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GDR WORLD CHAMPIONS



Biggest upset of the XXth Olympiad was the win by West Germany's 16 year old Ulrike Meyfarth shown here clearing the bar in the high jump at 6'3 1/2 to equal the world record and set an Olympic record and win the gold medal.

**SCORES 133 POINTS,
COLLECTS 13 MEDALS - 6 GOLD.
USA FIFTH**

The powerful, well organized, well coached team from the German Democratic Republic, otherwise known as the GDR or DDR or East Germany, walked off with the major honors at the XXth Olympiad. The East Germans won six gold medals and collected 133 points (scoring 10-8-6-4-2-1) to far outdistance the rest of the world. The GDR amassed 13 medals and the West Germans picked up seven - including four golds - while the rest of the world could only garner 22 combined.

Tabulation of places and points: (Pentathlon scored as a 'field event').

Country	PLACES						POINTS		Total
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Track	Field	
GDR	6	4	3	4	3	2	91	42	133
W.Ger	4	2	1	0	4	0	38	32	70
USSR	3	1	0	2	2	0	20	30	50
Bulgaria	0	2	2	2	0	1	4	33	37
USA	0	1	2	2	1	0	24	6	30
Australia	0	2	0	1	0	3	23	0	23
GB	1	0	0	1	2	0	4	14	18
Rumania	0	2	0	0	0	1	9	8	17
Cuba	0	0	2	1	0	0	12	4	16
Poland	0	0	1	0	1	1	9	0	9
Italy	0	0	1	0	0	1	6	1	7
Austria	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	7	7
CSSR	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	6
France	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	4
Yugoslva	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	4
Ghana	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Holland	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Switzlnd	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1

(A tie for 5th in 200m)

Thirty nine other nations took part in track and field and did not score: Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Cameroun, Columbia, Finland, Haiti, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Cambodia, Morocco, Mawi, Nicaragua, Nigeria, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Sweden, Trinidad, Zambia, Republic of China, Uganda, Uruguay, Canada, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Syria, Norway, Japan, Chile, Korea and Venezuela.

How do these figures compare with 1968? 18 nations scored in 1972, 17 scored in 1968. In Mexico, 24 nations did not score, in Munich 39 did not score. At the 19th Olympiad, the USA was high scorer with 54 points followed by USSR 44, Australia 39, Rumania 36, East Germany 32, Hungary 30, Great Britain 25, West Germany 22, Poland 21, CSSR 15, Austria and Holland 14, France 12, Cuba 10, Republic of China 6, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia 1 each. As predicted, not a single champion from 1968 successfully defended her championship. Gummel was closest with her second in the shot and Szewinska finished third in the 200. Manoliu and Viscopoleanu made it to the final in the discus and long jump, and the others fell by the wayside.

OLYMPIC RESULTS

The following report of the happenings on the track and the field at the Munich Olympic Games is a combination of information written by several individuals. Jan Popper calls his writings here a "Preludium", but whatever it is called, he has done all the work covered here in THE DEFENDING CHAMPION, THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITE(S), THE ESTABLISHMENT, THE COMEBACKERS, THE NEWCOMERS and THE ABSENTEES. His work, as always, is great and we look forward to our next issue which will include his report of the happenings. When we list a section (Watman) it simply means it was taken from "Athletics Weekly", the British publication, and could have been written by Mel Watman or Dave Cocksedge or Cliff Temple. To all from whom we have purloined information, we thank you.

100 METERS

THE DEFENDING CHAMP: Wyomia Tyus, now Mrs. Simburg, not active since Mexico City, was an eager spectator at Munich, watching both her 7 months old Simone and her former college partner Iris Davis. "Not much changes in sprints since Mexico, you still need fast feet for it".
THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITE: Although plagued with minor injuries for some weeks, Renate Stecher never lost her dominant position, shown clearly by superior wins against domestic competition, a big success against Telliez and van Gool in Paris, and a mighty 11.0 against the wind shortly before the Games.
THE ESTABLISHMENT: Szewinska, Telliez and van Gool recommended themselves not only by fast times, (which means almost nothing in the hand/electrical timing mixup), but also by

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REEL TALK

You're right. It's been a long time. Although much has happened in the world of women's track and field since I left the USA in early June, we are going to devote this issue to the Olympic Games, to the National Championships and to the USA Olympic Trials. Next issue will pick up the cross country for 1972 and hopefully, we will be back on schedule.

Upon our return we were met by four large boxes full of letters. It took three days to open the mail and to sort it into various piles. Those who wrote beginning, "On July 12 I mailed you \$5 for a subscription to WTFW and to date I have not received an issue, blah, blah, blah" - we didn't even try to write or answer you. Please accept this column as your answer. This will also explain to many others why they did not receive answers to their inquiries or their purchases during the 3½ months of our sojourn. Suffice it to say all has been taken care of now and with some patience everything will soon be back to normal.

A short note to clubs - time is drawing nigh for the annual Club Record Contest so if your Club had any new records during the 1972 season, send them to WTFW right away. For new Clubs wishing to enter, send us your records in the following events: (if you do not have metric marks, send yards and we will convert them), 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 100H, 200H, HJ, LJ, SP, DT, JT, Pentathlon (New scale). Results of this contest will be published in the February issue so we need the records by the end of November.

It is now the 17th of October and I am still waiting the final report from Jan Popper in Czechoslovakia and the revue by Dick Bank. Now my problem is: should I wait for these final bits of information or start to work now on getting the Olympic issue pasted up and printed and mailed. I always hate to have an issue as important as this Olympic issue missing some bits, but it seems the subscribers have waited long enough for WTFW to resume arriving. And so I will make up my dummy, print the headlines, paste up and send to the printer. Now that you know the date this final process is bring started, you can tell how long it takes for the finished product to reach you. Next month we will have Jan Popper's revue and Dick Bank's remarks. Thanks for your patience.

Predictions

How did the "experts" do with their Olympic predictions? We have here the results of the guesses by your editor, by WTFW staff (both predictions made more than six months in ad-

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vance of the Games), and the predictions of "Athletics Weekly" and the West German publication "Leichtathletik". It was a close contest with the WTFW staff, "Athletics Weekly" and "Leichtathletik" each predicting eight winners correctly and ye olde editor getting seven. Our staff correctly named the winner in the 100, 200, 800, LJ, SP, DT and both relays. The "AW" had winners correct in the 100, 400, 100H, LJ, SP, DT, JT and 4x100. "Leichtathletik" was right in the 100, 400, LJ, SP, DT, JT and 4x400. SFVR correct for the 100, 200, 100H, LJ, SP and both relays.

OLYMPIC TEAM CONTEST WINNERS

Brian Beebe of Parlin, New Jersey, and Paul Frederick from Texica, New Mexico, tied for first in our "US Olympic Team Contest" as they both picked 22 of the 38 spots correct. 3rd place went to Michael Cahoon of San Gabriel, California, who had 21 correct answers. Liz Walker, White Salmon, Washington, with 20 correct and Gail Hafley, Raleigh, North Carolina, with 18 correct, placed fourth and fifth. All five will receive one year of WTFW free. Actually Calvin Brown predicted 26 and Winfried Kramer of West Germany predicted 23 spots, but these two are on the staff of WTFW and are not considered eligible for the contest prizes. Easiest event to predict? The javelin where EVERY entry in the contest named all three USA javelinists correctly. Our thanks to all those who entered. Start collecting your files now for the US Pan American Team contest coming up in two years!

