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WORLD 1500 & DISCUS RECORDS SET



GOMMERS



WESTERMANN

GOMMERS BREAKS WORLD 1500m RECORD

from N. L. Lemmens, De Atletiekwereld

Maria Gommers, 28 year old Dutch distance champion, set a world record of 4:15.6 for the 1500 meter run on October 24th at Sittard, Holland. Running in a drizzling rain and with virtually no competition, Gommers smashed the mark of 4:17.3 set by England's Anne Smith earlier this year.

The chemical assistant from Geleen had lap times of 63.0, 71.0 (2:14.0) and 69.0 (3:23.0) enroute to her record time.

It was on April 30th of this year that Maria Gommers ran her first competitive 1500, setting a new Dutch record at 4:39.8s. On May 15th she lowered this mark to 4:35.6 and on September 1 she gave an indication of her potential with a sparkling 4:22.3 Gommers set a National record for the 800 meters on August 6th with a good 2:06.1s.

Annual Progression:

	400m	800m	1500m
1962	62.5	2:32.0	x
1963	62.3	2:18.9	x
1964	60.1	2:15.8	x
1965	60.1	2:15.3	x
1966	58.6	2:12.9	x
1967	56.4	2:06.1	4:15.6

10 BEST 1500m RUNNERS OF ALL TIME:

4:15.6	Mia Gommers (Holland)	1967
4:17.3	Anne Smith (England)	1967
4:19.0	Marise Stephen (NZ)	1962
4:19.4	Waltraud Pohlitz (EG)	1967
4:20.2	Doris Brown (USA)	1966
4:20.7	Tamara Dunayskaya (SU)	1967
4:21.0	Emilia Ovadkova (CZ)	1967
4:21.4	Alla Krivoshechekova (SU)	1967
4:22.2	Diane Leather (England)	1955
4:22.2	Ludmila Bragina (SU)	1967

WESTERMANN SETS DISCUS MARK AT 200'11/61.26

West Germany's consistent discus thrower, Liesel Westermann, finally got her World Record with a throw of 61.26/200'11 in a meet at Sao Paulo, Brazil, on November 5th. Westermann thus became the first woman over the magic 60 meter mark and the first over the 200 foot mark.

Liesel has had a tremendous season. She has competed in 29 competitions, winning 27, placing second once and fourth on one occasion. She has thrown over 59 meters (193'7) in four meets, over 58 meters (190'3) in six competitions and over 57 meters (187'0) on four other occasions.

The old record was 195'10/59.70 set by Tamara Press of the Soviet Union in 1965.

- First discus mark over 30 meters (98'5) - Violette Gouraud-Morris (France) in 1924 - 30.10/98'9.
- First discus mark over 40 meters (131'2) - H. Wajsowna-Marcienkiewicz (Poland) in 1932 - 40.34/132'4.
- First discus mark over 50 meters (164'0) - Nina Dumbadze (Soviet Union) in 1946 - 50.50/165'8.
- First discus mark over 60 meters (196'10) - Liesel Westermann (West Germany) in 1967 - 61.26/200'11.

Annual progression:

1959 - 14 years	- 30.06/ 98' 7	Height 5'7 1/2
1960 - 15 years	- 38.21/125' 4	Weight 161
1961 - 16 years	- 41.27/135' 4	SP - 52'0 1/2
1962 - 17 years	- 45.55/149' 5	80mH - 11.9
1963 - 18 years	- 51.70/169' 7	Pent - 4127
1964 - 19 years	- 52.70/172'10	
1965 - 20 years	- 55.81/183' 1	
1966 - 21 years	- 57.38/188' 3	
1967 - 22 years	- 61.26/200'11	

TOP TEN ALL TIME DISCUS PERFORMANCES. From Stefan von Devan

1. Liesel Westermann (WG) 61.26/200'11 5/11/67
2. Tamara Press (SU) 59.70/195'10 11/ 8/65
3. Anita Hentschel (EG) 59.02/193' 7 30/ 5/66
4. Karin Illgen (EG) 58.93/193' 4 2/ 9/67
5. Christine Spielberg (EG) 58.10/190' 7 26/ 6/66
6. Jolan Kleiber (Hun) 57.86/189'10 1/ 8/65
7. Ludmila Cherbakova (SU) 57.83/189' 8 9/ 9/65
8. Ingrid Lotz (EG) 57.21/187' 8 19/10/64
9. Jevgenia Kuznyetsova (SU) 57.19/187' 7 28/ 9/64
10. Nina Dumbadze (SU) 57.04/187' 1 18/10/52

The rings or circles which form the Olympic symbol originally represented the five major continents - Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and America. The true concept, however, is that the rings are linked together to denote the sporting friendship of the peoples of the earth. The colors, (blue, yellow, black, green and red), were chosen because at least one of them appears in the flag of every nation of the world.

WTFW STAFF



News from the romantic land of the Republic of Singapore comes to us from the pen of Tan Eng Yoon. He was born in Singapore on 28 January, 1928. He is married and has one son. Tan Eng Yoon competed in the 1956 Olympic Games as well as the Asian Games (1951 and 1954), the Commonwealth Games (1958) and the SEAP Games (1959 and 1961). He was primarily a sprinter but also took part in the long jump and both hurdle events.

Tan Eng Yoon is the Honorary National Coach for the Republic of Singapore, a post he has held since 1958, and graduated from Loughborough College of Physical Education in England. He is one of the few foreigners who have taken and passed the requirements to be named as a Senior British AAA Coach.



From another romantic part of the world, Richard Ashenheim forwards the news of track and field activities from the West Indies. "Dick", like Tan Eng Yoon, was a sprinter in his younger days, and also graduated from an English University - Oxford - where he represented them in inter-college athletics. In addition to his writing, he has been a member of the Jamaican AAA executive committee since 1953, and was manager of the Jamaican team to the Tokyo Olympics. Ashenheim was born on 20 August 1927. He is married and has two sons. By profession he is a "solicitor" - or lawyer.

BOOK REVIEW, "WTFW YEARBOOK - 1967" in "Athletics Arena":

"As past readers of this magazine will know, Peter Pozzoli works all hours to achieve perfection in his work as a statistician. Peter has now come up with his third book, published this time in the USA. It is another of his "masterpieces" containing results of major International Games (from African Games to Znamenski Bros. Memorial) from inauguration to the present; National champions (all events) of 27 nations (Australia to Yugoslavia). World progressive performances (all events) are also included, together with much, much more. Pozzoli himself reports: "1000 copies were printed and sold out within 3-months. It is a speculator's volume, for within 10 years \$25 will be asked and gladly paid for a copy of this encyclopedia of women's athletics."

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REEL TALK

NEXT MONTH: Watch for the January issue. It will be big and will contain the results of the voting by the WTFW correspondents. The magazine will announce the ATHLETE OF THE YEAR plus the athletes selected as the outstanding performers of 1967 for North America, South America, Central America and the West Indies, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia/New Zealand. In addition we will have the final WORLD RANKING by Jan Popper and the final 1967 lists for the USA by Bill Peck and Calvin Brown. Also included will be the complete results of the National AAU Cross Country Championships and a preview of the 1968 Indoor Season listing all Meetings plus such information as events for women, size and surface of the track.

Also beginning with the January issue, subscription rates will be raised to \$4 per year, (\$5 foreign). Seven issues have been released in 1967 and it is simply impossible to break even with the present subscription rate. Therefore, we must, of necessity, raise the ante slightly.

A LOOK AT USA TRACK & FIELD 1963

Many athletes will mutter "I was born five years too late" when they read this article. The statistics listed here are taken from the Official AAU Report of the 1963 season issued by the late Col. Lloyd. We have shown the top performance in each event, (and in many events the top performance is a good performance even in 1967), as well as the 10th, 20th and 30th best in the entire United States. Take a look:

Women's Division

Event	First	Tenth	Twentieth	Thirtieth
100y	10.5	11.0	11.5	11.8
220y	24.2	25.7	26.4	27.3
440y	56.7	59.6	61.9	65.6
880y	2:10.7	2:24.0	2:34.5	2:49.2
80mH	11.0	12.2	12.9	13.6
SP	48'3½	36'1¾	34'1¼	30'9
HJ	5'8	5'1¼	4'8	4'4¾
LJ	21'0¾	17'8¼	16'7½	16'3
DT	155'1	123'1	103'0	90'0
JT	166'10	125'10	112'0	99'2

No pentathlon or 1500/mile marks were listed.

Girl's Division

50y	5.8	6.2	6.4	6.7
100y	10.8	11.2	11.6	11.9
220y	24.3	25.7	26.4	27.1
440y	58.7	62.8	64.5	67.7
50yH	6.7	7.2	7.9	8.5
SP	43'3½	36'8	34'1	30'11½
HJ	5'7	4'10¼	4'8	4'6
LJ	19'7¼	17'0¾	16'0¼	15'4½
DT	144'7	103'3	91'1½	(24th)88'1
JT	143'5	115'8	(17th)84'2	xxxx

No 880 listed. Only 24 marks in the discus and 17 in the javelin for the entire year.

TRIPLE JUMP IN MALAWI from Yves Pinaud

Blantyre, Malawi. August 26. The only known nation to include the triple jump in its National Championships is Malawi. Coached by an American, Harold Salmon, the results were: 1-Kachali 9.85/32'4; 2-Marques 9.67/31'9; 3-Matola 9.54/31'3½; 4-Maliwichi 9.34/30'7¾; 5-Tunhuwa 9.04/29'8.

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AGE GROUP TRACK by Calvin Brown

KAREN KOSMALA. Another outstanding athlete on Roy Swett's Hutchinson Track Club is Karen Kosmala, 10 years old, born on 9 November 1956. Karen has recorded the following marks: HJ-4'5½; 440y 72.9; 660y 1:57.0; 880y 2:47.3; 1320y 4:22.0; Mile 6:04.4s. According to Coach Swett, Karen at ten years in ahead of the progress of Debbie Heald at the same age.

KIM WINSTON. One of the many outstanding runners on the Bakersfield Track Club in southern California is nine year old Kim Winston, born on 29 October 1957. Kim is coached by Gerald Goodson and attends Colonel Baker Elementary School.

Kim has just completed her first year of track and was unbeaten in the 100 or 220 dashes. Her best times were 13.2 and 30.6. In addition, she anchors the Bakersfield TC 440y relay team which has the Nation's best time at 62.2s.

Kim and the other members of the BTC run barefoot. At the start of the season she ran the 50 and 75 yard dashes but moved up to the longer sprints while teammate Marier Jackson took care of the shorter sprints.

The 9-under Age Group is the youngest age group category in the AAU program and I think Kim is one of, if not the best athlete in this division in the country for 1967.

LORI JENKINS. During the 1967 track season, the youngest girl in the SPAAAU was Lori Jenkins, a seven year old member of the Compton Track Club. She had a good season and recorded the following marks: 7.8 (50y), 11.5 (75y), 14.5 (100y), 33.6 (220y) and 10'1 (LJ). If Lori continues in track and field she will have two more years in the 9 and under division and should really rule the roost by her last year (1969). Lori has done all right as a seven year old and also last year as a six year old. She is a hard worker in practice and I'm sure this attitude will pay big dividends later.

