympic metal. A sure No. 1 if he runs.

Tony Waldrop has not yet decided if he will try for an Olympic berth. He ran 3:53.2 in 1974, then "took it easy" in '75 with a 3:57.7 best. A clear choice to make the team, if he gives it a try.

Len Hilton, the 1500 specialist, moved up to the 5,000 in '72 since the American 1500 field was too crowded and made the Munich team at that distance. Back in his favorite race the fast-finishing Texan stands an excellent chance of making the team again, especially if the pace is slow.

Paul Cummings will use his strength to force a quick early pace to burn off the kickers. He had a fine indoor season and has a 3:38.9 to his credit this year. The Tobias Sanders athlete has gained a great deal of experience since he first came to attention with his NCAA win two years ago.

Ken Popejoy enjoyed a successful return to competition in 1975 after a year's layoff. He ran 3:38.4 for 1500 last year, and possesses a withering kick. A strong factor in a slow race, he will just barely be outclassed in a quick one.

Mark Schilling, an inexperienced miler from San Jose State, probably has the greatest potential of any American miler. If he is with the pack with 300 meters to go, his raw

speed should carry him to a spot on the team. However, he has been too inconsistent to rate the nod for third.

Tom Byers made a big splash in '74 with his 3:37.5 at the AAU, but was not heard from in '75. The 21-year-old from Ohio State is on the comeback trail with a fine 3:39.7 at the Penn Relays, but will have to improve several seconds more to make the team. He is another for whom the Trials will be important experience, and for whom 1980 is a more realistic goal.

Bruce Fischer, a '72 Trials finalist at this distance, may be the dark-horse this time. He ran 3:38.6 in 1974, went unnoticed in 1975. His 13:40 5,000 early this season shows he has the strength to run a fast 1500.

Matt Centrowitz of Oregon, one of the best collegiate 1500 men, was the top American in this year's NCAA with his 3:37.29 third place finish. He has been steadily improving since coming back from serious Achilles injuries last year. A competitive runner, Centrowitz has the mental and physical tenacity to pull it out if it's close.

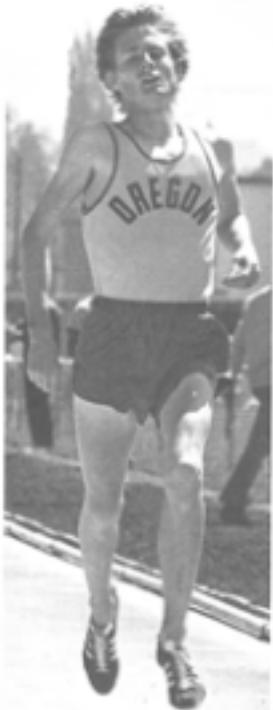
Scott Daggett is another strong finisher. The Pan-American team qualifier probably will make the final but not the team.

Mark Feig had to struggle to make the Olympic qualifying standard, but with that pressure gone he zapped an outstanding field at the Prefontaine Classic with his fine 3:38.1. Feig ran a strong and intelligent race, the best of his career. For once he let the others lead while he sat in third or fourth for most of the race. With 300 yards to go, Feig sprinted past the leaders, quickly opened a 10-yard gap, and continued to stretch that out until he snapped the tape with both hands, a winner by three seconds. "Can you believe that?" he laughed afterward. "I don't know where it came from."

Probably one of the most exciting races in Montreal will be the long-awaited head-to-head contest between **John Walker** of New Zealand and Tanzania's **Filbert Bayi**. The powerful Walker (6:014,

164 pounds) holds the world record in the mile (3:49.4) while Bayi owns the 1500 world mark of 3:32.2.

The Kiwi has been bothered by tendon problems this year (although he ran 3:35.6 in January) but is reported well on the road to full fitness. Bayi's bold front running will be a challenge to the rest of the field which should include **Thomas Weesinghage** of West Germany, **Eamonn Coghlan** of Eire and Kenya's **Mike Bolt**.



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This race belongs to **Marty Liquori** — if he wants it. The premier American miler since the retirement of Jim Ryun, Liquori has his pick of events at the Olympic Trials. He rates as the surest bet in both the 5,000 and 10,000 meters. In 1975 he demonstrated his ability to run with the best in the world at 5,000 meters, his only defeat coming at the hands of No. 1-ranked Rod Dixon. He broke Steve Prefontaine's American record in the two-mile with an 8:17.2 clocking. The most pertinent questions about Liquori in this Olympic year are not about his performance in the Olympic Trials, but about the extent of his success in the Olympics — which medals will he win in which events, and in the 5,000, by how much will he break Steve Prefontaine's American record, and how close will he come to Emiel Puttemans' world record?

Ted Castaneda burst upon the U.S. distance scene with his surprise second-place finish behind Pre in the 1973 NCAA three-mile. Since then, he has been among the most consistent American distancemen. His withering kick should be one of the better reasons for his 5,000-meter compatriots to forge an early fast pace. It should also land him a spot on the team.

In January of 1974, **Dick Buerkle** became the first American to defeat Prefontaine in a race longer than a mile in four years. Since then he, too, has been among the best U.S. distance runners. The bald man from Rochester, N.Y., can stay with almost any pace and still finish strongly over the last half-mile. A likely member of the U.S. team if his asthma-like breathing problems allow it.

The only "mistake" **Greg Fredericks** made in 1972 was setting an American record in the 10,000 meters at the AAU meet in Seattle. He ran with this country's best for twenty-four laps, then left them breathing his dust with a blistering last 330. Had he only waited until the Olympic Trials to use this strategy, he would surely have made



Marty Liquori, followed by Charlie Maguire, Dick Buerkle, Greg Fredericks.

Photo by Doug Schwarz

the 10,000 meter team. A better prospect at 10,000 than 5,000, he seems sure to make the U.S. team at one distance or the other. Following a retirement, Fredericks is pursuing a successful comeback, highlighted by his triumph at the 1975 AAU cross-country championship. A more mature and experienced runner now, his tremendous finishing speed makes him a favorite in both events.

Len Hibton finished third in the 1972 Olympic Trials 5,000 behind Prefontaine and Young. He is likely to run the 1500, especially if Liquori opts for the 5,000. A last-lap burner, he will definitely be a factor in this race, should he choose to run it.

Don Kardong will be the most relaxed of the 5,000m entrants, having already made the team in the marathon. His 12:57.6 three-mile rates him among the best ever in the U.S., and he'll be returning to the track where he ran that mark behind Prefontaine and Shorter in 1974. The Olympic 5,000 and marathon are run concurrently, so if Kardong succeeds here he will likely earn the marathon spot over to close friend and Trials fourth placer Tony Sandoval.

Craig Virgin is a sure team member at the distance of his choosing in 1980, but cannot be counted out in either the 5,000 or 10,000 this time around. Though injuries have slowed his progress since

he broke Prefontaine's national high school two-mile record, Virgin has been on the comeback trail with his fine second place finish behind John Ngomo in the NCAA.

In the unlikely event that **Frank Shorter** should decide to drop down to the 5,000 he must be considered a favorite to make the team behind Liquori.

Local favorite **Paul Gels** finally qualified for the Trials with his 13:30.8 win over a talent-laden field in the Prefontaine Classic. His front-running tactics showed he can lead and win as well as kick and win.

Oregon freshman **Don Clary**, a splendid talent, must conquer a tendency to drift off the pace in the middle stages.

When Liquori reaches Montreal, he will help comprise the greatest 5,000m field ever. World record holder **Emiel Puttemans** of Belgium, European champion **Brendan Foster** of Great Britain, **Rod Dixon** of New Zealand (undefeated in 1975) and Olympic champion **Lasse Viren** of Finland all are men who relish a fast pace. With milers Dixon and Liquori lurking in the field, Puttemans and Foster will not wait around for the final kick, so whoever expects to win the gold medal had better be prepared to take some seconds off the world record as well.