TWO WR AFTER OG

Two Olympic Games silver medalists, high jumper Yordanka Blagoyeva of Bulgaria and discus thrower Argentina Menis of Rumania, set world records in their events following the completion of the Games. Blagoyeva leaped 6'4¼ in a meet at Zagreb, Yugoslavia, to break the mark of 6'3½ set by Ilona Gusenbauer of Austria and equalled by West Germany's Ulrike Meyfarth at the Olympics. Menis threw the discus 220'10 to beat Faina Melnik's record of 219'0 by nearly two feet at a competition in Bucharest.

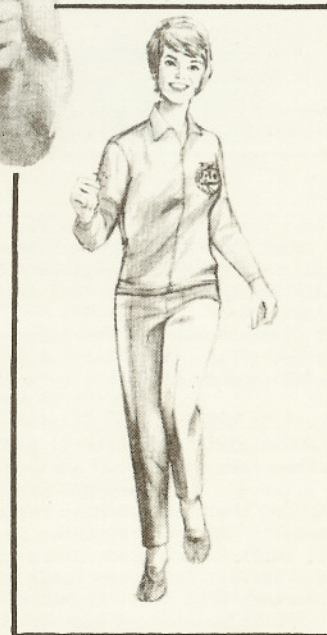
NATIONAL PENTATHLON by Bill Schrandt

Los Alamos, New Mexico, June 23/24:-Jane Frederick, The Colorado Gold, won the 1972 National AAU Women's Pentathlon title with a score of 4169. Frederick led after the first day of competition with 2492 and was never headed as defending champion Marilyn King, after spring foot surgery, finished second with 4064 and Gale Fit gerald of the Atoms was third.

Actually, two Canadians were in the first two positions as visiting Jenny Meldrum and Penny May tallied 4251 and 4202 points respectively, both surpassing the Olympic qualifying standard of 4200 points.

Two competitors surpassed Olympic qualifying standards in individual events as Linda Iddings hopped over 5'9¼ in the high jump and Texas' Brenda Bryan leaped 21'1¼ in the long jump although no wind reading was listed for this effort.

Jenny Meldrum	14.4	45'1¼	5'3¼	19'9	25.0	4251
Penny May	14.1	41'6	5'3¼	19'11½	25.4	4202
Jane Frederick	14.4	40'5¼	5'7	19'4	25.6	4169
Marilyn King	14.2	34'3¼	5'3¼	20'5	26.9	4064
Gale Fit gerald	14.8	35'10¼	5'5	17'11¼	24.0	4034
Lorna Tinney	13.6	29'10	5'0¼	19'7¼	24.6	3989
Mary Lalum	14.2	35'5¼	5'5¼	18'2¼	26.0	3954
Linda Iddings	14.7	36'9¼	5'9¼	16'9¼	25.6	3945
Pat Donnelly	13.7	36'8¼	5'0¼	16'9¼	25.0	3883
Donna Schullenberg	13.8	34'8¼	5'6	16'1¼	25.9	3860
Brenda Bryan	15.0	26'9	4'10¼	21'1¼	24.2	3840
Nancy Kaiser	14.3	31'0	4'10¼	18'4	24.6	3792
Mit i McMillin	14.2	27'8¼	5'5¼	17'10¼	25.8	3784
Lisa Chiavario	15.0	30'9¼	5'1	19'2¼	25.3	3771
Carol Thomson	14.2	28'9¼	5'2¼	17'8¼	26.0	3698
Rose Gilbert	15.7	32'3¼	5'0¼	18'2¼	25.2	3647
Stenella Mallard	15.7	35'8	5'0¼	15'3¼	27.0	3358
Leslie Gliessman	18.5	36'8¼	4'8¼	16'2	26.9	3119



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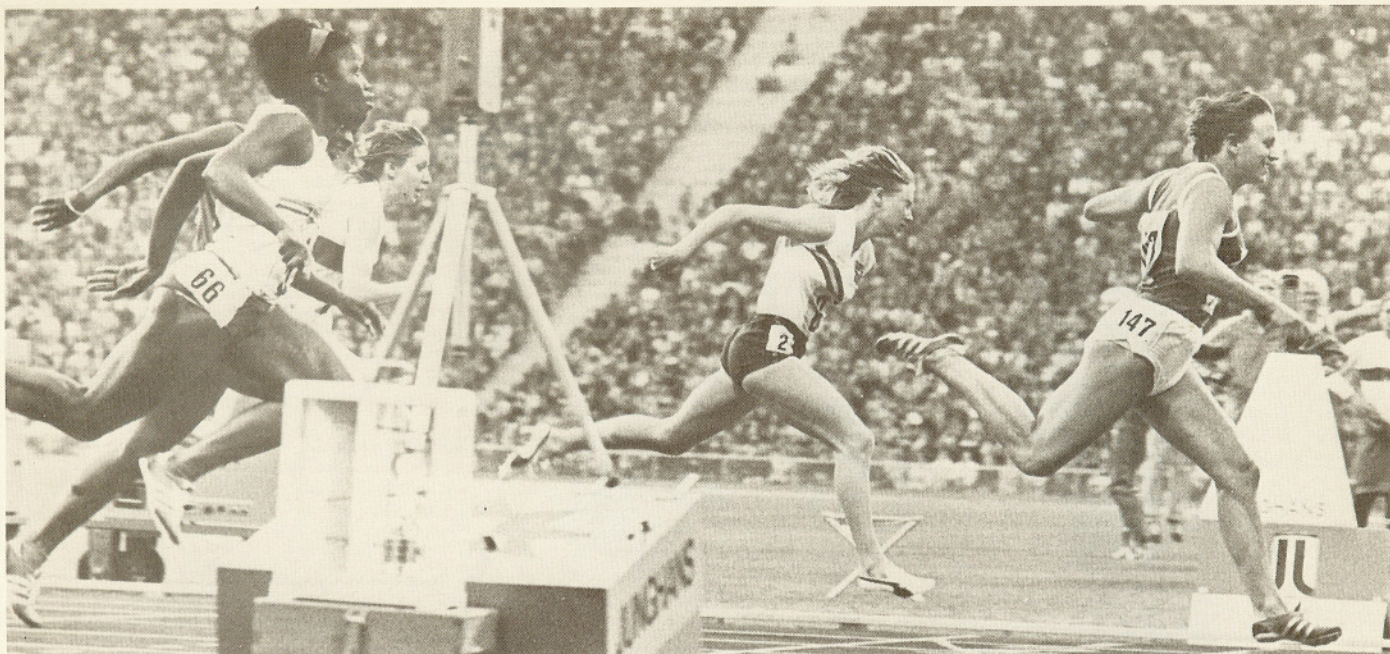
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Stecher wins 100 over Boyle in 11.1 (11.07). Others, left to right, Silvia Chivas (Cuba) 3rd, and Annegret Richter (West Germany) 5th. (Tony Duffy photo)

100 (Continued)

series of important wins. Boyle showed her form shortly before the Games. Annum and the Americans seemed to lose some of their 71 positions; and Mickler, plagued by injuries up to August, could only use her previous fame in the eyes of the GFR nomination committee.