KAREN HURLOCKER. Karen is on the same team with Debbie Heald and Karen Kosmala, the Hutchinson TC, and of course is coached by Roy Swett. As an eleven year old, Karen has recorded the following best marks during the 1967 season: 6.5 (50y), 9.6 (75y), 12.6 (100y), 27.6 (220y), 65.6 (440y), 1:47.9 (660y), 2:29.7 (880y), 4:31.4 (1320y) and 5:53.0 (Mile). Although most of these marks were made in practice since the longest competitive run permitted by the AAU for the 10-11 age group is 440 yards, they are very significant. Karen just turned 12 on 9 June and has a powerfully sturdy-looking build for a young girl.

Taiwan National Championships from Sy Yinchow

Taichung, Taiwan. October 27-30. 100m, Hung Mei Yi 13.0; 200m, Hung Mei Yi 27.1; 400m, Yang Chun Hua 63.3; 800m, Tsai Chiu Shiang 2:30.8; 80mH, Lin Shun Yi 12.5; HJ, Chu Ling 1.45/4'9; LJ, Wen Yi Chiao 5.47/17'11½; SP, Huang Chiu Chuk 9.85/32'¾; JT, Chen Su Ching 33.19/108'10; DT-Lee Kui Chu 35.33/115'11; 4x100, Miao County 52.8s.

Taipei City Championships from Sy Yinchow

Taipei, Taiwan. October 11-15. 100m, Chang Miao Ying 13.5; 200m, Wen Yi Chiao 27.3; 400m/800m, Tsai Chiu Shiang 64.8/2:31.3; 80mH, Lin Shun Yi 12.6; HJ, Lee Wen Lu 1.35/4'5½; LJ, Wen Yi Chiao 5.42/17'9½; SP, Yee Ho Lui 8.99/29'6; DT, Lee Kui Chu 32.52/106'8; JT, Hsu Kun Tai 36.14/118'7; 4x100, 51.8s.

The 1964 Tokyo Games featured the greatest number of women's sports (8), the most women athletes (732) and the highest number of participating nations (94).

Cuban National Records from Jose Gayoso

100m	11.3	Miguelina Cobian	17/6/67	Budapest
200m	23.4	Miguelina Cobian	11/12/67	Havana
400m	55.9	Aurelia Penton	10/6/67	Bucarest
800m	2:15.4	Aurelia Penton	5/8/67	Winnipeg
80mH	10.7	Berta Diaz	28/2/63	Havana
HJ	1.65/5'5	Hilda Fabre	17/4/66	Havana
LJ	6.33/20'9½	Irene Martinez	2/8/67	Winnipeg
SP	14.07/46'2	Hilda Ramirez	5/8/67	Winnipeg
DT	48.68/159'8	Caridad Agüero	8/4/67	Havana
JT	47.10/154'6	Hilda Ramirez	29/5/66	Havana
Pen	4186	Marlene Elejalde	7/5/67	Jalapa
4x100	44.6	Garbey-Quesada-Echevarria-Cobian	5/8/67	Winnipeg

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EG-SU Pentathlon Match from Ilya Lokshin

Magdeburg, East Germany. September 16-17. The Soviet Union defeated East Germany 22929 to 21809 in a five-on-a-side pentathlon match. Maria Sizyakova scored a mild upset by edging countrywoman Valentina Tikhomirova by 40 points as the Russians nabbed the first three places. Scores:

1. Maria Sizyakova (SU)	4765--Won hurdles in 11.0
2. Valentina Tikhomirova (SU)	4725--Won HJ at 1.65/5'5
3. Valentina Shapkina (SU)	4671
4. Dagmar Kessling (EG)	4508
5. Kristina Haver (EG)	4483--Won 200-25.0, LJ-6.09
6. Kira Kuzmina (SU)	4429 19'11½
7. Galina Sofina (SU)	4339--Won Sp 13.63/44'8¾
8. Angelika Klammer (EG)	4328
9. Ramona Gottermann (EG)	4323
10. Burglinde Pollack (EG)	4167

Rumanian Championships from Luigi Mengoni

The championships were planned for the 16/17 of September, but were delayed due to floods and rains. They were finally staged a month late, on October 18/19 in Bucharest. Although the general level was not high, the always consistent Viorica Viscopoleanu confirmed she is one of the absolute best in the world in the long jump. Olympic javelin champion Penes won again, but was far from her recent new record of over 60 meters. Young Ecaterina Nourescu scored two surprise upset wins over veteran recordholder Ioana Petrescu in the sprints.

100m-Nourescu 12.2, 2-Petrescu 12.3; 200m-Nourescu 25.2; 400m-Doina Badescu 56.2; 800m-Ileana Silai 2:11.0; 80mH-Valeria Bufanu 11.5, 2-Viscopoleanu 11.6; HJ-Bonci 1.72-5'7 ¾; LJ-Viscopoleanu 6.41-21'0 ½; SP-Ana Salagean 15.51-50'10 ¾; DT-Olimpia Catarama 50.66-166'2; JT-Penes 50.96-167'2, 2-Marilena Ciurea 49.84163'6; 400mR-Metalul Club 47.5s.

WESTERN STATES XC CHAMPIONSHIPS - MULDER'S BACK!

Los Angeles, November 12: SPAAAU Cross Country Chairman Bob Seaman staged another of his "spectaculars" as 352 leather-lungers participated in the Western Championships. The races were run at beautiful Centinela Park in Inglewood over a rolling hill grassy course on a sunny day with the temperature at the 85° mark.

Marie Mulder, running her first major competition since her automobile accident last spring, completely dominated a fine field to win the women's two mile title in 11:14. Marie took over the lead at the half mile post and held it all the way. Ruth Brand of the Valley of the Sun TC, Phoenix, Arizona, was second in 11:20 while Maureen Dickson finished third another three seconds back.

The women's team title went to Will's Spiketettes by one point over the Arizona Club, 51-52. The Millbrae Lions were a distant third with 110 points. The Spiketettes were running without the services of National 1500 meter champion Natalie Rocha who was forced out by illness.

In the girl's two mile run, Maria Stearns of the Southern California Missiles made a runaway of the contest, winning by 23 seconds over runner-up Kathy Wilkerson of Roseville. This young lady looms as a real champion of the future and you can look for her name on the USA International team. Talented Debbie Payne of the Compton TC made the mistake of trying to stay with Maria during the first circuit - and ended up 29th.

The Sinaloa TC waltzed off with the team title by finishing 1-2-4-5-9 in the scoring for 21 points, far ahead of runner up Lassen Cinderbells with 63.

101 runners toed the mark for the 12-13 age group mile run and VOSTC's Kathy Gibbons scored an impressive win over much-heralded young Debbie Heald of the Hutchinson TC. Several times during the race, Debbie tried to close the gap, but Gibbons would not be caught. The San Jose Cinderbells won the team title with 72 points, nosing out the Hutchinson crew by one point.

For mass finishing, very few cross country races will ever be able to match the 0.75 mile run for the 10-11 year olds. 86 runners finished the contest which was won by Diane Byington of the Rialto Roadrunners in 4:14. The most interesting part of the race was the fact that 53rd place was only 60 seconds behind the winner, and 79th place was only 90 seconds back of champion Byington. This must be the biggest mass finish in the history of running!!! The Roadrunners won the team title with 45 points to Will's Spiketettes' 55.

Gayle Proteau, Will's Spiketettes, a strong-looking runner, won the 9 and under age group 0.75 mile run in a fine 4:35.6s. The Sacramento team finally won its second team title of the day as the small fry scored a low 25 points with finished of 1-2-6-7-9. Tami Romi, who finished 60th, wins the title of the youngest athlete. Tami is just 4 years old and ran the distance in 7:30.

In addition to Rocha's illness, Kathy DeStout was competing under the weather with a muscle injury suffered in practice only a few days before the competition....Kathy led for the first portion of the race until the leg gave out.....The Pasadena AA has a real unusual quartette running for it. In the women's division Lyn Carman finished 42nd, Patty Carman placed 52nd in the 10-11 division, Lori Carman was 45th and Mari Carman 57th in the 9 and under division - and only three of them are sisters. Lyn is the mother!! And papa Carman is a marathon runner of note in southern California....Francis Larriue who finished 8th in the girl's division is the sister of Olympian Ron Larriue....Pat Cole was pleased with her fourth place finish since she has had little training and less running this season.....The days of Will's Spiketettes monopolizing the California distance scene are fading. True they won the women's and the 9 and under titles, but finished last in the scoring for the girl's title, 4th in the 12-13 division, and second in the 10-11 division....Meet Director Seamon crows "this was the largest number of athletes to attend any single (cross country) meet in US history; about 200 MORE than any National Cross Country Championship".

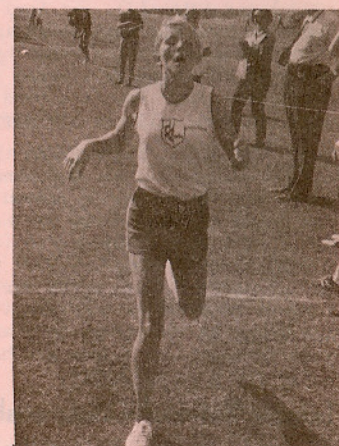
RESULTS: Women's Division. Two Miles. 1-Marie Mulder (WS) 11:14; 2-Ruth Brand (VOS) 11:20; 3-Maureen Dickson (Un) 11:23; 4-Pat Cole (CCTC) 11:49; 5-Lillie Foster (Millbrae Lions) 12:00; 6-Nancy Benson (VOS) 12:17; 7-Linda Greene (LBC) 12:23; 8-Judy Zingheim (Santa Ana Rockettes) 12:24; 9-Dianne Smith (WS) 12:26; 10-Cathy DeStout (Un) 12:33. Team Scores: Will's Spiketettes 51; Valley of the Sun TC 52; Millbrae Lions 110; Santa Ana Rockettes 117; LB Comets 120; Pasadena AA 131; Will's Spiketettes "B" 146; Crown



One hundred and one 12-13 year olds start their race at the Western States Championships in Inglewood, California. Photo by Charlie Podoin



Teri Nay turns for home in the 9 and under division. Six year old Teri runs for the Fontana Cinderbells and finished 53rd.



Maria Stearns, Southern California Missiles, is all alone as she wins the girl's two mile in a fine 12:04s.

Cities TC 160. Number of competitors - 60.
16-Cathy Catlin (WS) 12:47; 17-Jan Glotzer (VOS) 12:48; 18-Lois Drinkwater (VOS) 12:48.....29-Judy Ikenberry (PAA) 13:20....31-Jerry Blalock (WS) 13:21....33-Paula Schmidt (Millbrae) 13:24.....38-Joan Schwald (Seattle) 13:38..... 41-Dino Lowry (WS) 13:55.