Mills Stunned World in Tokyo 10,000 Meters

Perhaps the greatest upset in the history of the modern Olympic Games occurred in Tokyo in 1964 when Billy Mills of the U.S. stunned

the best in the world at 10,000 meters. Mohammed Gammoudi of Tunisia, Mamo Wolde of Ethiopia, Ron Clarke of Australia and Pyotr Bolotnikov of the USSR were in the crowd of nearly 40 runners that day.

Going into the race Mills was not even considered the best 10,000m man in his own country. He had

finished eight seconds behind Gerry Lindgren in the Olympic Trials and was not known to most of the dis-

tancemen in his race at the Games.

Soon after the start of the 10,000 a group of nine runners separated from the pack. Lindgren, who had surprised the Russians in Los Angeles earlier in the year, was not



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Olympic Games, Tokyo, 1964. 10,000m. L to R: Billy Mills (USA) 1st, Mamo Wolde (Ethiopia) 4th, Mohammed Gammoudi (Tunisia) 2nd, and Ron Clarke (Australia)

among them. The hard-luck "Spanow" from Spokane had twisted his ankle a few days before the race (in 1968 he had ulcers and in 1972 he ran into the back of a pickup truck the week before the Trials). At the halfway mark Mills was leading at nothing less than world record pace. With half a mile to go Wolde lost contact with the leaders, leaving Clarke, Gammoudi and Mills to decide who would get which medals.

The final three hundred meters produced a memorable finish. Contributing to the drama and unpredictability of the outcome was a track cluttered with lagged runners. Clarke and Mills ran shoulder to shoulder until Clarke pushed Mills aside so he could get past the slower runners, only to have Gammoudi come storming between them with elbows flying. The Tunisian took his turn in the shoving match, pushing

Clarke to the left and Mills to the right, taking the lead and holding it down the backstretch and into the final turn.

Clarke recovered quickly and caught Gammoudi at the top of the homestretch. Mills was ten yards behind them with only a hundred yards to go. Then came a miracle. One of the lapped runners moved aside, clearing the way for Mills. The American burst past Clarke, who had been passed again by Gammoudi, and with thirty yards to go Mills nailed Gammoudi, beating him to the tape by four-tenths of a second. His 28.24.4 was a new Olympic record and bettered his own PR by an incredible full seconds.

When Clarke was asked later if he had been worried about Mills, the Aussie replied, "Worry about him? I never heard of him." The American's gee-gee anonymity had been decisively confirmed the day before.

before the race by one of the ubiquitous shoe distributors. Approached by Mills in the Olympic Village with a request for free shoes, the shoe man informed the runner that those were given only to star athletes; unknowns had to buy their own. The next day Billy Mills became an Olympic legend.

The high altitude of Mexico City in the 1968 Games precluded any replay of 1964's surprise U.S. distance victory. For the first time in Olympic history, Africans stood on every step of the victory stand in both the 5,000m and 10,000m.

In the 10,000, Naftali Temu, Kenya, 1st; Mamo Wolde, Ethiopia, 2nd; Mohammed Gammoudi, Tunisia, 3rd. In the 5,000-metres, 1st; Kip Keino, Kenya, 2nd; Temu, 3rd.

Ron Clarke, at a severe disadvantage in the altitude, finished 5th in the 5,000m and 6th in the 10,000m.

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10,000m

Frank Shorter will surely win this race. Anything less would be a major upset. He is without a doubt America's premier distance runner (easily winning the Trials marathon in 2:11.51), and is a potential double medal winner at the Olympic Games. As in the 5,000 meters, the race here is for the second and third spots.

Greg Fredericks, the former American record holder at this distance, has demonstrated his ability to kick well off a fast pace. Despite a retirement after his disappointing races at the 1972 Trials, Fredericks showed his return to form with an impressive AAU cross-country win over his country's best and has run 28:24.6 this year. A sure bet to make the team behind Shorter.

Glenn Herold, the most heralded member of the U.S. distance corps, was the second-fastest American at this distance in 1975 with his 28:05.2 clocking. He will make the top three in this race on the basis of sheer strength.

Craig Virgin was second in the NCAA 10,000 behind defending champion John Ngono in 28:25.6 and has the year's best time (28:19.8). Due to his youth and frequent injuries, he is relatively inexperienced, but in a Shorter-led race, tactics are less important than talent and the ability to run oneself blind. Virgin has both in full measure.

Dick Baerle is one of several who make this race so unpredictable since it is not known whether he, **Castaneda**, or **Kardong** will compete at this distance. He seems to prefer the 5,000, but would be a major threat if he competed here.

Ted Castaneda also prefers the 5,000 but with his strong finish must be considered a contender if he chooses to run the longer distance.

Don Kardong could be the surprise of this race. The combination of his marathon strength (2:13.54 in the Trials) with his quick three-mile ability (32:57.6) just might put Kardong on the team.

Garry Bjorklund held the American six-mile record until Prentiss came along. He seems at long last to have recovered from a debilitating Achilles injury. Though very competitive, he ranks well behind the three leaders in terms of time. A relatively slow race will give him his best chance.

Charles Maguire showed spunk and spirit with his last-lap drive to make the final of the 1972 Olympic Trials 10,000, but he is just a notch below this country's best.

Gary Tuttle is a very strong runner who will help with the early pace, but he is not likely to finish among the top four.

Three other qualifiers came from the Drake Relays: **Ed Mendoza**'s winning time of 28:23.2 is second only to Virgin's this season, while **Mark Johnson** clocked 28:25.2

for second in that race. Prep ace **Rudy Chapo** set a new national high school record of 28:32.8 for fifth and became the first high schooler to qualify for the Trials at any distance beyond 400 meters.

With world record holder **Dave Bedford** of Great Britain out with injury, the Olympic final could develop into a waiting game, although Shores and Munich silver medalist **Emiel Puttemans** won't let things go too slowly. Looking to make a crushing break in the last mile will be **Brendan Foster**, '75's top-ranked man from Great Britain, or Holland's versatile **Jos Hermans**. Munich champion **Lasse Viren** of Finland is reported to be training well and '72 bronze medalist **Miruts Yifter** of Ethiopia will be ready. Both will be lethal if still in contact with a half-mile to run.



Garry Bjorklund.

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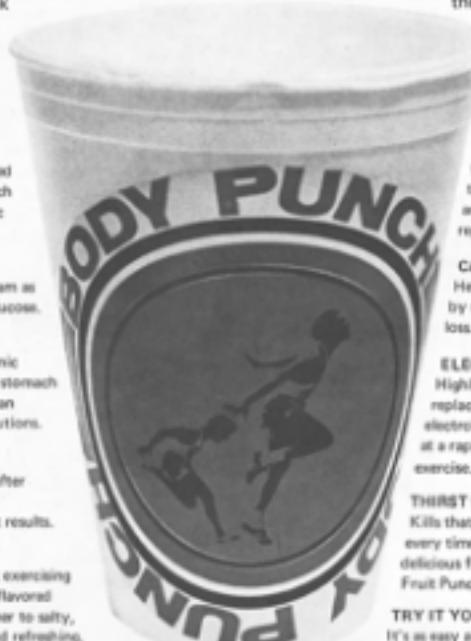
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Steeplechase

The mild favorite in this risk-filled race is **Randy Smith**, 1975's AAU champion. His 8:28.0 put him just two-tenths of a second behind last year's fastest time by an American. Smith is consistently fast, with a potent finish over the last 200. It will be quite an upset if he does not make the team.

Chasing Smith is a group with strong credentials — runners who have one or more outstanding performances to their credit, but who have not been as consistent as last year's No. 1 U.S. steepler.

Perhaps the most surprising performances this year came in the NCAA meet. Unheralded **Henry Marsh** of Brigham Young ran 8:27.9 for second (behind James Munyala, UTEP—Kenya) for the fastest time by an American this year. Tennessee's **Ron Addison** took third in 8:29.5 while **George Malley**, Penn State, ran 8:30.3 for fourth.

Doug Brown made the U.S. Olympic team in 1972 in his first year of steepling ever. He is the American record holder at 8:23.2. Despite an off-year in 1975, his early season 8:30.8 shows that he is a strong threat to make the team.