THE COMEBACKERS: Czechoslovakia's Eva Gleskova, semifinalist at Tokyo and Mexico, tried hard after two years of injuries - and equalled the WR on July 1, backed by a good 11.1-11.2 series.

THE NEWCOMERS: Most of her European starts saw Silvia Chivas, the 18 year old Cuban girl, in runner-up positions, but she impressed spectators more and more. Another dark horse was Jamaica's Rosie Allwood. From many GDR prospects finally came Evelyn Kaufer who won the nomination as their number 3. And Bulgaria glorified its first top sprinter in Ivanka Valkova.

THE ABSENTEES: At least four top sprinters remained unnoticed in the GDR squad. Baerbel Struppert being the biggest 1972 surprise. West Germany's 71 find, Ingrid Helten, was not able to overcome her injuries, and another GFR newcomer, Krause, was eliminated by the selectors in favor of Ingrid Mickler.

100m First Round (First five from each heat plus the two fastest losers proceed to the quarter-finals)

I (-0.80mps), 1-Silvia Chivas (Cub) 11.18, 2-Annegret Richter (Ger) 11.30, 3-Wilma Van Gool (Hol) 11.43, 4-Andrea Lynch (GB) 11.52, 5-Mattline Render (USA) 11.60, 6-Juana Mosquera (Col) 11.64, 7-Marion Hoffman (Aus) 11.68, 8-Missie Misomali (Maw) 12.78.

II (-0.90), 1-Ester Shachamorov (Isr) 11.45, 2-Ivanka Valkova (Bul) 11.49, 3-Eva Gleskova (Cs) 11.50, 4-Evelyn Kaufer (GDR) 11.59, 5-Galina Bukharina (SU) 11.69, 6-Beatrice Lungu (Zam) 12.42, 7-Fatima Elfaquir (Mor) 12.56, 8-Carrero Rusell (Nic) 13.45.

III (-0.40), 1-Iris Davis (USA) 11.34, 2-Alice Annum (Gha) 11.54, 3-Anita Neil (GB) 11.55, 4-Cecilia Molinari (Ita) 11.61, 5-Pam Ryan (Aus) 11.73, 6-Linda Haglund (Swe) 11.97, 7-Freida Nicholls (Bar) 12.16, 8-Irene Fitzner (Arg) 12.51.

IV (-0.50), 1-Renate Stecher (GDR) 11.31, 2-Rosie Allwood (Jam) 11.46, 3-Barbara Ferrell (USA) 11.47, 4-Hannah Afriye (Gha) 11.90, 5-Laura Nappi (Ita) 12.02, 6-Carolina Rieuwpassa (Ind) 12.23, 7-Amelita Alanes (Phil) 12.37, 8-Meas Kheng (Cam) 12.72.

V (-0.30), 1-Raelene Boyle (Aus) 11.37, 2-Carmen Valdes (Cub) 11.53, 3-Ingrid Mickler (WG) 11.55, 4-Ludmilya Zharkova (SU) 11.56, 5-Ellen Strophal (GDR) 11.63, 6-Tuula Rautanen (Fin) 11.89, 7-Emilia Edet (Nig) 12.06, 8-Mireille Joseph (Hai) 13.84.

VI (-1.30), 1-Elfgard Schittenhelm (WG) 11.32, 2-Irena Szewinska (Pol) 11.33, 3-Sylviane Telliez (Fra) 11.36, 4-Sonia Lannaman (GB) 11.45, 5-Brenda Matthews (NZ) 11.77, 6-Maria Vilca (Per) 11.85, 7-Claudette Powell (Bah) 12.01. Nadezhda Besfamilnaya (SU) did not appear.

For the most part, the first round trials were merely routine eliminating only a few runners. Neither Strophal nor Gleskova looked like world record holders at 11.0 as the German girl clocked 11.63 for a fifth spot and Gleskova had 11.50 for a third place finish. Gleskova, however, was suffering from a muscle injury. Annum, who had such a fine year in the USA, seemed to be struggling in her heat.

100m Quarter-finals. (First four from each heat advance to the semi-finals.)

I (+0.90), 1-Chivas 11.22, 2-Boyle 11.30, 3-Ferrell 11.38, 4-Shachamorov 11.46, 5-Strophal 11.48, 6-Neil 11.58, 7-Molinari 11.63, 8-Matthews 11.87.

II (-0.50), 1-Stecher 11.27, 2-Szewinska 11.49, 3-Mickler 11.52, 4-Allwood 11.52, 5-Lannaman 11.72, 6-Ryan 11.85, 7-Afriye 12.04, 8-Nappi 12.13.

III (+0.20), 1-Richter 11.33, 2-Gleskova 11.43, 3-Annum 11.45, 4-Lynch 11.57, 5-Telliez 11.64, 6-Render 11.67, 7-Hoffman 11.78, 8-Bukharina 11.81.

IV (-0.40), 1-Davis 11.27, 2-Schittenhelm 11.42, 3-Valdes 11.46, 4-Zharkova 11.46, 5-Van Gool 11.47, 6-Valkova 11.48, 7-Kaufer 11.55, 8-Mosquera 11.66.

Although Cuban Silvia Chivas produced the fastest time at 11.22, European champion Renate Stecher, GDR, appeared to be the class of the field with her easy 11.27 race. Raelene Boyle, Australia, fourth in 1968, as usual eased through the final 15 meters for an easy 11.30 and Iris Davis, USA, powered to an 11.27 closing in the last heat. Eliminated in this round were Ellen Strophal, whose world record equalling 11.0 earlier this season appears increasingly questionable, Sylvie Telliez, France, credited with 11.1 this season, USA's Mattline Render, Australia's Marion Hoffman and Holland's Wilma Van Gool, credited with 11.1 in East Germany this season. The real running would begin with the semi-final heats.

100m Semi-finals. (First four advance to final).

I (-0.30), 1-Stecher 11.18, 2-Davis 11.36, 3-Gleskova 11.43, 4-Annum 11.47, 5-Schittenhelm 11.49, 6-Valdes 11.52, 7-Mickler 11.53, 8-Allwood 11.58.

II (-0.10), 1-Boyle 11.32, 2-Chivas 11.33, 3-Richter 11.39, 4-Ferrell 11.49, 5-Shachamorov 11.49, 6-Szewinska 11.54, 7-Lynch 11.64, 8-Zharkova 11.67.

100 (Continued)

There was little doubt as to the eventual winner after the semi-final heats had finished. Stecher, running smoothly, was the class of the field and only a huge upset could dislodge her from the winner's podium after the final. She won by two yards over Davis who in turn downed both of her AAU conquerors, Annum and Allwood with Annum just making it to the final in fourth place and Allwood being eliminated. The 1968 bronze medalist, Szewinska, off to a poor start as is her habit, failed to make the final, finishing sixth in the second semi and the Russians once again failed to get a runner into the final with the elimination of Zharkova.