Girl's Division. Two Miles. 1-Maria Stearns (SC Missiles) 12:04; 2-Kathy Wilkerson (Roseville AC) 12:27; 3-Teri Hannay (Stockton Blazers) 12:35; 4-Angie Vanderborgt (Sinaloa TC) 12:41; 5-Kathy Dosch (Ventura TC) 12:52; 6-Karen Koller (Sinaloa) 13:05; 7-Yolanda McCarty (CTC) 13:07; 8-Francis Larriue (Un) 13:09; 9-Linda Powell (San Jose Cindergals) 13:10; 10-Peggy Burns (Sinaloa) 13:14.....29-Debbie Payne (CTC) 14:29. Team Scores: Sinaloa TC 21; Lassen Cinderbells 63; Compton TC 67; Will's Spiketettes 82. Number of competitors - 45.

12-13 Division. One mile. 1-Kathy Gibbons (VOS) 5:25.4; 2-Debbie Heald (Hutchinson TC) 5:32; 3-Ann Brough (Un) 5:36; 4-Debbie Norris (SCM) 5:37; 5-Vickie Eberly (SJC) 5:38; 6-Karen Hurlocker (HTC) 5:38; 7-Becky Bruce (Lakewood Spartans) 5:39; 8-Ann Wheeler (Ontario-Montclair TC) 5:41; 9-Joyce Scott (CTC) 5:42; 10-Debbie Dobbins (WS) 5:43.....12-Karen Kosmala (HTC) 5:44.....29-Jo Lowry (WS) 6:01. Team scores: San Jose Cindergals 72; Hutchinson TC 73; VOSTC 85; Will's Spiketettes "A" 96; Lakewood Spartans 97; Simi Valley Striders 118; Compton TC 197; Rialto Roadrunners 212; Monterey Park Yellowjackets 233; Will's Spiketettes "B" 258; Santa Paula Tigerettes 328. Number of competitors - 101.

CROSS COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Western States (continued)

10-11 Division. 0.75 Mile. 1-Diane Byington (Rialto Roadrunners) 4:14; 2-Pat Lindsay (Bakersfield TC) 4:17; 3-Sherrill Fraga (WS) 4:27; 4-Pam Swalley (San Jose Cinderbells) 4:28; 5-Valerie Eberly (SJC) 4:28; 6-Sandy Romero (RR) 4:28; 7-Elizabeth Dunlap (WS) 4:29; 8-Valerie Metcalf (O-M TC) 4:30; 9-Ailene Corsick (SJC) 4:31; 10-Linda Mayer (WS) 4:32....53-Debbie Beckstrom (SCM) 5:14....79-Kim Knox (Fontana Cinderbells) 5:44. Team scores: Rialto Roadrunners "A" 45; Will's Spiketettes 55; San Jose Cinderbells 71; Ontario-Montclair TC 114; Bakersfield TC 118; Rialto Roadrunners "B" 159; Fontana Cinderbells 182; Valley of the Sun TC 186. Number of competitors - 86.

9 and under Division. 0.75 Mile. 1-Gayle Protteau (WS) 4:35.6; 2-Cathy Ellis (Diablo Valley WAA) 4:38; 3-Connie Hyrkas (WS) 4:41; 4-Paula Marshall (O-M TC) 4:43; 5-Julie Sahl (Roseville AC) 4:49; 6-Pat Dickerson (Bakersfield TC) 4:54; 7-Barbara Blalock (WS) 4:55; 8-Vickie Lovelace (SJC) 4:56; 9-Lisa Mayer (WS) 4:57; 10-Rachael Bruce (LS) 4:56. Team scores: Will's Spiketettes 25; Ontario-Montclair TC 70; Bakersfield TC 72; Roseville AC 79; Fontana Cinderbells 85; Simi Valley Striders 160. Number of competitors - 60.

The Olympic flag, featuring the five colored rings on a white background, flew for the first time in international competition at Antwerp in 1920.

SPAAAU Meet at Mt. SAC

The weekly Cross Country competition of the Southern Pacific Association for October 28th was held at the tough Mt. San Antonio College course. The distances were run over steep hills on the dirt course. Weather was 71° and overcast. Nine dual meets were staged in all divisions in addition to Open races for all classes. A total of 188 runners participated.

RESULTS: Women and Girl's Division. Distance 2.0 Miles.

Dual Meet: Sinaloa TC 19, Compton TC 37: 1-Angie Vanderborgt (STC); 2-Karen Koller (STC); 3-Debbie Payne (CTC); 4-Peggy Burns (STC); 5-Janice Ijams (STC). No times available.

Dual Meet: Pasadena AA 25, Crown Cities TC 31: 1-Pat Cole (CCTC); 2-Becky White (PAA); 3-Judy Ikenberry (PAA); 4-Brooke Williams (PAA); 5-Sharon Callahan (CCTC). No times available.

Dual Meet: Long Beach Comets 26, Santa Ana Rockettes 29: 1-Judy Zingheim (SAR); 2-Linda Green (LBC); 3-Doreen Murrell (LBC); 4-Val Hennessey (LBC); 5-Cheryl Follin (SAR). No times available.

Individual Race: 1-Ruth Brand (Valley of the Sun TC, Phoenix, Arizona) 12:33; 2-Debbie Hampton (Monterey Park Yellow Jackets) 13:32; 3-Maria Stearns (SC Missiles) 13:37; 4-Jan Glotzer (VOSTC) 14:11; 5-Michelle Marcu (MPYJ) 14:32.

Age-Group Division (13 and under). Distance 1.0 mile.

Dual Meet: Simi Valley TC 24, Lakewood Spartans 33: 1-Becky Bruce (LS); 2-Karol Stewart (SV); 3-Vicky Johnson (LS); 4-Jan Miller (SV); 5-Amy Glasmair (SV). No times available.

Dual Meet: Rialto Roadrunners 27, Hutchinson TC 28: 1-Debbie Heald (HTC); 2-Sandy Romero (RR); 3-Karen Hurlocker (HTC); 4-Diane Byington (RR); 5-Karen Kosmala (HTC). No times available.

Dual Meet: Bakersfield TC 15, Fontana TC "B" 50: 1-Mary Ann Turner (BTC); 2-Pat Lindsay (BTC); 3-Charlotte Dickerson (BTC); 4-Caladere Jackson (BTC); 5-Debra Berry (BTC). No times available.

Dual Meet: Ontario-Montclair TC 28; Compton TC 28: 1-Joyce Scott (CTC); 2-Ann Wheeler (OM); 3-Leslie Burch (CTC); 4-Lauren Traister (OM); 5-Shari Jenkins (CTC). No times.

Dual Meet: Rialto Roadrunners "B" 20; Monterey Park 48: 1-Janis Caringello (MP); 2-Julie Aguilera (RR); 3-Jean Aguilera (RR); 4-Carol Ellingwood (RR); 5-Rosie Saavedra (RR). No times available.

Dual Meet: Fontana "A" 22; Pasadena AA 36: 1-Sue Brodock (F); 2-Lyn Carter (PAA); 3-Roberta Gomez (F); 4-Patti Carman (PAA); 5-Rose Gomez (F). No times available.

Individual Race: 1-Debbie Norris (SC Missiles) 8:18; 2-Jana Karnes (LBC) 8:48; 3-Sandy Wilson (Inland Empire TC) 8:55; 4-Denise Norris (SCM) 9:14; 5-Kim Bradford (CCTC) 9:25. (43 finished).

Albuquerque Olympette Club Invitational

Roosevelt Park, Albuquerque, NM, September 30

RESULTS: Open Division. 2.0 miles. 1-Ruth Brand (VOSTC) 11:50.1; 2-Lisa Chiavario (AOC) 12:32; 3-Jan Glotzer (VOSTC) 12:45; 4-Nancy Benson (VOSTC) 12:51; 5-Lois Drinkwater (VOSTC) 13:10. Team scores: VOSTC 19, AOC 38.

12-13 Year Division. 1.0 mile. 1-Kathy Gibbons (VOSTC) 5:45.4; 2-Nancy Thompson (VOSTC) 5:49; 3-Barbara Brant (AOC) 5:52; 4-Karen Friedman (AOC) 5:53; 5-Lucille Jones (AOC) 6:00. Team scores: VOSTC 27, AOC 28.

10-11 Year Division. 0.75 mile. 1-Cathy Baker (AOC) 4:49.6; 2-Gail Strother (AOC) 4:52; 3-Jacque Strickland (AOC) 4:54; 4-Sharon Henry (AOC) 4:55; 5-Diane Owens (VOS) 4:57. No team scores.

9 and Under Division. 0.50 mile. 1-Laurie Ross (AOC) 3:12.6; 2-Kathy Boardman (AOC) 3:22; 3-Diana Stewart (AOC) 3:37; 4-Dori Gibbs (AOC) 3:41; 5-Diane Strickland (AOC) 3:51. No team scores.

NM AAU Age Group Road Run (October 7)

RESULTS: 12-13 Year Division. Distance 1.0 mile. 1-Anne Brough (Un) 5:52; 2-Barbara Brant (AOC) 6:07; 3-Karen Friedman (AOC) 6:22; 4-Lucille Jones (AOC) 6:24; 5-Rennae Ross (AOC) 6:28.

10-11 Year Division. Distance 0.75 mile. 1-Carol Hudson (AOC) 4:27; 2-Kathy Baker (AOC) 4:44; 3-Sharon Henry (AOC) 4:54; 4-Gail Strother (AOC) 4:56; 5-Patti Hofheins (AOC) 4:56.

9 and Under Division. Distance not known. 1-Jacque Strickland (AOC) 3:17; 2-Laurie Ross (AOC) 3:20; 3-Pamela Page (Un) 3:33; 4-Dori Gibbs (AOC) 3:49; 5-Devon Murphy (DCD) 3:52.

Postal Competition

ALBUQUERQUE OLYMPETTE CLUB vs KALISPELL TIMBERETTES (Oct 14)

RESULTS: 14 and Older Division. Distance 1.5 miles. Score: Albuquerque OC 23; Kalispell Timberettes 35. 1-Lisa Chiavario (AOC) 8:53; 2-Cathy Hamblin (AOC) 9:32; 3-Tracee Hudson (AOC) 9:36; 4-Martha Selby (AOC) 9:54; 5-Judy Keller (KT) 10:11.

12-13 Year Division. Distance 1.0 mile. Score: AOC 15; KT 50. 1-Carol Hudson (AOC) and Barbara Brant (AOC) (tie) 6:07; 3-Lucille Jones (AOC) and Karen Friedman (AOC) (tie) 6:12; 5-Peggy Takach (AOC) 6:14.

10-11 Year Division. Distance 0.75 mile. Score: AOC 16½, KT 41½. 1-Kathy Baker (AOC) 4:41; 2-Lisa Gibbs (AOC) 4:43; 3-Kay Davidson (AOC) 4:44; 4-Sharon Henry (AOC) 4:45; 5-Carrie Hart (KT) 4:46.

