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FORUM

How much formal competition and training is good for young age-groupers? Bert Nelson, Editor and Publisher of the renowned Track & Field News, expounded on the issue in his column "Of People & Things" in the November 1971 edition of that magazine. The profound questions which he raises were in response to a letter appearing in Sports Illustrated Magazine by Dr. Gabe Mirkin. Nelson's column:

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"Runners who start later than age seven or eight will not be able to compete." So wrote Gabe Mirkin, M.D., to Sports Illustrated in support of all-out training for very young trackmen. And if I believed it, I would be terribly frightened.

I'm all for kids of any age running and jumping--for fun. But thought of thousands of parents pushing their sub-10 kids onto the track for two-a-day workouts scares me. Even now the drop-out rate is far too high, as a too large percentage of high school stars lack the motivation to continue with track. Frequently pushed too hard as preps, they just don't find track fun any more.

Dr. Mirkin says track is 10 years behind swimming, but I have one question: if the age-group swimming program is so successful why is it almost no female swimmers still compete well at 20 while the male swimmers who go on from high school usually are through upon graduation from college? And I'm reminded of a belief held by Forrest Jamieson, the successful former coach from Palo Alto, Calif. High School. "Little League baseball is the best thing that ever happened to high school track. By the time those kids are in high school, they are so sick of baseball they turn out for track."

.....Dr. Mirkin's reply

Distance running is way behind the swimmers, gymnasts, figure skaters, and concert-quality musicians. It is absolutely ridiculous that the world records in the distances are held by men in their late twenties. The body is already significantly degenerated by then; it starts to degenerate at birth.

World records should be held by kids in their teens. Optimal age for records in athletics should be when the muscles and coordination improve to the point where they are not offset by the degeneration of the cardiovascular system. The hooker here is that it takes ten or more years to be a top athlete. Thus, it would take a program that starts no later than 5-6-7 in training.

I know that this may be contrary to many people's feelings about free choice of the child. I am not advocating this for everyone; I am just stating a fact. The point has been proved in swimming, figure skating and gymnastics. Besides, I frankly do not believe that it is possible to push young people into anything that they do not feel is their own idea.

The next question is, will a child burn out by starting out too young? Yes, he may burn out psychologically, but he will not burn out physically. There is nothing wrong with training hard as a young child, then retire to just run for fun in later life.

You were concerned that young swimmers do not continue to compete in later life, the reason being that they move on to other interests. I would not want my child putting in heavy training in his adult life so that he is slighting his other interests. Would you slight Bob Mathias because he went on to Congress or Tenley Albright because she went on to become an outstanding surgeon?

There are several twenty-year-old followups on swimmers who trained several hours a day in their early youth. Twenty years later, they were (in relation to their non-athletic counterparts) more happily married, better adjusted, had more interests, and were earning much more. From these studies you cannot say that athletics make better people, as they were probably that way from birth. However, you can say that hard training did not hurt them.

As for little leagues, these are mostly misdirected. You have a baseball game in which there is not a single kid able to hit the ball out of the infield. They get no exercise unless it is the pitcher. If my kid wanted to be a baseball player, I would have him run, do gymnastics, weight training and developing his body, long before I enter him in a formal baseball program.

In contrast, is the Road Runners Run-For-Your-Life program, such as we have in Washington, D.C. It is a family program. Most of our boys have sisters and fathers who run and mothers who go to every race. These kids run together daily and look forward to each workout. As for twice-a-day workouts, if they were ever to do it it would have to be their idea but they don't because they hate it.

Until very recently there was a great deal of outmoded thinking regarding women running distances. As recently as 1966, the AAU threatened to ban one of the top ladies distance runners for life if she ran in a two mile race. Such thinking is not compatible with modern day physiology.

(Editor's note)

There is an old French saying that goes, "The more it changes, the more it is the same". This maxim comes to mind as one looks back a few years and reflects upon an Editorial that appeared in the January 1965 issue of TRACK & FIELD NEWS, authored by Bert Nelson. We have taken the liberty of extracting certain passages, which particularly complement the opinions expressed above.

To quote "...track & field for youngsters is on the move in the U.S. and undoubtedly will produce startling results. The country's track supremacy is based on several factors, none more important than the early age at which large groups of teen-agers take a serious interest in the sport.

"Age group swimming has been responsible for much of the success of America's fantastically young swimmers. George Haines, coach of the Santa Clara Swim Club, says: 'The theory that youngsters in HS cannot take hard disciplinary work is a fallacy....Swimming is at least equal in its demands on a participant as track. My pupils eat it up. None has suffered physically. It is just a question of making the kids want to put in the time and effort in the conviction that the rewards merit it'. Haines advocates an age-group program in track such as that in swimming, which embraces possibly half a million throughout the country.

"...I'm certain an expanding age-group program will push America's track & field standard to an even higher level. I just hope it will be worthwhile. I wouldn't want to see parents pushing kids too hard...and I wouldn't want to see too many kids have too much competition and too much success so early that they lose interest too soon. This is a very real danger and those working with kids owe it to the youngsters to guard them against this danger. If track for kids can be properly handled as a low pressure, beneficial recreational activity, it can offer much to many".



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From the Editors

Every day a great deal of material comes our way - news, results, feature articles, as well as many letters from our readers, requesting answers on a multitude of subjects.

Although we really have no office staff to speak of, we make a conscious effort to answer each of them. Some of these queries, however, are quite similar in nature. The most frequent of these questions are as follows - and we will answer them right here and now.

Q - What is the record for.....

A - STARTING LINE, as it should be known by now, does not advocate the restless pursuit of records. We compile, however, a rather extensive list of known performances for boys and girls in all the Junior age groups. Throughout the year, those compilations appear in the TIME & SPACE section of this magazine. Our Annual (coming out in February) should answer most of the queries on this subject.

NCTE: We have established certain contingencies for the acceptance of performances to our lists. Please become acquainted with our requirements.

Q - Why do we not get more news from.....(fill in blank)

A - We are constantly seeking correspondents from as many areas of the U.S. as possible. We incessantly request that news be transmitted to us for publication. Do not assume that someone else is sending us the results of your meet, or other information. Make it your objective to let us know about track activities in your area. Send us the material and rest assured that we will do our part. We need everyone's help.

Q - Why was our meet not announced in your Calendar?

A - We publish eight times a year. On the bottom of page 3, you will find our next mailing date. If you wish to publicize your meet, in order for the publicity to be effective, it must be in our office at least two weeks before mailing date. Don't ad-lib your track program, plan it and let us know in advance what your schedule is to be. We'll make sure that your efforts are properly publicized.

We want to do our job well, but as you can see, it's a two way street.

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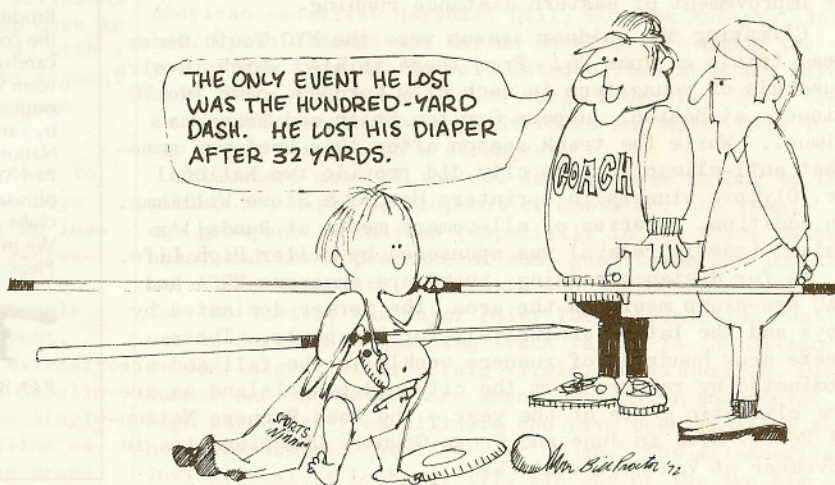
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On the Cover

Shots of top distance runners: 1 & 3 by Steve Sutton, 2 & 5 by Jeff Johnson, 4 submitted by Ken Wilkinson and 6 taken by Calvin Brown.

- (1) William Dabney, 16 year-old high school sophomore from Brooklyn who has a 1:53 half mile leg to his credit.
- (2) Eileen Claugus, Sacramento, Californian dressed for the cold as she strides to easy victory in National AAU Girls X-Country.
- (3) Kevin McCarey, Elmhurst, N.Y., leads Matt Centrowitz, New York City, the eventual winner in one of the many top high school races on the famous 2½ mile course at Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx
- (4) Don Wilkinson, 14, all-around distance man from Australia who can boast times of 1:59.7 for 800 meters and 15:58.6 for 5000.
- (5) After start of NAAU Girls X-Country, winner Claugus (#565).
- (6) AAU 12-13 winner and 5:04 miler, Mary Decker of Long Beach, Cal.



GIRLS and BOYS Age Group

'71 IN REVIEW

With an accent on the highlights of the past year and some of the more promising developments for the future, STARTING LINE reviews junior age-group track & field in 1971 in the following pages. This summary places emphasis on the innovations, meets and teams which dominated each region during the year. The achievements of outstanding individual athletes will be recounted in depth in the 1972 STARTING LINE TRACK & FIELD HANDBOOK, which will be available in February.

THE EAST - New England and Middle Atlantic States

Among developments in New England is a growing interest in track and cross country for junior high school boys. Centers of activity are Bath, Maine and Becket Academy of Connecticut. The two biggest cross country meets were held at these centers, with athletes from other states also participating. Two indoor meets, one in Bath and one at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Ct., were very well attended. Athletes from Rhode Island and Massachusetts have also participated in these meets. Peter Kenney of Becket publishes a semi-annual newsletter covering events in this area.