Jim Johnson, the veteran from Washington, will be a sentimental favorite with the Eugene crowd. The '74 AAU champion lost valuable training time on his trip to China in the spring of '75 but returned to form with his third place at the Pan-Am trials. His 8:31.0 win in Eugene in late May shows he will be extremely competitive.

Mike Manley's China trip scuttled his hoped-for 8:18 last year but he also came back strong to win the Pan-Am Trials in 8:27.8, going on to run a fine high altitude steeple for Pan-Am gold in Mexico City. Manley has had an illness-ridden season this year and his status remains somewhat clouded, but few runners have a better record for pulling through in the big ones.

Kent McDonald finished second to fellow Kansan Randy Smith in the fast and highly com-

petitive '75 AAU, with a time of 8:28.8. That race alone makes him a serious contender.

Randy Lussenden finished strongly and just missed overhauling Manley at the Pan-Am Trials. His fast finish makes him a contender, no matter what the pace.

Barry Brown made a game attempt at qualifying in the marathon last month and has the distinction of having stayed with Shiner and Rodgers longer than anyone else. He certainly has the strength to return to his '73 8:27.2 form and will be a strong contender if he does.

Don Thamm won the ensemble for third at last year's AAU and must be considered in contention for third at the Trials.

Opposition in Montreal should include world record holder **Anders Garderud** of Sweden, who edged

Poland's **Bronislaw Malinowski** for the No. 1 world ranking last year. Garderud plans to run the 10,000 in addition to the steeple in Montreal "just to tune up" and was aiming to bring his 5000m time down to "somewhere between 13:15 and 13:20" by racing often up to the Games. Malinowski, who was No. 1 in '74, ran seven sub-8:20 stepples last year. The tough competitor has been picked by some observers for Olympic gold.

Other barrier men to look for are Romania's **Gheorghe Cefan**, who won the Pre-Olympic race in 8:18 and moved from 10th to 6th worldwide last year; **Michael Karst** of West Germany, No. 3 in '75; and **Cosmos Siebel** of Kenya who's pointing for the steeple despite 1:45.3/3:39.5 flat race credentials (another Kip Keino in the offing?).



Mike Manley (left) and Jim Johnson.

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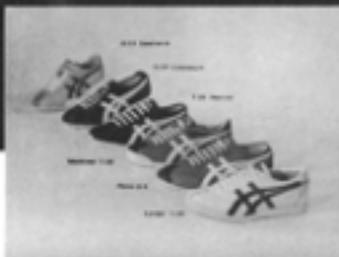
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Marathon

At approximately 6:32 p.m. on the evening of May 22 of this Olympic year, Shelley Lorenzen let forth a shriek of joy. From the top of the north end of the east grandstand of Hayward Field, she had spotted her boyfriend, **Don Kardong**, as he approached the stadium with third place on the Olympic marathon squad securely his. She dashed down to the track where equally disbelieving Kardong fans were dancing and jumping for joy at what was for most of them a totally unexpected occasion for rejoicing.

Frank Shorter and **Bill Rodgers** preceded Kardong by two minutes. They scorched the first twenty miles at a sub-five-minute-per-mile pace, with intermediate splits of 24:41 at five, 49:22 at ten, 1:14:26 at fifteen, and 1:39:22 at twenty miles. Their final finishing times were 2:11:51 and 2:11:58, respectively. Kardong's third-place time was 2:13:54.

Shorter and Rodgers took a large pack through the first five miles, and only Barry Brown was able to stay with them through ten, a distinction he still held at fifteen. Brown started to fade after two more miles, though he still held third place at twenty.

Within five minutes after Brown passed twenty, the course of the battle for third place changed drastically. Brown was passed by several runners, and soon thereafter he retired from the race. Kardong, who was 22 seconds behind third place at 20 miles, moved from seventh to fourth while **Tony Sandoval**, Kardong's good friend from Stanford and room mate during the Marathon Trials, went from sixth to third. At the end they had reversed their positions.

Shorter was confident of his place on the team after he and Rodgers had held their five-minute pace through twenty miles, confident enough to take it easy on his way to the finish.

"We slowed considerably the last six miles," he said. "Those are the ones that kill you and if you can run them easy it doesn't pay to punish yourself."

Rodgers was less convinced that

he would make the team. He got a stitch in his side around the seventh and eighth miles, and "thought it was all over." But he decided to see how long he could last, and despite the onset of cramps over the final five miles, the gentle teacher of emotionally disturbed children from Melrose, Mass., lasted all the way to a spot on the U.S. Olympic team.

Kardong, meanwhile, had passed Sandoval between the twenty-second and twenty-third miles. He finished strongly as his fast-twitching muscles carried him to a sixty-four second margin over his gifted colleague. Kardong himself wasn't convinced that a spot on the team was his until very near the end. When asked when he thought he had clinched his spot, he replied, "when I got on the track."

Rodgers' and Shorter's strategy was obvious from the start — to burn off the competition with a blistering pace. This they had accomplished after seventeen miles. Rodgers said afterward that he and Shorter had not discussed strategy before the race, but given the gap between the level of their previous performances and that of the other qualifiers, there was little question as to what the plan would be.

The burning question among marathoners and observers the few days before the race was: who would get third place? Kardong and Sandoval didn't discuss strategy until they were running together early in the race and only one objective seemed most important then: not going out too fast. Kardong said afterward of Shorter, Rodgers, and the large early pack, "I just let them go. I didn't care about them." In a race in which place was all-important, Kardong's and Sandoval's tactics allowed them to pick their way through a dying pack.

The depth of quality in the field was excellent among the finishers, though only forty-nine of the seventy-one starters finished. Thirteen finished under 2:20 despite the heat and the fast pace. **Tom Fleming**, one of the best and most consistent American marathoners, came in fifth

in 2:15:58. **John Bramley**, third place finisher at Seaside, Oregon, in February, was seventh with an improvement of more than two minutes to 2:17:16. **Kirk Pfeiffer** did not achieve a personal best with his eighth place 2:17:58. This is notable only because he is nineteen. The old guard rounded out the top ten with **Jeff Galloway's** personal best of 2:18:29 for ninth and **Amby Burfoot's** 2:18:56 for tenth.



(Photo courtesy of the Eugene Register-Guard)

Frank Shorter

20k Walk

They should hand **Larry Young** his Olympic team sweats even before he walks one step. Stylist Young should be a shoe-in to make his third straight Olympics despite having to compete at less than half his best distance. Olympic organism pruned the grueling 50-kilometer walk from the Montreal program, leaving only the 20km event.

However, Young has dominated American long distance walking ever since he astonished the Europeans with his unprecedented 50 km bronze medal in the '68 Mexico City Games. Four years later in Munich he took his second 50 km bronze.

While training for the 50km in the 1972 U.S. Trials, Young tested his speed with a nearly solo 20km and

set the national record. At the Trials, as a warm-up for the 50km, he entered and easily won the 20km competition. In the Games themselves Young again warmed up for his favorite race by entering the 20km and, on an off day, placed tenth.

Behind Young — quite a ways — will be a compact group of seasoned walkers. Two with the best shot at joining Young on the team are **Todd Scully**, based on his 1975 Pan-Am Games and Trials performances, and **Ron Laird**, who holds innumerable national titles and records.

Jerry Brown, **John Knifton**, **Bob Kitchen**, **Larry Walker**, **Tom Dooley**, **Bob Henderson** and **Wayne Glusker** could make it uncomfortable for Laird and Scully if the latter two receive judges' warnings or begin to tire at the end.

In the Games Young and company will face three fellow North Americans with the 1975 world's best times: Mexican **Daniel Bautista**, **Domingo Collis** and **Angel Flores**. They will also have to face at least three former gold medalists: '72 50km champion **Bernard Kannenberg** of West Germany, defending 20km champ **Peter Frankel** of East Germany and two-time gold medalist **Vladimir Golubnichiy** of the USSR.

Bautista had the fastest time last year and was ranked No. 1 in the world. Collis secured the third spot on the world list by losing only to his countrymen and beating both Bautista and Kannenberg (Ranked No. 4) once.