100m Final. (-0.20), 1-Renate Stecher (GDR) 11.07, 2-Raelene Boyle (Aus) 11.23, 3-Silvia Chivas (Cuba) 11.24, 4-Iris Davis (USA) 11.32, 5-Annegret Richter (Ger) 11.38, 6-Alice Annum (Gha) 11.41, 7-Barbara Ferrell (USA) 11.45, 8-Eva Gleskova (Cs) 12.48.

Renate Stecher, like Russia's Borzov, is a perfect technician. Her race in the final was a smooth exhibition of how to run. Neither she nor Borzov has that explosive "jet", a factor present in most top-ranked sprinters, but neither of them make any mistakes. Stecher won by a good margin over Boyle, who barely got up in time to edge 17 year old Chivas for the silver. For the first time since 1956, the USA did not win this race - in fact failed to get a medal for the first time since 1956. Gleskova should not have competed in the final as she reinjured an already damaged leg muscle in the semi-final race, but she wanted to compete so badly she was given a cortisone shot before the race - which failed to help her after the first three or four steps and she trailed the field. Chivas medal is the first ever for a Cuban athlete in an individual event in the women's track and field competition.

200 METERS

THE DEFENDING CHAMP: Irena Szewinska tried hard the whole season; in fact, she went undefeated through many first class clashes and was a sentimental favorite of experts immediately prior to the Games. She left her long jump and relay ambitions aside in favor of the furlong.

THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITE: Again, injuries lessened Renate Stecher's starting possibilities at this distance. Her early season marks were impressive, but then she ran only one race at Colombes, where she crushed Heinrich and van Gool by 0.4s. So, she was rated high here, but not as much a favorite as for the 100m.

THE ESTABLISHMENT: Memories of 68 plus rumors that she was in the best form of her career established Raelene Boyle in the same class as Szewinska, even though nothing was known of her 200m times this summer. Hungary's Balogh and Rita Wilden left this event to concentrate on the 400. That left Annum, van Gool, Besfamilnaya and the evergreen Telliez as the most experienced among the candidates for the final places.

THE COMEBACKERS: Petra Vogt, GDR's queen of Athens, tried very hard and had some fast times, but finally she was left at home because Heinrich beat her in the important championship race. Barbara Ferrell, who has not often run the 200m since Mexico, seemed to be on the right road once again, and another 68 finalist, Nicole Montandon-Pani, was finally sidelined with tendon troubles.

THE NEWCOMERS: Although she came into prominence with some fast times last year, Ellen Strophal really became a factor only this season with a couple of under 23 second races. Allwood's US marks were a sort of mystery to many Europeans, as well as the talents of teenagers Greene and Thompson. A 23.1 electronical timing for the young Pole Bakulin made her a possibility as well as the GFR junior hope Kroniger.

THE ABSENTEES: Quartermiler Zehrt was rated as number two in the GDR, but she decided not to divide her energy. GDR left another 23.0 furlonger home in Doris Maltzki. No one in Europe really understands why Iris Davis' experience was not used here in this event. And Helten's absence was regrettable more here than in the 100.

200m First Round. (First five from each heat plus the two fastest losers advance to quarter-finals.)

I (-0.40), 1-Alice Annum (Gha) 23.15, 2-Barbara Ferrell (USA) 23.38, 3-Rosie Allwood (Jam) 23.56, 4-Donna Murray (GB) 23.70, 5-Juana Mosquera (Col) 24.20, 7-Carolina Rieuwpassa (Ind) 24.68. Irene Fitzner (Arg) did not appear.



RENATE STECHER, 100 & 200 Meter champion. (Manfred Fromm photo)

II (=0.20), 1-Renate Stecher (GDR) 22.96, 2-Raelene Boyle (Aus) 23.58, 3-Madezhda Besfamilnaya (SU) 23.62, 4-Amelita Alanes (Phi) 25.28, 6-Mabel Saeluzika (Ngr) 25.30. Carmen Valdes (Cub) did not appear.

III (-1.20), 1-Annegret Kronniger (Ger), 2-Wilma van Gool (Hol) 23.86, 3-Della Pascoe (GB) 23.97, 4-Hannah Afriyie (Gha) 24.38, 5-Maria Vilca (Per) 24.46, 6-Josefa Vicent (Uru) 25.09, 7-Meas Kheng (Cam) 25.86.

IV (-0.70), 1-Ellen Strophal (GDR) 23.54, 2-Pam Greene (US) 23.96, 3-Una Morris (Jam) 23.99, 4-Pirjo Wilmi (Fin) 24.16, 5-Rose Musani (Uga) 25.37, 6-Laura Pierre (Tri) 26.32. Eva Gleskova (Cs) did not appear.

V (+0.20), 1-Irena Szewinska (Pol) 23.37, 2-Christiane Krause (Ger) 23.51, 3-Jackie Thompson (USA) 23.67, 4-Karoline Kaefer (Aut) 24.42, 5-Carrero Russell (Nic) 28.02. Silvia Chivas (Cuba) and Claudette Powell (Bah) did not appear.

VI (0.00), 1-Narina Sidorova (SU) 23.46, 2-Sylviane Telliez (Fra) 23.51, 3-Christina Heinrich (GDR) 23.90, 4-Margaret Critchley (GB) 24.04, 5-Marcia Trotman (Bar), 6-Beatrice Lungu (Zam) 25.11, 7-Fatima Elfaquir (Mor) 25.27.

Another bad seeding situation which placed Stecher and Boyle in the same preliminary heat which gives more credence to Jan Popper's suggestion that a committee from the ATFS review the computer's work and assist in eliminating such situations. The result of that heat was a foregone conclusion if one knew the two girls involved: Stecher would run her own race while Boyle would trot the final 50 meters. And that's just the way it worked out. Some very slow runners advanced to the second round. There should be someone responsible for the verification of submitted marks. For example, we met and became acquainted with Laura Pierre, a 15 year old sprinter from Trinidad who was her country's first ever woman track competitor. Laura told us her best 200m time was 23.0 flat. She was officially listed on her entry form as having run 23.8s. In her heat she was clocked 26.32. Allowing for nervousness and other outside factors, this is still a far cry from the time she had been led to believe she was capable of. Such a traumatic shock could have a devastating effect not only on the sprinter involved, but on the future of the sport in that particular country. We were not able to talk to Laura after her race, but we wonder how she can return to her country and what she will say to those who ask her "What did you run?"

200m Quarter-finals. (First four advance to semi-finals)

I (+0.10), 1-Szewinska 22.79, 2-Besfamilnaya 23.20, 3-Heinich 23.23, 4-Ferrell 23.90, 5-Morris 23.62, 6-Trotman 24.00, 7-Alanes 24.98. Vicent did not appear.



200m - Stecher winning her second gold medal with 22.40 to equal the world record. Boyle was a close second in 22.5 (22.45). Others, left to right, Szewinska (Poland) 3rd, Allwood (Jamaica) 8th, Strophal (GDR) 4th, Kroniger (WG) 5th. (Tony Duffy photo)

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II (+1.60), 1-Strophal 22.93, 2-Annum 22.95, 3-Van Gool 23.22, 4-Krause 23.22, 5-Pascoe 23.72, 6-Mosquera 24.00, 7-Vilca 24.48, 8-Musani 25.28.