On the distaff side, the big news was the revitalization of the Liberty AC (Wellesley, Mass.) and the emergence of the Falmouth (Mass.) Track Club. The performances of Liberty's Kathie Lawson, J.O. 220 champ Kathi Guiney and Alice Pfaff as well as Falmouth's distance phenom Johanna Forman, 12, have been startling.

In New York City the indoor season for age-groupers consists, in large part, of a series of relay and track meets sponsored by the Police Athletic League (PAL) in the various boroughs, culminating in a city-wide championships. In these meets all contestants represent various precincts and compete by weight rather than age, but no times are kept. Over 25 precincts field teams; some large (100 plus), some small (a dozen). Many of the athletes go on to U.S. Youth Games competition and, for the girls, AAU teams - primarily the PAL team and the Atoms T.C. The only other meet indoors in 1971 was sponsored by CBS and the Dept. of Recreation.

For the girls, after competition (for the two major teams) in the Eastern States Girls Track League, the local season begins with AAU all-comers practice meets. The top meet of the series in 1971 was at the all-weather facility of Glen Cove, L.I. and was highlighted by the 12-13' sprint duels of the Atoms Elaine Johnson and the PAL's Diedre Wilson (Youth Games 220 champ). In these meets the Valley Stream Comets and Suffolk A.C. of Long Island led an improvement of eastern distance running.

Climaxing the outdoor season were the NYC Youth Games team trials on June 26. From these trials, which involve hundreds of youngsters in each city borough, came two YG winners at Boston, jumpers Carlton Smith and Francina Simuel. While the track season after this meet was somewhat anti-climactic, the city did provide two National Jr. Olympic winners in sprinters Harold & Steve Williams. In addition, a series of all-comers meets at Randall's Island (mostly relays) was sponsored by Miller High Life.

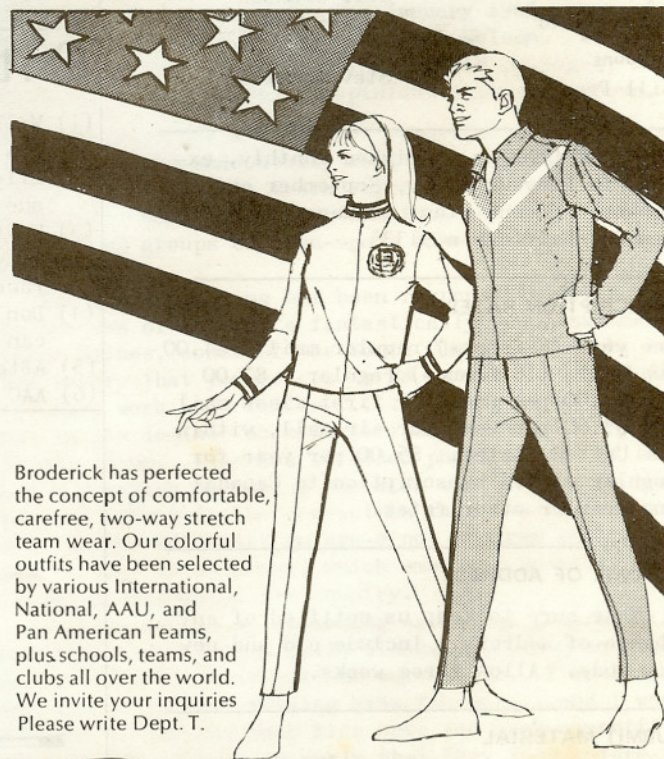
As for distance running, there are numerous RRCA and AAU age-group meets in the area, the former dominated by boys and the latter exclusively for the girls. These meets draw hundreds of runners weekly in the fall and are dominated by runners from the city and Long Island as are the climactic meets of the year - the Road Runners National Postal Mile in June and Cross-Country Championships in November at Van Cortlandt Park.

Possibly the most well rounded age group program in the nation is centered in the vicinity of Pittsburgh. A strong and expanding Junior Olympic program includes a full schedule of neighborhood to regional track meets and now cross country as well. In addition, the Pittsburgh Track Classic has become the most extensive indoor meet for girls in the east. There are training camps for boys and girls during the summer. AAU age group meets produce some top marks. John Harwick and other enthusiasts in the area can be proud of the job they are doing.

The weight events are particularly strong in the western Pennsylvania area. Ron Senkiw (Pittsburgh) was J.O. national champ in the shot, while such age-groupers as the Wall brothers (Erie) and Kim Travers (Wilmington) are highly ranked in the younger divisions in the weights. Distance running, spurred by such events as the Kennedy Memorial Run, are helping to build stronger teams, notably the Mt. Lebanon Track Club. Race walking for boys is very strong here and several heel-and-toers from this area dot the national lists.

New Jersey has long been noted for its high school boy distance runners and weight men. Organized age group track, however, has been almost non-existent until recently. Now Junior High School and Freshman boys distance running and track is beginning to catch on, especially in the Union County area under the leadership of George Miller.

An age-group mile, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Trophy Race attracted 329 boys in 4 age groups. A series of recreation distance runs was inaugurated in the fall of '71 and continuing. Such runners as Rick Buckstad (Edison), RRCA champ, are making their mark. In addition,



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the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Freshman Track Meet saw national ranking performances by sprinter Ken Washington and discus thrower Mark Columbus of the host school.

Washington, D.C. and the surrounding Maryland/Virginia area is beginning to take off in both boys and girls age group track. The achievements of Sports International TC have been well noted, but such teams as the Pioneers and the newly formed Cavalette-Cavalier TC are having an impact even on the national level. The D.C. Road Runners activities have been documented in STARTING LINE, but there are a number of recreation programs making an impact too. The D.C. Rec. Dept. does a fine job in organizing the always strong Washington Youth Games team. No less than ten Washingtonians were U.S. Youth Games champs while the Pioneer's Sheila Ingram was a national Junior Olympic winner as well.

Montgomery County in Md. has a growing summer track program for kids, but the most extensive program in the area is in Prince George County, with up to a thousand youngsters in age group meets in the spring and summer. Training centers, relay championships, decathlons, girls invitationals and dual meets are part of the set-up. The newly formed Track & Field Development Assn. also has inaugurated a summer series of meets for all ages.

One of the encouraging developments in the east has been the formation and growth of the Eastern States Girls Track League. Presently under the direction of Delaware Sport Club's Bill Thomson (who also directed the 1971 Jr. National AAU for girls), the league furnishes top early-spring competition for teams such as the Ambler OC, Fairfield Striders and Lamott TC of Penna., Travelers, Pioneer AC and Sports International of D.C., Frederick TC of Md. and the South Jersey Chargers.

THE SOUTH - Gulf Coast and Southeast States

Most age group activity in this area comes from the sunny climes of Florida. The Gold Coast region around Miami, for instance, runs an extensive series of outdoor AAU age group meets for boys and girls beginning in late February and continuing through the summer. About 700 youngsters from 15 clubs are registered for this program, which is climaxed by the Junior Olympic meets at the end of the season. Outstanding sprinters dominate all ages; top marks in '71 belonging to Elvis Peacock, 15, (9.9) plus Larry Brinson and Alfred McCullough, both 16, (9.5). Most productive teams appear to be the Miami Jets, Hialeah Optimists and Richmond-Perrine Track Club.

In the northern part of the state, the most developed program is the summer Junior Champ series at the University of Florida. Weekly track & field clinics supplemented the eight Gainesville all-comers meets last year. The meets themselves drew athletes in five age divisions (ages 4 to 14) for both girls and boys. The top mark in the series was turned in by Nancy Tefertiller, 9, with a 29.2-220. Junior Olympic and AAU district meets augment the schedule while the Florida Relays added some age group events for boys for the first time.

Another center of activity lies a little further to the north in East Point, Georgia. In track, the boys had a four week intramural development program, an innovative decathlon meet and competition in state recreation and AAU meets. Additionally, the East Pointers participated in the Atlanta TC Cross Country schedule with Bill Thorn, age 11, emerging as a top prospect.

Though STARTING LINE has yet to hear of any extensive programs in the other south coastal states, the Carolinas, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana are increasingly turning out individuals of quality. South Carolina especially seems to be developing some outstanding prospects including National J.O. hurdles champ Chas. Foster.

Elsewhere in the southeast, Kentucky and Tennessee are becoming active. The latter state, for example, sent three second place finishers to the Junior Olympic Nationals in '71, including 15 year-old Shannon Leroy (6-6 high jumper), while Rhonda McManus won several AAU dash titles. The Blue Grass state has been developing notable activity in the Louisville area, spurred by competition across the river in Ohio. A completely new program involving a very extensive series of track and cross country meets for boys and girls has been developed by the neophyte Lexington Track Club. Furthermore, both of these states have started girls high school track meets.

Out Texas way, the state's very strong boys high school program, is now beginning to be supplemented by a stronger girls high school track schedule and age group track in some parts. El Paso and, especially, the Houston area are beginning to develop well rounded activity. Most notable among this year's youngsters are high school hurdle sensation Randy Lightfoot, all-around field eventer Suzie Snider, and age-group quarter-mile champ Renelda England. The Houston Astro-Belles are a good example of a team which has top quality with limited numbers.