Of the Americans, only Young has the remotest shot at an Olympic medal in Montreal and his chances are slim at the new shorter distance. But Young has gotten respectable results for not taking the 20km seriously. Without first love 50km for distraction, it will be interesting to see what America's best walker does in the 20km next month.



Tod Scully (left) and Larry Young.

Photo by Don Charles



'Walk, Don't Run'

Is Name of the Game

Racewalking is like harness racing for people. Anyone knows that a horse can run faster than it can trot. The fascination of the sport is in watching to see which horse can win while remaining disciplined enough to stay within strict rules.

There's an exceedingly fine line between walking and running, between ignominious disqualification and gratifying victory. The rules of the "walk, don't run" event are simple: 1) keep at least one foot on the ground at all times, 2) strike the heel first on each stride, and 3) lock the knee on each stride when it passes directly under the body.

Like most simple-sounding rules, they are harder to follow than to recite. At race pace the human racewalker finds it just as difficult to stay within the artificial rules as does the trotting horse. The human faces two kinds of form loss. "Creeping" is the more obvious although the less frequent among experienced competitors. The "creeper" fails to lock his knees on each stride, shuffling along in a bent-legged crouch. This can be due to ignorance, exhaustion, cramping, weak legs, or a deliberate or unconscious attempt to gain an advantage from the stronger running (pushing) muscles in the front of the thigh. Correct walk form decrees that almost all of the motion is "pulling" of the leg back to the body, rather than a "pushing" of the body ahead of the leg as in running.

The other form fault, called "lifting," is the more common but is nearly impossible to detect objectively. An experienced walker at race pace is striding so fast that his legs are a blur. Unless the inflection is very pronounced, it is difficult to tell whether or not the walker has one foot on the ground at all times. At most, both feet are only lifted off the ground for a fraction of a second.

Not only is racewalking the only track event with special rules of continuous motion, it is also the only



Tom Daoley, West Valley TC.

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subjective event. Like the judging of diving or figure skating, racewalk judging can be quite controversial. The judge is in the awkward position of having to compare each athlete's individual style to a personally-conceived acceptable style of walking. Assuming that serious deviations from his ideal could indicate illegal walking, the judge checks to see if the athlete's head is bobbing up and down (it should remain level), if the arms come unusually high (literally pulling the walker off the ground), or if the upper body is leaning too far forward or backward (sometimes

creeping lifting or creeping). The good stylist has a smooth rhythmical stride with good hip extension forward and back, something that is hard to see without experience.

A spectator's best bet is to watch the athlete from the side, concentrating on the point when both feet are on the ground. The triangle created by the legs and the ground should be equilateral. Detecting creeping requires careful observation. Most good walkers lock the knee almost immediately upon heel strike, pulling the leg back locked through the entire stride.

Long Jump

The long jump competition will feature two Munich Olympic medalists — **Randy Williams**, the defending Olympic Champion, and **Arnie Robinson**, the '72 bronze medalist. Both will be trying to earn another chance at Olympic glory.

Curiously, Robinson, who finished third, has a better chance to make the U.S. team than Williams, who finished first.

The 28-year-old Robinson was rated fourth in the world last year, and has been jumping extremely well this year. The '75 AAU champ has been America's best jumper the last two seasons.

Williams is a question mark, despite his tremendous talent. The former Southern Cal bounder has had two off years in a row. Many don't think he will make the team. But rival Robinson says flatly, "He will be in Montreal."

Fastest rising star is **Larry Myricks**, an Olympic Team favorite though only a 19-year-old sophomore out of Mississippi College. Inexperience doesn't seem to hinder him — he beat veteran Robinson for this year's indoor national title.

In his familiar college pit, former University of Oregon jumper **Bonney Moore** may be very tough to beat. The Eugene home crowd is famous for cheering Oregon athletes to once-in-a-lifetime performances. The Trials would be a good place for ex-Duck Moore to have that kind of a jump.

Relative newcomer **Danny Seay** is inconsistent, but the No. 9 world ranked leaper has managed to pop long jumps when he really needed them. Clutch jumping last year carried him to '75 seconds at the NCAA and AAU.

Veteran **Bill Rea** finished a heart-breaking fourth in the '72 Trials. This time around, "I want to make the team in the worst way."

Communist block athletes pose the greatest challenge to U.S. jumpers at Montreal. Globally, the most consistent 27-foot leaper is Pole **Grzegorz Cybulski**, last year's



Munich gold medalist Randy Williams.

Photo by Don Chader

best jumper in the world. '73 and '74 world leader **Valeriy Podilchak** of the Soviet Union had, for him, an off year in '75. He only won the Soviet title, the US-USSR dual, and placed second in the European Cup to Cybulski to rank fifth for the year. **Nenad Stekic** of Yugoslavia has

the distinction of being the immortal Bob Beamon's very distant second banana. While Stekic's jump was hardly 29-2½, his 27-8¾ at the '75 Pre-Olympic meet was the second longest legal jump in history, and a sea level record.*

Triple Jump

Hanging like a spectre over the world triple jump scene is the enigmatic figure of **José Oliveira**. Last year Oliveira was an almost unknown jumper. Then, at the Pan-American Games in Mexico City, the 21-year-old Brazilian Army corporal bounded to an incredible new world record of 58-8½, a foot and a half beyond Soviet **Victor Saneyev's** world record and one of the most startling efforts since Bob Beaman's immortal 29-2½ long jump in the same stadium in 1968.

The U.S. triple jump scene may be equally unpredictable. No longer is this event dusted off each Olympic year; it is now regularly scheduled in college dual meets and as many as a dozen men have a decent shot at making the U.S. Olympic team.

There are three acknowledged Trials favorites:

Tommy Haynes bounded his 56-5½ American record while finishing a soberingly distant second to Oliveira in the Pan-Am Games. While the altitude may have added a foot or so to his jump, his Mexican performance tags him as the top American and the best bet to make the team. Haynes, who jumped 56-5½ indoors this year, is considered by many to be a legitimate candidate for the bronze.

Caleb Abdul Rahman is a seasoned competitor who finished second in both the 1975 AAU and the Pan-Am Trials. The former 1974 NCAA champ is highly regarded by his rivals.

John Craft has won three straight AAU titles, bounded 56-2 wind-aided in the '72 Olympic Trials, and finished a highly creditable fifth in Munich.

Behind this nervous threesome are a half of talented triples with resumes only slightly less impressive than the favorites:

Arnold Grimes of UTEP leaped a college record 55-4 indoors last year and placed second in the 1975 NCAA.

Willie Banks of UCLA popped 56-3 as a freshman and finished a



John Craft, UCTC.

(Photo by Bill Meyer)

close second this year in the Pac-8 shootout.

Anthony Terry, a surprise winner in last year's AAU, has his pro football size and speed aimed directly at the Olympics.

Rod Livers, the 5-8 mite who was the crowd favorite in the 1975 AAU high jump, considers the TJ his best event. A 7-4 plus high jumper, Livers has a wind-aided 55-1½ mark to his credit.

Clarence Taylor was called America's greatest prospect two years ago when he soared 54-11, while **James Butts** came as close as possible to making the '72 team without making it.

Dave Smith would like to make this his third Olympics.

Other names to watch are **Rayfield Dupree**, who predicts 56-feet; former JC record holder **Robert Reader**; **Ken McElroy**, ranked third in '75 and '76 Pac-8 champ **Tom Cochee**.

Most jumpers feel it will take 56-plus to make the team. Until now, unless aided by wind or altitude, no American has leaped that far.

Trials winners will meet Oliveira and Saneyev at the Games. The latter has won two Olympic gold medals, world records, European titles and eight consecutive No. 1 world rankings. Oliveira will be followed to Montreal by his coach's words: "I can't even guess what he can do."

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Pole Vault

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The pole vault is one of the more unpredictable events in track and field. Athletes can suddenly lose their steps, break a favorite pole, or completely lose rhythm. Like weight lifters who attempt too difficult a task for the first trial, strong vault favorites can inexplicably fail to clear an opening height. Some unknown can also catch a friendly zephyr to scale a height half a foot above his PR.