III (0.00), 1-Stecher 23.31, 2-Allwood 23.33, 3-Telliez 23.69, 4-Murray 23.69, 5-Greene 23.85, 6-Kaefer 23.92, 7-Afriyie 24.47. Russell did not appear.

IV (+0.30), 1-Boyle 23.06, 2-Kroniger 23.14, 3-Thompson 23.22, 4-Sidorova 23.33, 5-Wilmi 23.68, 6-Critchley 24.05, 7-Rieuqpassa 25.03, 8-Olaye 25.09.

Rather routine second round with no one of consequence being eliminated. Una Morris, Jamaica, points up the improvement of the sport: she was eliminated in the quarter-finals with a 23.6 race and in 1964 she placed fourth in the 200m final with a time of 23.5s.

200m Semi-finals. (First four advance to final)

I (+0.70), 1-Strophal 22.90, 2-Boyle 22.92, 3-Szewinska 22.92, 4-Allwood 23.14, 5-Krause 23.17, 6-Thompson 23.18, 7-Sidorova 23.40. van Gool did not appear.

II (0.00), 1-Stecher 22.83, 2-Kroniger 23.03, 3-Heinich 23.28, 4-Annum 23.30, 5-Besfamilnaya 23.31, 6-Telliez 23.34, 7-Ferrell 23.39, 8-Murray 24.03.

Boyle still trotting the final 40-50 meters of her races and Stecher still looking strong.

200m Final

(+1.10), 1-Renate Stecher (GDR) 22.40, 2-Raelene Boyle (Aus) 22.45, 3-Irena Szewinska (Pol) 22.74, 4-Ellen Strophal (GDR) 22.75, 5-Annegret Kroniger (Ger) and Christina Heinich (GDR) tied at 22.89, 7-Alice Annum (Gha) 22.99, 8-Rosie Allwood (Jam) 23.11.

It took 22.9 to get a tie for fifth indicating the speed and class of this final field. Boyle picked up on Stecher just after they hit the straightaway and the two ran fairly even for some 50 meters, but then Stecher's power told the tale and she pulled away to win in world record equalling time of 22.4s. Defending champion Szewinska just managed to get third by one-hundredth of a second. The two Germanies had half of the finalists.

400 METERS

THE DEFENDING CHAMP: Colette Besson's chances to defend her title successfully diminished with every race of the charming French lady. Never coming back to her fantastic 1968/69 form, Besson lost every 72 clash against old rival Duclos and was not considered to have a chance for the final.

THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITES: With Marilyn Neufville sidelined by a ruptured tendon and remaining only a heartily welcomed visitor on the Munich training fields, the biggest factor up to May was European champ Helga Seidler. She was perfect, bettering her pb as early as June 22, ran under 52 seconds frequently, but no one predicted more than a silver medal for her at Munich in view of the fantastic improvement of her teammate Monika Zehrt.

THE ESTABLISHMENT: Only Carmen Trustee had any medal hopes from all the athletes ranked last year from number 3 through number 9. In fact, she was the best non-German quartermiler in terms of important wins up to July. A knee injury ruined her chances later. Injuries affected the season of WG mini-girl Boedding. GDR's number 2 last year, Lohse, could not hold off the attacks of her younger comrades, and the group of Balogh-Sykora-Eklund-Chistyakova, although doing their best, could not match the standards of the top.

THE COMEBACKERS: Brightly publicized gallant comeback efforts of Judy Pollock from injury and childbirth and MM Jackson (really for the 800) did not materialize. Also Janet Simpson's attempt reached only the 'also-ran' position. Far better did Cuba's Aurelia Penton, coming up to 51.9 shortly before Munich. After a year's absence, Christel Frese came back to the top. Despite her young age (21) one must consider Kathy Hammond also as a comebacker, being undefeated in US races after being disqualified last year. She entered Munich as a hot medal contender.

THE NEWCOMERS: It was their season, if you consider the previous 400m status of Monica Zehrt, Rita Wilden, Mable Ferguson, Charlene Rendina, etc., etc. In fact, Zehrt lost only once (in 51.6!) and had seven sub 52s performances before the OG. Wilden, starting her quartermiling experience on January 21, took a long time to prepare herself for the hard four-round series necessary to run at Munich, especially from the psychological point of view. Fantastic improvements were

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registered in East German competitions. The fight for the third individual spot was decided as early as June 24 in the Erfurt championships race - in favor of former hurdler Dagmar Kaesling; but the battle for the relay squad places went on until August with Brigitte Rhode (born Jan. 8, 1954) and European relay champ Dietsch remaining only as reserves - with 52.1 and 52.7 clockings. The most surprising newcomer, tho, was Australia's new big find, Charlene Rendina, impressing with her fluent stride even before her Olympic breakthrough. **THE ABSENTEES:** Outside of the group mentioned above, one other GDR exponent lost her individual chances despite running 52.1, 51.5, 51.9 in August - Rita Kuhne, considered by many as the pioneer of the new 400m dimensions in terms of training and conditioning.

400m First Round. (First four and four fastest losers advance to quarter-finals).

I, 1-Charlene Rendina (Aus) 51.94, 2-Rita Wilden (Ger) 51.97, 3-Mable Ferguson (USA) 52.1, 4-Judith Ayaa (Uga) 52.85, 5-Karoline Kafer (Aut) 53.60, 6-Asuncion Acosta (Cub) 54.52, 7-Barbara Bishop (Bar) 56.35.

II, 1-Kathy Hammond (USA) 53.45, 2-Jannette Roscoe (GB) 53.67, 3-Marika Eklund (Fin) 53.81, 4-Natalia Chistiakova (SU) 53.81, 5-Krystina Kacperczyk (Pol) 53.85, 6-Junaidah Aman (Mal) 57.36. Christiane Caspicola (Aut) did not appear.

III, 1-Monika Zehrt (GDR) 52.49, 2-Mona-Lisa Strandvall (Fin) 52.85, 3-Trudy Ruth (Hol) 53.16, 4-Tecla Chemabwai (Ken) 53.38, 5-Debra Edwards (USA) 54.43, 6-Maria Sykora (Aut) 54.46, 7-Josefa Vicent (Uru) 55.33.

IV, 1-Nicole Duclos (Fra) 52.69, 2-Gyorgyi Balogh (Hun) 52.75, 3-Nadezhda Kolesnikova (SU) 53.20, 4-Karin Lundgren (Swe) 53.70, 5-Bozena Zientarska (Pol) 54.20, 6-Ruth Williams (Jam) 55.72, 7-Aida Mantawei (Phi) 57.91.

V, 1-Yvonne Saunders (Jam) 52.38, 2-Helga Seidler (GDR) 52.79, 3-Colette Besson (Fra) 53.41, 4-Alison Ross-Edwards (Aus) 53.48, 5-Donata Govoni (Ita) 53.98, 6-Iren Prosz (Hun) 54.83, 7-Arda Kalpakian (Lib) 65.18.