THE MIDWEST - North Central and Plains States

Ohio is surely one of the most progressive age group states recently. It is the only state known to STARTING LINE which has a combined boys/girls state meet (track & cross country). Cleveland hosted the largest AAU Girls National Cross Country Meet in history (nearly 800 runners in all divisions in the '71 meet). The state is one of the few where the boys age-group development is beginning to become as well rounded as the girls. And the initiation of new teams (school, recreation, club) which offer year-around competition for their athletes is proceeding at a pace faster than any other state to the best of our information.

At least half of the major teams in Ohio have some top flight boys and girls at the state and national level - Kettering Striders, Columbus Community TC and No. College Hill TC (Cincinnati) to name a few. A number of parochial schools compete in AAU competition. Cross country is the forte of many of the teams; a series of meets sponsored by the Mound TC (Miamisburg) and others are spurring boys distance running.

In the remainder of the states north of the Ohio River, there is greater development in high age levels (14 & above) than in the younger set. Illinois had two national J.O. champs, Ditra Henry and Gaylene Barber; Detroit had six individual winners in the U.S. Youth Games. The Motor City, especially, is a center for youth development among girls and high school boys. Pan-American medallist Marshall Dill, Loretta Matejko, Anita Lee, Cynthia Banks and Harlan Huckleby are among the youngsters from the Detroit metropolitan area who have made their mark on the track world recently. Such teams as the Wolverines, Detroit Striders and Motor City TC are among the nation's strongest.

Elsewhere most of the new developments belong to the girls; the rapid development of meets for the female age groupers in Indiana (especially in the Terre Haute area) and the appearance of some good teams and individuals from Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Chicago area. As for the latter, the Mayor Daley Youth Foundation continues to develop outstanding track talent in the nation's second largest city. Craig Virgin, David Merrick, Diane Kummer and Sue Kelley are among the junior and senior high schoolers from Illinois who have been stealing the headlines within the last year or so. The All-American Invitational at Lombard, Ill. was one of the two big meets of the year for high school boys.

Moving to the Missouri Valley and Plains region, the Junior Olympic movement is the big thing. Nebraska and Kansas have J.O. programs which attract youngsters in the thousands. In addition, Iowa continues to have one of the best high school girls organizations with everything from dual meets to a state meet to USTFF and AAU competition for the most highly qualified. Nebraska is starting to develop along these lines too. St. Louis fielded a Youth Games team which produced three individual winners at Boston; shot-putter Jeff Hilliar and sprinter Debbie Carter were outstanding. Kansas continues to produce high school boys of stature. Internationalist high jumper Sally Plihal of South Dakota and a budding junior high school boys track schedule in Oklahoma were among the other features of the area in 1971.

THE WEST - Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast States

We see great developments in this area among girls of all ages. The boys situation, outside of high school, is spotty but taken as a whole the west is probably considered the strongest region in the nation in terms of quantity of athletes competing in organized programs. Culmination points of the 1971 season were the Golden West High School Meet for boys in Sacramento in June, the National AAU Girls and Age-Group meet at Bakersfield in early July, and the Junior Olympic Nationals at Colorado Springs in August. The latter two meets were held at superb facilities and drew the most representative field of any of the national meets for sub-18 year olds.

The greatest progress is in the Rockies. New teams are springing up all over, especially in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. The latter state may have the most progressive AAU program for girls in the U.S., centered in Phoenix. All-comers track meets from December thru May plus the ever expanding and improving Phoenix Invitational in March highlight the well organized schedule. The Valley of the Sun Cactus Wrens, plus the Phoenix, Mesa, Arizona and Creighton Track Clubs continue to turn out nationally ranking girls in abundance. Such athletes as Mavis Laing, Kathy Gibbons, Jan Glotzer and Nancy Benson have matured from age group to international athletes.

Top development in New Mexico is the rise of the Duke City Dashers of Albuquerque. This strong boys/girls scored an unprecedented sweep of national AAU team cross country titles and inaugurated a fine publication for young athletes, New Mexico Junior Sports Review. Carol Hudson of the Albuquerque Olympettes had a banner year half-miling and was easily the outstanding star in the state. Two top indoor meets highlight the winter age group season. A fairly comprehensive series of AAU meets is offered in Albuquerque for boys and girls.

Colorado is going great guns in developing girls track. The Colorado Gold, Colorado Pacers and Denver All-Stars are among the teams giving such athletes as Pam Greene, Wendy Koenig and Pat Benson to the track world. But numerous other teams are springing up in the state (and in neighboring Wyoming too), many of which are sponsoring boys teams too. Boys competition seems to be limited at the present to Jr. Olympic and similar meets, but there is a growing interest, confirmed by the proposed national AAU age group meet in Denver at the end of June 1972.

Despite the unpredictable weather, Montana has a reasonably good schedule; girls high school meets, some quality boys high school athletes and a short but active girls age group calendar, headed by the Kalispell Timberettes. Idaho has some boys Jr. High meets and even thinly populated Nevada had J.O. high jump champ, Denise Kemp.

In the Pacific Northwest, a late start due to a limited indoor season and often inclement spring weather is not enough to prevent several areas from having fine programs. Seattle and vicinity is one such area; a very strong AAU girls program and a more limited boys schedule which is stimulated at times by competition with well developed clubs in British Columbia. The Angels and Eastside Track Club led an array of developing girls teams, while Mitzi McMillin, Liane Swegle and Johanna DeYoung were athletes who won national honors. Spokane serves as the nucleus of track developments in eastern Washington. Boys distance running and race walking is of national calibre here, while on the distaff side high jumpers gained national rankings.

Woodland TC (boys), Flanagan's Clan (girls) and Portland TC (both) continued to serve age-group development in the western Columbia basin. The two Washington teams are encouraging developments in the field events primarily, while the Oregon group, under the direction of the Martins (Porter and Betty) have taken the lead in sponsoring all-comers meets, publishing a newsletter for track boys and girls, and hosting the Girls Junior National AAU Cross Country Meet in '71.

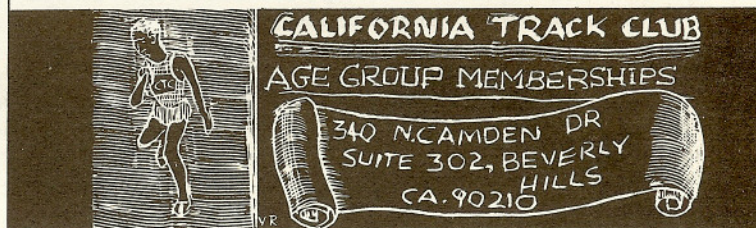
Further south, the summer months are filled with the outstanding all-comers meets in Medford and Eugene, Oregon. The series hosted by the latter city is probably the best known of its kind in the U.S. and the accommodation of all age-groups, girls and boys, with a great range of events fits well with the reputation of Oregon as the nation's most "track crazy" state. This state can also claim to the top girls high school program in the country (most of the schools have paid girls coaches). Such athletes as Russ Francis; Debbie Roth and Dottie Barnes prove that Oregon enthusiasm does make for quality.

California, for one reason or another, has been the dominant factor in track for many years. While other regions are catching up rapidly, the state continues to dominate national rankings and titles. However, the traditionally strong northern and southern parts may have reached something of a plateau in their AAU programs. The plateau was very high, however, in 1971 as shown by the power of such teams as the Long Beach Comets, Will's Spikettes, La Jolla TC, Redwood City Striders, Southern California Cheetahs, Herbert Hoover Boys Club, Rialto Road Runners, Millbrae Lions, United San Juan, Salinas Valley TC and many others. In general, Californians are comparatively strongest in the under-14 divisions, but less dominant in the older groups.

The most exciting area is central California, an area that has by far the best Junior Olympic quality in the U.S. and now is beginning to get some of their athletes in to AAU competition. The area even has its own track publication now, Valley Track & Field, which in the past year covered the exploits of such sensations as long jumpers Larry Johnson and Dora Roberts. When this area gets going in full steam, watch out.

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- ** Wind assistance information on Sprints, Hurdles & Jumps
- ** Weight of implements (Shot, Discus, Javelin, etc..)
- ** Ages of outstanding competitors
- ** Other pertinent or interesting information

BATH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS INVITATIONAL X-COUNTRY MEET BATH, Maine - November 8 - from Peter Kenney

The Bath Junior High cross country team, loser of a single meet (by one point) put a screeching halt to a three-year victory skein rung up by Portland area squads as they captured the fourth annual Jr. High Invitational Meet. The meet was run in biting cold with a stiff wind whipping around. Nevertheless, the meet record was snapped by **RANDY MERRIMAN** of Gorham and the competition was keen right down the line as the Bath Destroyers nipped Cape Elisabeth 66-72 for the top team spot.