Conventional wisdom assigns tentative Games tickets to the three present or past amateur record holders — **Earl Bell**, as of late May the outdoor record holder, **Dan Ripley**, the three-time indoor standard breaker, and **Dave Roberts**, the man Bell replaced as highest-ever vaulter.

Bell nonchalantly broke the collegiate record in a dual meet, and then later this spring flew over 18-7½ at the USTF championships. This year's NCAA champ (with a meet record 18-4½), Bell is picked by some to be the first over the 19' barrier.

Ripley is consistently high — he has five indoor vaults above the 18' level. The PCC vaulter is capable of much higher than his 18-3½ indoor record.

Roberts, though inconsistent, has competed well in many big meets. He won three NCAA titles as an undergrad, and tacked on two AAU championships for good measure.

Behind these favorites are lots of eager 18' men, hoping to crack the top three. Record holders or not, **Huss Rodgers**, **Roland Carter**, and **Larry Jessee** have an equal chance going into the Trials. Two former Olympians, who've been

through the Trials pressure-cooker before, are **Jan Johnson**, Munich bronze medalist, and **Casey Carrigan**, once considered the greatest prospect ever when he made the Mexico City Olympics as a high school junior.

At the Games, American Olympians will face the toughest European field in Olympic history. In an event that used to be America's surest chance for a gold medal, Uncle

Sam's flying trackmen could conceivably fail to get a medal of any kind. That's not probable, but soberingly possible.

The toughest Continentals should be **Wladyslaw Kozakiewicz**, **Tadeusz Slusarski** and **Wojciech BuciarSKI**, all of Poland. Australian **Don Baird**, Swede **Kjell Isaksson**, and Soviets **Vladimir Kishkin** and **Yury Isakov** could also challenge.



Indoor world record holder Dan Ripley.

Photo by Ralph Martin

High Jump

Dwight Stones did it and unheralded Mike Winsor of Central Michigan very nearly did it, too. The new world record in the high jump is now 7-7. Stones, the former Pacific Coast Club athlete now competing for Long Beach State, was pressed throughout the NCAA competition by Winsor, a freshman whose previous best was 7-2. Both had cleared 7-5 on their first attempts and the bar was then set at the world record height. Stones cleared it on his first try. Winsor, who missed three times, said his last jump was his closest. "I just caught my right ear. I thought I had the height."

Stones was a college freshman when he won the bronze medal in Munich, and his controversial presence has helped transform the high jump into one of track and field's most popular events. But the irrepressible athlete is backed by a strong supporting cast.

The world's second best jumper, Tom Woods, has repeatedly beaten Stones, his former Pacific Coast Club teammate. At last year's AAU, on the same Eugene runway that will be used for the Trials, Woods craned his lanky frame over 7-5½ to become history's fifth highest jumper. In that same meet, he took two good shots at the world record, with a worried Stones looking on.

Former javelin thrower and UCLA grad Rory Kotinek is another of the select group that have beaten Stones. Outjumping Stones in the Trials would be a special treat for the equally forthright Kotinek as well as winning him a trip to Montreal.

Behind the three present or past PCC'ers, tiny crowd pleaser Ben Livers has somehow jumped 7-4, more than a foot and a half above his head. While Livers prefers the triple jump, anyone capable of jumping that high is an Olympic threat —



Tom Woods, Pacific Coast Club.

Photo by Dan Chodz

especially if the crowd starts rooting for the little 5-9 kangaroo.

Bill Jankunis of the NYAC, Bill Knoedel of Iowa, James Barrineau of Georgia, and super veteran Ray Brown are probably the best of the rest.

Assuming that Stones and Woods make the Olympic Team, the rest of the high jump world should be jumping for the bronze. Sergey

Semukov or one of the other Soviets might pick up the lesser medal, but the high jump might be where host Canada gets repaid for its Olympic hospitality. The threesome of Claude Ferragne, Greg Joy, and Robert Forget is excellent to begin with, but on home soil one of the three may be lured to reimburse his native land with some sort of Olympic coin.

Javelin

"Disregarding a lucky throw by someone," says U.S. Army javelin thrower **Bob Wallis**, "I think third place at the Trials will be in the high 60s or low 70s." Since his breakthrough 278-11 last year, Wallis himself (who finished sixth in the '72 Trials) is a strong contender for a spot on the team.

But for most observers predicting the javelin is more art than science.

Anthony Hall, Bruce T.C., had the most long throws in the country last year and hit 284-3 this spring. Some feel he will throw 90 meters this year if he stays healthy.

The 1974 AAU champ, **Sam Colson**, is a good competitor though he slipped in 1975. Hard to beat if he's in good health.

Richard George, who was out of competition for two years on a Mormon mission, won the AAU in his first year back. The potential for improvement (his '75 best was 272-11) is there.

Eighth place finisher in Munich **Fred Luke** is a threat in any competition. With his experience and consistent throws over 270, Luke is definitely in contention.

Bill Schmidt, bronze medalist in '72, has not won much since but can usually be counted on to come through when it matters.

"An entirely remodeled technique from runup to release," is NYAC thrower **Milt Sonsky**'s secret weapon. Tenth in the '72 Games, Sonsky promises to do "everything within reason to make the team."

Rod Ewaliko of Washington ranked No. 2 in the country last year and is improving steadily. He has thrown 265-3 this year.

Although these are the most likely contenders for Olympic team berths, other throwers shouldn't be overlooked:

An overweight **Mark Murro** threw 244-5 last year after coming out of retirement. His 300-0 in 1970 is still the American record. Slimmed



Munich bronze medalist Bill Schmidt.

Photo by Mike Lyons

down some Murro would be Sonsky's choice for first place in the Trials.

Another on the comeback road is **Cary Feldmann**, 298-4 and No. 4 in the world in '73. If he can approach that form he's a sure contender.

Jim Judd won the 1974 NCAA with a toss of 271-3 but then laid off for a year. A possibility. Judd has hit 269-9 this season.

By concentrating on the javelin, all-around weightman **Joe Gould** improved 23 feet to 258-7. Technical training made the difference.

The consensus of finger-crossing observers is Colson, George and Ewaliko for spots on the team, but they'll have a ways to go when they

meet the Montreal opposition. Tops in the world last year was **Seppo Hovinen** of Finland who produced 19 marks beyond 275, ten of which were beyond 280 while six of those ten passed the 285 mark.

Hovinen's countryman **Hannu Siltonen** was world ranked first in '74 and second in '75 after a hand operation and only a month's competition. Munich fourth placer Siltonen twice hit 308-1 in '73.

Nikolay Grebnyev of the USSR seems to be the heir apparent to Janis Lusis. Last year Grebnyev won the USSR title and the European Cup, downing both Hovinen and Olympic defender Wollermann in the latter contest. Grebnyev is a consistent thrower, a trait that could pay off in Montreal.

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Shot Put

Terry Albritton, new world record holder from the University of Hawaii, says he has learned how to pace his weight-lifting. "If I'm tired I don't do much; if I feel good I tear myself apart. But I've learned my lesson. I won't go past fatigue, tried to last year and got myself hurt." The system paid off in his 71-8½ toss in Hawaii in February, breaking **All Feuerbach's** 1973 world standard of 71-7.

Feuerbach, who had a poor indoor season this year, has been coming on strong with a decisive 71-4 win at Modesto over '72 silver medalist **George Woods'** 70-11½ effort. Some observers pick Feuerbach for the top spot on the team, with Woods second and Albritton rounding out the squad.

Two former University of Oregon performers are given outside chances of making the team and both have registered marks beyond 68 feet this year. **Pete Shmoeck** of the Tobias Striders was ranked fifth in the U.S. last year and threw a PR 69-3 in the Prefontaine Classic, while new discus WR holder **Mac Wilkins** of the Pacific Coast Club got off an indoor effort of 68-4½.

