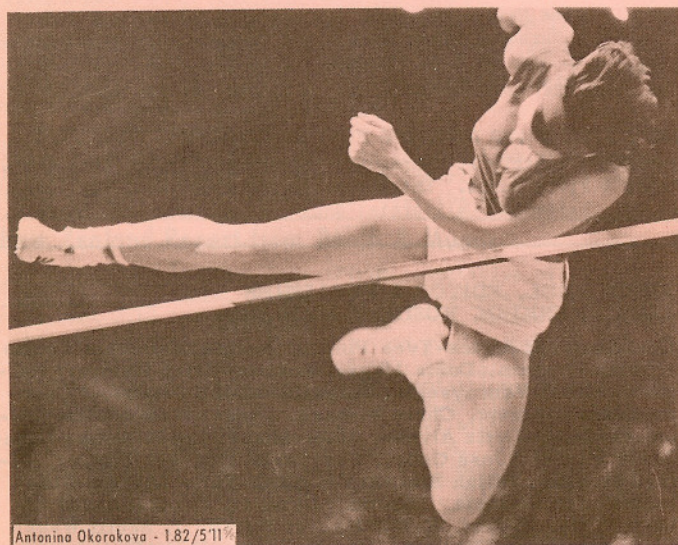




Rita Schmidt - 1.85/6'0 7/8



Antonina Okorokova - 1.82/5'11 1/4



Eleanor Montgomery - 1.80/5'10 1/4

IT'S A HIGH JUMPERS WORLD

Six months ago the correspondents for WIFW were asked to select the winners of the 1968 Olympic Games. In some events the voting was close and winners difficult to predict. But not so the high jump. A nearly unanimous choice was the talented Soviet star Antonina Okorokova. Thirteen voters selected her as the winner at Mexico City in October. Only two other athletes received first place votes - USA's Eleanor Montgomery was the choice of two individuals and the 1964 champion Iolanda Balas the sentimental choice of five. Now that Balas has announced she will not defend, that leaves the field almost entirely to Okorokova - according to the experts.

Not a soul chose East Germany's Rita Schmidt six months ago. I wonder how the voting would go now? Montgomery defeated Okorokova four times during the recent indoor season and lost to her none. Rita Schmidt, a 10th grader, has suddenly become the darling of the high jump world with jumps over six feet on several occasions and a victory over Okorokova at the European Games in Madrid. Czechoslovakia is once again singing the praises of Maria Faithova, and South Africa's tiny (5'4 1/2") Susan du Plessis has jumped more than five inches over her height to become a distinct threat.

In January WIFW featured a story commenting on the rise of high jumping in the United States - now the event is on the rise all over the world and the high jump at Mexico City will be one of the feature battles and not a "cinch" event as was believed only a few months ago. Below are reports on the fabulous Rita Schmidt and the amazing Susan du Plessis.

'Who is Rita Schmidt?' by Wolfgang Gitter, Editor 'Der Leichtathlet'

"These jumps of over 1.80/5'11 came as a surprise even to myself", commented Rita Schmidt on her improvement which is unequalled in the world. On February 9, the series of sensations was ushered in during an indoor athletic festival in Leningrad. On a cinder track, similar to outdoor conditions, Rita cleared a GDR record height of 1.82/5'11 5/8. In Tallinn two days later, she achieved 1.78/5'10 1/8 only. However, in Riga on February 15, she set another record: 1.83/6'0.

On February 18 at 10:30 A.M., the GDR women's high jumping championship was to take place, in the framework of the GDR indoor championships. Late on Friday night Rita arrived in Berlin by sleeping-car from Riga and immediately went to her home city of Leipzig, 200 kilometers from the capital. "Sunday morning I got up at 5:00 o'clock. I just ate a piece of cake and drank a cup of coffee, then a car took me to Berlin. We arrived in the hall shortly before 10 A.M. I just had time to warm up with a few gymnastic exercises, then the title competition began."

Rita began at a height of 1.60/5'3. However, competition was strong. 16 year-old Rosemarie Witschas cleared 1.73/5'8 and even challenged Rita at 1.75/5'8 7/8, however, unsuccessfully. "Through this fact, the competition lasted longer than I expected", said Rita. She cleared 1.75, 1.78/5'10 1/8 and 1.81/5'11 1/4 on her first jumps and the new record height of 1.84/6'0 1/2 on her third attempt. Only by a very narrow margin did she miss the indoor world record of 1.86/6'1 1/4 set by Iolanda Balas of Rumania. Nevertheless, Rita has the satisfaction that no other woman in the world, apart from Balas, has cleared such a height.

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Antonio Pereira Duarte, Portugal

Our reporter from the small, beautiful country of Portugal is Antonio Pereira Duarte. Antonio was born in Montijo, Portugal, on 26 November, 1924. He is married and has a son and daughter, ages six and three. He works as a bank officer at the Bank of Portugal in Lisbon.

Antonio became interested in track and field athletics in 1943 when he was a student at the Commercial Institute, and it was at the Institute he learned to put the weight (shot).

From 1945 he began his interest and work in statistics and has been the leading member of the Portuguese Athletics Federation for many years. At the European Cup meet in 1965 he became the first Portuguese to be a member of the "Jury of Appeal". He has been the Chief Timekeeper at the National Championships since 1951.

Rooney Magnusson, Sweden



Rooney Magnusson, born on 16 February, 1939, is our correspondent for Sweden. Rooney is still single and teaches first year students at the University of Stockholm. His subject - mathematics. He became a member of ATFS in 1964 and since 1965 has been the official compiler of Swedish statistics. He is also a member of the Youth's Committee of the Swedish Amateur Athletics Federation. Since 1965 he has been a regular correspondent for "Leichtathletik" covering Sweden and Norway.

Rooney Magnusson became a "track nut" in 1947 when he was just eight years old. In 1951 he witnessed his first top-flight women's competition when Fanny Blankers-Koen competed in Stockholm.

"I am happy that Swedish women's athletics has increased immensely during the last few seasons and my hope is that in the near future our women athletes will not retire before 20 years of age as most of them do now. This should be possible only if women athletes can get the same possibilities as male athletes. Among youth athletes this has been possible for the last decade, but for the seniors there is still lots of prejudice among officials and leading journalists. It should be remembered that once upon a time Sweden was one of the world pioneers in women's athletics, (before 1930).

"My big interests in athletics is history and decathlon, (why have not women a better all-round competition than their pentathlon?). My hobby beside athletics consists of chamber music, where I play the piano."

Report from Sweden by Rooney Magnusson

SOUTHERN SWEDEN vs SOUTHERN NORWAY from Rooney Magnusson

Goteborg, Feb. 2:-60m, 1-Wieslander (S) 7.5; 2-Berthelsen (N) 7.6; 3-Aamodt (N) 7.6; 4-Kjellas (N) 7.6. 200m, 1-Berthelsen (N) 25.2, 2-Sallberg (S) 25.8; 400m, 1-Ericson (S) 57.8; 800m, 1-Krohg Sorensen (N) 2:13.4, 2-Ostberg (S) 2:14.3; 60m H, 1-Wieslander (S) 8.4, 2-Sallberg (S) 8.7; 4x200m, Southern Sweden 1:41.8, 2-Southern Norway 1:42.9; HJ, 1-Waerness (N) 1.66/5'5 3/8, 2-Berthelsen 1.56/5'1 1/2; LJ, 1-Berthelsen 6.30/20'8; SP, 1-Opsahl (N) 11.74/38'6 1/4. Final score: Southern Sweden 95, Southern Norway 86.

SWEDISH YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Stockholm, Feb. 17-18:-60m Sallberg 7.6; 800m, Randerz 2:15.9; 60mH, Sallberg 8.6.

SWEDISH INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Goteborg, March 2-3:-400m, 1-Ericson 56.6, 2-Ostberg 57.1, 3-Randerz 58.0; 60mH, 1-Wieslander 8.5, 2-Sallberg 8.7; 3-N. Hansen (Denmark) 8.7; HJ, 1-Waerness (Norway) 1.70/5'7; SP, 1-Gronberg 12.36/40'6 1/4; 60m, 1-Wieslander 7.5, 2-Hadrup (Denmark) 7.6; 800m, 1-Randerz 2:13.6; LJ, 1-N. Hansen (Denmark) 5.92/19'5; 4x200m, 1-Malmo 1:43.0.

REEL TALK

It has now become evident by reason of the flood of letters on the subject, that the January issue of WTFW destined for foreign shipment was among the second class mail lost in the fire at the New York harbor shortly after Christmas. For those subscribers overseas who did not receive their January issue, please let us know and we will forward a copy via Air Mail to you.

We have been asked our opinion of the boycott by the Nations against the Olympic Games due to the re-admittance of South Africa. I personally feel it is a shame that such a decision is usually reached by some pompous politician sitting on his plush chair without a thought for the hundreds of athletes who have not been sitting around but have been training hard and long for the opportunity of competing in the Olympic Games. To those politicians who feel the need to question participation by their country, I have an excellent suggestion for aiding their decision: Conduct a vote IN SECRET of the Olympic athletes, then count the ballots PUBLICLY. Want to bet on the result?

Malaysian Star Rajamani Hit by Lightning

Kuala Lumpur, March 21:-(AP), Mailva Rajamani of Malaysia, Asia's Number one middle distance runner, remained in a semi-conscious state after being struck by a bolt of lightning that killed another athlete and injured a third. The three runners were struck while they were training.

Miss Rajamani was reported improved, but Dr. R. Balakrishnan said it would be a few days before she could sit up. He expressed optimism she would regain consciousness within a few days.

The Malaysian runner holds the Asian 400 meter record at 56.3 and last December won the 400 and 200 meters at the Southeast Asia Peninsular Games in Bangkok.

(Ed. Note:-Anyone wishing to send a "Get Well" card or other message to Miss Rajamani may use the following address:

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IT'S A HIGH JUMPERS WORLD (Continued)

Rita Schmidt, born on October 21, 1950, in Gross-Grimma near Leipzig, thus jumped 10cm higher than her own height which is 1.74/5'8½. Her weight is 60 kg/132 lbs. (Rita has since jumped 1.85m/6'0 7/8)

Progress Table:

1963	12 years	1.38/4'6¾
1964	13 years	1.43/4'8¾
1965	14 years	1.51/4'11½
1966	15 years	1.68/5'6 1/8
1967	16 years	1.76/5'9¾
1968	17 years	1.85/6'0 7/8

"I started in 1962 in the Artivist Profen Factory Sports Club", she told us. "I was twelve years old at that time and asked my father, who works as an electrician in the nationally owned Profen Soft-Coal Combine, to find a sports club for me. I cleared 1.38 and in 1964 1.43 by using the old Eastern cut-off. Then I was discovered by former GDR high jumping champion Gunter Lein, who today is a trainer at the German College for Physical Culture and Sports in Leipzig. He taught me the roll, through which I was immediately able to set youth records of 1.51/4'11½, 1.58/5'2¼ and 1.68/5'6. I am attending secondary school in Leipzig, and my immediate goal in this respect is to pass."

At the age of 16, in 1967, Rita Schmidt from the German Democratic Republic was the youngest participant in the match between the European and American continents in Montreal, Canada. "I did not like the competition. The field was overcrowded, and we had no contact with the audience. I like more these smaller sports festivals in my old Profen Sports Club" (Rita jumped 1.69/5'6½ at Montreal, same height as second place Ilona Gusenbauer of Austria, but was placed third. Montgomery won at 1.72/5'7¼.)

Is she afraid of height, she was asked. "I never was. On the contrary, the bar even seems low to me under a height of 1.76/5'9¾"

What are the reasons for her improvement from 1.76 to 1.85 within only five months? "I carried through a good winter training. I have gained in physical strength and have learnt to actively use the swinging leg, like Antonina Okorokova of the Soviet Union - a good method."

What about clearing 11 cm more than your own height? "Indeed, I cannot understand why this is so seldom with women. Men can clear heights of over 30 cm (nearly one foot) above their height. I just love to fly over the bar....."

New Zealand Report from Booth & Munns

Manurewa, Feb. 5: Mile, Watt (First competitive mile) 4:59.0. Cambridge, Jan: Mile, Stewart 4:56.5. Rotorua, Feb. 10: 880y, Stewart 2:10.1. Auckland, Feb. 10: 440y, Wilson 57.5; 100y, Brenda Matthews 10.8, Margaret Snow 10.9. Auckland, Feb. 24: 100y, Matthews 10.8. Christchurch, Feb. 17: DT, Charteris 169'3. Christchurch, Jan. 27-28: Pentathlon, Poulsen 4297. Dunedin, Feb. 10: 220y/880y, Potts 24.8/2:12.7. Dunedin, Mar. 1-2: Championships, Mile, Stewart 4:55.4, Robinson 4:57.7; 100y, Matthews 10.7w, Snow 10.8w, Hurrell 10.8w, (Tong 10.8wh); 220y, Howarth 24.0w, L. Wilson 24.5w, Hurrell 24.6w; 440y, Howarth 55.2, Potts 56.0, Wilson 57.0; 880y, Fisher 2:21.0; 80mH, Matthews 11.0w; HJ, Kenny 5'5; LJ, Gil-mour 20'0½w; SP, Poulsen 46'6½, Charteris 45'10½; DT, Charteris 157'11; JT, Flynn 143'1. Whanderei, Mar. 7-8: Pentathlon Championships, Poulsen 4453 (11.6-46'5½-4'7¼-17'11½-25.1), Flynn 4067. Rotorua (Feb. 17), Mile, Stewart 4:52.5, Robinson 4:47.4. Wellington, Jan. 9: 220y, Howarth 23.5w, Matthews 23.9w.

NEAR RECORD 880y IN NEW ZEALAND from Graham Sheath

Whangarei, March 10:-In a special 880 yard invitational race, Mrs. Sylvia Potts just missed Marise Stephens National record of 2:04.9 when she turned in a fine 2:06.2 clocking.

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Susan Groenewald-du Plessis from Gert le Roux

Susan de Plessis (nee Groenewald), a diminutive 23 year-old schoolteacher who stands only 5'4/1.625, has been the outstanding competitor of the South African track and field season up to now.

She climaxed her greatest season at Pretoria on February 21 when she raised the South Africa high jump record to the world class height of 1.77/5'9¼. She has been very consistent since the start of the local season in October and in sixteen competitions to date she has averaged in the vicinity of 1.69/5'6½ per meeting.

On November 4 she broke her own National record with a jump of 5'8 1/8-1.73 in Johannesburg. That was just the start of things although she kept the fireworks until 1968.

She became Mrs. du Plessis on December 23, but on January 13 she was back on the track clearing 1.625/5'4 in the rain. Although jumping very well in training at Benoni under the guidance of her coach, Owen Ellis, rain and bad conditions foiled her for four consecutive weekends. However, on October 2, competing at the East Rand Championships at Willowmoore Park, Benoni, she raised her national mark to 5'8¼.

Eleven days later at Pretoria, and like Benoni jumping from a grass run-up, she improved by another inch and at the same time equalled the 10th spot on the World all-time list.

Mrs. du Plessis, who has always been a keen gymnast as well, started competition at 5'0 in Pretoria. She followed with first clearances at 5'3, 5'5 and 5'7½. She succeeded on her third attempt at the record height.