VI, 1-Christel Frese (Ger) 52.89, 2-Dagmar Kaesling (GDR) 52.99, 3-Aurelia Penton (Cub) 53.25, 4-Olga Syrovatkaia (SU) 53.62, 5-Janet Simpson (GB) 54.13, 6-Joyce Sadowick (Can) 54.59, 7-Elsy Rivas (Col) 56.33, 8-Kamaljit Sandhu (India) 57.74.

VII, 1-Carmen Truste (Cub) 52.80, 2-Penny Hunt (NZ) 52.82, 3-Danuta Piecyk (Pol) 53.08, 4-Verona Bernard (GB) 53.31, 5-Anette Rueckes (Ger) 53.92, 6-Verena Leiser (Swi) 54.65, 7-Grace Muneene (Zam) 57.71.

The anticipated onslaught of the world 400m record began in grand style with the Olympic record being broken in the very first heat as little known Charlene (Neighbor) Rendina of Australia circled the oval in 51.94. Appetites for fast times were further whetted when the slowest qualifying mark was 53.81 and a time of 52.82 failed to advance fifth place Karoline Kaefer in the first heat. The 1968 champion Colette Besson worked hard to get her 53.41 third place and the 1968 bronze medalist, Russia's Natalia Chistiakova had even more difficulty as she sneaked in for fourth in her heat with a 53.81 clocking. Hammond and Mable Ferguson advanced for the USA, both looking very good, but Debra Edwards was eliminated with a 54.43 race in heat three. Two 800m runners, Maria Sykora and Donata Govoni, eliminated from that event the previous day, tried to make it in this event, but three hard 800 runs had taken too much out of them and they were both eliminated.

400m Quarter-finals. (First four advance to semi-finals).

I, 1-Rendina 51.96, 2-Seidler 51.97, 3-Kolesnikova 52.30, 4-Ruth 52.45, 5-Kaefer 52.82, 6-Roscoe 53.01, 7-Rueckes 53.22. Truste did not appear.

II, 1-Saunders 52.13, 2-Zehrt 52.33, 3-Ayaa 52.68, 4-Frese 53.01, 5-Besson 53.39, 6-Eklund 53.50, 7-Chemabwai 53.54, 8-Chistiakova 54.58.

III, 1-Balogh 51.71, 2-Wilden 51.91, 3-Penton 52.02, 4-Hammond 52.44, 5-Piecyk 52.62, 6-Hunt 52.66, 7-Syrovatskaia 53.42, 8-Govoni 53.78. (New Olympic record)

IV, 1-Kaesling 52.33, 2-Strandvall 52.53, 3-Ferguson 52.93, 4-Duclos 52.96, 5-Bernard 53.29, 6-Ross-Edwards 53.60, 7-Lundgren 53.87, 8-Kacperczyk 54.39.

Defending champion Colette Besson was eliminated in the second heat and 52.6 was not good enough to move into the semi-finals. Ferguson and Hammond both advanced with Ferguson running 24.3 for her first 200. No real upsets here.



East Germany adds another gold in the 400 as Monika Zehrt wins in 51.1 over West Germany's Rita Wilden.

400m Semi-finals. (First four advance to final)

I, 1-Seidler 51.68, 2-Kaesling 51.73, 3-Balogh 51.90, 4-Hammond 51.92, 5-Penton 52.15, 6-Strandvall 52.23, 7-Ayaa 52.91. Frese injured and did not finish. Seidler and Kaesling both equalled Olympic record.

II, 1-Zehrt 51.47 (Olympic record), 2-Wilden 51.76, 3-Rendina 51.90, 4-Ferguson 51.91, 5-Saunders 51.93, 6-Duclos 52.18, 7-Kolesnikova 52.29, 8-Ruth 53.02.

The GDR trio with times of 51.5, 51.7 and 51.8 topped the field. Yvonne Saunders ran 51.93 and did not make the final. And remember, when these Games began, the Olympic record was 52.0! Hammond and Ferguson both qualified with fourth place finishes and figured to chase the field in the final. Christel Frese pulled a muscle at about the 100m mark and is lost for the West German relay team as well as missing the final here.

400m Final

1, Monika Zehrt (GDR) 51.08 (Olympic record), 2-Rita Wilden (Ger) 51.21, 3-Kathy Hammond 51.64, 4-Helga Seidler (GDR) 51.86, 5-Mable Ferguson (USA) 51.96, 6-Charlene Rendina (Aus) 51.99, 7-Dagmar Kaesling (GDR) 52.19, 8-Gyorgyi Balogh (Hun) 52.39.

Although every participant had been under 52 seconds in the semi-finals and although nearly everyone expected a new world record, it did not come off as Zehrt won in 51.1, just one-tenth off the mark. Wilden, who began running this event only last year, made a game effort in the final stretch, but could not catch the 19 year old East German girl. Hammond closed fast after running a well paced race and caught the fading Seidler near the finish to grab the bronze medal. 17 year old Mable Ferguson clocked 52 flat for a fine fifth place finish. Gyorgyi Balogh, whom many thought had a good chance to surprise the field, faded after the first 250 meters and finished last. Most consistent runner of the event had to be Australia's Charlene Rendina who had times of 51.94, 51.96, 51.90 and 51.99 for her heat, quarter-final, semi-final and final.

800 METERS

THE DEFENDING CHAMP: Madeline Manning entered the season and showed her potential immediately with her 2:02.0 880y record. Considering she was faster now over 400m, the Mexico City winner rated among the few could-be-successful-again defenders.

THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITES: Always an unpredictable event, the 800 was expected to be at least a three-way clash between Nikolic, the European champ, Falck, the world record holder, and Hoffmeister, the most dangerous potential at the beginning of the season. The Leo Lang pupil from Zagreb, reassured by her performance in getting the crown at Helsinki, raced with mixed luck, lost many events, but remained as one of the top choices. The tall blonde from the Volkswagon town



One lap to go in the 800 - Silai and Zlateva lead from Nikolic with Falck 4th, Hoffmeister 5th, followed by Sabaiste and Hoffman. 400 time was 58.3. (Don Chadez photo.)



Falck wins over Sabaiste, 1:58.6 to 1:58.7. (Tony Duffy)

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of Wolfsberg won the fastest race of June/July against Silai. In the GFR championships, she tried her speed with a 57.5 first lap and lost to newcomer Schenk in the final strides. She was accused by the German press of being a bad tactician. Hoffmeister, the GDR Parliament member, went through hot events undefeated up to the week before Munich where she ran 1:59.9 only to lose to Bulgaria's Amzina.

THE ESTABLISHMENT: Ileana Silai, hard like steel in tempo races, ran a series of top marks and tried to establish her first lap time at a sub-59. The chances of other athletes ranked high in 1971 such as Hoffman, Lowe-Cropper and Stirling failed to get much notice as they were overrun by the newcomers. Austria's Sykora seemed to be on the decline after one fast race in Berlin in mid-June.

THE COMEBACKERS: The Athens sensation, Anneliese Damm-Olesen, tried a few races in July and August and was selected for the Games at the last minute.