Sam Walker, ranked No. 4 in the U.S. last year, won the Texas Relays with 65-6 and has since thrown 66-9. Walker, who had some 67-plus fouls in the Texas meet, has been working on his strength. "I clean-and-jerked 450 and snatched 330 at the Texas Olympic Lifting Championships," he reported.

Another who says his strength is good but that his timing and technique need work is **Dana LeDuc** of Texas. Ranked eighth in the U.S. in '75, LeDuc won the Southwest Conference with 66-11½.

Ron Semkiw of San Jose State and **Jesse Stuart** of the Colorado Track Club are two others to watch during the Trials. Semkiw has thrown 65-9 this year while Stuart, sixth in the country last year, has a 67-3½ effort to his credit.

Two who qualified for the Trials in the Drake Relays competition were

North Carolina State's **Bob Medlin** and **Doug Price** of the Florida Track Club, with PRs of 64-7 and 64-8½, respectively. Meanwhile, the Gopher Track Club's **Collin Anderson**, ranked seventh nationally in '75, has thrown 65-6½ to finish fifth at Modesto.

In Montreal the U.S. weightmen will meet up with British bobby **Geoff Capes**, last year's leading amateur shot putter. The 6-6, 310-pound Capes threw 69-6 in early May. East Germany's **Udo Beyer**,

No. 7 worldwide last year, has a PR 69-3½ to his name and is picked by some observers for Olympic silver (the same observers pick Woods for gold), while compatriot **Hans-Peter Gies** who was fourth in the Munich Games, has uncorked a 68-5½ this season. An unknown quantity from East Germany is 26-year-old **Rolf Osterreicht** whose 1975 best was 53-5. Throwing the shot discuss-style, Osterreicht scored a phenomenal 68-1½.



Terry Albritton.

Photo by Jim Clark

Discus

On a nicely windy May Day in San Jose, **Mac Wilkins** of the Pacific Coast Club shattered his own newly minted world record three times with throws of 229-0, 230-5, and finally a phenomenal 232-6. Nevertheless, the former University of Oregon athlete believes he's got a ways to go. "Not one of my throws was technically excellent," he said. "I've still got that big one inside me."

In April Wilkins foreshadowed this fantastic series by breaking clubmate **John Powell's** not-quite one-year-old WR of 226-8 with a 226-11 toss in Walnut, California.

Powell, meanwhile, has gone 220-4 this year and has marks of 219-3 and 214-1 to his credit. The wry-humored policeman, who placed fourth in the Munich Olympics and was ranked third in the world last year, remains very much in the discus spotlight and, with Wilkins, is an almost certain choice to represent the U.S. in Montreal.

Ken Städler of the Beverly Hills Striders threw a PR 215-7 in San Jose, the best mark of the season behind those of Wilkins and Powell. Last year he was ranked fourth in the country and should make a good try for third spot on the team.

Three-time Olympian and Munich silver medalist **Jay Silvester** (whose technique Wilkins says he tries to emulate) has a mark of 212-4 this season and remains an unknown quantity. Experience and grace under pressure can be crucial factors in the Trials and could give the 38-year-old veteran thrower a berth on his fourth Olympic team.

Other discus performers given an outside shot are **Dick Drescher** (209-8), **Larry Kennedy** (201-3), **Jim McGoldrick** (205-9), **Dave Voorhees** (201-8), **Marshall Smith** and '72 Olympian **Tim Vollmer**.

Once in Montreal Wilkins and cohorts will contend with **Wolfgang Schmidt** of East Germany, No. 1 in the world in '75, who has set a PR of 219-3 this year; and fellow East German **Norbert Thiede**, who set

a national record of 219-6 and has backed it up with throws of 218-10 and 212-6. Finland's **Pentti Kahma**, who finished ninth in Munich and was No. 5 worldwide last year, is thought by some to be in contention for gold.

Others to look for are Hungary's **Ferenc Tegla**, seventh in the '72 Games; **Ricky Bruch** of Sweden, ranked second in the world in 1975; and Munich gold medalist **Ladislav Danek** of Czechoslovakia, given eighth place world ranking last year.



World record holder Mac Wilkins.

Photo by Steve Thomas

Hammer

Bill Diehl of the Army is the only American as of early June who has met the Olympic qualifying standard in this event. Diehl's 228-0 puts him safely over the 226-5 needed to compete in Montreal and he has backed that up with three other throws over 220 this season, a remarkable improvement over his performance last year.

1975's second placer in the AAU meet with a PR 221-7, **Larry Hart** of the New York Athletic Club has a 218-7 season best as of this writing.

and must surpass his personal best by nearly four and a half feet just to meet the Olympic standard.

New York AC teammate **Boris Djeraszai** was ranked first in the country last year after an undefeated outdoor season. He won both the NCAA and AAU meets with throws of 225-8 and 222-10, respectively, but has only a 217-0 best so far this year.

Volatile **George Freas** of Macabi Union TC has been among the top five U.S. hammer men for more



Boris Djeraszai, New York AC.

than a decade. He won the third spot on the team for Munich but failed to qualify for the Olympic finals. Last year he was sixth in the AAU meet and so far this year has registered a mark of 214-8.

Two athletes who haven't been heard from this season are '72 Olympian (12th in Munich) **Tom Gage** and last year's No. 3 American **Steve DeAutremont**, but Olympic fever may yet bring them out of the woodwork.

Others to watch for during the Trials are UTEP's **Emmett Berry**, who has improved nearly 13 feet from last year to 214-6; 1975 NCAA third placer **Andy Bessette**, who has a season best of 212-5; Army's **Bill Shultz**, who was ranked seventh in the country last year and was ninth in the '72 Olympic Trials; and Navy hammer man **Ted Brugar**, who has a season best of 207-4.

Assuming two more throwers equal or surpass the Montreal standard during the Trials, the American trio will face a formidable stable of opposition next month. Soviet **Yuri Syedikh** has thrown 258-9 this year, a mark second only to West German **Walter Schmidt**'s world record 260-2. Schmidt himself has a 1976 mark of 250-2, while countryman **Karl-Hans Riehm**, No. 1 in the world last year, has thrown 257-6 this season. Munich gold medalist **Anatolii Bondarchuk**, the veteran from the USSR, was only ranked 12th in the world in 1975 and has thrown 246-4 this year, while '72 silver medal winner **Jochen Sachse** of East Germany has a current mark of 250-8.

Comparing American marks with those from the USSR and the two Germanies, it is hard to believe that as recently as 1967 the U.S. had hammer men who were second and fourth on the all-time list. In fact, through 1956 Americans had won seven gold medals and had placed in the top three in every Olympiad but two.

Whether the future of hammer throwing in this country?

Decathlon



Fred Dixon, Pan-Am silver medal winner.

Photo by Dick Deacon

Bruce Jenner has to be the favorite to win the Olympic Trials decathlon but Munich gold medalist **Nikolay Avilov** gave notice last summer that he has every intention of keeping his Olympic title. The Montreal decathlon could well be a two-man battle between the world record-holder, hand-timed (Jenner with 8524) and the world record-holder, electronically-timed (Avilov with 8454).

In Eugene, the fight should be for the second and third spots on the U.S. squad. Although **Fred Dixon** (8277) is clearly the "best of the rest," the Americans demonstrated considerable depth last year in the USSR-US-Poland Decathlon competition in Eugene with five men over 8,000 points. All five were ranked in the top ten on the 1975 world list — **Jenner** first, **Dixon** second, **Fred Samara** sixth (8077), **Steve Gough** eighth (8057) and **Craig Brigham** ninth (8027).

Brigham's status for the Olympic Trials is in doubt since he developed mononucleosis in May and hasn't been able to train. **Ron Evans** had one of the strongest early season performances and could come on strong in the trials. Veteran **Jeff Bennett** appears to be making a comeback for '76 and still ranks as one of America's best. Bennett was fifth in the '68 trials, second in the '72 trials and fourth at Munich. **Jeff Bannister**, winner of the '72 trials, is another unknown factor, having had chronic problems with his Achilles tendon and scar tissue from surgery.