Merriman while missing the course record by six-tenth, broke the meet standard (held by Jeff Humphrey of Medomak Valley) by 2.4 seconds. A notable achievement was made by the Woolwich Junior High team which finished eight in the team scoring with 7th and 8th graders only, while all other teams had 9th graders (many of whom were actually High School Freshmen). That this meet is important to the cross country development in the most northeast state, is shown by the fact that the team winners of the previous two years (Cheverus and Gorham) have gone on to dominate the High School state meet in 1971. Results follow:

Randy Merriman, Gorham	7:53.6	Gore, Cheverus	9:10
Stan Harvey, Bath	8:03	LaPointe, Gardiner	9:11
Charles Begley, Medomak Valley	8:06	Todd Logan, Bath	9:12
Ken McLaughlin, Gardiner	8:07	Stover (8th) Medomak Valley	9:13
Nelson Reynolds, Winslow	8:16	Brown, Gorham	9:14
Ray Packard, Medomak Valley	8:22	Dave Rogers (7th) Woolwich	9:15
Willie Bartlett, Cape Elizabeth	8:23	Michaud, Winslow	9:17
Pete Godfrey, Gorham	8:26	Wilson (8th) Falmouth	9:21
Carl Horner, Cape Elizabeth	8:27	Carter (8th) Gorham	9:22
Chris Whitney, Falmouth	8:30	Wayne Lavers, Freeport	9:24
Wayne Trask (7th Grade)Woolwich	8:33	Marsh, Cheverus	9:26
Ham, Cape Elizabeth	8:34	Carter, Winslow	9:28
Sunny Pinkham, Bath	8:35	Greeley, Cheverus	9:30
Felbaum, Cape Elizabeth	8:37	Snow, Falmouth	9:32
Jay Temple (8th Grade) Bath	8:38	P. Begley (7th) Medomak Valley	9:35
Blackler (8th) Medomak Valley	8:42	Byrd (7th) Medomak Valley	9:38
John Irish, Bath	8:43	McLaughlin (8th) Gardiner	9:42
Rogers, Cheverus	8:45	Finlayson (8th) Gorham	9:46
Todd Underwood, Bath	8:47	Richard Lewis (7th) Woolwich	9:47
Dale Plant, Bath	8:48	Levesque (8th) Falmouth	9:52
Moreau, Winslow	8:50	Rogers, Gardiner	9:54
Wentworth, Winslow	8:51		(63 Finishers)
LaMarre, Winslow	8:52		
Burns, Falmouth	8:53		
Nelson, Winslow	8:54		
Sheldon Davis (7th) Woolwich	8:55		
Don Stilkey, Freeport	8:56		
Beever, Gorham	8:57		
Holland, Cheverus	8:58		
McKenna, Cape Elizabeth	8:59		
Koumalinen, Cape Elizabeth	9:00		
Connolly, Cheverus	9:04		

UNION COUNTY PARKS AGE-GROUP BOYS LONG DISTANCE PROGRAM ELIZABETH, New Jersey - November 14 - from George Miller

The initial meet, in a series planned to continue through the winter, drew 65 finishers in four divisions to Warinanco Park. Run in cooperation with the New Jersey AAU and Union county Park Commission, the meet saw the following results, run in clear, warm weather on a "short" 1.50 mile course:

7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	(29 Finishers)	
Rich Povacz 8:10	Bob VanSickle 7:35	Rick Buckstad 6:44	G. Becher 7:19	
Matt Kelsch 8:16	Ed Taylor 7:37	Bill Taylor 7:02	T. Martin 7:20	
Steve Okes 8:22	Bob Kemerer 7:43	Lee Cerretto 7:08	S. Lorenz 7:26	
Colin Keenan 8:39	Chas Pearson 7:55	Silverio Vega 7:14	E. Grant 7:29	
Chris DaGrosa 8:43	Scott Harrison 8:00	Curt Hilliard 7:15	D. Griffin 7:31	

FRESNO COUNTY JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS FRESNO, California - November 20 - from VALLEY TRACK & FIELD

Junior High School cross country is just in its embryo stages in this track-conscious area, but already many school districts have developed extensive intramural and inter-school programs for boys and girls. The culminating meet in Fresno county saw a total of 126 finishers from 5 schools in five divisions. The meet was held at Woodward Park and produced the following results:

Boys 7th Grade (1.40 miles)

Steve Fisher, Ahwahnee	7:49.9
Pat McLean, Clark	8:09
Tom Grimes, Ahwahnee	8:10
Ruben Contreras, Clark	8:13
Frank Wilson, Ahwahnee	8:16
Paul Hentz, Hamilton	8:17
Joe Medina, Kings Canyon	8:20
Mike Saddler, Sierra	8:23
John Hutchinson, Sierra	8:24
Matt Norris, Clark	8:24
Greg Zeharris, Ahwahnee	8:25
Kirk Terry, Ahwahnee	8:27
Phil Moraley, Clark	8:35
Leo Cadillo, Clark	8:37
Art Villorreal, Clark	8:41
John Holquin, Clark	8:43
Les Richardson, Sierra	8:46
Junior Gonzales, Clark	8:48
Robert DeHart, Sierra	8:49
Vance Amerson, Hamilton	8:52
Chris Martin, Clark	8:56
Ray Parley, Sierra	8:57
Joe Duran, Clark	9:00
Mark Dubert, Ahwahnee	9:01
Allen Dennis, Kings Canyon	9:02

(40 Finishers)

Leading Teams

Ahwahnee Junior High	30
Clark Junior High	40
Sierra Junior High	75

Boys 9th Grade (1.60 miles)

Alfred Lara, Ahwahnee	8:50.9
Tracy Taylor, Ahwahnee	8:55
Dennis Serrano, Hamilton	8:57
George White, Kings Canyon	9:05
Dan Grigsby, Hamilton	9:07
Randy Moon, Sierra	9:11
Jack Axtman, Kings Canyon	9:12
Dan Taylor, Ahwahnee	9:20
Rick Fuentes, Kings Canyon	9:23
Dan Zubieta, Hamilton	9:23
Bob Segura, Hamilton	9:25
Ron Higginbotham, Ahwahnee	9:28
Lealand Watherous, Sierra	9:30
Ron Esquivel, Kings Canyon	9:33
Jon Ricchie, Sierra	9:35
Tony Pinegar, Kings Canyon	9:37
Ron Storelli, Ahwahnee	9:45
Mike Skow, Kings Canyon	9:47
Tom Ortega, Kings Canyon	9:48
Alex Kimura, Hamilton	9:51

(29 Finishers)

Leading Teams

Ahwahnee Junior High	40
Hamilton Junior High	49
Kings Canyon Junior High	50

Girls 7th Grade (1.00 mile)

Pat Munoz, Clark	5:37.8
Debbie Perez, Clark	5:39
Cathy Oaxaca, Hamilton	5:43
Jamie Costales, Clark	5:49
Lupe Canales, Hamilton	5:51
Jamie Jensen, Hamilton	5:52
Le Ann Williams, Clark	6:04
Sharon Helper, Ahwahnee	6:11
Rosalie Johnson, Hamilton	6:20
Pat Renaud, Hamilton	6:22
Leilani Gouvein, Clark	6:23
Windy Hoff, Ahwahnee	6:27

(14 Finishers)

Leading Teams

Clark Junior High	25
Hamilton Junior High	34

Girls 8th and 9th Grade (1.00 mile)

Patty Anderson, Clark	5:30.8
Chris Peters, Ahwahnee	5:23
Karen Libby, Clark	5:31
Randie Hill, Clark	5:35
Venise Curry, Hamilton	5:41
Lupe Munoz, Clark	5:45
Becky Wells, Clark	5:46
Joyce Goodbar, Ahwahnee	5:48
Pam Pickens, Kings Canyon	5:50

(18 Finishers)

UNITED STATES TRACK and FIELD FEDERATION WINTER DECATHLON GLENDALE, California - December 11 & 12 - from John Tansley

Two Junior High Schoolers exceeded 4000 points in the Annual USTFF Winter Decathlon. **KEN WALKER**, 15, and **VERN OGLE**, 14, (both of Muir Jr. High of Burbank, Cal) made their scores in the two days of regular Olympic events with the exceptions that the 8-lb Shot, the 1-Kilogram Discus and 30 inch hurdles were used. Performances and Scores:

	100m	L.J.	S.P.	H.J.	400m	110H	D.T.	P.V.	J.T.	1500	Score
Walker	12.0	19-7 $\frac{1}{2}$	44-3 $\frac{1}{2}$	5-3 $\frac{1}{2}$	58.4	17.8	103-4	6-6	134-0	5:46.0	4852
Ogle	12.2	16-40 $\frac{1}{2}$	32-11 $\frac{1}{2}$	4-9 $\frac{1}{2}$	56.6	17.7	109-6	7-11 $\frac{1}{2}$	79-2	5:06.4	4409

FIRST NAVAL DISTRICT NORTHEAST AAU INDOOR INVITATIONAL BOSTON, Massachusetts - December 29 - from Peter Kenney

In the 27th renewal of this meet, two 60 yard dashes were added for 7th-9th graders. The sprints, held at the Boston Naval Station (in which spikes were not allowed), saw the following results: **7th/8th Grade**: 1-Vin Lopes (Lunenburg) 7.2, 2-Guy Marden (Stirling JH), 3-Jon Slocum (So. JH, Wayland) **9th Grade**: 1-Clayton Fielder (Boston Latin) 7.2, 2-Dennis Dent (East Boston), 3-Bob Esty (Boston Tech).

SOUTHERN PACIFIC AAU GIRLS INDOOR QUALIFYING
IRVINE, California - December 19 -

MARY DECKER topped off the most notable year any 12-13 distance runner has ever had by recording 1971's fastest mile time for her age division, a sterling 5:04.8 on the all-weather facilities at the University of California campus. This performance by the leather-lunged Long Beach Comet, equaled Debbie Johnson's second best time ever in the division (only Debbie Roth's 4:59.6 is faster) and Mary still has a full track season before she has a birthday.