Only three days later she jumped another great 5'8¼ at Krugersdorp. With South Africa currently back in the Olympics Susan's great jumping has revived memories of Esther Brand winning the gold medal at the 1952 Games in Helsinki.

Susan du Plessis was born at Biesiesvlei on January 9, 1944. Her record for the season:

Oct. 14	5'5½	Jan. 13	5'4
Oct. 20	5'6	Jan. 20	5'7
Oct. 28	5'5	Jan. 27	5'6
Nov. 4	5'8 1/8 (rec)	Feb. 3	5'4
Nov. 11	5'5	Feb. 10	5'8¼ (rec)
Nov. 25	5'6½	Feb. 17	5'7¼
Dec. 2	5'6½	Feb. 21	5'9¼ (rec)
Dec. 9	5'7	Feb. 24	5'8¼



Karen McFadden
by Karen McFadden, Chairman Women's T&F, Iowa AAU

Reprinted from March 1968 issue of "Scholastic Coach" through courtesy of Herman Masin, Editor.

It's very possible that over a fourth of our 1968 Olympic track team will never have competed for their high school or college team! They will have gone from one sloppy sand-lot meet to another, while waiting for an invitation to the few big meets open to them.

How come? Because they are girls, and few high schools or colleges have girls' teams.

This is the sad state of affairs in the US. For far too many years our girls have been limited to intramural and outside activities. I know the arguments against varsity competition for women, but they seem pretty shallow in light of modern medical, sociological, and psychological research.

Yet the minds of many athletic directors cling to antediluvian ideas. They persist in believing that varsity sports are too "strenuous" for girls and that they make girls "muscle-bound".

Like it or not, times are changing. Competitive sports offer broad learning experiences for the participant. They stress long-range goals, self-sacrifice, the ability to push one's self beyond the body limit, and the value of healthy living habits. These are all very worthy ideals, and they have been denied to the female student.

In most major schools, girls aren't allowed on the track or in the gym except as spectators at a game or meet. Coaches offer no logical reason for this: obviously, they believe the woman's place is in the home economics class.

The day women athletes are treated as athletes instead of as an oddity is the day we start being realistic. Most athletic directors claim that their budgets preclude varsity sports for women. If they're trying to run a truly educational institution, however, they should make room for the women or at least allow and encourage them to use the same facilities as the men.

Some of the girls who do compete on the high school level would like to continue doing so when they reach college. But the minute they step on the track or in the gym, there's the coach running madly over to them and demanding that they leave the area because they might disrupt the boys' concentration during the workout.

In some of our institutions of higher learning, where the ability to do one's best is emphasized in every other area, the female athlete isn't even allowed to compete in intramurals if she has had intensive training in her sport. What's more, these institutions offer no alternative to the dedicated athlete.

So where does the budding female athlete go? She doesn't go anywhere, and in many cases she stops competing altogether because she can't get any encouragement. So the US loses another potential girl athlete.

It's a well-known fact that women don't achieve anywhere near their potential during their high school years. For example, Olga Connolly at 32 years of age was the US best in the discus. Pat Winslow, present US record holder in the pentathlon is 23 years old. (Ed. note - Winslow is 24.) And the great Babe Didrikson was a seasoned performer at the age of 50.

Most athletes (except swimmers) become great in their more

mature years. In the 1964 Russian-American track meet, the average age of our women was 21, while the average age of the Russian women was 28. The Russian women owe their ability largely to a comprehensive program of physical training and athletic competition over a long period of time. The US, by not having a varsity program for women in its schools, is losing out on a gold mine of top-flight athletes.

Some of our top-ranked athletes are students. Madeline Manning, a 19-year old sophomore at Tennessee State, holds the American record for the 880 yard run. Wyomis Tyus, also of Tennessee State and former national champ in the 100 meter dash, is still ranked as one of the best runners in the world.

These girls are products of a track-oriented university. They are the lucky ones - two of a handful of nationally ranked girls who will get the invitations to the big meets. Someone will be paying their bill.

But how about the hopefuls who aren't so lucky? There was, for example, the very promising young lady who threw the javelin and discus. Every knowledgeable coach who saw her attested to her great potential. At her college, however, she had to beg for equipment to continue her training. She pestered the physical education department so much that they gave her the keys to the weight room just to get her off their back.

But there was one stipulation: she couldn't take the weights out of the room. So, religiously, she did her weight training in this airless closet. After a half hour to an hour of this torture, she often had attacks of dizziness.

This girl managed to hold her own in some pretty big meets against international competition. Yet no one in the college knew about her ability! The school newspaper was too busy covering the fraternity tug-of-war.

What would have happened if Jim Ryun had been told to keep off the track in high school? Or if Randy Matson had been told the Texas A&M budget precluded the purchase of a shot?

Would these athletes be where they are today? Would they have been dedicated enough to overcome such obstacles and pressures?

Every four years our armchair sports generals sit back in their living rooms, pick up the paper, or turn on the television and then complain that our American girls should be whipping the tar out of their competition in the Olympic Games.

And every four years the people who know the reason why we aren't winning everything in sight explain the situation: In almost every country in the world except the US, athletes are encouraged to compete. It's a wonder that our women have done so well as they have, considering the odds against them.

Many educators and parents are appalled by the moral standards of our teenagers. But what examples do they have to follow? Their heroines are the movie star who has been divorced four or five times, the fashion model who spends more time in a boutique than behind a book, and the beautiful over-developed teenager in a True Confession magazine who just makes it out of a compromising situation in time.

I say that the only competition we're giving our modern female is the kind she finds in the back seat of a car.

The modern girl abounds in energy and is willing to stand up and fight for a cause. In every demonstration on a college campus, in every moral issue, there are women involved. But what is our educational system offering these energetic, banner-carrying women? Very little. The wise solution is to offer them a place in competitive athletics.

Wherever an independent women's athletic program has been offered, it has met with an enthusiastic response. New Mexico, Washington D.C., California, Iowa and Michigan are just a few cases in point. Yet high schools and colleges throughout the US have failed to take note and follow their example: they continue to turn their backs on varsity athletics for women.

New Caledonia from Stu Bruce
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Vila, Fiji, Nov. 18:-Saria of the New Hebrides won both sprints at the New Caledonia vs New Hebrides competition. Saria's 200m time was a new all-comers record at 26.5.

Saani Maafi, also of New Hebrides, won the shot put with a new record of 35'10". Jenny Nigote, New Caledonia, won the discus with a record throw of 110'11".

Merilyn Rose Leo, New Hebrides, won the long jump and Toupuku, New Hebrides, equalled the all comers record in winning the high jump at 4'4".

INDOOR WRAPUP

Cleveland KC Meet from Jack Clowser

Cleveland, Ohio, March 1:-Madeline Manning, WTFW Athlete of the year for North America, won two events to feature the Annual Cleveland Knights of Columbus Indoor Meet.

Manning coasted through the 880 in 2:17.5, saving herself for the 440 where she met Jane Burnett of the Sports International TC of Washington, D.C. Burnett was the defending champ in the quarter but couldn't stand off Manning's closing drive after leading until the final 70 yards. Manning won in 55.9, a new meet record, breaking Burnett's mark of 58.5 set in 1967.

Manning had expected to get a tough race in the 880 from Charlette Cooke, also of the SITC, but Cooke fell and sprained her ankle while warming up and was out of the competition.

Eleanor Montgomery reached her lifetime high, indoors or out, when she won the high jump at 5'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "/1.795 for a meet and US citizens indoor record. Antonina Okorokova, USSR, was second at 5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.725. Montgomery had one close trial at 5'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Sports International TC won the 880 yard relay in 1:43.9 for a meet record with a team of Marilyn White, Esther Stroy, Judy Sharpe and Jane Burnett. The Ohio TC ran 1:44.4 and Hamilton (Canada) Olympic Club 1:48.0 as compared to the meet record of 1:49.2.

In the fifth women's event, Tatyana Talisheva of the Soviet Union, won the 50y dash in six seconds flat. Marilyn White was second with the same time and Mary Marshall of the Cleveland Recreation Division third in 6.1.



Another argument for the extermination of timers! Judges awarded Mamie Rallins (Lane 2) the win over Cherrie Sherrard (Lane 3) at the Toronto Maple Leaf Games 50y hurdles. BUT, the timers credited Rallins with 6.5 and Sherrard with 6.7! Janis Brown (Lane 1) was third in 6.8, Jenny Meldrum fourth and Barb Dallimore fifth, both in 6.9s. Sherrard ran 6.6 and Meldrum 6.7 in their heats, but collided in the early stages of the final. (Photo by Jac Holland)

Iowa Indoor Championships

from Jim Henderson and Jim Duncan

Des Moines, Iowa, March 16:-60 teams and 287 girls competed in the Iowa State Girl's Indoor Championships at the Drake University Fieldhouse. RESULTS: 50y, 1-Janet Brown 6.2, 2-Kay Bruce 6.2 (6.1h - 9th grader), 3-Connie Knott 6.3; 1 lap dash (146y2ft) 1-Janet Brown 17.8 (rec); 2 lap dash (293y 1ft) Brenda DeWall 38.2 (rec); 440y, 1-Debbie Lantz 63.5 (rec); 880, 1-Sara Beckord 2:28.9 (rec), 2-Chris Gemberling 2:28.9; 50yH, 1-Nancy Lieneman 7.2; SP, 1-Joyce Vosika 33'8"; HJ, Kay Rydberg 4'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; LJ, 1-Kay Bruce 18'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (rec)-9th grader.

San Jose Cindergals Invitational

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The San Jose Cindergals will host their 2nd Annual Invitational Records Meet on June 26 at San Jose City College. The Meet will include competition for the 9 and under age group, 10/11 Division, 12/13 Division and the 14/17 year Division and will include top teams from throughout the Nation.

The facilities at the College and the surrounding area are excellent and should make this a most enjoyable meet for all participants. The area has plenty of motels, restaurants and transportation. The San Jose Chamber of Commerce has agreed to handle motel reservations for all teams.

Invitations will be sent to the following Clubs:

- Albuquerque OC, Atoms TC, Aurora TC, Bakersfield TC, Colorado Rockettes, Compton TC, Crown Cities TC, Denver All Stars, Detroit TC, Flanagan's Clan, Fledglings, Hutchinson TC, Lakewood Spartans, LA Mercuriettes, Miami Metro TC, Miami Run-For-Fun, Mickies Missiles, North Miami RFF, Ontario-Montclair TC, Oxnard Rec. Dept., Pasadena AA, Poison Spiders School, Richmond-Perrine TC, SD Mission Belles, Simi Valley Striders, SC Missiles, St. Louis Blues, Valley of the Sun TC.

The National Invitational will be for the 12/13 Division only - sort of a National 12/13 Championship. For further information contact Estle Argabright, Coach, 467 South 8th, San Jose, California, 95112.

Finnish Indoor Championships from Torsten Lindquist

Otaniemi, Feb. 24/25: 60m, Sirkka Norrlund 7.7; 400m, Eeva Haimi 59.3; LJ, Sirpa Miranen 5.64/18'6"; 60mH, Norrlund 9.0; 800m, Haimi 2:18.3; HJ, Pirkko Heikkila 1.53/5'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; SP, Christine Huttunen 12.45/40'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Toronto Indoor

Toronto, Canada, March 1:-Wyomia Tyus won two events to feature the Annual Toronto Invitational. The Olympic Champion won the 50 over teammates Mattline Render and Karen Dennis in 5.8 and then equalled the Canadian Open Record at 300 yards with a 35.9 victory. Mamie Rallins scored a close win over Cherrie Sherrard in the 50y hurdles, (see picture), although the timers separated the two by 0.2s. Sherrard and Jenny Meldrum collided during the early part of the race. Pat Winslow won the high jump on fewer misses over Canada's Diane Gerace and Estelle Baskerville, but had good jumps at 5'8".

RESULTS:-50y, 1-Tyus 5.8; 2-Mattline Render 5.9; 3-Karen Dennis 5.9; 4-Debbie Miller (Canada) 6.1; 5-Kathryn Jones (MDYF) 6.1; 6-Joan Fisher (Canada) 6.1. 300y, 1-Tyus 35.9 (Equals Canadian Open Record); 2-Karen Dennis 36.4; 3-Marg Cheskin (Toronto OC) 36.6; 4-Irene Piotrowski (Vancouver) 36.8. Girl's 880y (under 16), 1-Sheila Meharg (North York TC) 2:15.5. 50yH, 1-Mamie Rallins (MDYF) 6.5; 2-Cherrie Sherrard (Laurel TC) 6.7 (6.6h); 3-Janis Brown (Michigammas) 6.8; 4-Jenny Meldrum (Toronto) 6.9 (6.7h); 5-Barb Dallimore (Canada) 6.9 (6.8h); 6-Marg Chatland (Don Mills TC) 6.9. (Lois Johnson, 6.9h). HJ, 1-Pat Winslow (CCTC) 5'6"; 2-Diane Gerace (Toronto) 5'6"; 3-Estelle Baskerville (TSU) 5'6"; 4-Pat Miller (Canada) 5'4" (New Canadian Junior Rec.)



Karen Dennis, Irene Piotrowski and Wyomia Tyus near the first turn of the 300y dash at the Toronto Maple Leaf Games. Tyus won in 35.9 with Dennis second. Piotrowski was fourth. (Photo by Jac Holland)

European Indoor Games from Francisco Camacho & Jan Popper

Madrid, Spain, Mar. 9/10:-The European Games, now a successful tradition in the continental indoor season, was the first major European competition ever held in Spain's capitol. Almost everything was perfect although the track was not fast in spite of a beautiful 180m track with 15° grade turns. Rita Schmidt, the young blonde 10th grader from a high school at Leipzig, DDR, won the award for the best woman athlete of the meet for her high jump win at 1.84/6'0½.