Upsets aren't heard of in the decathlon. Bruce Jenner was virtually unheralded when he shocked the 1500 meter field in the '72 trials and ran from ninth in the decathlon standings to third — and a spot on the U.S. team.

Bill Hancock, **John Warkentin**, and **Jim Sobieszczyk** could also be spoilers in the '76 trials.

The trio that goes to Montreal will face an awesome group of 8,000 points-plus decathletes. Avilov cruised through an 8229 decathlon for third place in the international

met in Eugene last year and indicated that he's waiting for Montreal to really let loose with an all-out effort. West Germany's **Guido Kratschmer** should figure prominently in Montreal if he can duplicate his

fine 8350 of this spring. Poles **Ryszard Kusow** (third in Munich) and **Ryszard Skowronek** should be in the running, along with France's **Yves LeRoy**, East Germany's **Dieter Krueger**, Czechoslovakia's

Ludek Pernica, Sweden's **Raimo Phil** and Austria's **Sepp Zeilbauer**. Munich silver medalist **Leonid Litvinenko** of the Soviet Union is considered by many a potential medalist in Montreal.



World record holder Bruce Jenner.

Photo by Don Coker

RECORDS

MEN'S EVENTS:

100 METERS (Final: Sunday, June 25, 5:50 p.m.)

World Record: 9.9 Jim Hines, US, 1968; Ronnie Ray Smith, US, 1968; Charlie Green, US, 1968; Eddie Hart, US, 1972; Ray Robinson, US, 1972; Steve Williams, US, 1978; Shirle Leonard, Cuba, 1973; Harvey Glance, US, 1976; Don Quarrie, Jamaica, 1976.

9.95 (ET) Jim Hines, US, 1968

American Record: 9.9 Jim Hines, Houston Striders, 1968; Ronnie Ray Smith, San Jose St., 1968; Charlie Green, unaff., 1968; Eddie Hart, Bay Area Striders, 1972; Ray Robinson, Florida A & M, 1972; Steve Williams, San Diego T.C., 1974; Harvey Glance, Auburn, 1976.

9.95 (ET) Jim Hines, Houston Striders, 1968.

Hayward Field Record: 9.9 Eddie Hart, Bay Area Striders, 1972; and Ray Robinson, Florida A & M, 1972.

Olympic Qualifying Standard: 10.44 (ET), 10.2 (HT)

200 METERS (Final: Tuesday, June 22, 5:50 p.m.)

World Record: 19.8 Don Quarrie, Jamaica, 1975; and Steve Williams, US, 1975

19.83 (ET) Tommie Smith, US, 1968.

American Record: 19.8 Steve Williams, San Diego T.C., 1975. 19.83 (ET) Tommie Smith, Santa Clara Valley Youth Village, 1968

Hayward Field Record: 20.1 Don Quarrie, Beverly Hills Striders, 1973; and Chuck Smith, S.C. Striders, 1972.

Olympic Qualifying Standard: 21.04 (ET), 20.8 (HT)

400 METERS (Final: Friday, June 25, 5:00 p.m.)

World Record: 43.86 Lee Evans, US, 1968

American Record: 43.86 Lee Evans, San Jose St., 1968

Hayward Field Record: 44.1 Wayne Collett, S.C. Striders, 1972

Olympic Qualifying Standard: 46.54 (ET), 46.4 (HT)

800 METERS (Final: Monday, June 21, 6:15 p.m.)

World Record: 1:43.7 Marcello Fiasconaro, Italy, 1973

American Record: 1:43.9 Rick Wohlhuter, University of Chicago T.C., 1974

Hayward Field Record: 1:44.3 Dave Wottle, Bowling Green, 1972

Olympic Qualifying Standard: 1:47.6



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1500 METERS (Final: Sunday, June 27, 7:00 p.m.)

World Record: 3:32.2 Filtbert Bapt, Tanzania, 1974
 American Record: 3:33.1 Jim Ryun, Kansas, 1967
 Hayward Field Record: 3:38.1 Mark Freig, Oregon T.C., 1976
 Olympic Qualifying Standard: 3:48.6

5,000 METERS (Final: Sunday, June 27, 7:00 p.m.)

World Record: 13:13.0 Emiel Patterman, Belgium, 1972
 American Record: 13:22.2 Steve Prefontaine, Oregon T.C., 1974
 Hayward Field Record: 13:22.8 Steve Prefontaine, Oregon T.C., 1972
 Olympic Qualifying Standard: 13:48.0

10,000 METERS (Final: Tuesday, June 22, 6:05 p.m.)

World Record: 27:39.8 Dave Bedford, Great Britain, 1973
 American Record: 27:43.6 Steve Prefontaine, Oregon T.C., 1974
 Hayward Field Record: 27:43.6 Steve Prefontaine, Oregon T.C., 1974
 Olympic Qualifying Standard: 28:08.0

110 METER HURDLES (Final: Thursday, June 24, 6:20 p.m.)

World Record: 13.8 Guy Drut, France, 1975
 13.24 (ET) Rod Millrose, US, 1972
 American Record: 13.1 Rod Millrose, Southern University, 1973 (twice)
 13.24 (ET) Rod Millrose, Southern University, 1973
 Hayward Field Record: 13.3 Tom Hill, Arkansas St., 1972; and Rod Millrose, Southern University, 1973
 Olympic Qualifying Standard: 14.04 (ET), 13.8 (HT)

400 METER HURDLES (Final: Monday, June 21, 6:30 p.m.)

World Record: 47.82 John Akii-Bua, Uganda, 1972
 American Record: 48.1 Jim Holding, Pacific Coast Club, 1974
 48.51 (ET) Ralph Mann, Beverly Hills Striders, 1972
 Hayward Field Record: 48.4 Ralph Mann, Beverly Hills Striders, 1972
 Olympic Qualifying Standard: 50.64 (ET), 49.5 (HT)

3,000 METER STEEPECHASE (Final: Sunday, June 27, 6:40 p.m.)

World Record: 8:09.8 Anders Garderud, Sweden, 1975
 American Record: 8:23.2 Doug Brown, Tennessee, 1974
 Hayward Field Record: 8:26.4 Sid Stink, Bowling Green, 1971
 Olympic Qualifying Standard: 8:32.8

DECATHLON (Friday, June 25 and Saturday, June 26)

World Record: 8524, US, 1975
 American Record: 8524 Bruce Jenner, San Jose State, 1975
 Hayward Field Record: 8524 Bruce Jenner, San Jose State, 1975
 Olympic Qualifying Standard: 7650

JAVELIN (Final: Sunday, June 27, 5:45 p.m.)

World Record: 308-8 Klaus Wellermann, West Germany, 1973
 American Record: 306-0 Mark Morris, Arizona St., 1970
 Hayward Field Record: 272-11 Richard George, Brigham Young, 1975
 Olympic Qualifying Standard: 262-6 (80.00 meters)

POLE VAULT (Final: Tuesday, June 22, 1:30 p.m.)

World Record: 18-7½ Earl Bell, US, 1976
 American Record: 18-7½ Earl Bell, US, 1976
 Hayward Field Record: 18-5½ Bob Seagren, S.C. Striders, 1972
 Olympic Qualifying Standard: 17-7½ (5.20 meters)

LONG JUMP (Final: Friday, June 25, 4:00 p.m.)

World Record: 29-2½ Bob Beaman, US, 1968
 American Record: 29-3½ Bob Beaman, Houston Striders, 1968
 Hayward Field Record: 28-9½ Guy Hopkins, Arizona, 1964; and Randy Williams, USC, 1973
 Olympic Qualifying Standard: 25-7 (7.80 meters)

SHOT PUT (Final: Sunday, June 27, 4:30 p.m.)

World Record: 71-8½ Terry Albritton, US, 1974
 American Records: 71-8½ Terry Albritton, Hawaii, 1976
 Hayward Field Record: 70-7½ Al Feuerbach, Pacific Coast Club, 1974
 Olympic Qualifying Standard: 53-7½ (19.40 meters)

HIGH JUMP (Final: Sunday, June 27, 5:30 p.m.)