AOC vs Colorado Rockettes

Alamosa, Colorado. 23 September. (Elevation 7300 feet)

RESULTS: 14 and Older Division. Distance 2.0 miles. 1-Lisa Chiavario (AOC) 13:02.5; 2-May Wichers (CR) 13:31; 3-Tracee Hudson (AOC) 13:37; 4-Cathy Hamblin (AOC) 14:14; 5-Gail Wichers (CR) 14:34. Score: AOC 23, CR 38.

12-13 Year Division. 1.0 mile. 1-Carol Hudson (AOC) 6:03.6; 2-Laren Friedman (AOC) 6:03.7; 3-Barbara Brant (AOC) 6:10; 4-Lucille Jones (AOC) 6:20; 5-Margie Zeman (CR) 6:22. Team scores (3 man teams), AOC 6, CR 22.

11 Years and Under Division. 0.75 mile. 1-Diane Williams (CR) 4:29.6; 2-Patti Young (CR) 4:46; 3-Jean Nolte (CR) 4:47; 4-Pam Young (CR); 5-Jacque Strickland (AOC) 4:54. Team scores, CR 22, AOC 35.

AOC vs Ozark TC Lawton, Oklahoma, 21 October

RESULTS: Open Division. 2.0 miles. No team scores. 1-Lisa Chiavario (AOC) 11:52.8; 2-Cathy Hamblin (AOC) 12:43; 3-Nancy Norvell (Un, Houston, Texas) 12:46; 4-Tracee Hudson (AOC) 13:08; 5-Martha Shelby (AOC) 13:26.

13 Years and Under Division. Distance 1.0 mile. Score: Albuquerque 18, Ozark TC 39. 1-Carol Hudson (AOC) 5:49; 2-Barbara Brant (AOC) 5:54; 3-Lucille Jones (AOC) 5:56; 4-Terri Mount (OTC) 6:00; 5-Karen Friedman (AOC) 6:00.

CROSS COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Cheryl Bridges Wins National Junior Championships

from Archie Owens

Baltimore, Maryland, November 11: The beautiful Druid Park course in Baltimore was the scene of perhaps the largest cross country field ever assembled in these parts. However, as fate and the gross inefficiency would have it, the meet was all but a fiasco and was saved only by the sterling performances of the athletes.

The little ladies from Lincoln Park, Michigan, established themselves as contenders for the senior title in Albuquerque as they ran rough-shod over the opposition to annex the Junior Championship as well as the age-group meet held in conjunction with the Junior Championships. While the Parkettes were placing 2-3-4, Mrs. Cheryl Bridges of Indiana State U of Terre Haute was breezing away to first place in a new record time for the course of 11:56.6s. This was our first look at Mrs. Bridges whose husband is track coach at Marian College. Cheryl has to be one of the best to run in the East this season, and she may be very tough to beat in New Mexico.

Bridges trailed during the opening stages of the race as Sherry Korpman of Baltimore and Cindy Jo Farnen of Canton, Ohio, poured it on far ahead of the pack. By the middle of the second circuit, (which is slightly different from the first), the battle was between Cheryl and little, but speedy, Pam Bagaen and Kathy Moore, both of Lincoln Park. Korpman and Farmer had dropped behind and Sara Burman and the always improving Kathy McIntyre filled in behind Jackie Ford, still another Parkette.

At the finish, however, the only question was who would be second as Bridges came home in a romp at least 60 yards ahead.

The race was run on a clear, sunny day with the temperature in the mid 60's. The course measured two miles on grassy rolling hills.

RESULTS: 1-Cheryl Bridges (Indiana State U) 11:56.6; 2-Kathy Moore (Lincoln Park, Mich) 12:13; 3-Pam Bagaen (LP) 12:21; 4-Jackie Ford (LP) 12:27; 5-Sara Burman (Metropolitan AC, Mass) 12:36; 6-Kathy McIntyre (LIM) 12:42; 7-Sherry Korpman (Baltimore Stridettes) 12:51; 8-Cheryl Toussaint (Atoms TC) 12:57; 9-Deidra Moore (Atoms) 12:59; 10-Brenda Merritt (Atoms) 13:10.....13-Nancy Norvell (Houston) 13:18..... 22-Joan Shaw (Fleet Feet)!!!!...27-Christie Smallwood (Frederick TFC) 14:22. Number of competitors - 50. Team scoring: 1-Lincoln Parkettes, Michigan 37; 2-Atoms TC, Brooklyn, NY 48; 3-Baltimore Stridettes 66; 4-Central Jersey TC 108.

Alton Invitational

Alton, Illinois, October 14. **RESULTS:** (Two miles), 1-Cheryl Bridges (Indianapolis) 10:52; 2-Lori Schutt (Chicago) 11:19; 3-Lisa Peterson (Ozark TC) 13:34; 4-Judy Toeneboehn (OTC) 14:39; 5-Lassie Culling (OTC) 14:41.

Junior Division. Two Miles. 1-Jean Benkert (Ozark TC) 12:29; 2-Terri Mount (OTC) 13:01; 3-Candi Taylor (OTC) 13:24; 4-Jodi Conley (OTC) 13:44; 5-Sherry Lindsey (OTC) 14:22.

Nebraska AAU Open

Wahoo, Nebraska, October 29. Distance 2 miles. Weather - rain, sleet, temperature 39°.

RESULTS: 1-Kathy Rogers (Topeka Cosmo Club) 12:18; 2-Peggy Grinviaesky (Un) 12:56; 3-Jan Pappas (TCC) 13:08; 4-Margaret Benjamin (John F. Kennedy College) 13:15; 5-Diane Burns (TCC) 13:22; 6-Deanna Duffey (TCC) 13:28; 7-Joy Snyder (JFK) 13:38; 8-Becky Mullen (JFK) 14:03; 9-Sue Koepke (JFK); 10-Jody Nelson (TCC) 14:35. Score: Topeka Cosmo Club 25, JFK College 39

Central USA Championships

Edwardsville, Illinois, (Southern Illinois University). November 5. Distance 2.0 miles. Weather, cold, cloudy. Temperature 35 degrees.

RESULTS: 1-Lori Schutt (MDYF) 11:14; 2-Kathy Rogers (Topeka Cosmo Club) 12:22; 3-Mary Kay Dickinson (Iowa TC) 12:43; 4-Jan Pappas (TCC) 12:43.2; 5-Diane Burns (TCC) 13:26; 6-Jennie Otto (MDYF) 13:40; 7-Deanna Duffey (TCC) 13:40.5; 8-Jo Ann Smart (MDYF) 13:41; 9-Judy Clary (TCC) 14:00; 10-Kathy Tiebing (Ozark TC) 14:12. Team scores: Topeka Cosmo Club 11; MDYF 15; Iowa Track Club 32; Ozark Track Club 43.

'Mo' Dickson Wins at Inglewood

Sixteen year old Maureen "Mo" Dickson continued her winning ways at Inglewood, California, on November 4 as Meet Director Bob Seaman staged his biggest match of the year with 260 runners competing. Maureen won the Women's Division two mile run in 11:33 over the hilly, grass course and had a sixteen second lead over runner-up Judy Zingheim.

The Albuquerque Olympettes had their first taste of SPAAU competition after whipping everyone else this year - and discovered the SPAAU lasses play for keeps as the AOC scored 63 points to trail the Pasadena AA, Long Beach Comets and the Santa Ana Rockettes.

Debbie Heald, the 12 year old phenom from Hutchinson Junior High School, again won her division. This time the win was a 60 yard triumph over tough Debbie Norris of the SC Missiles. 72 runners competed in this division.

RESULTS: Women's Division. Distance 2.0 miles. 1-Maureen Dickson (Un) 11:33; 2-Judy Zingheim (SAR) 11:49; 3-Lisa Chiavario (AOC) 11:55; 4-Pat Cole (CCTC) 12:13; 5-Becky White (PAA) 12:31; 6-Debbie Hampton (Monterey Park) 12:33; 7-Linda Greene (LBC) 12:33; 8-Kathy Dosch (Ventura TC) 12:41; 9-Doreen Murrell (LBC) 12:49; 10-Val Hennessey (LBC) 12:52. Number of competitors - 37. Team Scores: Pasadena AA 47; Long Beach Comets 52; Santa Ana Rockettes 55; Albuquerque Olympettes 63.

Girl's Division. Distance 2.0 miles. 1-Debbie Payne (CTC) 12:04; 2-Maria Stearns (SCM) 12:12; 3-Angie Vanderborgt (Sinaloa TC) 12:41; 4-Peggy Burns (STC) 13:08; 5-Yolanda McCarty (CTC) 13:11. Number of competitors - 22. Team Scores: Sinaloa TC 25; Compton TC 31.

Girl's 12-13 Year Division. Distance 1.0 mile. 1-Debbie Heald (Hutchinson TC) 5:32; 2-Debbie Norris (SCM) 5:39; 3-Ann Wheeler (Ontario-Montclair TC) 5:41; 4-Becky Bruce (Lakewood Spartans) 5:41; 5-Joyce Scott (CTC) 5:42. Number of competitors - 72. Team scores: Albuquerque Olympettes Club 61; Simi Valley Striders 67; Hutchinson TC 78; Lakewood Spartans 79; Compton TC 95; Rialto Roadrunners 120; Monterey Park Yellow Jackets 181; Santa Paula Tigerettes 211.

Girl's 10-11 Year Division. Distance 0.75 mile. 1-Diane Byington (RR) 4:22; 2-Karen Kosmela (HTC) 4:22; 3-Valerie Metcalf (O-M TC) 4:39; 4-Sandy Romero (RR) 4:40; 5-Pat Lindsay (Bakersfield TC) 4:40. Number of competitors - 72. Team scores: 1-Rialto Roadrunners 29; Ontario-Montclair TC 71; Bakersfield TC 82; Albuquerque Olympettes 86; Hutchinson TC 101; Fontana "A" 147; Fontana "B" 217.

Girl's 9 and Under Division. Distance 0.75 mile. 1-Rachel Bruce (LS) 5:03; 2-Paula Marshall (O-M) 5:04; 3-Pat Dickerson (BTC) 5:10; 4-Salina Higgins (BTC) 5:15; 5-Heidi Rode-wald (O-M) 5:16. Number of competitors - 50. Team scores: Bakersfield TC 23; Ontario-Montclair 37; Fontana "A" 63; Sinaloa TC 109; Fontana "B" 122.

The all-time record for numbers of athletes competing in a modern Olympic Games is 5867 in the 1952 competition in Helsinki. Only 573 were women.

Bulgarian Championships

Sofia, October 20-22. 100m-Snezhana Kerkova 11.9; 200m-Kerkova 25.1; 400m-Lilyana Tomova 56.9; 800m-Veselina Amzina 2:10.4; 800m-Kerkova 11.0; HJ-Katya Lazova 1.70/5'7 (eq.rec); LJ-Ivanka Dimova 6.04/19'9"; SP-Lidia Sharamovich 14.38/47'24; JT-Zhuzhana Zheliakova 49.62/162'9.