RESULTS: 50m (approx. 55y) 1st heat, 1-Telliez (Fr) 6.3, 2-Trabert (WG) 6.3, 3-Mitrokhina (SU) 6.4, 4-Tiedtke (EG) 6.5, 5-Lubej (Yug) 6.6, 6-Putnova (Cz) 6.6. 2nd heat, 1-Rost (WG) 6.4, 2-Heldt (EG) 6.5, 3-Bukharina (SU) 6.5, 4-Wieslander (Swe) 6.5, 5-Berthelsen (Nor) 6.5, 6-Orobia (Sp) 6.7. FINAL, 1-Telliez 6.2, 2-Rost 6.4, 3-Trabert 6.4, 4-Mitrokhina 6.5, 5-Bukharina 6.5, 6-Heldt 6.5. 400m, 1st heat, 1-Kopke (WG) 56.4, 2-Arnautova (SU) 56.4, 3-Kuhne (EG) 57.3. 2nd heat, 1-Petchenkina (SU) 55.9, 2-Maricic (Yug) 56.4, 3-Macounova (Cz) 56.7, 4-Salgado (Sp) 58.1. FINAL, 1-Petchenkina 55.2, 2-Kopke 56.2, 3-Arnautova 56.3, 4-Maricic 56.5. 800m, 1-Burneleit (EG) 2:07.6, 2-Koleshnikova (SU) 2:08.3, 3-Lukyanova (SU) 2:09.4, 4-Ovackova (Cz) 2:09.9, 5-Ericson (Swe) 2:10.3, 6-Ostberg (Swe) 2:20.2. 50mH, 1st heat, 1-Ievlyeva (SU) 7.1, 2-Wieslander (Swe) 7.2, 3-Seifertova (Cz) 7.2, 4-Masse (Fr) 7.4, 5-Farthmann (WG) 7.4. 2nd heat, 1-Schell (WG) 7.2, 2-Bufanu (Rum) 7.2, 3-Weidlich (EG) 7.2, 4-Gueneau (Fr) 7.3, 5-Lubej (Yug) 7.4. 3rd heat, 1-Zarubina (SU) 7.1, 2-Balzer (EG) 7.1, 3-Antenen (Swz) 7.2, 4-Focic (Yug) 7.6. 1st semi-final, 1-Weidlich 7.1, 2-Schell 7.1, 3-Zarubina 7.2, 4-Antenen 7.2, 5-Seifertova 7.2, 6-Gueneau 7.6. 2nd semi-final, 1-Balzer 6.9 (WR), 2-Ievlyeva 7.1, 3-Bufanu 7.3, 4-Wieslander 7.3. FINAL, 1-Balzer 7.0, 2-Weidlich 7.1, 3-Ievlyeva 7.1, 4-Schell 7.1, 5-Bufanu 7.2, 6-Zarubina 7.2. 4x1 Lap Relay, 1-West Germany (Meyer-Rose, Trabert, Elsler, Rost) 1:28.8; USSR disqualified. 1+2+3+4 Lap Relay, 1-USSR (Tkatschenko-Pokpova-Syeropyegina-Zimina) 4:28.3, 2-Czechoslovakia 4:39.0. HJ, 1-Schmidt (EG) 1.84/6'0½, 2-Bonci (Rum) 1.76/5'9¼, 3-Okorokova (SU) 1.76/5'9¼, 4-Hrepevnik (Yug) 1.76/5'9¼, 5-Bladoyeva (Bul) 1.76/5'9¼, 6-Pushkaryeva (SU) 1.73/5'8 1/8, 7-Lazova (Bul) 1.70/5'7, 8-Inkpen (GB) 1.65/5'5, 9 (tie) Waerness (Nor) & Valentova (Cz) 1.65/5'5; 11-Focic (Yug) 1.60/5'3; 12-Barnay (Fr) 1.60/5'3. LJ, 1-Berthelsen (Nor) 6.43/21'1, 2-Lohnert (EG) 6.23/20'5¼, 3-Viscopoleanu (Rum) 6.23/20'5¼, 4-Rosendahl (WG) 6.20/20'4, 5-Ringa (SU) 6.14/20'1¼, 6-Antenen (Swz) 6.08/19'11¼, 7-Lubej (Yug) 5.51/18'1. (Talisheva, SU, three fouls). SP, 1-Chishova (SU) 18.18/59'7½, 2-Gummel (EG) 17.62/57'9¼, 3-Lange (EG) 17.19/56'4¼, 4-Khristova (Bul) 17.11/56'1½, 5-Fuchs (WG) 16.01/52'6¼, 6-Chorbova (Bul) 15.73/51'7¼, 7-Bedford (GB) 13.99/45'10¼.

Rumainian Report from Nicolae Marasescu

INTERNATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bucharest, Feb. 24-25:-50m, 1-Aura Petrescu (R) 6.6, 2-Sanda Anghelescu (R), 3-Monka Bobceva (Bul) 6.7; 50mH, 1-Anghelescu 7.2, 2-Viorica Enescu (R) 7.3, Marta Satmari (R) 7.4 (jr. rec); HJ, 1-Alexandrina Stoenescu (R) 1.65/5'5, 2-Cornelia Popescu (R) and Rumiana Kosharevska (Bul) 1.60/5'3; LJ, 1-Elena Vintila (R) 5.85/19'2¼.

RUMANIAN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bucharest, Feb. 10-11: 50m, Petrescu 6.7; 50mH, 1-Valeria Bufanu 7.2, 2-Anghelescu 7.4; HJ, Virginia Bonci 1.70/5'7; LJ, 1-Viorica Viscopoleanu 6.18/20'3¼, 2-Vintila 6.03/19'9½, 3-Cornelia Popescu 5.81/19'0¼ (Jr.rec); SP, 1-Ana Salagean 15.81/51'10½ (rec), 2-Elena Elic 14.99/49'2¼.

Other results: Bucharest, Feb. 2: 50m Mariana Goth 6.5 (Jr. rec); Feb. 4:-HJ, Virginia Bonci 1.72/5'7¼ (Jr. rec).

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Jablonec, Feb. 22:-50m, 1-Putnova 6.4 (rec), 2-Rezacova 6.4, 3-Seifertova 6.5; 100m, Rezacova 12.5; 50mH, Seifertova 7.0 (6.9h). Prague, Feb. 25:-HJ, 1-Valentova 1.77/5'9¼, 2-Rezkova 1.73/5'8 1/8.

Report from Germany by Max Heilrath

Dortmund, Feb. 18:-400m, Kopke 56.9; 80mHurdles, 1-Leisel Westermann 11.6 (!). Stuttgart, Feb. 24:-60m, Kunzel 7.6; LJ, Kunzel 6.23/20'5¼.

WEST GERMAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Stuttgart, Mar. 2:-60m, 1-Trabert 7.4, 2-Rost 7.4; 200m, Christa Elsler 24.9, 2-Kamphues 25.0; 400m, 1-Kopke 55.0, 2-Hefti 56.3; 800m, 1-Henning 2:12.0...4-Kessler 2:13.8; 60mH, Schell 8.4, 2-Farthmann 8.4; HJ, 1-Marx 1.66/5'5 3/8; LJ, 1-Rosendahl 6.21/20'4¼, 2-Kunzel 6.10/20'0¼; SP, 1-Fuchs-Klein 16.53/54'2¼, 2-L. Westermann 15.94/52'3¼, 3-Schafer 15.83/51'11¼.

East Berlin, Feb. 4:-60y, 1-Heldt 6.8, 2-Tiedtke 6.9, 3-Balzer 7.0; 800m, Hoffmeister 2:10.6; HJ, Schulze 1.70/5'7.

Halle, Feb. 4:-SP, Lange 16.26/53'4¼. East Berlin:-800m, Karen Burneleit 2:06.2 (rec). East Berlin, Feb. 17/18:-800m, 1-Burneleit 2:07.9, 2-Hoffmeister 2:09.5; 55mH, 1-Balzer 7.6, 2-Weidlich 7.6; HJ, 1-Rita Schmidt 1.84/6'0½ (rec), 2-Witschas 1.73/5'8 1/8; LJ, 1-Lohnert 6.42/21'0¼, 2-Ziegler 6.17/20'3, 3-Hauer 6.15/20'2¼; SP, 1-Gummel 17.48/57'4¼, 2-Lange 17.21/56'5½, 3-Friedrich 15.41/50'6¼.

East Berlin, Feb. 11/12:-(Juniors):-55m, Bott 7.0; HJ, Bohne 1.64/5'3; LJ, 1-Baumann 6.08/19'11¼, 2-Bott 6.07/19'11; SP, Friedel 14.67/48'1½. (Youth):-55m, Zinder 7.0; 800m, Wieck (16) 2:07.0; HJ, Witschas (15) 1.70/5'7; LJ, Ziegler 6.03/19'9¼.

East Berlin, Feb. 25:-60y Sprint series, 1-Heldt (6.9-6.8-6.8), Tiedtke (7.1-6.9-6.8); 60yH series, 1-Balzer (7.7-7.6), 2-Bufaniu (Rum) (7.8-7.7); 400m, Kuhne 56.2; 800m, 1-Burneleit 2:06.8, 2-Hoffmeister 2:07.8, 3-Wieck 2:08.5, 4-Ovacko (CSSR) 2:09.5; HJ, 1-Rita Schmidt (17) 1.85/6'7/8 (rec), 2-Blagojeva (Bul) 1.73/5'8 1/8, 3-Inkpen (GB) 1.70/5'7, 4-Schulze 1.70; SP, 1-Gummel 17.62/57'9¼, 2-Lange 16.76/54'11¼.

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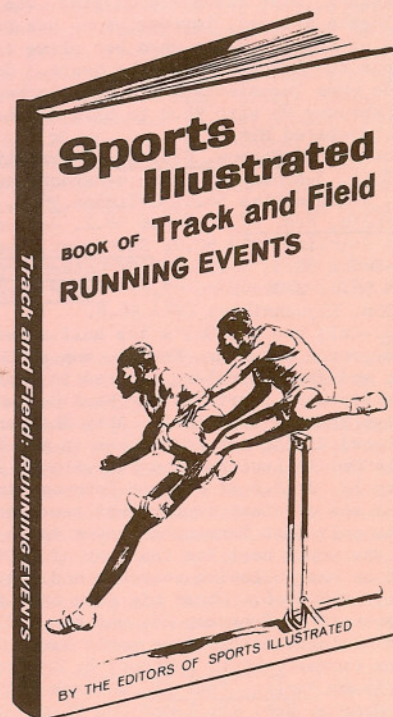
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1968 EUROPEAN INDOOR REPORT by JAN POPPER

High jumping of all-time-best standard dominated the 1968 European indoor season with an unheared-of climax at the Third European Indoor Games at Palacio de los Deportes in Madrid: five athletes cleared 1.76/5'9". The shot putting and the long jumping followed with many classy marks. In the running events, European bests were equalled or beaten in all the usual distances with Karen Burneleit's 800m mark of 2:06.2 being outstanding.

In addition to the European Games, other highlights of the indoor season included the four-meet tourney in the USSR and climaxed by a very interesting meet in Moscow, February 17/18 and followed by the USSR Championships on the same 180m track at Luzhniki Sports Palace; another four week circuit on the famous Dynamo Hall in Berlin; and one interesting meet on the site of the 1969 European Games in Belgrade. Unusual slow activity was dominant on the British Isle, and the Czechoslovakian season was ruined by a fire in the Prague Sports Hall. French and Scandinavian athletes were active on only a few occasions.

SPRINTS:-Europe has nothing to match Barbara Ferrell as was seen during her Moscow clash with the top Soviet group. The 1967 champion Nemeshazi didn't show at Madrid, but ran a very fast 6.2 50m at Budapest on February 12 and two 7.3 60m in the following weeks. Sylvianne Telliez ran the fastest 100m race at Paris, February 16, in 11.6 and won the EIG race after an almost "too fast" start with 6.2 again. The best mark in the rarely run 200m was 24.9 by Elsler of West Germany.

Important races: Moscow, Feb. 17, 1-Ferrell (USA) 6.0 (rec), 2-Tkachenko 6.3, 3-Mitrokhina 6.3, 4-Bukharina 6.3; Moscow, Feb. 20, 1-Tkachenko 6.2, 2-Mitrokhina 6.3; Berlin, Feb. 18, (60y), 1-Tiedtke 6.8, 2-Heldt 6.8, 3-Geyer 6.8; Berlin, Feb. 25, 1-Heldt 6.8, 2-Tiedtke 6.8; Stuttgart, Mar. 2, (60m), 1-Trabert 7.4, 2-Rost 7.4, 3-Meyer-Rose 7.6. Other marks: 60m, Lubej (Yug) 7.4; 100m, Pechenkina (SU) 11.7

400 METERS:-Gisela Kopke, the 21 year old strongly built West German champion, bettered Wallgren's European indoor mark with a 55.0 run at the Stuttgart 200m track on March 2, but was no match for the speedy, long-legged Soviet champion Natalia Pechenkina, last autumn's 200m find, who won at Madrid. Sweden's Ingela Ericson, impressive at her home meets, lost her chance at the EIG title when her plane arrived at Madrid half an hour too late to catch the heats. Some eyes were opened wide when Yugoslavia's Ika Maricic beat Nikolic at Belgrade on February 25 with 56.0 to 61.8 - but it was not Vera, but the not-related Mira!

Important races: Moscow, Feb. 17, 1-Burnett (USA) 56.1, 2-Zimina 57.1, 3-Arnautova 57.8, 4-Marochkina 57.9; Moscow, Feb. 20, 1-Pechenkina 56.6, 2-Zimina 56.8, 3-Kovalevskaya 57.5; Berlin, Feb. 25, 1-Kuhne 56.2, 2-Macounova 56.6, 3-Rosemary Stirling (GB) 57.0; Stuttgart, Mar. 2, 1-Kopke 55.0, 2-Hefti 56.3, 3-Linz 57.0; Gothenburg, Mar. 3, 1-Ericsson 56.6, 2-Oestberg 57.1. Other marks: 300m, Telliez 39.4; 400m, Klyuchnikova (SU) 56.8.

800 METERS:-Only two of 1967's top half milers ran much this season: Maryvonne Dupureur, France, won a 600m race in Paris in 1:34.0, and Karin Kessler, injured in training some weeks ago, was a distance fourth in the West German Championships won by Helga Henning in 2:12.0. Abby Hoffman, Canada, was not threatened during her four races in the Soviet Union with a 1:34.8 (600m) in Leningrad on February 9, 2:13.8 at Tallinn on February 12, 2:18.6 at Riga on February 16, and 2:09.8 in Moscow. But the greatest improvement came from Karin Burneleit who was only East Germany's number three half miler. She turned in the world best for the year of 2:06.2, ran 2:07.9 and 2:06.8 on the following weekends and won at the Palacio very easily in 2:07.6. Other big news came from Barbara Wiecek, 17 years old on February 26, who ran 2:07.0 - also better than Antje Gleichfelds previous world best.

Important races: Berlin, February 8, 1-Burneleit 2:06.2, 2-Flach 2:14.6; Berlin, Feb. 11, 1-Wiecek 2:07.0, 2-Claus 2:12.3; Moscow, Feb. 18, 1-Hoffman (Can) 2:09.8, 2-Zimina 2:09.9, 3-Lukyayeva 2:11.5; Moscow, Feb. 21, 1-Zimina 2:07.8, 2-Kolyesnikova 2:08.0, 3-Lukyayeva 2:08.0; Berlin, Feb. 25, 1-Burneleit 2:06.8, 2-Hoffmeister 2:07.8, 3-Wiecek 2:08.5, 4-Ovadvka 2:09.5. Other marks: 600m, Besson (Fra) 1:33.6; 1500m, Hoffmeister (EG) 4:42.0.

RELAYS: Both Madrid relays were farces with only two teams competing. In the four lap relay, USSR lost the baton on the last exchange, leading by some 20 meters, and West Germany won without opposition. In the 1-2-3-4 laps relay the Soviet squad was head and shoulders above the Czech team. The only

notable time on metric distances was achieved by West German Champion OSC Berlin with 1:39.7 in the 800m relay.

HURDLES:-Karin Balzer is the grand old lady of European hurdling even at the beginning of her thirties. She won the big races, including the EIG at Madrid where she was far behind after the first two flights. Her nearest opposition was 22 year old Barbel Weidlich, a comer, and Galina Kuznyetsova, Galina Zarubina and Vlasta Seifertova but they were not able to threaten her in the "real" race.