THE NEWCOMERS: Two countries surprised with unknown athletes. At Moscow, Latvian Nirole Sabaiste and Ukrainian Nina Morgunova ran two fast races of world class; few knew of the unbelievable speed of Nirole when she ran a high altitude 200m race at Font Romeu in early August - 23.5. Bulgaria was aroused as a super-power in the middle distances with Zlateva (a former 53.5 400m runner), Amzina and Petrova all running as well as Silai. Another former quartermiler succeeded in Poland as Skowronska had fine marks. New faces in the GDR (Politz), GFR (Schenk), France (Duvivier) and Eire (Tracey) added spice to the situation.

THE ABSENTEES: Karin Burneleit, second best in the GDR, decided herself to concentrate on the 1500. And one of the most finest of all comebackers, Judy Pollock, finally announced her retirement due to injuries just before the Games.

800m First Round. First three and fastest losers advance to semi-finals.

I, 1-Hildegard Falck (Ger) 2:01.5, 2-Madeline Manning-Jackson (USA) 2:02.6, 3-Cheryl Peasley (Aus) 2:03.1, 4-Mary Tracey (Ire) 2:04.2, 5-Martine Duvivier (Fra) 2:04.2, 5-Donata Govoni (Ita) 2:05.2, 6-Elisabeth Neuenschwander (Swi) 2:06.9. Arda Kalpakian (Lib) did not appear. (400 at 59.2)

II, 1-Svetla Zlateva (Bul) 1:58.9 (Olympic record), 2-Vera Nikolic (Yug) 1:59.6, 3-Sylvia Schenk (Ger) 2:02.2, 4-Elzbieta Skowronska (Pol) 2:03.3, 5-Jennifer Orr (Aus) 2:04.5, 6-Cheryl Toussaint (USA) 2:08.9, 7-Claire Walsh (Ire) 2:09.0, 8-Heather Gooding (Bar) 2:19.7. (400 at 56.6)

III, 1-Niele Sabaiste (SU) 2:01.5, 2-Abigail Hoffman (Can) 2:01.6, 3-Maria Sykora (Aut) 2:01.8, 4-Gisela Ellenberger (Ger) 2:01.9, 5-Maritta Poltiz (GDR) 2:02.4, 6-Margaret Coomber (GB) 2:03.0, 7-Emesia Chizunga (Maw) 2:19.2. Malak Alnasser (Syr) did not finish. (400 at 58.8)

IV, 1-Ileana Silai (Rum) 2:01.4, 2-Anneliese Damm (Den) 2:01.8, 3-Magdolna Kulcsar (Hun) 2:02.4, 4-Patricia Cropper (GB) 2:03.6, 5-Vassilena Amzina (Bul) 2:06.0, 6-Marleen Varheuen (Bel) 2:09.1, 7-Raisa Ruus (SU) 2:11.2, 8-Lee, Chiu-Hsia (ROC) 2:11.8. (400 at 59.3)

V, 1-Nina Morgunova (SU) 2:02.6, 2-Gunhild Hoffmeister (GDR) 2:03.2, 3-Rosemary Stirling (GB) 2:03.6, 4-Sue Haden (NZ) 2:04.9, 5-Cherono Maiyo (Ken) 2:04.9, 6-Wendy Koenig (USA) 2:08.7, 7-Mailika Hadky (Mor) 2:12.5.

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

It was Amzina's Bulgarian teammate, Svelta Zlateva (20), who created the major sensation by streaking to a time of 1:58.9, only 0.4 outside Falck's world record, with Vera Nikolic second in 1:59.4. The pace was astonishing as Elzbieta Skowronska passed 400m in 56.6, with Zlateva, Nikolic and Cheryl Toussaint all around 57 seconds or faster! Zlateva, whose previous best was 2:02.0, was fourth in the 1970 European Junior Championships 400m (her best is 53.5) and picked up a bronze medal in this year's European Indoor Championships.

All the heats featured very fast first laps. In the first, Falck went through in 59.2 and left Madeline Jackson, the defending champion, well behind as she cruised seemingly effortlessly through a 62.3 second circuit. Bell time in the third heat was 58.8 and the race was won by Nirole Sabaiste, (a 23.5 200m performer), in a desperately close finish with Abby Hoffman, whose 2:01.6 was a new Canada record. The final race saw Gunhild Hoffmeister and 18 year old Cherono Maiyo speed through in 58.4. Hoffmeister voluntarily eased up toward the finish line and although Maiyo did not qualify, she had a personal best at 2:04.9.

The seeding was again faulty as placed in the first heat were the defending Olympic champion and Olympic record-holder Madeline Manning Jackson, the world record holder Hildegard Falck, the Australian champion Cheryl Peasley at 2:03.3, the French champion Martine Duvivier at 2:02.0, the Italian champion Donata Govoni at 2:03.9 and the Irish champion Mary Tracey at 2:03.0 - picked for the bronze medal by Athletic Weekly's Mel Watman.

Scratched from the competition was Australia's veteran Judy Pollock whose 1972 comeback ended in tragedy as she suffered torn, injured and sore muscles which kept her from the competition. Judy tried to train in Munich and put up a gallant fight, but she simply could not overcome the injuries.

800m Semi-finals. (First four qualify for final)

I, 1-Sabaiste 2:00.9, 2-Hoffmeister 2:01.2, 3-Hoffman 2:01.4, 4-Nikolic 2:01.5, 5-Schenk 2:01.5, 6-Damm 2:04.2, 7-Peasley 2:04.6. Kulcsar did not appear. (400m at 59.2)

II, 1-Falck 2:01.4, 2-Zlateva 2:01.7, 3-Silai 2:01.9, 4-Stirling 2:02.4, 5-Manning-Jackson 2:02.4, 6-Sykora 2:02.4, 7-Ellenberger 2:03.0, 8-Morgunova 2:04.9. (400m at 59.6)

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(Watman) One of the first principles of running, drummed into any young athlete, is never slacken off before the finishing line when in a competitive situation. Even Olympic champions are supposed to remember that - but, incredibly, Madeline Manning-Jackson practically stopped a stride or two from the finish of her heat and lost her place in the final to Rosemary Stirling. Lucky Rosemary may have been, but all credit to her for running through and taking advantage of the situation when it presented itself. One requires more than just good fortune to reach an Olympic final these days, and Rosemary had run faster than her 2:02.4 in this race only once.

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

800m Final

1-Hildegard Falck (Ger) 1:58.6, 2-Niele Sabaite (SU) 1:58.7, 3-Gunhild Hoffmeister (GDR) 1:59.2, 4-Svelta Zlateva (Bul) 1:59.7, 5-Vera Nikolic (Yug) 2:00.0, 6-Ileana Silai (Rum) 2:00.0, 7-Rosemary Stirling (GB) 2:00.2, 8-Abigail Hoffman (Can) 2:00.2. (400m at 58.3)

(Watman) "What a race this was! Svelta Zlateva, the 20 year old Bulgarian who had set an Olympic record of 1:58.9 in the heats, this time ran 1:59.7 - and left the stadium without a medal! Ahead of her, that cool elegant blonde, Hildegard Falck, missed her world record by a hundredth of a second with 1:58.55 (converts to 1:58.6) as she held off the fast finishing Soviet revelation Niele Sabaite, with Gunhild Hoffmeister - the girl who shared in Falck's unfortunate spill in Helsinki - claiming the bronze. Such was the overall quality of the race that Rosemary Stirling smashed Ann Packer's UK and former world record of 2:01.1 by 0.9 in 7th place, and Abby Hoffman clocked the same Commonwealth record time of 2:00.2 for nothing better than last position!