Cuban International Meet

Havana, Cuba, October 27-29. 100m, 1-Cobian (Cub) 11.4; 2-Quesada (Cub) 11.8; 3-Heidt (EG) 11.8. 200m, 1-Cobian 23.8. 400m, 1-Board (GB) 54.9; 2-Rand (GB) 56.7. 800m, 1-Erik (SU) 2:06.6; 2-Ovadkova (Cz) 2:08.8. 800m H, 1-Jones (GB) 10.8; HJ, 1-Okorokova (SU) 1.78/5'10". LJ, 1-Viscopoleanu (Rum) 6.38/20'11". SP, 1-Chizhova (SU) 18.03/59'1"; 2-Gummel (EG) 17.69/58'0" (rec). DT, 1-Ilgen (EG) 57.48/188'7. JT, 1-Penes (Rum) 47.54/155'11.

South American Championships from Hernan Guzman Soto

Buenos Aires, October 7-15.

RESULTS: 100m, 1-Silvana das Gracas Pereira (Bra) 11.8 (rec); 2-Irenice Maria Rodrigues (Bra) 12.0; 3-Cristina Ducci (Chi) 12.1; 4-Alicia Kaufamas (Arg) 12.4; 5-Maria Cipriano (Bra) 12.4; 6-Lilian Cragno (Arg) 12.4. 200m, 1-Pereira (Bra) 24.5; 2-Rodrigues (Bra) 24.8; 3-Ducci (Chi) 25.0 (rec); 4-Josefa Vicente (Ur) 25.2 (rec); 5-Victoria Roa (Chi) 25.4; 6-Graciela Pinto (Arg) 26.1. 800m, 1-Carmon Oye (Chi) 2:16.9 (rec); 2-Alicia Henriques (Arg) 2:19.7; 3-Dora Gonzalez (Chi) 2:26.1; 4-Hilda Fernandez (Arg) 2:26.6; 5-Katty Benavides (Chi) 2:28.5; 6-Ana Freuler (Arg) 2:33.5. 80mH, 1-Carlota Ulloa (Chi) 12.0; 2-Adilia Alves do Rosario (Bra) 12.1; 3-Leda Texeira (Bra) 12.3; 4-Ana Udini (Ur) 12.4; 5-Ana Maria Michelini (Arg) 12.5; No sixth. HJ, 1-Maria Cipriano (Bra) 1.66/5'5 3/8; 2-Aida dos Santos (Bra) 1.60/5'3; 3-Patricia Miranda (Chi) 1.55/5'1; 4-Patricia Montero (Peru) 1.55 (rec); 5-Irenice M. Rodrigues (Bra) 1.50/4'11 1/8; 6-Marisa Maderos (Ur) 1.50. LJ, 1-Rodriguez (Bra) 5.97/19'7; 2-Kaufmanas (Arg) 5.90/19'4; 3-Dinorale Gonzalez (Ur) 5.73/18'9 1/2 (rec); 4-Silvana das Gracas (Bra) 5.54/18'2 1/4; 5-Patricia Miranda (Chi) 5.49/18'0 1/4; 6-Liliana Cragno (Arg) 5.45/17'10 1/2. SE, 1-Rosa Molina (Chi) 14.26/46'9 1/2 (Games rec); 2-Norma Suarez (Arg) 14.14/46'4 1/4; 3-Heide dos Santos (Bra) 11.97/39'3 1/4; 4-Eliana Bahamonde (Chi) 11.92/39'1 1/4; 5-Maria de Lourdes Conceicana (Bra) 11.74/38'6 1/4; 6-Delia Vera Gonzales (peru) 11.61/38'1. DT, 1-Odette Valentino Dominguez (Bra) 40.48/132'9; 2-Pradelia Delgado (Chi) 38.80/127'3; 3-Maria Amaizon (Arg) 36.24/118'10; 4-Maria Conceicano (Bra) 35.72/117'2; 5-Ingeborg Mello (Arg) 35.38/116'1; 6-Ines Nieto (Arg) 34.86/114'4. JT, 1-Kiyomi Nakagawa (Bra) 40.30/132'2; 2-Rosa Molina (Chi) 39.16/128'5; 3-Smiliana Dezulovic (Chi) 37.90/124'4; 4-Helena Elisa Albretch (Bra) 36.82/120'9; 5-Flor Umana (uru) 36.62/120'1; 6-Elsa Ferez (Chi) 34.34/112'8. 4x100m, 1-Brazil (Irenice Rodrigues-Aida dos Santos-Maria Cipriano-Silvana das Gracas) 48.2; 2-Uruguay 48.5; 3-Argentina 48.5; 4-Chile 48.5. POINT SCORES: Brazil 127; Chile 62; Argentina 35; Uruguay 23; Peru 4; Colombia 2.

MAUREEN CAIRD by Katrina Graham

One of the young stars who emerged from the 1967 Australian Championships last March was 16 year old Maureen Caird who turned in a startling 10.5 (wind-aided) run in the Open 80 meter hurdles. This followed a succession of rapidly improving times which could make her the fastest-ever junior hurdler in the world. Such early brilliance wasn't shown even by World champion Pam Kilborn!



This is quite an achievement for such a small athlete - height 5'4 and weight 113 pounds. Maureen was born on September 29, 1951. She is trained by June Ferguson, (former coach of Olympic Champion Betty Cuthbert), who is confident that Maureen is a "Champion in the making".

Her first try at the hurdles event was at 12 years - with a result of 13.2s. As a 13 year old she ran an 11.7 100 yards and improved to 11.2 the following year, but it was as a hurdler she gained her notice - by running the 80mH in 10.9 as a 14 year old. Last athletic season (1966) she reduced the Australian Junior hurdles record from 11.2 to 10.6s, and climaxed the season with the wind assisted 10.5 run in March.

In other track events she has as her best marks 11.8 (100m), 5'0 (HJ) and 18'0 (LJ). She also won the Junior pentathlon at the Australian Championships with 4081 points.

Her training in the past has not been very hard - two nights a week of sprint training and regular exercises, but recently she started isometrics and weight training and will be increasing her training schedule during the next season.

Since she left school last year, Maureen hasn't continued with other sports finding her time occupied by caring for her pet 8 year old horse and by playing her guitar. She will be starting a typing course soon so she can work as a receptionist next year.

After the disappointment of missing selection for the Commonwealth team for Los Angeles, Maureen took a six week break before beginning training again with the ultimate goal of making the team for the Mexico Olympics. With her amazing natural ability and increased training she should make this one!

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An Open Letter to Anyone

AN OPEN LETTER TO ANYONE - Precipitated by the Goofs and Fumbles at the Junior National Cross Country Championships. From Staff Writer - Archie Owens.

Far too many athletes, coaches and friends of women's track and field have been asking me, "When are you going to speak out about the sorry, inadequate way things are being run in women's track and field?" Another frequent comment is, "Every week you stand by and watch the foul-ups, and I never see anything in that 'pink paper' of yours!"

Let's set the record straight! My responsibility to the readers is to give as much coverage to Eastern track as is possible. However, perhaps the Editor will permit me this small indulgence and give me the opportunity to relieve the weekly questionings once and for all.

Secondly, "that 'pink paper'" does not belong to me, and I don't control the editorial policies thereof. Yet I am not insensitive to the very obvious plight in which our sport finds itself. Sure, I see athletes lose places while some old codger is bird-watching. I've covered meets where NO officials showed up. I've been to meets in Associations where that one meet was the "season". These things hurt like the very devil, but all of these situations are the fault of one group - you! You guys who have sat back and let things get this far out of hand!

You same athletes and coaches have allowed the national level to rest on its very thin laurels, perpetuating itself at will on both major committees, (check the names if you don't believe me), so you get what you pay for. Local associations are only going to be as good as the national level; in most cases the locals are carbon copies of BIG BROTHER. Somewhere in your Association is a man or woman who has a vote. Make him use it as a tool instead of a personal weapon. Let the local people know what you want, and if you want to know why women's track and field has a problem, ask the local committee! The answer to all of the problems is simple: GET RID OF THE DEAD WOOD AT THE TOP!!! Be heard in New Orleans this year. And if the same people hold seats after New Orleans, blame yourselves, not me. I DON'T HAVE A VOTE - JUST A TYPEWRITER!

Archie Owens, WTFW

THREE HURDLE DISTANCES FOR WOMEN?

by Fritz Steinmetz of Leichtathletik

In 1962 a new 100 meter hurdle race for women was taken under consideration by the International body. In 1963 several countries who had volunteered to conduct tests made their reports on the most favorable distances between hurdles as well as the best height for the hurdles. The British reported via Coach Fred Housden that they favoured a height of 2'9 (83.8 cm). They further stated that women athletes have only to be trained to hold the lead leg straight over the hurdle whereas now they tend to jump too high over the 2'6 (76.2 cm) hurdle and let the lead leg drop a little bit. The British report indicated they felt the 2'6 hurdles are too low. Mr. Housden thought the 3'0 (91.4 cm) hurdles which are in use for the men's 400m hurdles would be reasonable for women. One point in favor of the 3'0 hurdles over the 2'9 height would be the fact that present hurdles adjust to 3'0, but with the exception of two Companies in England, no one makes a hurdle which adjusts to 2'9 and the expense involved throughout the world might make the 2'9 hurdle prohibitive.

Through Mr. Housden, the British also concluded that the best distance between hurdles should not be 8.50m (27'10 1/2) as suggested since "women runners can run this distance only with three long steps and cannot sprint so that the race will be slower". The coaches of the Deutscher Leichtathletik-Verband, headed by Mr. Waneck of Munich, also agreed on the remarks concerning the distance, and added that the only ones capable of running this distance would have to be at least 1.70/5'7 tall although they had used only 2'6 hurdles in their tests. Both Housden and Waneck argued for a distance of 8.25 to 8.30 (27'0 1/4 to 27'2 1/4).

This all happened in 1963 and during the testing period in Germany (8.30 between hurdles and a height of 2'6) a best time of 13.7 was recorded by Jutta Heine and Jutta Stock.

For two years the IAAF was very quiet about the alteration of the hurdle races for women, then unexpectedly announced - without long discussion - the introduction of two new hurdle events. The new rule, announced on page 150 of the IAAF Handbook, included a supplement stating that the 100m hurdle race should already be included in the program for the 1969 Eur-

opean Championships and eventually replace the 80m hurdles for the 1972 Olympic Games.

Several of the member federations of the IAAF have included the 100m event in their program for meetings and championships, but they have all used the 2'6 hurdles. As of this writing it is not known with certainty if the World Best Performance of 13.5 by the Soviet Valentina Bolshova-Maslovskaja was run over the 2'6 or 2'9 barriers.