Important races: Moscow, Feb. 18, 1-Zarubina 7.0, 2-Morozova 7.1, 3-Aleyeva 7.1, 4-Bystrova 7.1; Moscow, Feb. 21, 1-Zarubina 7.0, 2-Alfeyeva 7.1, 3-Bystrova 7.1, 4-Kulkova 7.2; Berlin, Feb. 18, 1-Balzer 7.6y, 2-Weidlich 7.6y, 3-Koppen 7.7y; Berlin, Feb. 25, 1-Balzer 7.6y, 2-Bufanu 7.7y, 3-Weidlich 7.7y; Belgrade, Feb. 25, 1-Antenen 8.4 (60m), 2-Seifertova 8.5; Stuttgart, Mar. 2, 1-Schell 8.4 (60m), 2-Fahrtmann 8.4. Other marks: 50m, Korsakova (SU) 7.0, Kuzmina (SU) 7.0; 60m, Wieslander 8.4; 80m, Alfeyeva 11.0s.

HIGH JUMP:-Rita Schmidt will not be 18 until October 21, but already she is making us all forget Iolanda Balas who is now officially retired. Balas announced her decision in early March and it was confirmed by her coach-husband, Soeter, in Madrid. The 1.74/5'8½ tall, well-coordinated straddle-jumper who was third in the Americas vs Europe clash last August, opened with 1.75/5'8 7/8 at Leipzig, January 27, then flew to USSR and mastered 1.82/5'11 5/8, (an improvement of 6cm/2¼" over her 1967 best), on the dirt surface on February 9. After 1.78/5'10 1/8 at Tallin on February 11, she added another centimeter with 1.83/6'0 at Riga, February 15. Then she went back to Berlin, won the DDR title with a new step up at 1.84/6'0½ and announced her indoor retirement. After a mid-week training session she changed her mind and at the Dynamo International meeting on February 25 cleared 1.85/6'0 7/8. Balas' best from the boards is 1.81, her world indoor best is 1.86/6'1¼. Schmidt's improvement is significant because it has been achieved against far stiffer competition than Balas ever had. European high jump standard is now better than ever with many youngsters breaking through lead by Soeters, new find Virginia Bonci, a pair of almost unknown Bulgarian girls, tall Hrepevnik from Yugoslavia, (this is now the strongest Balkan event), and of course, Antonina Okorokova - but the 1967 Number One is far off her technical excellency of the past. Outside of Austria's Ilona Guesenbauer, who is expecting a child, only Maria Faithova of Czechoslovakia was not present at Madrid from the Top Ten of 1967. Faithova, however, has cleared 1.76/5'9¼ at home, and her home threat Jaroslava Valentova, 1.81/5'11¼ tall, mastered 1.77/5'9¼ a week before Madrid but was only 9th in the Games. And don't overlook 16 year old Rosemarie Witschas (EG) and 17 year old Milada Rezkova (Cz) who both cleared 1.73/5'8 1/8.

Important marks and competitions: Cosford, Nov. 18, Inkpen (GB) 1.725/5'8; Bucharest, Jan. 20, Bonci 1.71/5'7 3/8; Leipzig, Jan. 27, Schmidt 1.75/5'8 7/8; Leningrad, Jan. 28, Brintseva 1.71/5'7 3/8; Bratislava, Feb. 3, Faithova 1.75/5'8 7/8; Berlin, Feb. 4, R. Schulze 1.70/5'7; Bucharest, Feb. 4, Bonci 1.72/5'7¾; Paris, Feb. 9, Barnay 1.69/5'6½; Berlin, Feb. 9, Schulze 1.70/5'7; Leningrad, Feb. 9, Schmidt 1.82/5'11 5/8, Pushkaryeva 1.70/5'7, Grushkina 1.70/5'7; Bucharest, Feb. 11, Bonci 1.70/5'7; Berlin, Feb. 11, Witschas 1.70/5'7; Tallinn, Feb. 11, Schmidt 1.78/5'10 1/8, Masyutina 1.70/5'7, Pushkaryeva 1.70/5'7; Riga, Feb. 15, Schmidt 1.83/6'0, Masyutina 1.70/5'7, Valentova 1.70/5'7; Moscow, Feb. 18, Pushkaryeva 1.73/5'8 1/8, Valentova 1.73, Brintseva 1.70/5'7, Masyutina 1.70; Berlin, Feb. 18, Schmidt 1.84/6'0½, Witschas 1.73/5'8 1/8, Schulze 1.65/5'5; Bratislava, Feb. 18, Faithova 1.76/5'9¼; Moscow, Feb. 21, Pushkaryeva 1.73/5'8 1/8, Kozir 1.70/5'7, Chenchik 1.70/5'7, Masyutina 1.70; Jablonec, Feb. 22, Valentova 1.76/5'9¼; Belgrade, Feb. 25, Hrepevnik 1.71/5'7 3/8, Lazova 1.70; Berlin, Feb. 25, Schmidt 1.84/6'0½, Blagoyeva 1.73/5'8 1/8, Inkpen 1.70/5'7, Schulze 1.70; Prague, Mar. 2, Valentova 1.77/5'9¼, Rezkova 1.73/5'8 1/8; Gothenburg, Mar. 2, Waerness 1.70/5'7

LONG JUMP:-Helena Ringa, the newly discovered Latvian star, and DDR champ Barbel Lohmert dominated the scene during February, but mighty Berit Berthelsen repeated her 1967 Prague victory winning the EIG with ease. Viscopoleanu is somewhat uncertain on the boards, but she is surely the Number One stylist in Europe. At the EIG, Tatyana Talisheva, fresh from the USA with attractive makeup, managed to make only three fouls in the European Indoor Games!

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European Indoor Report (Continued)

Important competitions and results: Gothenburg, Feb. 4, Berthelsen 6.30/20'8; Riga, Feb. 14, Ringa 6.27/20'7; Moscow, Feb. 17, Ringa 6.36/20'10½, Bichkova 6.21/20'4½, Alfeyeva 6.04/19'9¼; Moscow, Feb. 20, Ringa 6.30/20'8, Nikandrova 6.07/19'11, Bichkova 6.06/19'10½; Berlin, Feb. 18, Lohnert 6.42/21'0¼, Ziegler 6.17/20'3, Hauer 6.15/20'2¼; Stuttgart, Mar. 2, Rosendahl 6.21/20'4½, Kuntzel 6.10/20'0¼, (6.23/20'5¼ a week previous); Berlin, Mar. 3, Lohnert 6.31/20'8½, Hauer 6.27/20'7. Other marks, Alfeyeva 6.10/20'0¼, Yeliseyeva (SU) 6.08/19'11½, Daumann (EG) 6.08/19'11½, Trigubovich (SU) 6.08/20'0¼, Bott (EG) 6.07/19'11, Vintila (Rum) 6.03/19'9½, Kurganova (SU) 6.03/19'9½.

SHOT PUT:—Yes, it's Nadyezhda Chizhova all the way!!! She broke Tamara Press' indoor mark in late December with a put of 17.96/58'11 and improved a month later to 18.28/59'11½. The East German pair was over 17.00/55'9¼ regularly, and Gummel tied her outdoor best twice. Judit Bogner broke her own mark with a throw of 17.11/56'1¼. Ivanka Khristova was very happy at Madrid because after ten years of work and of dreams she finally threw over 17 meters for the first time. And discus champ Leisel Westermann improved her lifetime best to 15.94/52'3½.

Important competitions and results: Leningrad, Dec. 26, Chizhova 17.96/58'11; Leningrad, Jan. 13, Chizhova 17.62/57'9¼; Leningrad, Jan. 28, Chizhova 18.28/59'11½; Leningrad, Feb. 9, Chizhova 17.90/58'8¼, Zybina 16.39/53'9¼; Riga, Feb. 15, Bogner 16.73/54'10¼; Moscow, Feb. 17, Chizhova 17.48/57'4¼, Bogner 16.81/55'1¼, Khristova 16.68/54'8¼, Solontsova 15.33/50'3¼; Moscow, Feb. 20, Chizhova 18.12/59'5½, Solontsova 16.21/53'2¼, Zybina 16.06/52'8¼, Sidelnikova 15.92/52'2¼; Berlin, Feb. 18, Gummel 17.48/57'4¼, Lange 17.21/56'5½; Berlin, Feb. 25, Gummel 17.62/57'9¼, Lange 16.76/54'11¼; Beograd, Feb. 25, Bogner 16.98/55'8¼, Sala-gan 15.37/50'5¼; Budapest, Feb. 29, Bogner 17.11/56'1¼; Stuttgart, Mar. 2, Fuchs 16.53/54'2¼, Westermann 15.94/52'3½, Schafer 15.83/51'11¼; Berlin, Mar. 3, Gummel 17.39/57'0¼.

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US WINS INTERNATIONAL XC CHAMPIONSHIP

Blackburn, England, March 23:—Doris Brown retained her individual title and the United States edged England for team honors at the 2nd Annual Women's International Cross Country Championships here today.

Cols and rainy weather is common for this Northern England community and today was no exception. The meet was held at picturesque Witton Park which was quite soggy from constant showers. The course was flat except for one hill about 1¼ miles from the start.

With a steady rain falling and the temperature at 41°, the race began on a humorous note: while the runners waited on the line expecting to receive instructions, the gun, which only a few people heard, went off and the race was on. By 250 yards, Doris Brown was in the lead followed closely by her teammate Vicki Foltz. Not far behind, the English team ran tightly packed with only Linda Mayfield in 5th place to split them up. This order remained constant throughout the race as Doris slowly pulled away and increased her lead to a 55 yard victory.

The expected challenge from England's Anne Smith, the outdoor mile record holder, did not materialize as she finished 24 seconds behind the winner. At 1¼ miles, it appeared that England was on their way to team victory as Cheryl Bridges, the fourth USA girl was only in 18th place. But Cheryl made her bid as she passed one girl going up the hill and six on the way down! About 1300 yards from the finish she fell but recovered quickly to hold her position in the closely massed group that she was in to insure the narrow team victory. Natalie Rocha, who did not feel well, ran her typical race but could not move up because of the rain and the strong winds.

The 1969 Women's International Cross Country Championship Meet was awarded to Scotland and the 1970 Meet to the United States. Distance 3000 Meters.

RESULTS: 1-Doris Brown (USA) 15:00; 2-Vicki Foltz (USA) 15:12; 3-Pam Davies (Eng) 15:21; 4-Anne Smith (Eng) 15:24; 5-Linda Mayfield (USA) 15:43; 6-Pat Brown (Eng) 15:47; 7-Phyllis Perkins (Eng) 15:53; 8-Ann O'Brien (Eire) 15:56; 9-Sheila Taylor (Eng) 16:05; 10-Urusula Kennedy (Eire) 16:10; 11-Cheryl Bridges (USA) 16:11; 12-Doreen King (Scotland) 16:14; 13-Margaret McSherry (Scotland) 16:18; 14-Dale Grieg (Scotland) 16:18; 15-Thelwyn Bateman (Wales) 16:23; 16-Lesley Watson (Scotland) 16:27; 17-Dorothy Stirling (Scotland) 16:39; 18-Natalie Rocha (USA) 16:50; 18-Sheena Fitzmaurice (Scotland) 16:52; 20-June Hale (Eng) 17:12; 21-Ann Keating (Eire) 17:15; 22-Gloria Dourass (Wales) 17:21; 23-Margaret Doody (Eire) 17:25; 24-Siobhan Lynch (Eire) 17:29; 25-Jean Lochhead (Wales) 17:33; 26-Lori Schutt (USA) 17:38; 27-Delyth Davies (Wales) 17:41; 28-Janet Eynon (Wales) 18:33; 29-Bileen Kelly (Eire) 18:47; 30-Helen Priestley (Wales) 18:59.

SCORES: USA 19 (1-2-5-11); England 20 (3-4-6-7); Scotland 55 (12-13-14-16); Eire 62 (8-10-21-23); Wales 89 (15-22-25-27).

Here is part of the report on the International Cross Country Championships written by Mel Watman and appearing in the March 30 edition of "Athletics Weekly":

"In its way, the American girls' triumph at Blackburn is as significant a happening as were the victories of Bob Schul and Billy Mills in the long distance track events at Tokyo. As recently as two years ago anyone daring to predict that a US team could come over here and defeat the cream of England's women cross-country runners would have risked being ridiculed. Last year, however, one marvelled at Doris Brown at Barry and wondered how many more there were like her at home. Last Saturday the English girls found out.

The Americans were so happy that one could not help but share their jubilation. Team manager Bob Seaman, the former miling great (3:58.0 in 1962) could hardly contain his excitement when I broke the news to him that his girls had won by a point: 19 to 20. Doris Brown, the individual winner, bubbled over with enthusiasm and runner-up Vicki Foltz was on the verge of tears. Their emotion was understandable. Remember, until just a few winters ago there was no such animal as organised women's cross-country in the States. Gradually, thanks to the perseverance of a few dedicated men and women, the reactionaries were won over - or at least silenced - and the situation today is that cross-country running is one of the fastest growing female sports in the USA. Fields sometimes run into hundreds, and even tiny tots of seven or younger are being catered for."

US INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PICTURES Photos by Steve Murdock & Don Wilkinson



TSU's World Record Relay Team - Tyus-Render-Daniel-Dennis

The famous 'Tyus Lean' pays off as Wyomia nips Charlton in a 60y heat



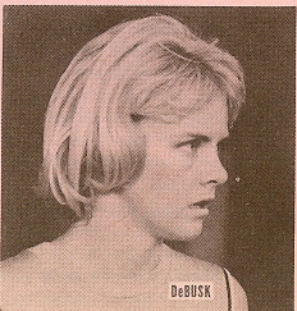
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Mile Run - Doris Brown leads Mulder and Feltz



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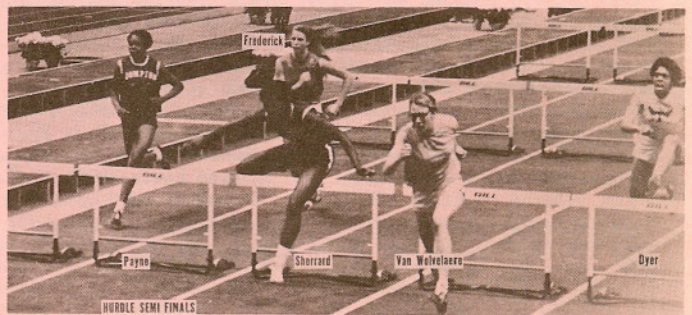
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HURDLE SEMI FINALS



US OUTDOOR REPORT

California Age-Groupers On Record Rampage

Rolling Hills, California, Feb. 25:-The Southern Pacific Association staged a regular Age Group meet here today and ended up with one International Best, two US Bests, two new Central California Records and six new SPA Records. Biggest damage to the record books came in the 10/11 Age Group when Erika Van Gores of the Southern California Missiles turned in a world best for a 10 year old in winning the 440 yard sprint in 67.1s. Most of the plaudits, however, went to Bob Seaman's new protege, 11 year old Cheryl Benesh, who set a new US record at 880 yards in her first ever competition. Cheryl had splits of 32.8-70.0-1:51.8 in setting her new mark of 2:34.1. Right behind her came Karen Kosmala with a sparkling 2:34.4. Mark down that new name for future reference - Cheryl Benesh.

Karol Stewart bettered the national record in winning the 50y hurdles in the 12/13 division with a speedy 7.2 race and also won the long jump at 16'2 1/2.