The meet, which served as a time trial for the limited number of indoor meets in which Southern Californians participate, saw a number of good doubles and triples in the relatively balmy mid-winter climate. MABEL FERGERSON started the season with a 7.0 (60 yd) and 11.0 (100 yd). SANDI GOLDSBERRY, now with the Los Angeles Track Club, scored with 5-2 and 17-10 in the jumps. Newcomer PATTY McFALL, of the new Orange Coast Girls Track Club, turned in an impressive sprint series of 13.0, 30.9, and 72.0. Probably the best multiple performance, however, was turned in by HEIDI KAUTI, 12, of the Crescenta-Canada Spikettes. Heidi, who won't turn 13 until April, bombed the 6-lb Shot 38-9 and added an 86-2 Discus toss. LAURIE JEWELL, 11, recorded a 5:38 mile for one of the top individual performances. Results of the under-14 competition (Meet Director - PHIL SNYDER Teams competing - 11):

Girls 12-13

100 yard Dash (run in flights)	
Tina Roberson, Los Angeles Jets	11.8
Donna Schellhaus, Orange Coast	12.3
Teresa Hopkins, L A Jets	12.3
Linda McQuarrie, L B Comets	12.3
Andrea Allen, L A Jets	12.3
220 yard Dash	
Donna Schellhaus, Orange Coast	27.4
Linda McQuarrie, L B Comets	27.6
Tina Roberson, L A Jets	28.1

110 yard Dash	
Andrea Allen, L A Jets	63.5
Donna Schellhaus, Orange Coast	64.8
Kim Jeter, Lompoc Valley TC	66.2
880 yard Run	
Michelle Leonard, L A Jets	2:40.9
Diane Sayer, Lompoc Valley TC	2:42.9
One mile Run	
Mary Decker, L Beach Comets	5:04.8
Doreen Assumma, Rialto RR	5:34.5
Anne Dandoy, Lomita TC	5:41.7
Janet Waterbury, Orange Coast	5:57.4

High Jump	
Gail Pharris, Lomita TC	4-7 1/2
Beth Miller, Lomita TC	4-5
Shot Put (6 pound)	
Heidi Kauti, Crescenta-Canada	38-9
Connie Gassen, C-C Spikettes	31-0 1/2
Discus Throw (1 kilogram)	
Heidi Kauti, C-C Spikettes	86-2
Connie Gassen, C-C Spikettes	72-10
Baseball Throw	
Robin Rehner, Orange Coast GTC	168-2
Connie Gassen, C-C Spikettes	156-9
Ruth Rehner, Orange Coast GTC	150-4

High Jump	
Vicki Aston, So Calif Cheetahs	4-2
Stephanie Demery, L A Jets	3-8
Arnetta Robinson, L A Jets	3-8 tie
Ella Rich, Los Angeles Jets	3-8
Long Jump	
Vicki Aston, So Calif Cheetahs	14-5 1/2
Arnetta Robinson, L A Jets	14-3 1/2
Janette Windle (10) L B Comets	13-9 1/2
Chris Tomasic, L B Comets	13-7 1/2
Shiavonne Shy, L A Jets	13-2 1/2
Cheryl Glazier, Orange Coast	13-2
Baseball Throw	
Mildred Oliver, L A Jets	169-1
Mariena Pond, L B Comets	155-7
Dale Keough, Orange Coast GTC	140-7

Girls 10-11

100 yard Dash (run in flights)	
Karla Kohler, So Calif Cheetahs	12.7
Vicki Aston, So Calif Cheetahs	12.7
Debbie Morelli, L Beach Comets	12.8
Cheryl Glazier, Orange Coast	12.8
Sherrie Roberson, L A Jets	13.0
220 yard Dash (run in flights)	
Karla Kohler, So Calif Cheetahs	28.8
Dale Keough, Orange Coast GTC	29.4
Mariena Pond, Long Beach Comets	29.4
Sherrie Roberson, L A Jets	30.0
440 yard Dash	
Dale Keough, Orange Coast	65.7
Mariena Pond, Long Beach Comets	66.4
Debbie Morelli, L Beach Comets	66.9
Janett Windle (10) L B Comets	69.4
880 yard Run	
Teresa Tomasic, L B Comets	2:32.2
Maggie Knickrehm, Lompoc Val	2:42.4
Lorrie Froehlich, Lompoc Val	2:45.5
One mile Run	
Laurie Jewell, L B Comets	5:38.0
Susie Sanchez (10) Rialto RR	5:59.8
Ann Moigard, Lomita TC	6:24.8
Vicky Flores, Rialto RR	6:24.9

Girls 9-Under

100 yard Dash	
Patty McFall, Orange Coast GTC	13.0
Tracy Hanlon, Long Beach Comets	13.6
220 yard Dash	
Patty McFall, Orange Coast GTC	30.9
Tracy Hanlon, Long Beach Comets	31.4
Lisa Leivo, Long Beach Comets	32.0
Andrea Kosick, L B Comets	33.5
Shelly Glazier, Orange Coast	34.3
440 yard Dash	
Patty McFall, Orange Coast GTC	72.0
Lisa Leivo, Long Beach Comets	73.0
Tracy Hanlon, Long Beach Comets	75.5
Andrea Kosick, L B Comets	76.1
Shelly Glazier, Orange Coast	78.5
880 yard Run	
Corinne Nunez, Rialto RR	2:41.4
Donna Sanchez, Rialto RR	2:42.7
Mauri Gibbs	2:51.1
Pam Robison, Lomita TC	2:56.2
Raeni Keough, Orange Coast	2:56.5
Long Jump	
Shelly Glazier, Orange Coast	11-3
Pat Ducker, Orange Coast GTC	10-7 1/4
Raeni Keough, Orange Coast GTC	10-3 1/4

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FEBRUARY

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- 6 PARK JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY MEET, Tamques Park, Westfield, N.J. (Boys, Junior HS, 10:00 a.m.) George Miller, Park Jr High, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
- 6 PACIFIC AAU WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS, Col of San Mateo, Calif (Girls, 9-Under and up, Track & Field) Dr Harmon Brown, 2335 David Ct, San Mateo, Cal 94403
- 6 POP MARTY MEMORIAL RUN, Montebello, Calif (Boys & Girls, Long Distance Run, 10:00 a.m.) Howard Barnes (213) 435-3655
- 7 INDOOR ALL-COMERS, Provo, Utah (Track & Field) Roy Johnson, 860 W. Columbia Lane #39, Provo, Utah
- 12 ILLINOIS TRACK CLUB OPEN INDOOR MEET, Champaign, Illinois (Girls, Track & Field) Stephen Goldberg, College of Law, U of Illinois, Champaign, Ill 61820
- 12 COLORADO TRACK CLUB OPEN INDOOR MEET, Boulder, Colorado (Track & Field) Dave Merkwitz, 1817 Athens, Boulder, Colorado 80302
- 12 UNITED STATES TRACK & FIELD FEDERATION INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS, Houston, Texas
- 13 OXNARD (Calif) AAU ALL-COMERS MEET, Oxnard HS (Girls, 9-Under and up, Track & Field) Forrest Pinkard, PO Box 4, Oxnard, Calif 93030, (805) 487-5623
- 19 ARIZONA AAU ALL-COMERS MEET, Phoenix College (Girls, 9-Under and up, Track & Field, 10:00 a.m.) Roger Simpson, 6809 N 36th Drive, Phoenix, Ariz 85019
- 19 IVANHOE (Calif) ROAD RUN (Boys & Girls, 9-Under and up, Long Distance Run, 1:00 p.m.) Jerry Hobbs, 15616 Avenue 328, Ivanhoe, California 93235
- 19 PETERS CANYON AAU RUN, Irvine, California (Boys & Girls, Long Distance Run, 9:00 a.m.) Brian Springer (213) 842-8349
- 20 PARK JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY MEET, Railway River Park, Railway, N.J. (Boys, Jr HS, 10:00 a.m.) George Miller, Park Jr High, Scotch Plains, N Jer 07076
- 20 INDIANA AAU INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Girls, 11-Under and up, Track & Field) Pete Jones, 2423 Tippecanoe Street, Terre Haute, Indiana 47807
- 24-25 NATIONAL AAU INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS, New York City
- 26 MADISON HIGH SCHOOL RELAYS, Texas (Girls) Herman Goldberg, 9706 Burdine, Houston, Texas 77035

MARCH

- 4 ILLINOIS TRACK CLUB OPEN INDOOR MEET, Champaign, Illinois (Girls, Track & Field) Stephen Goldberg, College of Law, U of Illinois, Champaign, Ill 61820
- 4 ROCKY MOUNTAIN AAU CHARMAN'S INDOOR MEET, Golden, Colo (Girls, 9-Under and up, Track & Field) Evie Dennis, 3072 Cook Street, Denver, Colorado 80205
- 4 ARIZONA AAU ALL-COMERS MEET, Phoenix College (Girls, 9-Under and up, Track & Field, 10:00 a.m.) Roger Simpson, 6809 N 36th Drive, Phoenix, Ariz 85019
- 5 SOUTHERN PACIFIC AAU GIRLS TRACK CARNIVAL, Univ of Calif, Irvine (Girls, 9-Under up, Track & Field) Cal Brown, 20119 Hillford, Carson, Calif 90744
- 11 PACIFIC AAU AGE GROUP SECTIONAL, Orinda, Calif (Girls, 9-Under & up, Track & Field) Donald Bailes, 133 Selborne Way, Moraga, California 94556
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- 12 LOS ANGELES (Calif) JETS RELAY MEET, Crenshaw High School (Boys & Girls, 9-Under and up, T & F) Edward McElroy, 5624 Marburn Ave, Los Angeles, Calif
- 12 PARK JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY MEET, Warinanco Park, Elizabeth, N.J. (Boys, Jr HS, 10:00 a.m.) George Miller, Park Jr High, Scotch Plains, N Jer 07076
- 12 SAN FERNANDO (Calif) AAU HANDICAP RUN (Boys & Girls, Long Distance Run, 10:00 a.m.) Tom Cory, (213) 241-4829
- 18 WORTHING RELAYS, Worthing Texas (Girls) Herman Goldberg, 9706 Burdine, Houston, Texas 77035
- 19 LA POLICE DEPARTMENT RUN, Elysian Park, Los Angeles, Calif (Boys & Girls, Long Distance Run, 9:00 a.m.) Tom Cory (213) 241-4829
- 19 ROCKY MOUNTAIN AAU INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, Boulder, Colorado (Girls, 9-Under and up, Track & Field) Evie Dennis, 3072 Cook Street, Denver, Colo 80205
- 25 HOOSIER RELAYS, Bloomington, Indiana (Girls, 14 and up) Robert Opiola, 120 Kingston Place #74, Bloomington, Indiana 47401
- 25 BOBBY GOFF RELAYS, Port Lavaca, Texas (Girls) Herman Goldberg, 9706 Burdine, Houston, Texas 77035
- 25-26 PHOENIX (Ariz) AAU INVITATIONAL, Phoenix Coll (Girls, 9-Under and up, Track & Field) Roger Simpson, 6809 N 36th Drive, Phoenix, Ariz 85019 (see ad)
- 25 PACIFIC AAU AGE-GROUP SECTIONAL, Roseville, Calif (Girls, 9-Under and up, Track & Field) Gil Duran, 1325 Susan Circle, Roseville, California 95678
- 25 PACIFIC AAU AGE-GROUP SECTIONAL, Salinas, Calif (Girls, 9-Under and up, Track & Field) Dick Casper, 1427 Lassen Ave, Salinas, California 93901
- 25 CLAREMONT (Calif) RELAYS, Claremont College (Girls, 9-Under and up) Vince Reel, Claremont College, Claremont, California 91741
- 26 NEWPORT BEACH (Calif) HANDICAP RUN (Boys & Girls, Long Distance Run, 9:00 a.m.) Tom Cory (213) 241-4829