Considering the test results of the two mentioned coaches, it is questionable if it would be wise or reasonable to lengthen the distance between the hurdles if the height of the hurdles is increased. It is not known whether or not the IAAF would consider further reports, but it is felt those countries who would further women's athletics should plead for keeping the 80m distance with the hurdle height of 2'6. It should be considered how pentathlon athletes could manage the difficulties of the new 100m distance. How many young athletes would be deterred from the hurdles with this new distance? In any case the hurdle race would be uninteresting for women under 5'7/1.70, and these athletes would also not have a chance in the pentathlon event.

For the introduction of the 200m hurdle event for women it also seems that the distance between hurdles has been stipulated arbitrarily. The decision was announced that the distance from the start to the first hurdle should measure 16m (52'6), between the hurdles 19m (62'4), and from the last hurdle to the finish 13m (42'7 1/2). Now there are three different measurements for a hurdle race - not only for men, but for women. Additionally there will be in all countries very different conditions for the youth, as the physical development of boys and girls has to be considered. There must occur an increasing confusion for the marking in the stadium and always the insecurity of the hurdlers in wondering if the officials have placed the hurdles on the correct markings and also if they have placed the height at the correct spot.

I believe that for the 200m hurdle race for women the regulations of the men's event could have been used: the height of the hurdles 2'6 would always be the same; the distance between hurdles would be 18.29m (60'0) for men and 19.0m (62'4) for women.

I would like to put the following points forward for discussion and presume that a considerable formation of opinion would be possible through a public discussion in this magazine which would have an influence on the governing body of the IAAF:

1. The existing 80m hurdle race must remain in the program. Above all it should not be altered for the pentathlon. If the 80m hurdle event is replaced by the 100m event, it should be for the individual event only - not the pentathlon.
2. With interest to the development of performance the distance between the hurdles in the 100m event should be reduced from 8.50m to 8.30m.
3. It now becomes a requirement to always include the hurdle height when reporting on a record application.
4. Before the new 200m event becomes set, it would be wise to run it according to the same rules as the men's event.
5. Should the 100m hurdles be 2'9 instead of 2'6?
6. Should the 80m hurdles remain as a single event for women or will there now be three hurdle distances?

(Editors note:-The feeling of WTFW on this subject is

1. The 80m hurdles should be replaced by the 100m hurdles using 2'6 barriers and 8.5m between hurdles, 13m from the start to the first hurdle. Our feeling is the present race favors the short-legged sprinter who is really not a hurdler. The added distance between hurdles would eliminate this type of athlete from the hurdle event. The height of 2'9 could possibly be a good height for women, but except for Cantabrian Company in England, I know of no other hurdle manufacturer who has a hurdle adjustable to this height. How can present hurdles be made to move to the 2'9?
2. The distance between hurdles for the 200m race is evidently too short for the top athletes. The runner must chop-chop-chop as momentum picks up. On the other hand to 60' distance (as for the men) can not be covered by women runners in seven steps, and is too short for nine steps.

Please send your opinions to WTFW and we will forward them in a single package to the IAAF.

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South African News from Gert le Roux

Highlight of the new season in South Africa was the new National record in the high jump by 23 year old schoolteacher Susan Groenewald. Her new mark is 5'8 1/8 (1.73m). This is 4 inches over her own height as Miss Groenewald is only 5'4. She began the season with 5'5 1/2 at Pretoria on October 14. Six days later at Benoni she improved to 5'6 and had a mark of 5'5 at Potchefstroom on the 28th. Her new record came on the 4th of November at Johannesburg on her first attempt. She had cleared 5'9/1.75 in practice before the meet.

Other leading results to date: Ficksburg, Oct. 10: SP, Fraser 46'2. Benoni, Oct. 20: DT, Boshoff 151'5. Bethlehem, Oct. 21: 400m, Anna Botha 56.2 (her first 400); SP, Fraser 46'1 1/2. Potchefstroom, Oct. 28: 200m, Botha 24.2; 2-Pauline Craven 24.5. 400m, Botha 55.9, 2-Anne McKenzie (41) 56.3. 800m, Anne McKenzie 2:10.4. DT, Malan 151'3. Bloemfontein, Nov. 4: 100m, Theresa van Rensburg 11.9. Pretoria, Nov. 4: LJ, Craven 19'6 1/2. JT, Grove 153'2.

XXVI BALKAN GAMES

100m (Heats), I-Bobcheva (Bul) 12.5. II-Nourescu (Rum) 12.5. Final: 1-Lubej (Yug) 11.9; 2-Petrescu (Rum) 12.1; 3-Bobcheva (Bul) 12.2. 200m (Heats), I-Djanic (Y) 26.0. II-Petrescu (R) 30.0. Final: 1-Lubej (Y) 25.0; 2-Petrescu (R) 25.2; 3-Bobcheva (B) 25.6. 400m (Heats), I-Silai (R) 61.8. II-Tomova (B) 58.6. Final: 1-Maricic (Y) 55.3; 2-Petnjarić (Y) 56.8; 3-Silai (R) 56.9. 800m Final: 1-Silai (R) 2:09.4; 2-Baciu (R) 2:10.9; 3-Amzina (B) 2:12.8. 80m Hurdles (Heats), I-Bufanu (R) 11.2. II-Kerkova (B) 11.5. Final: 1-Bufanu (R) 11.1; 2-Yurukova (B) 11.2; 3-Kerkova (B) 11.3; 4-Lubej (Y) 11.4; 5-Enescu (R) 11.5. HJ-Hrepevnik (Y) 1.72-5'7 3/4; 2-Bonci (R) 1.72; 3-Blagoeva (B) 1.69-5'6 1/2. LJ-1-Viscopoleanu (R) 6.20-20'4; 2-Vintila (R) 6.18-20'3 1/4; 3-Dimova (B) 5.75-18'10 1/2. SP-1-Khristova (B) 16.71-54'10; 2-Chorbova (B) 16.03-52'7; 3-Salagean (R) 16.02-52'6 3/4. DT-1-Catarama (R) 54.08-177'5; 2-Manoliou (R) 49.92-163'9; 3-Malusheva (B) 49.48-162'4. JT-1-Penes (R) 54.90-180'1; 2-Ciurea (R) 53.50-175'6; 3-Jeliskova (B) 47.70-156'6. 4x100m:1-Yugoslavia 47.6; 2-Bulgaria 48.0; 3-Rumania 48.2. Pentathlon: 1-Yurukova (Bul) 4620 (11.0-12.60-1.57-5.79-26.2); 2-Pandele (Rum) 4549; 3-Vintila (R) 4527; 4-Varbanova (Bul) 4343.

Scoring: Rumania 103; Bulgaria 86; Yugoslavia 68; Greece 3; Turkey 1.

USA Best Performances by Age by Bill Peck & Calvin Brown

100 Yards

6	15.1	Cynthia Tyler	1967
7	14.5	Lori Jenkins (8-5-59)	5-13-67
8	14.0	Marina Van Gores	4-8-67
9	13.2	Kim Winston (10-29-57)	4-30-67
10	12.4	Erika Van Gores (3-12-57)	4-16-67
11	11.8	Doris Thomas	6-17-67
12	11.5	Vernita Small	4-15-67
13	10.9	Renaye Bowen (12-19-53)	4-8-67
14	10.9	Janell Smith (5-3-47)	4-21-62
15	10.8	Pernetta Glenn	66
		Rhonda Fleming (8-18-50)	5-28-66
		Margaret Johnson	8-20-66
16	10.6	Lacy O'Neal (3-30-44)	6-11-60
17	10.5	Debbie Thompson (7-5-47)	3-10-65
18	10.5	Ernestine Pollards	6-11-60
		Barbara Ferrell (7-28-47)	7-1-66
19	10.3	Wyomia Tyus (8-29-45)	7-17-65
20	10.5	Wyomia Tyus	7-2-66
21	10.5	Wyomia Tyus	67
22	10.7	Wilma Rudolph (6-23-40)	7-8-62
23	10.7	Mae Faggs (4-10-32)	6-18-55
24			
25	10.7	Willye White (1-1-39)	5-30-64
26	10.8	Willye White	3-10-65
27	11.1	Cherrie Sherrard (8-25-38)	4-30-66
28			
29	10.9	Irene Obera	5-26-62
30	11.0	Irene Obera	4-27-63
31	11.1	Irene Obera	4-11-64
32			
33	11.0	Irene Obera	3-26-66
34	10.8	Irene Obera	4-29-67

440 YARDS

10	70.7	Shari Jackson (1-5-57)	5-21-67
11	64.5	Becky Bruce (7-7-55)	6-4-67
12	60.5	Carolyn Drayden (8-8-53)	5-15-66
13	59.2	Nancy Benson (2-7-52)	66
		Debbie Newling	4-29-67
14	54.9	Lindy Oliver (11-28-52)	6-29-67
15	52.9*	Kathy Hammond (11-2-51)	7-2-67
16	53.8*	Lois Drinkwater (4-15-51)	7-2-67
17	54.2	Jane Burnett (3-17-50)	8-20-67
18	52.6* ^u	Janell Smith (5-3-47)	11-65
		Charlette Cooke (2-27-48)	6-11-66
19	52.7*	Charlette Cooke	10-17-67
20	55.1*	Jarvis Scott (4-6-47)	6-17-67
21	56.7	Jenny Lowe (5-27-42)	8-5-63
22	55.7	Chris Iverson (11-7-43)	7-2-66
23	56.1	Pat Winslow (9-1-43)	6-4-67
24	58.9*	Sandra Knott	62
25	53.9*	Janet Johnson (10-21-41)	7-2-67

HIGH JUMP

7	0.86/2'10	Christine Shawham (6-10-59)	4-8-67
8	0.95/3'1 1/2	Connie Carlson (10-30-58)	5-21-67
9	1.26/4'1 1/4	Diane Stewart	7-8-67
10	1.35/4'5 1/4	Karen Kosmala (11-9-58)	6-4-67
11	1.385/4'6 1/2	Valerie Reasor	65
12	1.42/4'8	Marsha Holloway (6-21-53)	4-3-66
13	1.595/5'2 1/2	Judy Durham (2-2-53)	66
14	1.625/5'4	Diane Waters (8-1-51)	7-1-66
		Judy Durham	4-15-67
		Diane Waters	67
15	1.65/5'5 1/2	Eleanor Montgomery (11-13-46)	7-26-63
16	1.73/5'8 1/4	Eleanor Montgomery	5-30-64
17	1.725/5'8	Eleanor Montgomery	7-31-65
18	1.73/5'8 1/8	Eleanor Montgomery	3-19-65
		Eleanor Montgomery	3-19-65
19	1.725/5'8	Estelle Baskerville (11-15-46)	7-16-66
20	1.78/5'10 1/8	Eleanor Montgomery	8-5-67
21	1.69/5'6 1/2	Mildred McDaniel (11-4-33)	6-18-55
22	1.765/5'9 1/2	Mildred McDaniel	10-26-56
23	1.76/5'9 1/4	Mildred McDaniel	12-1-56
24			
25	1.68/5'6 1/8	Alice Coachman (1923)	8-7-58
26			
27	1.585/5'2 1/2	Linda DeLong (1935)	6-2-62

(Send corrections and additions to Calvin Brown)

Turkish Open Championships from Turhan Goker

Antalya, October 20-21. Turkey staged its Annual Open Championships in the beautiful Mediteranean City of Antalya with the visiting Czechoslovakian athletes winning every event in which they entered.