Two "Debbie's" set new SPA records in the distance runs. Debbie Norris of the Southern California Missiles had a splendid 2:21.8 half mile with splits of 32.6-67.2-1:43.5. Debbie Heald of Hutchinson's Track Club lowered the mile record to 5:23.6 and galloped lap times of 76.5-2:37.9-4:02.1 en route.

Judy Smith of Bakersfield TC and Marilyn McClung of the SC Missiles hooked up in three sprint battles and ended up with new District marks in the 100 and 220. Both Smith and McClung were upset in the 50y dash by the Missiles Donna Beckstrom who zipped to a 6.2 triumph. However, in the century dash Smith won in 11.1 for a new CCA record with McClung right on her heels at 11.2 for a new SPA mark and Beckstrom back in fifth place. Smith also won the 220 by a tenth over McClung with 25.7 to 25.8, the former being another new CCA record.

RESULTS:-12/13 Division: 50y, 1-Donna Beckstrom (SCM) 6.2; 2-Judy Smith (BTC) 6.3; 3-Marilyn McClung (SCM) 6.3. 100y, Smith 11.1; 2-McClung 11.2; 3-Jan Miller (SVS) 11.8. 220y, 1-Smith 25.7; 2-McClung 25.8; 3-Miller 27.3. 440y, 1-Jan Miller 61.7; 2-Ann Wheeler (OMTC) 62.4; 3-Kim Bradford (CC TC) 62.8. 880y, 1-Debbie Norris (SCM) 2:21.8; 2-Joyce Scott (Compton TC) 2:27.9; 3-Becky Bruce (Lakewood) 2:30.1. Mile, 1-Debbie Heald (HTC) 5:23.6; 2-Juin DesRosiers (Simi Valley Striders) 5:44.2; 3-Vikki Johnson (LS) 5:47.7. 50yH, 1-Karol Stewart (SVS) 7.2; 2-Roberta Fore (SCM) 7.9; 3-Sheila Hogan (SVS) 8.1. HJ, 1-DeAnne Wilson (HTC) 4'8"; 2-Sandy Goldsberry (LS) 4'7"; 3-Sheila Hogan (SVS) 4'6". LJ, 1-Stewart 16'2 1/2; 2-Goldsberry 16'0 1/2; 3-Debbie Norris (SCM) 16'0 1/2. SP (6#), 1-Stephanie Woodside (ORD) 35'10; 2-Ramona Contreras (SPT) 32'11; 3-Alice Montes (SPT) 31'5. BBT, 1-Debbie Langevain (LS) 219'1; 2-Woodside 209'3; 3-Contreras 208'3.

10/11 Division: 50y, 1-Carol Burkland (HTC) 6.6; 2-Maren Olson (SIN) 6.6; 3-Juanita Kelley (BTC) 6.7. 100y, 1-Carol Burkland 12.4; 2t, Mary McCaleb (BTC) and Tenaya Warren (BTC) 12.5. 220y, 1-Burkland 28.5; 2-Cassie Holt (BTC) 28.9; 3-Terry Heckman (LS) 29.8. 440y, 1-Erika Van Gores (SCM) 67.1; 2-Kristy Clayton (LS) 69.0; 3-Shari Jenkins (CTC) 70.1. 880y, Cheryl Benesh (CCTC) 2:34.1; 2-Karen Kosmala (HTC) 2:34.4; 3-Ruth Kleinsasser (VVA) 2:44.1. HJ, 1-Coleen Cain (PAA) and Maren Olson (SIN) 4'1 1/2; 3-Tracy Greene (GVTC) 4'0 1/2. BBT, 1-Cassie Holt (BTC) 163'1 1/2. 9 and Under Division: 50y, 1-Pat Dickerson (BTC) 7.7; 2-Marina Van Gores (SCM) 7.7; 3-Lori Jenkins (CTC) 7.8. 100y, 1-Dickerson 14.5; 2-Jenkins 14.5; 3-Helen Lewis (BTC) 14.6. 220y, 1-Sonia Fountain (ORD) 32.8; 2-Jenkins 32.9; 3-Cynthia Looney (ORD) 33.6. HJ, 1-Cindy Robertson (SIN) 3'3; 2-Eileen Paskus (HTC) 3'3; 3-Chris Shawhan (PAA) 3'2. BBT, 1-Fountain 126'0; 2-Connie Gassen (PAA) 120'2; 3-Pat Sarver (SVS) 111'9.

Rolling Hills, California

Rolling Hills, California, March 3:-RESULTS:-100y, 1-Vilma Charlton (CCTC) 10.7; 2-Janet Macfarlane (Un) 11.0; 3-Barbara Emerson (CCTC) 11.2. 220y, 1-Macfarlane 25.1w. 440y, 1-Bunny Pope (SYTT) 57.3; 2-Carole Goya (SA Rockettes) 58.5. 3-Doreen Murrell (LBC) 59.5. 880y, 1-Maria Stearns (SCM) 2:20.8; 2-Kathy Dosch (Un) 2:20.9; 3-Mary Jane Leimer (SM) 2:29.6. Mile, 1-Angie Vangerborgt (SIN) 5:44.5; 2-Wilma Everly 5:44.9; 3-Val Hennessy (LBC) 5:46.1. 80mH, 1-Pat Harper (CTC) 11.5; 2-Dianne Spangler (PAA) 11.8; 3-Jane Phineas (LBC) 11.8. HJ, 1-Sharon Callahan (CCTC) 5'3 1/2; 2-Sandy Langevain (Lakewood) 4'9 1/4. LJ, 1-Phineas 17'11 1/2...

5-Macfarlane 16'1 1/4. SP, 1-Leslie Gliessman (SYTT) 41'1 1/4; 2-Vivian Turner (Lakewood) 39'8. DT, 1-Turner 125'0; 2-Gliessman 119'10; 3-DeEtt Thompson (CCTC) 116'1. JT, 1-Diane Matkovich (CCTC) 144'4; 2-Robbie Stuart (CCTC) 136'2.

Delaware Frostbite Meet

Wilmington, Delaware, March 9: Nine teams participated in the Delaware TFC Frostbite Meet with Carol Thomson of the host club winning four events and running on the winning relay team to dominate the competition.

RESULTS:-Senior Division (14 years and over): 50yH/50y/100y/LJ, Carol Thomson (DTFC) 7.0/6.2/11.6/16'3 1/2; 220y, Kathy Kearney (DTFC) 26.2; 440y/880y, Nancy Taylor (DTFC) 64.0/2:26.3; HJ, Ann Poulos (DTFC) 4'10; SP/JT, Annette Mosiej (DTFC) 30'9/109'10; 440y Relay, DTFC 52.9. 12/13 Division: 50yH/LJ, Pat Owens (DTFC) 8.6/13'8; 50y/220y, Joanne Bridges (LaMott TC) 6.6/28.4; 100y, Pat Corfield (LaMott TC) 12.3; 440y, Ann Shriner (Fairfield Striders) 67.5; 880y, Debbie Trubela (DTFC); HJ, Laura Chirnside (DTFC) 4'1; SP, Sandy Weikert (Fairfield) 19'10; 440y Relay, LaMott 53.9. 11 and Under Division: 50yH/LJ, Sandy Siefert (Fairfield) 9.6/11'11 1/2; 50y/100y, Cordella Ingram (LaMott) 7.0/12.8; 220y, Clara Dixon (Caln AA) 31.6; 440y, Debbie Smith (Fairfield) 83.3; 880y, Cheryl Hannah (Pennsylvania TC) 2:55.8; HJ, Donna Burkhammer (Pennsylvania) 3'10; 440yR, Fairfield 62.9.

Valley of the Sun Invitational

Scottsdale, Arizona, March 16-17:-Record setting was the rule rather than the exception at the 4th Annual Valley of the Sun Invitational. No less than twenty State and four National records fell during the two days of competition.

National records were set by the Valley of the Sun 9 and under age division 440 yard relay in 59.4, by Crown Cities new discovery Cheryl Benish in the 10/11 age group half mile run with a 2:33.5 performance; Karol Stewart of the Simi Valley Striders in the 12/13 50 yard hurdles at :07.2; and by VOS Kathy Gibbons in the 12/13 880 yard run who again defeated Debbie Norris in a blistering 2:19.0s.

The Women's Division was featured by the power of the Crown Cities Track Club in general and by Jamaican sprinter Vilma Charlton in particular. Charlton won the 100 in a wind-aided 10.6 and the 220 with a legal 24.2 in addition to anchoring a record-breaking relay team.

Valley of the Sun won the team competition in the 9 and under class, the 10/11 division and the 12/13 age group. Albuquerque Olympette Club won the Girl's Division and the Crown Cities waltzed off with the Women's title.

RESULTS: Women's Division: 100y, 1-Vilma Charlton (CCTC) 10.6 w; 2-Janet Macfarlane 10.9w; 3-Barbara Emerson (CCTC) 11.1w. 220y, Charlton 24.2; 2-Lois Drinkwater (VOS) 24.7; 3-Janet Macfarlane 25.1. 440y, Joanne Gilbreath (CCTC) 60.5. 880y, 1-Kathy Dosch (Ventura TC) 2:26.6. Mile, 1-Debbie Hancock (Un) 5:27.4, 2-Ruth Brand (VOC) 5:37.0. 80mH, 1-Diane Spangler (Pasadena AA) 11.4w; 2-Jan Glotzer (VOS) 11.7w; 3-Alberta Martin (CCTC) 11.9w. 200mH, 1-Marilyn King (CCTC) 28.8; 2-Spangler 29.5; 3-Martin 30.1. 440y Relay, 1-Crown Cities "A" (Ordellia Smith-Martin-Emerson-Charlton) 48.5; 2-CCTC "B" 49.1; 3-AOC 52.3. 880y Medley Relay, 1-CCTC "A" 1:57.5. HJ, 1-Sharon Callahan (CCTC) 5'6; 2-Ordellia Smith (CCTC) 5'5; 3-Jan Glotzer (VOS) 5'3. LJ, 1-Barbara Emerson (CCTC) 18'3; 2-O. Smith (CCTC) 17'11 1/4; 3-Macfarlane 16'6. SP, 1-Babs Brandin (CCTC) 38'6 1/2; 2-Beth Hollis (CCTC) 37'2 1/4; 3-Tama Levine (PAA) 36'7. DT, 1-Levine 130'0; 2-DeEtt Thompson (CCTC) 118'10; 3-Diane Matkovich (CCTC) 106'1. JT, 1-Brandin 142'7; 2-Hollis 136'5; 3-Matkovich 132'0. Girl's Division:-50y, 1-Pat Donnelly (Un) 6.1w; 2-Debra Bielick (VOS) 6.1w; 3-Alida Van Gores (SCM) 6.1w. 100y, 1-Donnelly 11.0w; 2-Van Gores 11.1w; 3-Kathy Lieneke (VTC) 11.4w. 220y, 1-Darlene Green (VOS) 26.0; 2-Van Gores 26.1; 3-Donnelly 26.5. 440y, 1-Carol Goya (Santa Ana Rockettes) 59.6; 2-Vickii Lind (Colorado Rockettes) 61.1. 880y, Goya 2:19.7; 2-Lisa Chiavario (AOC) 2:27.6; 3-Maria Stearns (SCM) no time. Mile, 1-Stearns 5:23.1; 2-May Wichers (CR) 5:43.4. 80mH, 1-Ruth Essick (SPT) 13.2. 440y Relay, 1-Ventura TC 52.2; 2-Albuquerque OC 53.2; 3-VOSTC 53.8. 880y Relay, 1-AOC 1:46.8; 2-VTC 1:47.4; 3-VOSTC 1:49.9. HJ, 1-Cheryl Bader (PC) 4'9. LJ, 1-Vikki Lind (CR) 17'2 1/2; 2-Tracee Hudson (AOC) 16'5; 3-Cathy Hamblin (AOC) 16'5. SP, 1-Debbie Rodriguez (CR) 37'5 1/2; 2-Sherry Brown (AOC) 35'3 1/2. DT, 1-Carol Winter (AOC) 102'9 1/2. JT, 1-Monet Driscoll (SAR) 133'9; 2-Marie Trujillo (CR) 104'3.

US Outdoor Report (Continued)

VOSTC Invitational (Continued)

12/13 Division:-50y, 1-Marilyn McClung (SCM) 6.2w; 2-Judy Rejebian (VOS) 6.3w; 3-Debra Goode (Un) 6.4w. 100y, 1-McClung 11.4w; 2-Goode 12.1w; 3-Karla Nelson (CCTC) 12.3w. 220y, 1-McClung 26.7; 2-Karol Stewart (SVS) 28.0; 3-Vickie McArthur (VOS) 28.1. 440y, 1-Kim Bradford (CCTC) 62.4; 2-Sandy Goldsmith (VOS) 62.5; 3-McArthur 62.6; 4-Anne Gall-aher (VOS) 62.7. 880y, 1-Kathy Gibbons (VOS) 2:19.0; 2-Debbie Norris (SCM) 2:22.3; 3-Anne Brough (DCD) 2:30.8. 50yH, 1-Stewart 7.2; 2-Gallaher 7.6; 3-Roberta Ford (SCM) 8.0. 440y Relay, 1-VOS "A" 55.0; 2-AOC 57.8. 880y Medley Relay, 1-VOS "A" 1:59.9; 2-AOC 2:06.4. HJ, 1-Deanna Brandt (Un) 4'10. LJ, Judy Rejebian (VOS) 16'10"; 2-Debbie Norris (SCM) 15'9"; 3-Stewart 15'8"; 4-Gail Lewis (HAC) 15'7". SP, 1-Beverly Lilly (Un) 35'5"; 2-Alice Montes (SPT) 31'1". DT, 1-Debbie Green (PAA) 85'6; 2-Jennifer Quinlan (Un) 84'1. BBT, 1-Lilly 220'5; 2-Joan Nessa (VOS) 186'6.

10/11 Division:-50y, 1-Paula Floyd (CR) 6.7; 2-Pam Bigelow (Un) 7.0; 3-Cindy Pisapio (Un) 7.3. 100y, 1-Diane Owen (VOS) 12.5; 2-Floyd 12.6. 220y, 1-Owen 28.8; 2-Floyd 29.0; 3-Tracy Felix (Un) 30.9. 440y, 1-Patty Young (CR) 68.8; 2-Erika Van Gores (SCM) 69.5. 880y, 1-Cheryl Benesh (CCTC) 2:33.5; 2-Tanya Gould (VOS) 2:34.7. 440y Relay, 1-VOS "A" 57.8; 2-AOC 59.8; 3-Cataline (Arizona) 60.8. HJ, 1-Mary Slaughter (Un) 4'2. LJ, 1-Karen Schwantje (VOS) 13'5; 2-Karen Olson (VOS) 13'5; 3-Susie Sabel (VOS) 13'2". BBT, 1-Felix 167'6; 2-Karen Schwantje 161'9.