APRIL

- 9 MILLBRAE (Calif) LIONS RELAY CARNIVAL, Mills HS (Girls, 9-Under and up, Track & Field) Dr. Harmon Brown, 2335 David Court, San Mateo, Calif 94403
- 8-9 LONG BEACH (Calif) COMETS AAU MEET, Wilson HS (Girls, 9-Under and up, Track & Field) Ken Karnes, 7911 Ring Street, Long Beach, California 90808
- 15 MICKEY'S MISSILES AAU INVITATIONAL, San Diego, Calif (Girls, 9-Under and up, Track & Field) Mickey Tyler, 1142 Kehan Road, San Diego, Calif 92114
- 15 HANFORD (Calif) INVITATIONAL (Girls, 9-Under and up, Track & Field) George Brown, 216 N Dooty Street, Hanford, California
- 15 PACIFIC AAU GIRLS TRACK MEET, San Jose (Calif) City College (Girls, 10-11 and up, Track & Field)
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The Olympic Games will be held this year in Munich, Germany. Millions of people from all over the world will be witnessing this event, and thousands of the best athletes on the globe will converge there at the end of August, to engage in what has been described as the "greatest spectacle on earth".

In view of the timeliness of the topic, we are beginning a series of articles on the Games, in the conviction that they will serve to entertain, inform and inspire our young readers (and older ones as well).

The ANCIENT GAMES - Origin and Myths -

A naked youth stood with reverence in the stadium at Olympia and received on his head an olive wreath in token of his victory in the Ancient Olympic Games. His whole life would be changed now - his name would be listed in the Annals of Olympic winners, he would be honored as long as he lived. Thus Coroebus, a cook from the city of Elis, became the first Olympic victor of whom we have anything more than legendary record.

The actual history of the Olympic Games begins in 776 B.C., when the name of individual victors were first systematically inscribed - chiseled on stone pillars. As far as is known, it consisted of merely one event - the stadium race (about 186 yds or 170m), and was won by Coroebus

However, the festival, religious and athletic, held in the vale of Olympia goes back beyond 776 B.C., back to the twilight of legends and are lost in a web of myths.

Few human institutions can even remotely approach the antiquity of the Olympic Games. A date conservatively attributed to the Games at Olympia is 1370 B.C. All the archeological signs are that Olympic history spans some thirty three centuries.

Pindar and other Greek poets have told the tale of the origin of the Games in a variety of ways.

It has been said that Zeus and Kronos, the mightiest of the gods, wrestled for possession of the earth on the high peaks of Olympia and that the Games and religious celebrations were held in the valley below, in commemoration of the victory of Zeus. Another tale is the legend of Pelops.

King Oenomaus ruled the land and he had a beautiful daughter, Hippodamia. The girl was offered to any suitor who could successfully kidnap her in a chariot. The King would then give pursuit with a light chariot and fast horses and when he overhauled the young man, he would transfix the poor fellow with his spear or javelin. According to legend thirteen suitors got away with Hippodamia but were all caught and gained a rather sudden and painful death for their effort. The 14th one was Pelops a young warrior, who took a few precautions. He was able to suggest to the charioteer of the King to tamper with the axle of the royal chariot. The pursuit race started and when Oenomaus was about to overhaul the young pair, the wheels of the chariot came off and in the ensuing crash lost more than just a daughter. Thus Pelops won himself a bride and a throne in a chariot race, and on those hollowed grounds instituted the Games in celebration of his double triumph. The date of this episode is ascribed to be 884 B.C. Another version still:

The mythical hero Heracles, as a penance for his misdeeds, was given the difficult chore of quickly cleaning the huge stables of King Augeas, of Elis. He made a bet

with the king that if he accomplished his task, he would be due ten percent of the large herd. Heracles accomplished the deed with great ease by simply turning a nearby river from its course through the stables.

Augeas refused to pay up, claiming that Heracles' method was all wet. Heracles then killed the king in a wrestling match and took over his kingdom, staples and all. To celebrate his victory, he erected a temple to his father Zeus, in nearby Olympia and instituted the Olympic Games. And so run the legends.

The holding of the ancient games was a religious feast for all Greece. Though those were the days of incessant warring among towns and states, all hostilities were suspended during the "sacred month".

Although the Olympiads stand today as a symbol of international competition, in ancient times they were open only to freeborn Greeks. Weeks before the Games, the contestants were required to arrive at Elis for a screening by a ten man panel of judges, who examined them with respect to their parentage, their character and their physical endowments and skill. Those who qualified had to undergo a final month of rigorous training under the surveillance of the judges.

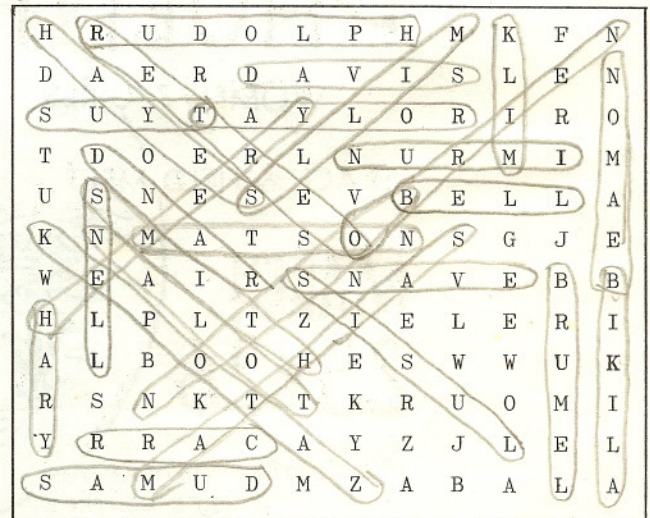
The Olympic victors were more than athletic heroes: they were local and even national idols. Life size statues of them were set up in public squares and gardens.

Women were barred from the early Olympic Games, even as spectators. There was such an uproar when it was discovered that the mother of Pisidorus, a winning runner, was in the stadium watching the race. The penalty for such an offense was death, the victim being tossed off huge rocks. But in this case, the penalty was not inflicted and eventually women were admitted to the Games as spectators, and even on the field as athletes. In the chariot race at the 128th Olympic Games, the winning driver was Belisiche, a young woman from Macedonia.

In our next Issue: The ANCIENT GAMES -
Training, Rituals and Heroes

FIND THE NAMES

See how many last names of famous Olympic champions you can find hidden in the group of scrambled letters below. The names are written (in a straight line) up & down, forward & backward, and diagonally in every direction. There are at least 35 former track & field champions hidden in the letters.



If you know ten or more you can pat yourself on the back; fifteen or more and you are probably an expert. If you qualify as an expert, send us the names you find in a letter or postcard (include your name and age). We will give the answers and announce the "experts" in our March issue.

CONTEST

Girls Shot Put and Discus Postal Contest

It was not surprising that three teams which specialize in the weight events made off with all the prizes in STARTING LINE's "First Annual" Girls Shot/Discus Contest. The Fresno Elans (whose nickname is a French word for spirit) have been developing these events for many years under the spirited leadership of coach Blanche Brenner. They swept both team Shot Put events. Long Beach Track Club, led by young weight training advocate Dave Pearson, split the Discus team events with Creighton Track Club of Phoenix, organized and coached by Al Day.