There were two double winners. Czech weight ace Stepanka Mertova won the shot and discus while Turkish delight Melek Aydinoglu took top honors in the 80m hurdles and long jump.

Although the track in Antalya is soft and the athletes run into a wind coming off the Sea, the Turkish Championships must rate as one of the most interesting of all national meets. The site is beautiful and the hosts do all they can to provide a fine atmosphere for the competition. They are striving to upgrade women's athletics by inviting international performers each year.

RESULTS: 100m, 1-Emilie Foltova (Cz) 13.1; 2-Eva Mikynova (Cz) 13.2; 3-Marie Pospeschova (Cz) 13.2. 200m, 1-Mikynova 27.1; 2-Cicek Solon (Tur) 28.1; 3-Nuran Sonerler (Tur) 28.9. 400m, 1-Pospeschova 59.2; 2-Foltova 60.7; 3-Nese Karatepe (Tur) 64.0. 800m, 1-Dobroslava Zakova (Cz) 2:15.2; 2-Karatepe 2:23.5; 3-Saadet Takmaz (Tur) 2:26.2. 800mH, 1-Melek Aydinoglu (Tur) 12.9; 2-Inci Guvendiren (Tur) 13.9; 3-Suzan Celebi (Tur) 17.8. HJ, 1-Isin Cekin (Tur) 1.40/4'7"; 2-Guvendiren 1.35/4'5"; 3-Hikmet Genc (Tur) 1.25. LJ, 1-Aydinoglu 5.02/16'5"; 2-Guvendiren 4.72/15'5"; 3-Nilgun Toros (Tur) 4.62/15'2. SP, 1-Stepanka Mertova (Cz) 12.88/42'3; 2-Aycan Onel (Tur) 11.20/36'9; 3-Gulser Apaydin (Tur) 10.88/35'8. DT, 1-Mertova 52.38/171'10; 2-Marie Simankova (Cz) 51.00/167'4; 3-Vera Sirotkova (Cz) 45.64/149'9. JT, 1-Vlasta Hornychova (Cz) 44.62/146'4; 2-Serife Umut (Tur) 32.80/107'7; 3-Gulser Apaydin (Tur) 30.38/99'8. 4x100, 1-Czechoslovakia 51.3; 2-Turkey 56.3.



Aydinoglu

Australian Season Begins Bernie Cecins and V.V.Kolatchoff

The track season is now underway in the Southern Hemisphere. Although most of the top performers are taking it easy at this time, Pam Kilborn turned in a fine 13.5 100m hurdles time at Melbourne on October 14th (2'6" hurdles), and Jean Roberts has already set a new national discus mark.

RESULTS: Sydney, Sept. 23: SP/DT Jane Adams 45'11/154'0; JT, Chris Thompson 146'1. Perth, Oct. 7: JT, Lynette Cooper (15) threw 133'7 from slippery ground and in a driving rain. Melbourne, Oct. 14: 100mH (2'6") Pam Kilborn 13.5. Sydney, Oct. 21: 220y, Judy Pollock 24.2. Sydney, Oct. 21: DT, Sue Cully (14) 147'9; 400m, Cheryl Peasley 58.5. Melbourne, Oct. 28: (schoolgirl's championships), 100y, Chris Malaker 10.7; HJ, Julie Robertson 5'4. Sydney, Oct. 28: 200m, Alison Ross-Edwards (14), a tall blonde and the new sprint queen of Sydney, defeated former English International Jill Hall by 0.9 to win the Open Senior 200 in 25.1. In the discus throw Jane Adams, a trainee psychiatric nurse known as "Baby Jane", improved the Sydney inter-club record to 157'4 and her coach, Ray McDonald, predicted a throw of 170 feet before the year is finished. Back in action in this event is policewoman Rosslyn Williams, a former 166' performer, who finished second with a good throw of 142'7. Melbourne, Oct. 22: 100m, Judy Pollock 12.0 (stiff headwind); 2-Chris Malaker. 200m, Pollock 24.0. Sydney, Nov. 4: 100m, Ross-Edwards 11.7, 2-Jill Hall. SP, Jennifer Lamy 37'10". 80mH, Maureen Caird 11.4 (headwind). 400m, Sandra Brown 57.4, Cheryl Peasley 58.2, Katrina Graham 58.4. HJ, Carolyn Wright 5'6. Melbourne, Nov. 4: 200m, Pam Kilborn 23.9, Chris Malaker 23.9. DT, Jean Roberts 168'1 (rec). JT, Natasa Urbanic, (Yugoslavia champion) 156'5; SP, Roberts 45'5"; Lynn Parry 44'11". Add Sydney, Nov. 4: 100m, Jill Hall 11.8. HJ, Carolyn Wright 5'6. JT, (Invitational) Chris Thompson 158'5, Diane White 142'2, Margaret Parker 138'4. Brisbane, Nov. 4: Agnes De Rooy improved her high jump mark to 5'7 and had a good try at 5'8. 200m, Marion Hoffman 25.3. DT, Sue Field 135'3. Denise Robertson (14) ran 100y in 10.9 on October 21, but no details of wind. Sydney, Nov. 11: -Jennifer Lamy returned to running winning the 200m in 24.7s. Special 100m, (A) Denise Dunham in 11.7 from Alison Ross-Edwards; (B) Diane Ferrier 11.8s. In the 80m hurdles Denise Pease set a personal best of 11.0 to finish narrowly ahead of Maureen Caird and Penny McCallum. DT, Jane Adams 155'9. Melbourne, Nov. 11: -Pam Kilborn, finishing into a strong headwind ran 100m in 11.9, 80mH in 11.3 and long jumped 19'6. DT, Jean Roberts 158'9.

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Chris Malaker, an Australian schoolgirl, became the 26th sub-24 second 200 meter runner in Australia. She is only 5'3, but possesses a terrific will-to-win....Gloria Wilcox, former SP AAAU javelin record-holder who was forced to drop throwing due to an elbow injury in 1963, was the leading amateur in the recent IA Open golf tourney....Phone call from Ken Hansen of Albuquerque assures me that City is still and always has been a "go-gettem" town and the National Cross Country Championship will be a first class operation.

Statisticians Calvin Brown and Bill Peck have come up with an All-Time Best Performance List for the USA and Canada by age. The first listing is found in this issue. It's an excellent job....And speaking of excellent jobs, Larry Berman has produced a 1500m/mile conversion table which is one of the biggest jobs I have ever encountered. The tables cover five full pages and take the mile times from 3:40 clear through 6:59. Larry may be contacted at 23 Fayette Street, Cambridge, Mass., 02139.

Delaware TFC young ace, Carol Thompson, set a new American record for a 14 year old with her leap of 18'9 at Knoxville on November 4 - and in 42° temperature. The former mark was 18' 8" by Crown Cities Ordellia Smith....Teammate Laura Chirnside came close to a US 12 year-old record when she high jumped 4' 6" at Washington DC on August 22. The record is 4'8".

In addition to new world record holder Maria Gommers, the Netherlands has another good distance ace, Tina van Wonderen, born in 1945, who has run 2:07.4 and 4:28.6 for 1500m..... Marti Cole, a blonde 35 year old free lance photographer, is credited with running 30.1 miles recently by the Associated Press whose story said the feat was performed on the "Los Angeles Athletic Club Track" - a site which is unknown to me. The run began at 10:15 in the morning and continued until 7 that evening.

The Annual Awards for the Outstanding Athletes in California for 1967 went to Barbara Ferrell, track, and Pat Winslow, field, in the women's division; Kathy Hammond, track, and Fran Parham, field, in the girl's division; Renaye Bowen, track, and Nina Howard, field, in the age group division.

Luigi Mengoni says Balas will compete in Mexico City.... The "Amateur Athlete" continues to print stories which contain many and glaring errors. The October issue's story of Barbara Ferrell was the latest. Barbara is a great sprinter and does not require "padding" in any article written about her..... In Canada, a "Junior" is age 19 or under as of the day of competition, a "Juvenile" is 17 or under, and a "Midget" is 15 or under....To get maximum attention, there's nothing like a good, big mistake....Will the "Young Hawks" succeed in their quests at the National Convention?

How many colleges or universities offer track scholarships for women? Tennessee State, John F. Kennedy College and Peppering (Los Angeles) are the only ones known at this time.... Rumor has several others will soon open up this field for the women....Irina Kirszenstein will compete in a series of competitions in Australia in January....Whatever became of Linds Bradshaw? And Violet Dunn, Tammy Davis, Sally Griffith, Mary Rose, Shirley Wilson, the Texas Track Club???

Pasadena AA selected Diane Spangler as its outstanding athlete for 1967. Diane never missed a meet all year in addition to her fine performances....Five athletes from the Soviet Union will compete in the US indoor season. Planned to come at this writing are a sprinter, 400m runner, 800m runner, a high jumper and a long jumper. Fortunately this will force the Indoor Meet Directors to add events for women....The SPA AAU has adopted a revised order of events which is highly recommended and it is hoped the National body will seriously consider it. It allows for ALL possible doubles and splits the relays - which were a horror at the 1967 Championships: G440R; W440R, G50yH; W80mH; G880; W880; G100; W100; G50; G440; W440; W200mH; G220; W220; W Mile; G880R; W880R.

Australia's Rhonda Bainbridge is sidelined with complications following tonsillitis while Jennifer Lamy is still out from the injury suffered at Los Angeles. Both will be back in action soon....The US has two of its distance aces out of competition also - Doris Brown with a muscle pull and Natalie Rocha from illness....Janet Macfarlane is now at UC Santa Barbara.

Some uninformed individuals contend distance running and cross country running are not proper for women and girls. To back their belief they point out "the girls are completely exhausted when they finish". I was always under the impression this was the correct way to finish a distance run!.... Barbara Ferrell is now a Mrs.....

LETTERS

ROBERT A. EVANS, Northolt, England:-So Pat Winslow is going to win the Pentathlon Gold in Mexico City? Well so she might, but don't forget that she will have one very hard competitor to beat. Who is it? Why none other than the "Greatest British Woman Athlete Ever - MARY RAND". You have ignored her in every edition of your magazine. Of course, Mary mayn't compete in the pentathlon, because given good coaching she stands just as much chance in the 400 meters.

Pat is great there is no doubt about it. And like Mary she is utterly feminine. I would rather like to think of these two gorgeous women battling it out in Mexico. But even so, one musn't forget Ingrid Becker, or even Ann S. Wilson - who has had a very quiet season but will obviously improve in 1968.

Still I must maintain that the Gold will go to either USA or Britain. And I must choose Mary Rand for Britain who should win with a new World record.