9 and Under Division:-50y, 1-Judy Taylor (VOS) 7.2; 2-Rita Brown (VOS) 7.3; 3-Marina Van Gores (SCM) 7.4. 100y, 1-Lynda Fleming (VOS) 13.4; 2-Taylor 13.5; 3-Van Gores 14.0. 220y, 1-Annette Jones (VOS) 31.2; 2-Van Gores 32.3; 3-Pam Young (CR) 33.7. 440y Relay, 1-VOS 59.4. HJ, 1-Annette Jones (VOS) 3'6; 2-Young 3'5; 3-Shirley Hiscoco (PAA) 3'5. LJ, 1-Fleming 12'8"; 2-Kathy Adams (DCD) 11'4". BBT, 1-Conny Gassen (PAA) 120'2; 2-Young 115'5; 3-Hiscoco 107'2; 4-Diane Stewart (AOC) 107'2

Charlton Nips Ferrell in Speedy 100

Ventura, California, March 24:-Jamaican Vilma Charlton nipped world record holder Barbara Ferrell in the 100y dash to high-light a regular SPAAAU track and field meet here today. The little foreign student at Pepperdine College and the National champ from the LA Mercurettes staged a ding-dong battle all the way with Ferrell off slightly ahead and Charlton closing in the final 25 yards to grab the narrow win. Official timers gave both competitors a time of 10.8 into a 2.08mph wind, but they were the only ones who had such a time for every "unofficial" timer in the stands recorded 10.4 and I, who am a notoriously slow timer, clocked them in 10.5s. Charlton came back to win the 220 in impressive fashion running into a 4.02mph wind in 23.9s.

Jarvis Scott continued her march toward an Olympic berth with three good efforts. Jarvis won the 440 easily in 55.8, was second to Charlton in the 220 at 24.4 and although eliminated in the 100y heats turned in an 11.6 effort.

Young Deborah Payne had a good day with a win in the 80mH with her personal best of 11.5, a third in the 220 in 24.8 and a surprise fourth in the 100 final beating out US Internationals Janet Macfarlane and Dee DeBusk plus former US Girl Champion Pernetta Glenn.

The 10/11 year olds continued to dump the record at 880y. Today it was Ruth Kleinsasser who sped the two laps in 2:33s. New discovery Cheryl Benish did not compete.

RESULTS: Women's Division: 100y, 1-Charlton (CCTC) 10.8, 2-Ferrell (LAM) 10.8, 3-Diana Wilson (LAM) 11.0, 4-Deborah Payne (Un) 11.1, 5-Janet Macfarlane (Un) 11.3, 6-Dee DeBusk (LAM) nt, 7-Pernetta Glenn (LAM) nt; 220y, 1-Charlton 23.9, 2-Jarvis Scott (LAM) 24.4, 3-Payne 24.8, 4-Wilson 25.3, 5-Glenn 25.3....8-DeBusk 26.3; 440y, 1-Scott 55.8, 2-Bunny Pope (SYTC) 57.9, 3-Leslie Clarke (Laurel TC) 58.2, 4-Teri Brown (Simi VS) 59.8; 880y, 1-Kathy Dosch (Un) 2:22.8, 2-Sandy Porter (LBC) 2:24.3, disq, Yolanda McCarty (CTC) 2:23.6; (Mile), 1-Angie Vangerborgt (SIN) 5:33.2, 2-Debbie Hampton (SGVP) 5:36.0; 80mH, 1-Payne 11.5 pb, 2-Dianne Spangler (PAA) 11.6, 3-Jane Phineas (LBC) 12.4, 4-Leslie Clarke (LTC) 12.5; 440y Relay, 1-LAM 47.3 (Wilson-Glenn-DeBusk-Ferrell), 2-Ventura Girl's TC 50.4, 3-SYTC 50.5, 4-CCTC 50.7; HJ, 1-Sharon Callahan (CCTC) 5'4, 2-Ordellia Smith (CCTC) 5'4; LJ, 1-Ordellia Smith 17'9", 2-Phineas 17'6, 3-Barbara Emerson (CCTC) 17'5, 4-Macfarlane 16'11";

SP, 1-Lynn Graham (LAM) 44'11, 2-Leslie Giesmann (SYTC) 40'11", 3-Vivian Turner (Lakewood) 39'6; DT, 1-Graham 120'1, 2-Vivian Turner 112'0, 3-Chris Martinez (PAA) 110'0; JT, 1-Kathy Schmidt (LBC) 137'6, 2-Robbie Stuart (CCTC) 134'1.

12/13 Division: 50y, 1 (tie) Marilyn McClung (SCM) and Mable Ferguson (OMTC) 6.3; 100y, 1-McClung 11.9, 2-Ferguson 12.0; 220y, 1-McClung 26.0; 440y, 1-Joyce Scott (CTC) 61.0, 2-Ann Wheeler (OMTC) 61.5, 3-Jan Miller (SVS) 61.5; 880y, 1-Vicki Hermance (LS) 2:29.2, 2-Kim Bradford (CCTC) 2:30.3; 50yH, 1-Roberta Fore (SCM) 7.9, 2-Christine McFadden (VGTC) 8.0; 440y Relay, 1-Ventura Girl's TC 54.4, 2-Lakewood Striders 54.5; HJ, 1-Sheila Hogan 4'6", 2-Sandy Goldsberry 4'6"; LJ, 1-Goldsberry 15'4", 2-Cindy Lee (SVS) 15'0"; SP, 1-Romana Contreras (SP) 32'10, 2-Stephanie Woodside (ORD) 32'4"; BBT, 1-Debbie Landevain (LS) 218'1, 2-Contrerera 214'0.

10/11 Division: 50y, Maren Olson (SIN) 6.8; 100, Olson 13.0; 220, Terry Heckman (LS) 29.5; 440, 1-Carol Burkland (HTC) 65.2, 2-Cheryl Benish (CCTC) 65.3 (in separate flights), 3-Erika Van Gores (SCM) 69.4; 880y, Ruth Kleinsasser (VV) 2:33.0 NR, 2-Karen Kosmala (HTC) 2:35.0; 440y Relay, 1-Lakewood Striders 57.4, 2-GVTC 58.5; HJ, 1-Olson 3'11, 2-Colleen Cain (PAA) 3'11, 3-Patty Carmen (PAA) 3'11.

9/Under Division: 50y, Sonia Fountain (ORD) 7.3, 2-Jill Weeland (OMTC) 7.3; 100y, Titina Fisher (CCTC) 14.5; 220y, Weeland 33.5; 440y, Cynthia Looney (ORD) 73.2; HJ, Cindy Robertson (SIN) 3'6; BBT, Fountain 130'6.

Ferrell 11.5 100m; Charlton Injured

San Diego, March 30:-Vilma Charlton, Jamaican sprinter who only six days before had scored a narrow win over world-record holder Barbara Ferrell, suffered a pulled muscle here today while leading in the 200 meter dash. Ferrell went on to win the race in 24.0 flat and then returned to win the 100m in the excellent time of 11.5s. RaNae Bair, American javelin champion, made her outdoor debut a winning one with a toss of 162'9.

RESULTS: 100m, Ferrell 11.5, 2-DeBusk 11.8, 3-Nancy Benson 11.9; 200m, 1-Ferrell 24.0, 2-Benson 24.9, 3-DeBusk 25.0; 400m, 1-Jarvis Scott 54.9, 2-Lois Drinkwater 56.0; 1500m, 1-Kathy DeStout 4:49.6, 2-Ruth Brand 4:54.5, 3-Dee Hancock 4:56.6; 80mH, 1-Marilyn King 11.9, 2-Jan Glotzer 11.9; HJ, Glotzer 5'4; SP, Sybil Jones 31'0; LJ, Shirley Lenouyn 17'7"; JT, RaNae Bair 162'9, 2-Roberta Brown 152'8, 3-Bayda Shelton 136'10; 440y Relay, LA Mercurettes (Loretta Stevenson-DeBusk-Glenn-Ferrell) 47.8s.

South Africa Report from Gert le Roux

Three South Africa athletes have reached the Olympic qualifying standards so far this season. In addition to Susan du Plesses (high jump) and AAna Botha (400), sprinter Theresa van Rensburg also qualified for the 100 meters in a meet at Sasolburg on March 23 with a clocking of 11.6s.

At the same meet Botha equalled the Sout African 200 meters record with a time of 23.7s. Van Rensburg was second in 24.5. In the 100 meters young Pauline Craven was second in 11.9s.

Three days earlier, March 20, in a meeting which attracted 13000 spectators at Krugersdorp, Craven ran her first-ever 400 meters and turned in an amazing 55.6s. Craven established SA Junior records in the 100/200/Lj at Potchefstroom on March 3 with marks of 11.8/24.1/20'0". Juniors in South Africa are under 18 years of age.

Thea Kitshoff, another 16 year old, scored another great win over veteran (41) Anne McKenzie in Cape Town on March 14. This time she clocked 2:08.3 against 2:09.6 for McKenzie who is battling injuries and a suspect torn cartilage. At the moment it is doubtful whether she will be able to compete at the S.A. National Championships on April 13-15 in Johannesburg.

Track and field has become a most popular sport this year and is drawing larger crowds than ever before. Because of this the site of the South Africa Championships have been switched from a fast conder track to a big cricket stadium with a grass surface. It is upsetting all the athletes, but the decision has now been taken and will not be changed.

Potchefstroom, Feb. 28: JT, Van Lingen 48.42/158'10; Potchefstroom, Mar 9: 100m/200m/400m, Pauline Craven (16) 11.8/24.1/61.8; 400m Botha 54.7 (record).

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Australia Report from Bernie Cecins

Perth, Mar. 3, 200m Joyce Bennett 24.7; 800m, Jillian Jordan 2:15.0; 80mH, Jennifer Jones 11.2: Adelaide, Mar. 3, South Australian Women's Championships; 100m/200m, Di Burge 11.5/24.4; 400m, Biruta Vilmanis 55.0; 100mH/200mH, Jan Riley 14.6/28.7; JT, Anna Bocson 158'11. Melbourne, Mar. 3, 80mH/LJ Pam Kilborn 11.2/20'2; DT, Jean Roberts 158'6, Pam Woods 148'8. Sydney, Mar. 3, 100m, Lamy 11.9; 400m, Sandra Brown 54.9; 80mH, Maureen Caird 11.0. Adelaide, Feb. 17, 400m, Vilmanis 56.3. Melbourne, Feb. 17, 200m, Pam Kilborn 23.6, Pam Sommerville 23.6, Joan Henriksen 24.0; 800m, Brenda Carr 2:17.0, Jenny Orr (15) 2:20.4; 80mH, Kilborn 10.4w; DT, Jean Roberts 171'8, Pam Wood 156'4, Anna Karner 149'10; (Juniors) 100m, Raelene Boyle 11.5w; 400m, Chris Malaker 57.4. Sydney, Feb. 17, 100m, Lamy 11.4w, Denise Dunham 11.5w; 400m, Sandra Brown and Cheryl Peasley 55.7, Jackie Byrnes 55.8....Lamy 57.3; 80mH, Maureen Caird 10.5 - no wind gauge; JT, Mary Thomas 160'4, Chris Thompson 158'10. Perth, Feb. 24, 100m, Joyce Bennett 11.5w; 400m, Bennett 55.2, Holland 55.4; 1500m, Jillian Jordan 4:46.0. Sydney, Feb. 24, 200m, Lamy 24.4; JT, Adams 161'3. Melbourne, Feb. 24, (Temperature 107°), 80mH, Kilborn 11.2; DT, Roberts 174'7. Adelaide, Feb. 24, 200m, Burge 24.4; HJ, Jean Arnold (formerly White) 5'4.

PENTATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS:-Competing at the bitumen clad Olympic Sports Field track, Pam Kilborn won the Aussie pentathlon title with 4643 points from Denise Pease 4354, Jan Riley 4267, Lenore Liscombe 4131 and Jean Arnold 4043. Kilborn's marks were 10.7-9.31/30'6½-1.53/5'04-6.11/20'0½-24.7. The Junior title went to Penny McCallum with 4259 points over Margaret Wilson 4045 and Lynda Hancock 4027.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Adelaide, March 6-10:-400m Heats, Joyce Bennett 54.1, Sandra Brown 54.7, Cheryl Peasley 55.3, Carol Neighbour 55.8; (II) Kathy Holland 55.3, Jackie Byrnes 55.9, Biruta Vilmanis 55.9, Frawley 57.2, Katrina Graham 57.2. On March 7, 100mH times included 13.6 by Kilborn and 13.9 by Caird - over 2'9" hurdles. 800m heats (I), Byrnes 2:13.8, Brenda Carr 2:15.6, Judy Hart (formerly Tapfield) 2:15.7; (II) Jordan 2:15.6, Brown 2:17.1, Beth Stanford 2:17.2. On March 9, Di Burge, perhaps greatly underrated by some overseas experts despite runaway victories against leading American sprinters last July at Los Angeles, (Ed. Note:-Bernie Cecins, I am ashamed of you! Burge won only by inches over an injured Ferrell, an injured Wilson and an out-of-shape Tyus!), won the 100m in 11.3 from Kilborn 11.5, Bennett 11.6, Dunham 11.6 and Lamy 11.6. The wind was just inside 2m per second. Heats, (I) Kilborn 11.5, Dunham 11.6; (II) Bennett 11.6, Lamy 11.7; (III) Burge 11.4, Marion Hoffman 11.5. In the 400m Bennett and Vilmanis set a fast pace for the first 200m, but in the home straight the rapidly tiring Bennett was overtaken by Sandra Brown who won by 0.3 in a good 54.1s. Holland was third in 54.7 from 16 year old Peasley in 54.8. Vilmanis 55.6, Frawley 56.7. In the 1500 meters, Brenda Carr set a new National record of 4:33.3 to beat Cathy McIntosh (16) 4:36.3 and Jordan 4:39.0, 4th was 15 year old Jenny Orr 4:42.7s. Pam Kilborn set a World record in winning the 100mH in 13.4 over the 2'9" barriers. Second was precocious Maureen Caird in a speedy 13.8 followed by Sommerville 14.3 and McCallum 14.4. LJ, Lenore Liscombe 20'7¼, Kilborn 19'8½. SP, Roberts 49'5, Jane Adams 47'0. JT, Barbara Friedrich (USA) 170'0, Natasha Urbancic 166'4, Anna Bocson 165'3, Mary Thomas 157'10. (Juniors); Raelene Boyle (16) covered the 200m heat in 23.8 and won the final in 23.5 from Nancy Benson (USA) 24.2, Chris Malaker 24.2 and Alison Ross-Edwards 24.3. In the 80mH, American indoor champion Pat VanWolvelaere and Maureen Caird were even at the 7th hurdle when VanWolvelaere fell and suffered ankle, shin and knee injuries and was advised to withdraw from further competition. Caird won in 10.6 from McCallum 11.0s. 800m, J. Barraclough 2:17.2; HJ, Brenda Barnes 5'4; DT, Kraner 145'9, Sue Cullet 142'9. With the wind still inside 2m per second, Di Burge won one of the fastest "one-nation" 200 meter races on record in 23.0 from Bennett (23.2), Lamy (23.3), Boyle (23.4 - junior record), Denise Dunham (23.7), Frawley (24.1) and Nancy Benson (24.2) 800m, Brown 2:10.9, Byrnes 2:12.4. 80mH, Kilborn 10.5w, Caird 10.6w, Pease 10.8w, Staples 10.8w, Somerville 10.9w, Thompson 11.1w. Heats, Kilborn 10.5, Staples 10.8, Jennifer Jones 10.9; Caird 10.7, Thompson 11.0; Pease 10.9, Somerville 11.1. HJ, Carolyn Wright 5'4. DT, Roberts 169'5, Adams 161'2, Culley 155'4 pb. 4x100m, Victoria (Kilborn-

LETTERS - 'SOCK IT TO ME TIME'

"Glad to see Calvin Brown's letter and agree with him 100%. I've always felt most indignant at the British statisticians who blithely write off as 'wind assisted' performances which never saw on the word of an onlooker; or who write off performances as 'suspect timing' just because they personally cannot believe an athlete did a specific time. This is crazy madness. Far, far better accept a possible 'lucky' time sometime than rule out so arbitrarily dozens of fine bona fide performances. After all, surely track and field is still primarily a sport - not a vital matter of life and death or national security. Except for the 100 I'd like to see the whole idea of wind assistance abolished altogether. It's purely guesswork and quite unproved on the facts since most athletes achieve their best performances without wind anyway. Most British top women hurdlers and long jumpers in fact consider a following wind a hindrance, not a help." Pete Pozzoli, England.