World Record: 7-7 Dwight Stones, US, 1976
 American Record: 7-7 Dwight Stones, Long Beach St., 1976
 Hayward Field Record: 7-5½ Tom Woods, Pacific Coast Club, 1975
 Olympic Qualifying Standard: 7-2 (2.18 meters)

DISCUS (Final: Monday, June 21, 6:00 p.m.)

World Record: 232-8 Mac Wilkins, US, 1976
 American Record: 232-8 Mac Wilkins, Pacific Coast Club, 1976
 Hayward Field Record: 220-11 Mac Wilkins, Pacific Coast Club, 1976
 Olympic Qualifying Standard: 196-10 (60.00 meters)

HAMMER THROW (Final: Thursday, June 24, 3:00 p.m.)

World Record: 240-2 Walter Schmidt, West Germany, 1975
 American Record: 235-11 Ed Burke, S.C. Striders, 1967
 Hayward Field Record: 231-3 Al Schotzman, Kent State, 1972
 Olympic Qualifying Standard: 226-5 (69.00 meters)

TRIPLE JUMP (Final: Saturday, June 24, 4:00 p.m.)

World Record: 58-4½ Jean Oliveira, Brazil, 1975
 American Record: 58-5½ Tommy Hayes, US Army, 1975
 Hayward Field Record: 54-6 Dave Smith, Bay Area Striders, 1972
 Olympic Qualifying Standard: 53-9½ (16.80 meters)

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WOMEN'S EVENTS:

100 METERS (Final: Monday, June 21, 6:50 p.m.)

World Record: 10.8 Renate Stecher, East Germany, 1973
11.07 (ET) Wyoming Tynx, US, 1968; and Renate Stecher,
East Germany, 1972
American Record: 11.07 (ET) Wyoming Tynx, Tennessee St.,
1968

Hayward Field Record: None

Olympic Qualifying Standard: 11.64 (ET), 11.4 (HT)

200 METERS (Final: Thursday, June 24, 6:40 p.m.)

World Record: 22.8 Irena Szewinska, Poland, 1974
22.21 (ET) Irena Szewinska, Poland, 1974
American Record: 22.77 (ET) Chandra Cheesborough,
Florida H.S., 1975
Hayward Field Record: 24.71 (ET) Pam Riggs, Central
Washington, 1976
Olympic Qualifying Standard: 23.74 (ET), 23.5 (HT)

400 METERS (Final: Friday, June 25, 5:20 p.m.)

World Record: 49.77 (ET) Christina Brechner, East Germany,
1976
American Record: 51.6 Kathy Hammond, Sacramento R.H.,
1972; and Debra Sapener, Prairie View, 1975
51.64 (ET) Kathy Hammond, Sacramento R.H., 1972
Hayward Field Record: 54.94 Carolyn Digby, Centennial H.S.,
1976
Olympic Qualifying Standard: 53.64 (ET), 53.5 (HT)

800 METERS (Final: Tuesday, June 27, 6:20 p.m.)

World Record: 1:57.5 Svetla Zlateva, Bulgaria, 1973
American Record: 2:00.3 Madeline Jackson, Cleveland T.C.,
1975
Hayward Field Record: 2:08.6 Deanna Coleman, Falcon T.C.,
1976
Olympic Qualifying Standard: 2:04.0

1500 METERS (Final: Sunday, June 27, 6:20 p.m.)

World Record: 4:01.4 Lyudmila Bragina, Soviet Union, 1972
American Record: 4:08.5 Francie Larrieu, Pacific Coast Club,
1975
Hayward Field Record: 4:14.5 Francie Larrieu Lutz, Pacific
Coast Club, 1976
Olympic Qualifying Standard: 4:15.0

100 METER HURDLES (Final: Sunday, June 27, 4:00 p.m.)

World Record: 12.3 Annelie Ehrhardt, East Germany, 1973
12.39 (ET) Annelie Ehrhardt, East Germany, 1972
American Record: 13.0 Patty Van Winklemae, Angels T.C.,
1972
13.26 (ET) Patty Van Winklemae, Angels T.C., 1972
Hayward Field Record: 13.51 (ET) Nadezhda Tkachenko,
Soviet Union, 1975
Olympic Qualifying Standard: 13.64 (ET), 13.4 (HT)

HIGH JUMP (Final: Thursday, June 24, 3:00 p.m.)

World Record: 6-5½ Rosemarie Ackermann, East Germany,
1976
American Record: 6-2½ Josie Huntley, Oregon State, 1975
Hayward Field Record: 6-¾ Josie Huntley, Oregon T.C., 1974
Olympic Qualifying Standard: 5-11½ (1.82 meters)

LONG JUMP (Final: Saturday, June 19, 4:30 p.m.)

World Record: 22-1½ Sigrid Stegl-Thon, East Germany,
1976
American Record: 22-1½ Kathy McMillan, North Carolina
H.S., 1976
Hayward Field Record: 21-1½ Sherman Walker, Falcon T.C.,
1975
Olympic Qualifying Standard: 20-10 (6.35 meters)

SHOT PUT (Final: Sunday, June 27, 4:00 p.m.)

World Record: 71-1½ Marianne Adam, East Germany, 1976
American Record: 65-7 Marion Seidler, Major Duley Youth
Foundation, 1974
Hayward Field Record: 51-½ Nadezhda Tkachenko, Soviet
Union, 1975
Olympic Qualifying Standard: 54-5½ (16.80 meters)

DISCUS (Final: Friday, June 25, 4:00 p.m.)

World Record: 231-3 Faiza Myrzik, Soviet Union, 1976
American Record: 185-3 Olga Connolly, Los Angeles T.C.,
1972
Hayward Field Record: 164-6 Lynne Wishlight, Oregon T.C.,
1976
Olympic Qualifying Standard: 183-9 (56.00 meters)

JAVELIN (Final: Sunday, June 20, 4:30 p.m.)

World Record: 229-6 Ruth Fuchs, East Germany, 1974
American Record: 213-6 Kathy Schmidt, Los Angeles T.C.,
1976
Hayward Field Record: 171-11 Laurie Kerr, British Colum-
bia, 1976
Olympic Qualifying Standard: 180-5 (55.00 meters)

PENTATHLON (Monday, June 21 and Tuesday, June 22)

World Record: 4932 Berglinda Pollak, East Germany, 1974
American Record: 4732 Jane Frederick, Los Angeles T.C.,
1976
Hayward Field Record: 4698 Nadezhda Tkachenko, Soviet
Union, 1975
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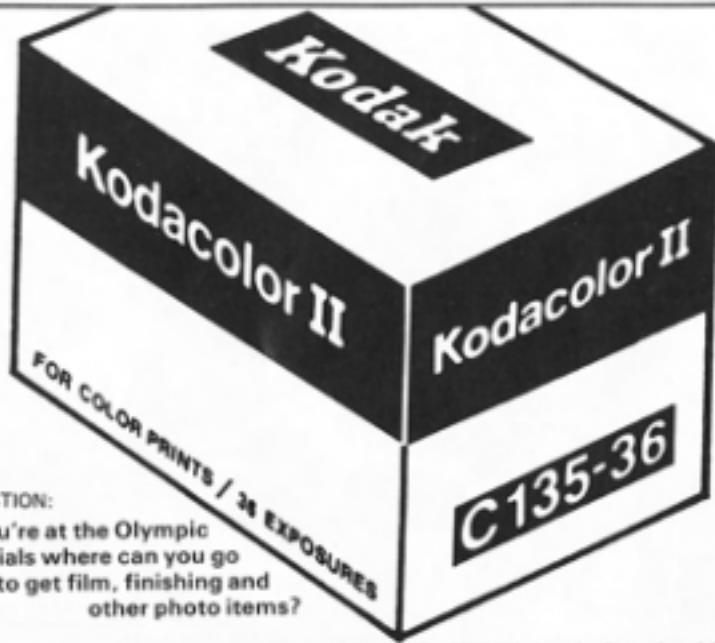


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