Is it possible to obtain a pen-friend through your magazine? My address is 43 Doncaster Gardens, Northolt, Middlesex, Eng. Age is 21 years.

(Ed. Note: Personal to Mr. Evans - I suggest you re-read your back issues of WTFW. My review shows we have used pictures of Mary Rand in four of the six issues to date - that isn't exactly "ignoring" her.)

CLIFF Du BREUIL, Alfred, NY: I whole-heartedly agree with you in your statement our (the US) performances in the field events at the Americas vs Europe meet showed "the almost complete lack of field event strength in this part of the world". And WHY? Well, the program here in the Niagra Association and in the Western Division of the NY State T&F Federation, is basically a running program. For example, (to the best of my knowledge), the shot put was contested only four times during the entire year in this area. The discus and javelin are held even less often. The National Junior Olympic Program did not offer a trip to Washington for the weight events. In the Niagra Association development meets not one throw was offered.

LARRY BERMAN, Cambridge, Mass: The magazine is off to a fine start. The article on timing shows the spirit of independent journalism needed in women's track. The main trouble with WTFW now is that it is not big enough.

Cross country does not draw much participation here, and the girls have no indoor facilities for training, so it is unlikely that any important news will come from this area until next year.

As for the women's T&F program the problem is still basically the same as always - people who are not directly involved in a program imposing their will, by devious means, on people who ARE involved in the program.....The "In" group has a neat system for slowing down progress. They set themselves up as a rules committee, and rather than merely coordinating proposed rules changes and eliminating redundant ones, they use the position to prevent any rules changes they don't like from reaching the floor of the convention.

BOB HYTEN, Ozark TC:-Keep up the good work on WTFW. I like calling the races as you see them and placing the blame where it should be. We are grown up enough to enjoy that kind of writing.

PETE POZZOLI, England:-Add as my nomination for Athlete of the Year - Madeline Manning (USA). Win at US Champs; win at USA-Commonwealth match; win at Pan-Am Games; win at Europe vs the Americas; win at University Games. Personally I rate a winner higher than a record breaker. Races are for winning as Diane Leather always said. If records happen, so much the better, but the main thing is to win.

POZZOLI (again):-Surprised at you objecting to Pat Jones' remark about Mary Rand's win at Mexico City. Most British papers carried it and we thought it was the quote of the year. Maybe the influence of the Pilgrim Fathers is still alive in the USA.

GEORGE FOSTER, Santa Cruz:-Thanks for my Women's Track and Field World. I enjoy looking it over. I will pick out my favorite ladies so I can watch them when it comes to the big Olympics next year. (Ed. note:-George Foster is my 93 year old grandfather!)

PAYTON JORDAN, Men's 1968 Olympic Head Coach:-I am certain this magazine will fill a real need and contribute a great deal to the Women's Track and Field program throughout the world..

KLAUS-DIETER BENNEWITZ, West Germany:-Last week I received the WTFW Yearbook 1967 by Pete Pozzoli which I read with great pleasure. It's the most complete single statistical work I ever studied. And here is my vote for athlete of the year - Ingrid Becker.

DEVIE NELSON & KATHY DRAGGMAN, San Mateo, California:-In the recent article, "USA-BEST IN THE WORLD" by Dick Bank in the September issue of WTFW, undue credit was given to Pat Winslow's improvements. Mr. Edward Parker has trained Mrs. Winslow since her early high school years. Under him she constantly improved her marks yet the indirect reason that was given (indicated) it was due to her natural ability, not her coaching. Almost every minute of Mr. Parker's time has been given to her.....He has devoted almost all his time to Mrs. Winslow, and has neglected his private life and possibly the rest of the team.

Also stated in September's issue was that her coach, who Mr. Bank was kind enough not to mention, has ruined her because of her past distance workouts.....these have consisted of maybe five 220's at a 28 second or faster pace and a half hour jog in the morning. This, Mr. Bank claimed, made her lose her spring.

Mrs. Winslow's only trouble laid in the fact that she wouldn't listen to Mr. Parker. She wanted someone who bragged on how good of a coach he was instead of a truly devoted coach who did know what he was doing.

It's too bad the famous coach who gives an athlete a little advice ends up getting all the credit instead of the real coach behind the success. It's also too bad that life has to be that way.

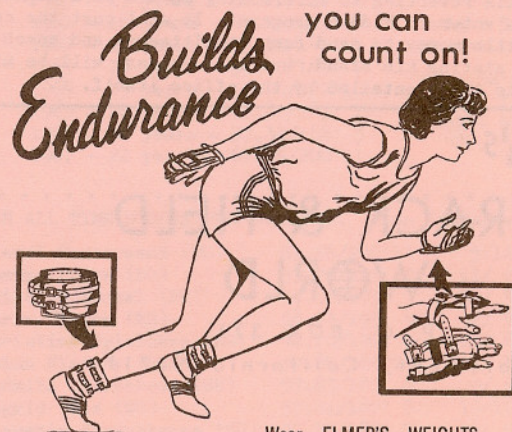
We, the former team mates of Mrs. Winslow, challenge you to publish this letter.

Hungarian Results

Ozd, October 15: DT, Bognar 55.76/182'11. Pecs, October 15: SP, Stugner 14.23/46'8 $\frac{1}{2}$; DT, Stugner 53.72/176'3. Szombathely, October 15: 400m, Balogh 55.3s. Gyor, October 15: Ircsik 51.58/169'2. Budapest, October 15: JT, Radnal 53.06/174'1; DT, Stugner 51.20/167'11. Budapest, October 22: SP, Bognar 16.02/52'6 $\frac{1}{2}$. DT, Bognar 54.74/179'7; Stugner 51.74/169'9. Ozd, October 22: 100m, Nemeshazi 11.9s. Budapest, October 28: JT, Rudas 52.40/171'11. October 29: 1500m, Bach 4:28.5 (rec); Zsilak 4:30.5; DT, Bognar 53.42/175'3. November 6: DT, Bognar 53.28/174'9.

India Results

Jabalpur, October 30: 80mH, Manjit Walhia 12.0; SP/JT, Elizabeth Davenport 11.57/37'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 43.15/141'6



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From 'The Young Hawks'

The fact that you are reading this article indicates your interest in women's track and field is probably more than just a passing one. When one is really interested in a program he will not only become active but will assume some responsibility. The success of any program depends on the number of people who are willing to actively accept responsibility. Obviously the United States has some people who are willing to do the work for our women tracksters are beginning to gain respect the world over. The question to ponder is whether this success is a product of a well-balanced program with sound foundations or the by-product of the world's best-fed society.

Women's track in the USA will come to an important cross-road this fall when AAU rules will compel the National Committee to select a new Chairman. The possibilities are many for the new Chairman. He or she could be domineering or docile, ultra-conservative or radical, active or passive, anxious to accept prestige or willing to work very hard. In the past we have seen a little of each. Around us we see shadows of the past that we wish to forget, as well as rays of hope for the future. When you or your representative sit down at the Convention in New Orleans will you know the people nominated for National Chairman or will you vote along with Mr. X because he has been around a long time?

In recent years no one has spoken publicly of their desires or ambitions because someone decided under-the-table politics was more desirable than risking open debate on issues. In fact, lately issues have played no major part in Committee actions. The major points at each of the last six committee meetings have been national team coach selection, standards for national championships and the order of events for these championships. Efforts for uniform methods of solving these problems are completely ignored, or applauded, or repealed. Long range planning, objective rules review, and the voice of athletic representatives are pushed aside by the loud and sometimes ludicrous voices of well known committee members who put their team point total or a 50 year old quest for power ahead of the people we are all supposedly working for - the girls.

Since it is conceivable that the person elected to the Chairmanship this year could be kept in office four years by an unwitting committee, it is essential that we chose wisely. The only way we can do this is to be informed. The first step in this direction for those who feel they can contribute to declare their desire to seek election as National Chairman and in doing so present their platform - not only where they stand on today's issues but what their blueprint for the future is. There is nothing derogatory about seeking an important position like this, but rather, it is the democratic way to wage a vigorous, open and positive campaign. For those faced with a choice of candidates, the failure of a candidate to take a stand or his reverting to muckracking should be a signal alerting the voter to hidden dangers. It will cost the candidate a little money to send each committeeman and coach a flyer or two stating his stand, but that expense will be minor compared to those entailed by the office itself.

The responsibility to speak up does not escape the non-candidate either, for he must make it clear to the candidates and everyone else where he stands and why he stands for what he does. Do not ever be the person who criticizes but does nothing to solve the problem. Where do YOU stand on these questions: 1) age-group cross country; 2) standards; 3) the basketball throw; 4) splitting Girl's and Women's Championships completely; 5) cross country scoring; 6) picking national team coaches; 7) separating the men's and women's rules completely; 8) adding age group 880; 9) allowing rules changes from the floor of a meeting; 10) allowing age group athletes to move up to a higher age group; 11) admitting entries to Olympic trials; 12) race walking for girls; 13) the schedule of events for the Nationals; 14) maximum distance for women to run; 15) the coaches advisory committee; and 16) sub-committee appointments????

The closing thought - simple enough - THINK and ACT!

Signed The Young Hawks

Knoxville Invitational Track Meet from Archie Owens

Knoxville, Tennessee, November 4. Track came early to the Tennessee hills as athletes from the East took advantage of the "sunny Southland's warm weather" and braved the temperature of 42 degrees.

Jane Burnett of the Sports International team was voted the "outstanding Athlete" of the meet for her victory in the 100 yard dash and a leg on the winning 880 yard relay. Jane won her century heat in a new record of 10.7, excellent time considering the temperature, and then returned to win the final in 11.0 flat. Second spot in the hundred went to perennial Marilyn White, now running for Sports International and on the comeback trail for a spot on the 1968 Olympic team. She clocked 11.3 in the final. Other finishers were Esther Stroy of Sports International in 11.7, Diana Warner of Murray State (11.8) and Jane Baumer, Ohio TC (12.0).

The 880 yard relay saw the SITC win in excellent time of 1:38.3 with a team of Burnett, White, Stroy and Charlette Cooke. That's just a shade over a 24.6 average - and in November yet. The Ohio TC was second in 1:48.2, Knoxville was third (1:52.0) and Murray State College of Kentucky fourth (1:52.4).

Jane Mussel of the Ohio TC won the 440 yard dash in a slow 59.6 - although the time is not bad for the cold weather. Judy Sharpe of SITC was second in 60.8 followed by Donna Joyner of Knoxville (62.5) and Gwen LaBlanc, SITC (63.6).

Charlette Cooke "coasted" to a 2:09.7 triumph in the 880 over teammate Burnett (2:23.6). Virginia Fawcett, Knoxville, was third (2:32.7).

The long jump was won by another "Easterner", Carol Thompson of the Delaware TFC, who leaped to an 18'9 victory. Miss Thompson, who is also a very good hurdler, won the long jump by nearly three feet over Vickie Hartscock of the Ohio TC.

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