FINAL 1971 RESULTS

Girls 17 & Under Shot Put (all marks with 8 pound Shot)

1. Fresno Elans...126-5 (Iva Wright 46-5, Yvette Brownlee 41-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, Debra Haynes 38-1 $\frac{1}{2}$)
2. Long Beach T.C....120-7 $\frac{3}{4}$ (Kathy Schmidt 42-8 $\frac{3}{4}$, Debra Rivera 42-0 $\frac{1}{2}$, Debbie Nolan 35-10 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Girls 17 & Under Discus Throw (1 kilogram Discus)

1. Long Beach T.C....401-4 (Debra Rivera 143-9, Kathy Schmidt 135-7, Debbie Nolan 122-0)
2. Fresno Elans...383-0 (Iva Wright 152-1, Yvette Brownlee 120-11, Debra Haynes 110-0)

Girls 13 & Under Shot Put (6 pound Shot)

1. Fresno Elans...116-9 (Debra Haynes 43-4, Martha Quinn 38-6, Gwen Brownlee 34-11)
2. Creighton T.C....110-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ (Vickie Chiarello 39-3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Charlene Arnold 37-1, Debbie Houser 34-4 $\frac{1}{4}$)
3. Rialto Road Runners...106-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ (Edie Bradbury 39-4 $\frac{1}{4}$, Lydia Nava 33-9, Valerie Tanguay 33-4)

Girls 13 & Under Discus Throw (1 kilogram Discus)

1. Creighton T.C....285-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ (Vickie Chiarello 111-0, Annette Salazar 88-8, Debbie Houser 86-3 $\frac{1}{2}$)
2. Rialto Road Runners...280-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ (Edie Bradbury 99-7, Lydia Nava 91-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, Val Tanguay 88-11)
3. Fresno Elans...261-4 (Debra Haynes 110-0, Gwen Brownlee 84-2, Tarea Brewer 67-2)

Our "Second Annual" Contest is now under way in four division: (1) Discus (1 kilo) for 17-Under, (2) Discus for 13-Under, (3) Shot Put (8lb/4kg) for 17-Under and Shot Put (6 pound) for 13-Under. **RULES FOLLOW:**

1. A team consists of three girls who compete for a single recognized school, AAU club, or other team. Regional, all-state teams, etc. are not eligible.
2. The total distance of the best marks of the three girls are added to determine the winning team.
3. The best marks may be recorded at any time during the calendar year 1972, in one or more meets, indoor or out. Complete results of the meet must reach STARTING LINE no later than December 31, 1971.
4. Any mark, to be considered, must be made in a bona-fide, regularly scheduled meet. The validity of the mark will be judged on the same basis as the marks listed in the Time & Space section; type of facilities, weight of implement and whether the implement has been checked will assist us in segregating valid marks from questionable ones.
5. Any girl under 13 may also score for a 17 and younger team as long as all the other rules are followed. A girl's age on Jan. 1, 1972 (providing her age or age-group is known) will determine her contest age.
6. A differential will be allowed between the 8 pound and 4 kilo shots. Two feet will be added to any mark known to be with a 4 kilo shot (e.g. 34-6 with a 4 kilo shot = 36-6 with an 8 pound shot).
7. All three girls on each of the three top teams in each contest will receive special certificates from STARTING LINE.

LOOKING AHEAD

With 1971 came the establishment of an active boys age-group committee within the confines of the AAU.

The members of this committee are: Joe Arrazola (Chairman), Colorado, Chester Brooks, Colorado, Art Cook, Colorado, Eli Gagich, Florida, Gabe Mirkin, Maryland, John Rose, Kansas, Roscoe Washington, Ohio and Max Zucker, Ca.

Some of the plans for the 1972 season:

NATIONAL AAU AGE-GROUP MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (Postal Meets)

Organized by the Road Runners Club of America, this Postal meet will award National AAU medals and patches to the top three Boys in each of the following divisions: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, and 14-15 groups. Additional awards will be determined by each race Director.

Also on the same program, there will be a RRCA National mile for Girls, in the same age-groups.

The date of this event is June 3, and will take place in three different geographical locations:

In the WEST: Bakersfield, California

Contact: Dale Knox, 714 sixth Street, Wasco, California

In the MIDWEST: Denver, Colorado

Contact: Dick Haggerty, 5905 Estes, Arvada, Colorado

In the EAST: Fort Meade, Maryland

Contact: Gabe Mirkin, 9900 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md.

For an entry to be accepted, it must have:

- 1) an enclosed copy of the birth certificate
- 2) AAU registration number
- 3) \$2.00 registration fee (in case of financial handicap, the entire fee is to be waived at the discretion of the local meet Director).
- 4) A signed release by the parent or guardian
- 5) Entries will close one week before June 3

NATIONAL AAU BOYS TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

Although the specific date has not been decided yet, this new event will take place at the end of June, in Denver, Colorado. The age-groups have been set as follows: 12-13, 14-15 and 16-19.

For information about this event, please contact:

Joe Arrazola, 12366 E. Kentucky Ave., Aurora, Colo 80010

NATIONAL AAU GIRLS OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

This most important event will take place at Kent State University, Canton, Ohio on June 27-28.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The exact date is at present not known to the editors, but the designated site is Spokane, Washington.

Further information on these and other meets in future issues of STARTING LINE. Stay loose.



ACROSS the USA

Katie Schilley, who attend Central Square High School near Syracuse, New York, likes to run. In order to get the opportunity to run competitively she petitioned the state board of regents to allow girls to participate on previously all-male school cross country teams. The regents could hardly say no, since they had already granted approval for girls to compete in other non-contact sports (such as tennis and golf). Now Katie, and any other girls who has the desire, can compete against the boys on her school cross country team in the state of New York. What the boys think about all this hasn't been reported.

What is the biggest distance race in the U.S.? In terms of number of competitors it must be the 6.8 mile Dipsea Race in Marin County north of San Francisco. The race, which began in 1904, last year attracted 1200 men, women and kids of all varieties of ability. Nine year-old Mike Boitano beat the field, recording an elapsed time of 58:33, with the help of a 15-minute handicap head start. Second was the other end of the spectrum, 61 year-old Norman Bright, a former course record holder.

Dave Clark, 1960 Olympic pole vaulter at Rome, reports that his two sons are following in the footsteps of their dad. Kyle cleared 6-7 at age 8 and Greg leaped 8-1 when he was nine years old.

A series of AAU approved marathon prep races with distances of up to 15 miles for girls of all ages is being conducted in southern California under the direction of Dennis Ikenberry. Studies are being made, by Dr. Harmon Brown among others, as to effects of distance running on the young athletes. **STARTING LINE** will have reports on the results in forthcoming issues.

Girls cross country has caught on in two more states, Iowa and Hawaii. Both states had age-group championships this past year. The Hawaii finals were held in well known Kapiolani Park in Honolulu.

Bob Parks, coach at Eastern Michigan U., has organized age-group track meets ever since his high school coaching days. Now, as a college track coach, he continues to include several events for boys and girls in the college meets which he organizes. Good results in his pre-holiday indoor meets were turned in by well known girls Anita Lee (now 14) who leaped 18-1½ and 5-2, and Bob's equally noted daughter Sue Parks, who managed 5-4 in the high jump and 2:15.9/5:17.5 in the distances.

It has been reported to us that Craig Hall of Oxon Hill, Maryland who finished second in the RRCA National Cross-country Meet, was actually leading throughout most of the race until he fell near the end. Our report had mistakenly credited Craig's teammate Robert Ryerson (the eventual winner) with leading that 6-7 division race for the entire distance. Our apologies to Craig.

Last October, nine girls of the Ozark Track Club (11 years of age and older) ran four miles apiece on the roads of St. Louis County as part of a fund raising drive to obtain \$400 for a girl who had been blinded by an assailant. Since the girls were on TV, they looked extra formful too and six of them bettered their best time for the distance.

Long a leader in athletic activities for young people in the New York area, the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) of Brooklyn is expanding its age-group track and field program. On January 30, they will hold their first fully Diocesan Indoor meet for Boys and Girls in age-groups ranging from 10 and under to 14 and younger.

The Washington, D.C. Road Runners held a ten mile race on the track December 12. Among the finishers were Noel brothers, Tom (11 yrs. old) and John (12) at 67:22, nine year-old Gene Mirkin and eight year-old Chris Sherwin at 68:40. The latter's sister Monica, age 7, recorded 74:55.

So you want to be a high jumper? Try this technique. Rustam Akhmetov of the USSR, who cleared 7-3¼ this year, was only 5-3 tall when he was fifteen years old. Because it was his childhood goal to be a great jumper, he knew he would have to be taller. The young Russian began a routine which included stretching his limbs by performing splits, yoga and suspension exercises, walking bare-foot to enlarge his feet, making 150 to 200 jumps every day and going on a special diet that included cod liver oil three times a day. Now at age 20, Rustam is 6-1 tall and one of the best jumpers in the world.

Alice Pfaff, one of the nation's top female high jumpers, formerly of Liberty AC in Massachusetts, started her season about 2000 miles from home. She leaped 5-2 and 17-7 in the University of Colorado fieldhouse, of all places in a meet in December. 12 year-old Jan Fox of The Colorado Gold sped a 63.0 quarter in the same meet.

Want to know an alternative for age-grouping? The Miller High Life-PAL-New York Dept. of Recreation summer all-comers meets for boys and girls classify their athletes purely by their weight.

Charles Assumma WRITTEN BY BRICE HAMMERSTEIN



What do you say about a ten year-old boy who run two miles in 10:51? You could say, "Impossible", but more appropriately you should say, "Amazing", as it refers to CHUCK ASSUMMA, of the Rialto (Calif.) Road Runners, one of more outstanding age-groupers in the U.S.

Chuck, who is ably coached by Virginia Stone, might be described as a blood-and-guts runner, lacking the speed of his opposition but possessing the strength of a marathoner. Primarily a cross country runner, Chuck trains mainly on road and distance runs on golf courses. Intervals are used as a sharpening device and pace work.