Australia Report (Continued)

Somerville-Rhonda Jenkins-Boyle) 46.2, Western Australia (Joan Woolnough-Jennifer Jones-Holland-Bennett) 46.2, NSW 46.5. (Juniors) 100m, Boyle 11.5w, Caird 11.7w, (Boyle 11.5 heat, wind ok). 400m, Peasley 55.5, Malaker 58.0. LJ, Caird 18'6. JT, Chris Thompson 149'5, Petra Rivers 148'6, Janina Hajduczyk 143'8.
Melbourne, Mar. 16, DT, Jean Roberts 172'8. Sydney, Mar. 16, 100m, Dunham 11.6, Ross-Edwards 11.8; 400m, Brown 54.4, Peasley 55.7; 80mH, Helen Windred 11.2; 80mH, Lorraine Staples 10.9. Brisbane, Mar. 13, In a special night meet at Exhibition Grounds, Di Burge equalled the World 60m record of 7.2, beating Kilborn and Lamy. US star Barbara Friedrich set an Australian javelin record with a throw of 186'. Burge defeated Lamy and Nancy Benson in a 24.1 200m and Kilborn once again downed Caird in the 80mH 10.5 to 10.7s.
Melbourne, Mar. 17, Burge, with a 5.2m wind covered 100y in 10.3 to win from Kilborn (10.5) and Boyle (10.6). Boyle scored an upset win in the 220y beating Burge and Lamy with a windy 23.5 run to 24.0 and 24.1s. And Kilborn showed Caird her back once again in the 80mH (2.4 wind) with a 10.4 run to Maureen's 10.5s. Brown won the 880y in 2:11.5 and Roberts the discus with 167'11.
Adelaide, March 21:-80mH, Kilborn 10.6, Caird 10.7; 400m, Nancy Benson (US) 55.2; 100m, Burge 11.5; JT, Friedrich (US) 177'4/54.05. Additions to Melbourne, March 2:-100y, 4-Lamy 10.6w, Caird 10.8w, Benson (US) 10.8w; 220y, 2-Burge 23.7w, Lamy 24.1w; 80mH, 2-Caird 10.5w, Jennifer Jones 10.9w; DT, 2-Adams 165'8/50.50.

The Australian Olympic Games team is likely to include Burge, Kilborn, Liscombe, Caird, Bennett, Boyle, Roberts, Brown - while Lamy may miss out.

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National Championships Qualifying Procedures

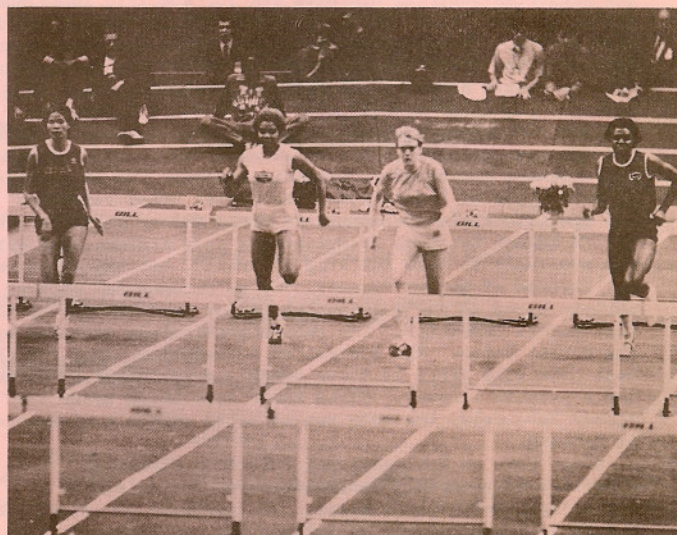
The National Chairman has announced the following procedures and policies in relation to qualifying for participation in the 1968 National Championships:

1. The first four finishers in each individual event in regional meets are eligible for the National Championships.
2. Other entrants must meet the listed standards. The standards must be met in an open sanctioned meet and reported to the Official Statistician, (Bill Peck).
3. Standards will be accepted in meets scheduled after March 1, 1968:

100y	11.4	80mH	11.7
100m	12.3	200mH	32.0
200m	25.4	LJ	17'10
220y	25.5	HJ	5' 0
400m	58.1	SP	38' 0 (8#, 39'0)
440y	58.8	DT	125' 0
800m	2:15.3	JT	140' 0
880y	2:16.0	44OR	None
1500m	4:57.0	MedR	None
Mile	5:15.0		

"I hope you comment on the 60y hurdle final at the indoor AAU. It was my impression that I had never seen a more unfair start in 20 years of watching major meets. I gauged that Sherrard, Rallins and Chi felt the same. I could hardly watch the rest of the meet for field-glassing the drama of protest and response, jury-in, jury-out, etc. I can hardly believe the old pro and long-time Prince of Starters, Tom Moore, had done it. I'm sure all would forgive him one bungle, but the second starter must have also been asleep. This should not be meant to take anything away from Pat VanWolvelaere who is a fine competitor and will some day get the record honestly. And Mamie, too!"

Bill Dickinson, Stanford, California



Here's what reader Bill Dickinson was writing about - after only clearing one hurdle VanWolvelaere is a full stride ahead of the field, (that's approximately six feet) - and that's pretty fast! (Photo by Don Wilkinson)

"I'm a race-walker so I know what it's like to be snickered at in the Big Meets.

So some of the people snickered at the basketball throw at Oakland! Big deal, let them snicker!

Your magazine is doing a fine job to boost women's track and field sport but in some areas you have gone just too far.

One particular area is your personal, uncontrollable rage at the fact that young girls wish to compete in the basketball throw event at the National Championships.

Well, if people don't understand why the basketball event takes place, so what! Other people don't understand why race-walkers walk and other people run and jump and hurdle and throw.

Now, using such terminology as "outlawing" the event is just ridiculous and uncalled for.

As a lot of people seem to understand, but you don't, the basketball throw is indoor track's version of the javelin throw. The motion is the very same, practically, as throwing the javelin.

We in the East do not have balmy winters as you do in California and the javelin isn't often practicable until mid-March. Thus, the basketball throw is of inestimable value in the winter.

May I point to Miss Barbara Friedrich as the great example. Do you think she'd be able to throw as magnificently as she did opening her outdoor season in Australia if she had no other way of training through the winter? And it was the great Babe Didrikson who mastered the basketball throw and then went on to win America's one and only gold medal in the javelin (at the Olympics). Barbara's great goal is to follow in her footsteps. And as I've said before, if some of the other top javelin throwers, RaNae Bair included, who neglect the basketball throw, would take it up, things might be different for them outdoors.

Let's not look at only one side of things. And I hope you can get some part of this into your next issue."

Elliott Denman, Asbury Park Press, NJ.

LETTERS - 'SOCK IT TO ME TIME'

WTFW has received a number of letters along this line:

"Could you find out and publish who selected the team for the Russian Meet? I talked to the coaches of the outstanding and consistent runners of the indoor season and they were not contacted relative to the availability of their athletes making the trip. It seems the same old group gets the trips."

We wrote to National Chairman Nell Jackson and put the question to her. Here is the answer:

"In general, the selections for international teams are based on performances in the National Championships (indoor and outdoor). However, most of the invitations from the countries desiring athletes ask for specific individuals or for the "best" performer available in certain specified events. In consideration of the girls and the country extending the invitations, we try to select the best girls for the events based on the National Championships. If, however, the international meet is scheduled before the National Championships and the request for a specific girl has not been received, then we consider the best over-all performances exhibited in specific events. For an example of both types of invitations, the Soviet Union requested two specific girls to compete in their indoor meets before the US Indoor National Championships this winter. One girl was available to make the trip (Ferrell), but the other was not because of injury (Cooke). So we recommended another athlete based on her outstanding indoor performances up to that point. (Burnett). The recommendation was accepted by the Soviet Union. The Australian Association asked for the best available girls in three areas - a sprinter, a hurdler and a javelin thrower. Since their tour began after the Indoor Nationals, the team was selected on the performances in Oakland.

We do have an International Selection Committee. This Committee is generally responsible for the selection of teams for international meets. If the above procedure cannot be followed because of extenuating circumstances, the Chairman, Co-Chairmen and the T&F Administrator screen and select the best available people. One must realize, however, that we have a double obligation in the selection of members for international teams and tours. The country extending the invitation is paying the bill; therefore, they want the best we can offer. Hence they request a specific girl. On the other hand, we have an obligation to the girls - to consider their personal commitments."

Nell C. Jackson

"Today I received my eagerly awaited January issue of WTFW - and it was well worth waiting for. I was particularly interested in the 1967 US Lists and the resultant comparison I was able to make with the corresponding British Lists. There is no doubt that the US girls are advancing in leaps and bounds and in no event is this more apparent than in the 440 yards. Tenth place in 1966, (Pat VanWolvelaere at 57.1), would be ranked only 23rd last year (1967), while Delores Stoneback, second in 1966 with 55.7, ranks only 6th in 1967 although nearly one second faster. The British girls, however, have remained static, with tenth place in 1967 clocking 56.5 as compared with 56.1 in 1966.

There is still a disappointing lack of depth among US long jumpers, with only six girls over 19 feet as compared with 17 in Great Britain. However, I am sure the next few seasons will produce a dramatic improvement in this event."

Eric L. Cowe, Scotland.

"Because of confusion and disputes which have risen both on the local and national level, I feel the women's track rules need some rewriting. I have undertaken this project, not so much to change rules, but to clarify them. The major change resulting will be a fully self-contained, separate section of women's rules in the next reprinting of the T&F Rule Book.

To aid me and assure a better job, I am soliciting comments on sections which need rewording. I would also welcome suggested rules changes, but in the case of the latter I will write two sections: one will be the rule as it is now and the other will be the proposed change. In this manner, all legal commitments should be made so as to not cause legislation to be declared out of order at or after the convention.

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Alcorn A&M College, Lorman, Mississippi, is high on their 19 year old freshman sprinter, Mildredette Netter who has two 10.9 centuries to her credit already this year....Tom Rosandich, for many years track coach for Indonesia, has established the Village of Olympia in northern Wisconsin. This fabulous center on Lake O'Brien, has a Track & Field Camp, a Long Distance and Cross Country Running Camp and an Olympia Coaches Clinic. Women coaches and athletes are welcome. For further details write Olympia Sport Village, Upson, Wisconsin, 54565....Dick Held's javelin manufacturer, has come up with a new process in making women's javelins which saves money for the buyers. He has three of the new spears being tried and tested by the Crown Cities TC cluster of spear experts and if they perform as expected you can expect to save about \$10 per implement.

In the March 9th issue of "Athletics Weekly" the following classified ad appeared, "Lost, pair of tracksuit bottoms"... There MUST be a story behind that!!....The National Pentathlon Championships will also serve as the Olympic trials.... Those who classify C. C. Jackson as anti distance must not have read his communique of February 20th in which he advances several suggestions for the improvement of the sport and includes the age groupers....146 high school girls competed in their own division of the Mason-Dixon Games in Louisville, Kentucky....West Germany's Karin Frisch was recently married to become Karin Reichert.

The Western United States Track & Field Games will be held this year on July 5 and 6 in Chico, California. This competition, previously held at Paradise, California, is open to all athletes west of the Mississippi. Meet director is Larry Bursleson, Track Coach, Chico State College, Chico, California. Karin Wallgren, Sweden's 400 ace, has not run indoors this year due to Achilles trouble, but will begin training soon. Another Swedish star, Ulla Olason, record holder in the long jump at 6.31/20'8½, is training again after missing the 1967 season because of injury....With Rhonda Fleming running for the St. Louis Blues, and Barbara Britton zipping along for the Delaware TFC, the movie industry is well represented....

"Women's Eastern Track Newsletter" selected Jane Burnett and Shelley Marshall as "Eastern Athletes of the Month" for

February....Colleges with a Tartan track surface have made their facilities available for training for all Olympic possibilities. Contact the athletic director of the institution for further information. These include: University of Tennessee, U. of Pennsylvania, U. of Alabama, U. of Illinois, San Jose State, Boston College, Holy Cross, Macalester College, Bowling Green, Iowa State, Southern University at Baton Rouge, Carleton College, Hamline University, North Central College, Drake, Moorehead State, Santa Fe, U. of Minnesota and South Plains College....Looks like the State institutions and the Catholics have all the money!....

A certain US "International" who was noted for her terrible temper during her younger years has now settled down - now she's mad all the time....New National Long Distance Running Chairman Bob Seaman plans to begin a Newsletter devoted to that phase of the sport....All was not peaches and cream at the Indoor Nationals after all. The basketball throw (ugh) which was scheduled to be conducted OUTDOORS at Edwards Field was mysteriously switched back to the indoor arena leaving several competitors standing around at Edwards Field and missing the competition completely. Also, the two sections of the mile run were suddenly combined by the Meet Director to "save time" without consulting the National Chairman....Is Charlette Cooke "out" of the SITC?....In a wise move, the National Women's Championships will be conducted BEFORE the Girl's Championships enabling the 14-17 year olds to compete in the Women's Division before being called upon to delete energy in the Girl's classification....1969 Indoor Championships will be held February 28/March 1 in Philadelphia.... Leisel Westermann, world record holder for the discus, competed in the shot put and long jump in the West German Championships. She long jumped 17'2½!

SOUTH AFRICA NEWS from Gert le Roux

Anna Botha became the second South African woman to achieve the Olympic qualifying standard when she set a new SA record of 55.0 for 400m at Krugersdorp on February 24. Anne McKenzie, looking better than ever before, clocked 56.4 running second. Other results: 200m, Pauline Craven 24.7. Pretoria (Feb. 21): 400m, Botha 56.2, McKenzie 58.1; 800m, McKenzie 2:12.1; DT, L. Malan 151'2; JT, L. Grove 154'11. Durban, (Feb. 24): LJ, L. Schmidt 20'0½.

US Best Performances by Age by Calvin Brown

880 Yards

8	2:52.8	Jo Lowrey (9-11-55)	12-28-63
9	2:54.0	Carolynn Hyrkas	66
10	2:43.0	Sandra Langan	66
11	2:34.3	Debbie Heald (8-20-55)	4-16-67
12	2:24.8	Debbie Norris (11-8-54)	7-23-67
13	2:23.4	Liane Swegle	4-29-67
14	2:16.9	Marie Mulder (2-11-50)	2- 6-65
15	2:08.2*	Marie Mulder	8- 1-65
16	2:09.8*	Nancy Shafer (5-6-51)	7-15-67
17	2:11.9	Jane Burnett (3-17-50)	5- 5-67
18	2:04.7*	Charlette Cooke (2-27-48)	7-23-66
19	2:02.5*	Madeline Manning (1-11-48)	7- 7-67
20	2:07.4*	Jarvis Scott (4-6-47)	7-15-67
21	2:09.7*	Leah Ferris (5-18-43)	7-26-64
22	2:10.4	Leah Ferris	6-26-65
23	2:05.8	Doris Brown (9-17-42)	7-23-66
24	2:03.8*	Doris Brown	8- 5-67
25	2:10.6*	Sandra Knott (10-9-37)	7-30-63

80 Meter Hurdles

13	13.4	Carol Donnell	67
14	11.7	Debbie Lansky	67
15	11.5	Denise Paschal (11-13-48)	5-23-64
16	11.0	Tammy Davis (10-19-47)	7-30-63
17	10.8	Pat Van Wolvelaere (4-15-50)	7- 1-67
18	11.1	Rosie Bonds (7-7-44)	7- 6-63
		Denise Paschal	4-15-67
19	11.1	Tammy Davis	7- 2-66
20	10.8	Rosie Bonds	7-11-64
21	10.9	Rosie Bonds	8- 1-65
22	11.1	Cherrie Sherrard (8-25-38)	7-16-61
23	11.0	Janice Brown	7- 8-67
24	11.0	Mamie Rallins (7-8-41)	7- 2-66
25	10.8	Cherrie Sherrard	7-11-64
26	10.8	Cherrie Sherrard	8- 6-65
		Mamie Rallins	7-15-67
27	10.7	Cherrie Sherrard	7- 2-66
28	10.5	Cherrie Sherrard	8-20-67
29	11.1	Irene Robertson (1931)	7-16-60

Discus Throw

13	34.47/113'1	Diane Matkovich (4-21-53)	4-16-67
14	36.73/120'6	Diane Matkovich	6- 4-67
15	41.11/134'10	Nancy Norberg (12-30-46)	5-20-62
16	44.07/144'7	Nancy Norberg	5-19-63
17	48.08/157'9	Lynn Graham (11-3-47)	7- 3-65
18	47.57/156'1	Nancy Norberg	6-20-65
19	45.78/150'2	Carol Moseke (3-8-45)	6-12-64
20	46.81/153'7	Nancy Norberg	5- 7-67
21	51.35/168'5	Earlene Brown (7-11-35)	11-23-56
22	49.25/161'7	Carol Moseke	7-29-67
23	49.40/162'1	Earlene Brown	7-27-58
24	50.89/166'11	Earlene Brown	12-12-59
25	53.91/176'10	Earlene Brown	7-16-60
26	47.07/154'5	Earlene Brown	7- 8-62
27	44.60/146'4	Earlene Brown	3-10-63
28	53.17/174'5	Olga Connelly (11-13-32)	10-16-60
29	52.48/156'8	Earlene Brown	7-11-64
30	52.58/172'2	Olga Connelly	7- 8-62
31	53.16/174'5	Olga Connelly	10-19-64

Pentathlon

12	3311	Jayne Frederick (4-7-53)	6-25-65
13	3685	Jayne Frederick	5-21-66
14	3893	Cathy Hamblin	6- 4-67
15	4120	Denise Paschal (11-13-48)	64
16	4220	Denise Paschal	6-25-65
17	4384	Denise Paschal	8- 7-66
18	4396	Denise Paschal	5-13-67
19	4261	Pat Winslow (9-1-43)	7-13-63
20	4644	Pat Winslow	7-15-64
21	4724	Pat Winslow	10-17-64
22	4496	Pat Winslow	8- 7-66
23	4860	Pat Winslow	7-30-67
24	3721	Barbara Mueller (5-23-33)	10- 5-57
25	4432	Cherrie Sherrard (8-25-38)	64
26	4210	Cherrie Sherrard	6-25-65
27	4366	Cherrie Sherrard	8- 7-66
28	4378	Cherrie Sherrard	6-25-67

Olympic Profile - Ann Packer by Louise Tricard

When does one decide to win an Olympic Championship? What type person is it that can discipline herself each day for a number of years toward the goal she has set for herself?

Just about three years ago, Ann Packer, now Mrs. Robin Brightwell, was preparing to fulfill the goals she had established for herself. She was training diligently, six days a week, so she alone would be the only woman in the world to wear the gold medal for the 800 meter run in the 1964 Olympic Games.

Ann was born in 1942 in Great Britain. She is 5'6 1/2 in height and weighs 124 pounds. For eleven years, prior to the Tokyo Olympics, Ann competed in track and field. Although she began her athletic career as a high jumper, her best events were the 400 and 800 meter runs. Her time of 52.2 in the 400 was a British and European record. Her time of 2:01.1 in the 800 meter run was the British, European, Commonwealth and World record.

Her training sessions varied during the summer and winter. During the winter, she trained six days a week. Two days of each week she practiced twice. Her second workout was with weights. During the summer months, she trained four days a week. The average length of these workouts was one hour. Since European countries have little indoor competition, all of Ann's training and competition was outdoors. In the summer, she competed in about five or six meets each month.

Ann Packer Brightwell is a college graduate. She majored in Physical Education and was teaching during the time she was training for the Olympic Games. Her hobbies include dressmaking, reading and tennis.

Ann competed in track because of the enjoyment she derived from it. She felt pleasure in being fit. She has made many friends and has had satisfaction and opportunity to develop a skill to the fullest. She feels that whatever one's standard may be, there is a great deal of personal satisfaction in the discipline of training.

She certainly showed this philosophy to the world by not only winning the 800 meter run, but also by placing a close second in the 400 meter run in the 1964 Olympic Games.

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STARTING (From '3284 Tips on Track')

GENERAL INFORMATION

Fast starting is not a mere matter of quickness in removing the feet from the blocks. Rather it is maximum velocity at 15-20 yards and beyond that is desired. The best start is not necessarily the fastest one!

In general, the taller the runner the farther the feet should be placed from the line.

Greater distance between the feet results in a greater portion of drive from the lead leg and lesser distance results in a more equalized drive.

Although the rear leg develops considerable more force than the front, the latter contributes twice as much to the velocity out of the blocks because its impulse is of longer duration.

There is little doubt that the most important factor in starting is to obtain the greatest power from the blocks by exerting maximum, explosive pressure with both feet against the blocks.

The best position from which to exert foot force is a medium foot spread with the hips 3-4 inches higher than the shoulders.

Don't try to beat the starter. A good starter won't let you, and a false start puts you at the mercy of your opponents.

Once a sprinter gains an advantage of a few inches over his opponents at the start, he need run only as fast as the others to win.

"ON YOUR MARKS"

Give your legs a shake before putting them in the blocks.

Back into the blocks. Put the front foot on its block first, then the rear foot on its block.

Place the balls of the feet against the starting blocks.

Keep the knee directly in front of the foot of that leg.

Hands must be behind the line, shoulder width apart; shoulders should be in advance of the hands.

Fingers should be spread in tripod fashion, thumbs pointing toward each other. If the fingers are not strong enough to support the body weight in this position, use the knuckles instead.

The palms of the hands do not touch the ground.

Elbows should be straight to elevate the shoulders to the full arm length.

Move forward so the hip point of the rear leg is directly above the knee, forcing the upper leg into a vertical position. This keeps the entire upper leg completely relaxed and ready to react speedily. The body is also in position for the next command by the starter.

When on your mark, remember the weight of the body is on the hands, the front foot, and the knee that is on the ground - body weight equally divided between the three points. Do not "settle back" on your haunches, for this creates tension in the leg muscles and inhibits reaction time at the gun.

When on your mark, set your mind - but relax your body.

"SET"

The "set" position is easily achieved by raising the knee of the rear leg to a position in which the rear shin bone is parallel or slightly above parallel to the ground.

Hips should be two to three inches higher than the shoulders. If the position of the rear shin bone is correct, the height of the hips and the angle of the back will take care of themselves.

One of the biggest faults in starting is getting the back (or hips) too high or too low. The back should be flat - not rounded - or the power-line will be destroyed during the initial drive.

If the hips are too high, the forward momentum at the gun is directed DOWN toward the ground instead of FORWARD.

Raising the hips too high will straighten the legs and take much of the power out of the start.

Drive both feet into the blocks hard when "set". Insufficient pressure by the legs in the "set" position, especially the back leg, detracts from the drive.

The athlete who becomes too concerned with a quick start may forget to apply maximum pressure to the blocks.

If the knees are not fairly well bent it is impossible to get sufficient drive into the blocks.

"GO"

Do not think about the gun: it is not possible to get the fastest start and concentrate on the gun.

There are two types of reaction to a stimulus: 1) automatic and 2) conditioned. If the athlete concentrates on the SOUND of the gun, (if he listens for the gun), then the gun must be fired before he can react since he has CONDITIONED his mind to the stimulus. If the athlete's mind is concentrating on the forthcoming ACTION while in the "set" position, then the slightest sound will cause an AUTOMATIC reflex and he will start moving a fraction of a second sooner. Reaction time to a conditioned stimulus is 0.225 second. Reaction time to an automatic stimulus is only 0.120 second, a difference of a full 0.1 second. Translated to the finish of a 100 yard dash, this time difference can mean from 12-18 inches - enough to win a close race.

The shoulders will automatically lift higher than the hips in the first few strides - so concentrate on keeping low.

It is force in the leg drive that brings maximum acceleration.

The movement desired is an extremely vigorous pushing action.

Associated with the pressure into the blocks should be a definite attempt to lead with the knees in the first few running strides.

Bring the rear knee straight forward without lifting it, and allow the rear foot (your first step) to drop wherever it naturally happens to fall. Hips MUST be in advance of the landing foot - do NOT extend the lower leg. Action must be a PUSHING action.

In order to achieve the most powerful start, the sprinter must not only thrust as hard as possible with both feet, but must continue to thrust until his forward momentum causes him to lose contact with the blocks. Often the front foot is disengaged too soon from the block before the full impulse has been delivered - in other words, you must RUN off the blocks, don't JUMP off them.

The length of the first stride is too long if the ankle is brought ahead of the knee, forcing the power UP rather than forward.

A first step that is too long will check the forward momentum, and a first step that is too short will cause loss of balance.

It is a mistake to break into full stride the moment you leave the blocks. This tendency diminishes speed, just as if you started an automobile in high gear.

Starting is not a question of "who gets off the blocks the fastest" but rather "who gets off the blocks with the most power". There is no reward for the sprinter who is able to get his feet off the blocks faster than anyone else!

Momentum from the blocks is a more important factor in the sprint start than quick movement.

Invariably, athletes using ANY type of start started moving more slowly when they concentrated on pressure against both blocks by both feet, BUT THEY WERE RUNNING FASTER SHORTLY AFTERWARD.

Debbie Heald, 12 year old student at Hutchinson Elementary School in Norwalk, California, ran the mile in 5:19.2 at San Diego on March 30th.

Canadian Best by Age by Calvin Brown

100 Yards

10	12.2	Leslie Hough	66
11	12.1	Leslie Hough	67
15	10.7	Yvonne Breeden (2-15-47)	8-11-62
16	10.7	Yvonne Breeden	8- 3-63
17	11.0*	Yvonne Breeden	6- 6-64
18	10.5	Marjorie Turner (11-21-47)	7-16-66
19	10.7	Judy Dallimore (7-20-46)	7- 9-66
20	10.9	Eleanor Haslam (9-21-39)	7-11-60
21	10.8	Jenny Meldrum (4-12-43)	7- 1-64
22	10.7	Irene Piotrowski (7-9-41)	8- 3-63
		Valerie Parker (4-28-44)	7-16-66
23	10.8	Irene Piotrowski	5- 8-65
25	10.5	Irene Piotrowski	7-16-66
26	10.7	Irene Piotrowski	8-12-67

880 Yards

12	2:20.2	Brenda Mah	65
13	2:18.7	Brenda Mah	66
15	2:10.8	Abby Hoffman (2-11-47)	8-11-62
16	2:09.9	Abby Hoffman	6-26-63
18	2:08.7*	Abby Hoffman	8-29-65
19	2:04.3	Abby Hoffman	8-13-66
20	2:05.5*	Abby Hoffman	8- 5-67

80m Hurdles

11	13.4	Leslie Hough	67
15	11.8	Jane Lundy	5-27-65
20	11.7	Sally McCallum (8-7-40)	9-31-60
21	10.8	Jenny Wingerson (4-12-43)	9- 7-64
22	11.0	Cathy Chapman (4-12-43)	7-13-65
		Jenny Wingerson	7-13-65
23	10.8	Cathy Chapman	66
24	10.9	Jenny Wingerson-Meldrum	6-24-67

Shot Put

18	15.84/51'11 $\frac{3}{4}$	Nancy McCredie (2-5-45)	6-25-63
19	15.89/52' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Nancy McCredie	10-20-64
20	15.96/52' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Nancy McCredie	5-22-65
21	16.01/52' 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	Nancy McCredie	6-18-66
22	15.35/50' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Nancy McCredie	6-17-67
24	14.31/46'11 $\frac{3}{4}$	Jackie McDonald (32)	11-30-56

Pentathlon

15	4340	Jana Lundy	65
20	4716	Diane Gerace (10-26-43)	8- 1-64
21	4549	Jenny Wingerson (4-12-43)	8- 1-64
24	4724	Jenny Wingerson-Meldrum	7-30-67

(Send additions and corrections to Calvin Brown, WTFW)

British Girl's Best from 'Athletics Weekly'

100 Yards

12	11.5	Dawn Nasralla	1967
13	11.2	Ann Roberts	1956
		Susan Scott	1965
14	11.1	Christine Moore	1962
15	10.7	Denise Ramsden	1967
16	10.7	Wendy Kavanagh	1967
17	10.7	Jenny Smart	1960
		Anita Neil	1967

18	10.7	Madeline Cobb	1958
		Jenny Smart	1961
		Jil Hall	1965
19	10.7	Mayreen Tranter	1966

80m Hurdles

14	12.0	Janet Thomas	1966
15	11.3	Susan Scott	1967
16	11.1	Ann Wilson	1966
17	10.8	Ann Wilson	1967

High Jump

12	5'1	Ann Wilson	1962
13	5'2	Ann Wilson	1963
14	5'3	Ann Wilson	1964
		Gwenda Matthews	1958
15	5'6	Yvonne Saunders	1967
16	5'8	Linda Knowles	1962
18	5'8	Linda Knowles	1964
19	5'8	Linda Knowles	1965

Pentathlon

14	3862	Vivien Knowles	1966
15	4419	Susan Scott	1967
16	4676	Ann Wilson	1966
19	4679	Mary (Rand) Bignal	1959

Discus

12	97'6	Heather Horsburgh	1961
13	102'7	Kathy Duckett	1960
14	117'8	Carol Richardson	1967
15	130'0	Heather Horsburgh	1963
16	134'6	Wendy Thomas	1960
17		Gail Smith	1962
18	144'11	Maureen Burtenshaw	1958



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