Chuck is described by his coach as "very coachable, almost to a fault, in that he will do anything you tell him to do, even if it kills him". She also notes the unusual modesty with which he has accepted his success. This is supported with the observation that he most remembers his first ever race, a one-miler on the road at Walnut, Calif., rather than his trips up and down the state of California or his trip to New York for the RRCA cross country nationals. With Chuck it is not just cliché to say he "just likes to run" although he does like the satisfaction of setting records.

Needless to say, his favorite race is the two-mile, on the track or cross-country, he likes it either way. When asked if he had set any goals, he said only "I just want to get my 2-mile time under 10:50".

Chuck's success isn't entirely athletic either. In his spare time he has developed into a fairly good artist, and in school he is an A student.

(Editor's note) Among Charles more noteworthy achievements are his second place finishes in the '70 RRCA National Cross Country meet (as a 9 year old) and the National Mile (in 5:07.3) in '71. An example of this boy's endurance is clearly demonstrated by the startling 2:38.4, 880...accomplished in the last two laps of a two mile run. Chuck won't turn 11 until March 3rd.

Renelda England

Any top-notch quarter miler will tell you that the event takes much more than merely great natural speed. An athlete must have the desire to work hard to develop the stamina necessary to carry sprinters speed over a distance. Intelligence is needed to judge pace correctly and a runner must have the track instinct to keep his or her "cool" under pressure.



Because the race is run in staggered lanes, it is difficult to know what position a runner is in until everyone enters the last straight. Errors in pace judgment are common, even among experienced Olympic finalists. The race is often decided in the last few strides.

For these reasons, many coaches consider the 440 the basic event in track and field, for competition or training. Athletes who run the one lap event are often considered the most exciting and talented runners in the sport.

It is rare enough for a mature man or woman to have mastered the "quarter". It is astonishing for 13-year old girl who has run competitively only two years to have done it. Yet to those who have seen her, it is obvious that Renelda England of the Houston Astrobelles is a complete quarter-miler.

Her most satisfying and spectacular race was in the National Girls Age Group Meet at Bakersfield last July. For the first three-quarters of the race, Renelda well back of the torrid early pace of Yolanda McCarty and the rest of the best age-group field in history.

Coming out of the last curve the Texas speedster coolly strided by the entire field to win going away in an all-time best 440 of 56.2 and an amazingly easy seven yard victory.

A student at Albert Thomas Junior High in Houston, Renelda credits her parents and friends for her success. Three of her schoolmates (Susan Abernathy, Sarah English, and Lanita Baylor) have also broken 60 seconds for the one lap race and the oldest is 14!

Largely responsible for the development of this talent is Herman Goldberg, one of the most enthusiastic and personable coaches you could ever want to meet. His mile relay team was second in the U.S.T.F.F. Women's Championships last year and Renelda won the 440, trouncing much older athletes in the process.

An avid stamp collector who likes P.E. and history in school, Renelda's goals are college and the 1976 Olympics. With the latter goal in mind she has been training twelve months a year, five days per week. She usually spends two hours in workouts, which consist primarily of cross-country work during the off season and intervals (220's, 330's, 660's, etc.) in track season.

While the lithe 5-5, 115 pounder has run 11.1 and 25.5 for the short sprints and 12:44 for two miles (!) as well as placing twenty-fifth in the National AAU Girls Cross Country Championships, Renelda says she likes the 440 best, because "it's not too long and not too short".

Having seen her in action, we would have to agree 440 yards is just right for Renelda England.

THE COACH / A PROFILE

Fred Thompson

Indoor track season is a special time for many athletes, but for some members of the Atoms Track Club and their coach, it is an experience which has profoundly changed their life. The Atoms are largely the creation of a man, a black man from Brooklyn, who "made it" in the world and returned to see that others had the opportunity to do the same.

That man, Fred Thompson, having gotten a law degree and completed military service in 1960, took a job with a law firm and worked part time in a community center in his old neighborhood. He had been a track man himself (Boys High School, CCNY and New York Pioneer Club), but it was while working in the community center that he became re-acquainted with the sport at the age-group level in the form of recreation meets (involving 200 or more boys and girls) run by the PAL of New York.

He noticed that many of the youngsters were encouraged to stay in school and make progress in their education when they were involved in track or other sports. This was especially important in the neighborhood in which he worked, Bedford-Stuyvesant, the well publicized downtrodden urban ghetto. Because the boys had other programs designed for them, Thompson began to concentrate on developing a strong girls team.

In 1963, he assembled a sprint relay team anchored by Linda Reynolds (his first AAU athlete), contacted various meet directors, rounded up the expense money and away they went on a grand tour of eastern indoor meets. The Atoms haven't stopped since; such is their fame that the gang from Brooklyn is now in demand at major meets.

These days, Thompson has 45-50 girls of all ages working to make the famed Atoms relay squads. For winter conditioning the team uses the square 100 yard track at Boys High, an improvement over the 70 yard YMCA track they used until 1965. Due to the necessity of night practices, some of the older girls arrive home (or at their college dorms) as late as 10:00 p.m. The chauffeuring and financing fall on the shoulders of Thompson and his volunteer helpers, "right-hand-man" Luther Blake and hurdle coach Bob Wheeler. Errol Lowe handles the local Atoms boys program (Armando Rios is an Atom product).

Shelly Marshall, Pat Hawkins, Michelle McMillan started as age groupers and achieved national honors as women. The coach well remembers the first meet of one girl who led a cross country race until she dropped exhausted several yards from the finish then crawled on her hands and knees to finish. The young lady, Cheryl Toussaint, is a prime candidate for the 1972 U.S. Olympic team in 800 meters. Her desire reflects the attitude of many youngsters emerging from the urban ghetto.

If you ask the coach what the Atoms Track Club is all about, he doesn't talk most about national championships or records. Fred Thompson does talk a lot about trips for this athletes as an opportunity to see some other places besides Bedford-Stuyvesant and he mentions the special Atoms white sweat suit which is given only to those girls who have "arrived". But he is most proud of the fact that at least a dozen of his girls are attending college. Some, such as Shelley Marshall, have returned to serve as leaders in the NCAA Summer Sports Program and chaperones to the U.S. Youth Games.

Thompson, now an attorney for the American Broadcasting Company, is uncertain how long he will continue his present hectic life-style. As a reflective person, he says he need some time to reflect. But one thing for sure - some kids from Brooklyn will never be the same because Fred Thompson returned.

CLOSE-UP

Anthony Brancato

WRITTEN BY STEVE SUTTON

Thirteen-year old ANTHONY BRANCATO (born 4/10/58) has added his name to the roster of many fine athletes that have emerged from New York City.

A seventh grade honor student at Our Lady of Lourdes, in Queens, Anthony's favorite distances are the 100 and 440. His 220 mark of 24.2 is well up on this year's list and his 100-10.4 and 440-55.3 (as soon as

they are confirmed) stand as some of the best times ever recorded at those distances.

Although cross country is not a love of his, Anthony, whose team competes in the CYO, won last year's Senior CYO cross country meet with a time of 5:53 over the 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ mile course.

Anthony excels in other sports as well. As a fullback for Eastern Queens in the L.I. Midget League, Anthony's 5-8, 130 pound strength has won him the league's MVP award for the past two seasons. Playing for O.L. Lourdes, he is also a member of the Queens CYO Championship baseball team.

When the question as to which sport he likes best comes up, Anthony first replies football, then changes his mind and says track. It seems both rank high on his list. He hasn't decided which high school he would like to attend, but he says they should have both track and football. On his list of favorite athletes, he names Jim Green, from Kentucky, as tops in the sprints and especially Villanova's Marty Liquori.

Anthony is coached at O.L. Lourdes by Ed Averill and Dennis Carey. His father, Sebastian, who used to compete for John Adams H.S. and St. Francis College in New York and who is still an avid follower of track, is also coaching him. Mr. Brancato is very proud of his son's accomplishments and always makes sure he is at all the meet in which his son is running. As he says, "you can't keep me away".

Anthony is encouraged to set all his own goals, and he has some high ones. He looks forward to representing the U.S. in the Olympics and to play Pro Football. These are high goals that Anthony will have to work for, but it seems that he is on the right road.

When he was 11 years old, in his second year of competition, Anthony was already representing New York City in the U.S. Youth Games at Washington, D.C. His 12.0 hundred that year ranked high on the all-time age-group list. In 1971, he was again a member of the N.Y. City team, going to Boston for the same games. To qualify, placed first in the 100 (10.9), 220 (24.2) and second in the long jump (16-7). In regard to the Youth Games, Anthony thinks that they are a great experience and his father adds that "it gives young children something to strive for and lets them obtain recognition for their efforts".

Many intermediary goals will have to be set before his big dreams can come true, but he feels that he has it in him to accomplish them all. The people in the New York area who know the name ANTHONY BRANCATO, believe that his words are no idle boast.



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9 & Under Champs: Left to Right, Bottom Row: Teddi White (4th), Carolyn Adams (5th), Therese Dorwart (7th), Lisa Matthews (14th). Top Row: Melissa Sandoval (18th), Brenda Averill, Lenora Hrivnak, Gale Pennington.



10-11 Winners: L to R, Bottom Row: Cathie Gill, 10yr. (5th), Cinda McDade, 10 (8th), Lisa Gilliland, 10 (12th) & Beth Day (13th). Top Row: Cynthia Lackey (18th), Diana Schneider, Tracy Bear, 10, & Debbie Leeper.



12-13 Victors: L to R, Bottom Row: Ruth Ann Benavidez (8th), Stephanie McDade, 12 (11th), Amy Lucero, 12 (13th), Doreen Villa, 12 (14th). Top Row: Anne Gilliland, 12 (18th), Sally Balderston (24th), Chrishelle Speller, 12, and Cheryl Sanchez, 12.