Zlateva set a fast pace, passing 200m with Nikolic and Silai right with her in 27.4. Silai was ahead at 400m in 58.3, with everyone still in contention. Rose Stirling, running one of her fastest ever first laps, was 7th in a little over 59 seconds but such was the relentless tempo that, try as she would, she was unable to better that position. For a while she dropped back to last, as at 600m where Zlateva and Falck, with Sabaite an inconspicuous but still handily placed 7th. Falck took over just before entering the straight and as Zlateva petered out the only serious challenge was offered by Sabaite whose fastest 800m last year was only 2:04.5.

Abby Hoffman was very upset because the race was advanced six minutes as the leading walker was approaching the stadium. She had to sacrifice part of her warmup and thus started the race in a discouraged state of mind, regardless of her physical condition. The programming organizers slipped up here"

Hoffmeister confided after the race to Jan Popper that her race plan was made to 'stay with Falck' - but as the pack settled into the body of the race, she was unable to find Falck and thereby temporarily lost concentration. Falck, who ran contrary to her usual tactics, stayed behind during the first part of the race, fearing another spill in the crowd.

Leo Lang, Vera Nikolic's trainer, reported they were "satisfied, but not happy" with Vera's result. From conversations with other coaches, Leo has discovered Vera has not been doing as much depth work as some of her opponents. Consequently, Vera will begin a new training routing as of next season. Vera is still the girl who knows how to run only one way - just as fast as possible for as long as possible, never giving or asking quarter. When she learns how to trim down that too long stride in the stretch run and gets the stronger foundation of more intervals, she will be even tougher to defeat than she has been in the past.

Abby Hoffman lived up to this reporter's prognostication as she lowered the Canadian record three times and was a factor in the final making our prediction "should not qualify for the final but probably will" come true.

1500 METERS

THE DEFENDING CHAMPION: For the new Olympic event this position should be left empty, but Karin Burneleit, the world record holder and European champion at Helsinki, could be named for the honor. Karin had lost three hot races to teammate Hoffmeister and the general opinion was she was not as sharp now as she was at the Finnish competition.

THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITE: Burneleit's teammate Gunhild Hoffmeister was the first choice up to July. She ran three hard races in June, beating many potential medalists and mixing successfully her 800 and 1500 commitments. Even the tough task of doubling both middle distances seemed to be in Gunhilde's reach. And the sensation of her 1000m time on August 20 added to the final point.

THE ESTABLISHMENT: Being a renowned 1500 exponent in the last three seasons, Lyudmila Bragina went to the 1972 season as a final place contender. This was perpetuated by her early season marks and her win at the Znamenskiy Memorial. But on the morning of July 18, during an anonymous heat of the USSR championships, with no help from the other runners, Lyudmila began a new era in women's miling. Running laps of 66.5, 65.5 and 67.0, she reached the tape in 4:06.9. Indicating her finishing potential, she beat Pangyelova two days later in the final by 1.5 seconds. And two weeks later she demolished all predictions about 3000m limits with an evenly paced 8:53.0. The big question was, if Bragina was really head and shoulders above all the others or simply in top shape six weeks too early. From other established milers, diminutive Ellen Tittel won important races both at home and abroad but Pangyelova defeated her. Athens champion Jehlickova ran her fastest race since then. Seasoned British duo Allison and Carey seemed to be a threat, even though the latter won her spot on the team only in the final trial run at Middlesborough. Former British champ Rita Ridley as well as US queen Doris Brown never got the necessary new touch.

THE COMEBACKERS: Paola Pigni-Cacchi was stronger than ever before, with lot of endurance documented by her 9:09.2 3000m effort and speed enough to run 800m in a personal best. Another vet, Holland's Ilja Keizer, overcame the problem of a too-high standard listed by her country with a tempo-effort at Papendal.

THE NEWCOMERS: With almost 60 runners bettering 4:20 up to starting time at Munich, (compared with only 14 in the initial 1969 season), the number of new faces was not unexpected. Early season times by new Soviet talents Kazankina and Kazachkova; surprising efforts by the up-to-then unnoticed Bulgarians; another serious attempt by Nikolic; fantastic improvements by veteran Joyce Smith on one hand and youngster Glenda Reiser of Canada on the other extreme who, running for only 14 months (she was a former swimmer) recorded unbelievable marks; record races by Larrieu; the tough Holland meisje Boxem; and Finnish youngster Tyynelae; signs of superior talent shown by Kenya schoolgirls Chelimo and Maiyo; etc., etc. One really could expect some sub-4:10 races in Munich even before the final!

THE ABSENTEES: Regina Kleinau lost her battle with the GDR coaches who were not certain of her ability to come through in a series of fast races. Despite running a solo 4:07.6, she was a heart-breaking loser in the final test over 1000m - and remained at home.

1500m First Round. (Four from each heat plus the two fastest losers advance to the semi-finals)

I, 1-Ludmila Bragina (SU) 4:06.5 (World and Olympic record) 2-Glenda Reiser (Can) 4:06.7, 3-Ilja Keiser (Hol) 4:08.0, 4-Jennifer Orr (Aus) 4:08.1, 5-Jaroslava Jehlickova (Cs) 4:08.4, 6-Christa Merten (Ger) 4:12.6, 7-Joan Allison (GB) 4:14.9, 8-Maryke Moser (Swi) 4:24.9, 9-Lee, Chiu-Hsia (ROC) 4:37.2. (400 @ 63.1, 800 @ 2:09.6, 1200 @ 3:16.9)

II, 1-Paola Pigni-Cacchi (Ita) 4:09.5, 2-Vassilena Amzina (Bul) 4:12.9, 3-Berny Boxem (Hol) 4:13.8, 4-Francie Kraker-Johnson (USA) 4:14.7, 5-Thelma Fynn-Wright (Can) 4:15.4, 6-Grete Andersen (Nor) 4:16.0, 7-Gerda Ranz (Hun) 4:16.1, 8-Vera Nikolic (Yug) 4:18.6. Arda Kalpakian (Lib) did not appear. (400 @ 66.4, 800 @ 2:15.6, 1200 @ 3:21.0)

III, 1-Tamara Pangelova (SU) 4:10.8, 2-Karin Burneleit (GDR) 4:10.8, 3-Francie Larrieu (USA) 4:11.2, 4-Joyce Smith (GB) 4:11.3, 5-Inger Knutson (Swe) 4:11.3, 6-Mary Tracey (Ire) 4:16.4, 7-Sinikka Tyynelae (Fin) 4:21.4, 8-Emesia Chizunga (Maw) 4:41.5. Magdolna Kulcsar (Hun) did not finish. (400 @ 66.0, 800 @ 2:14.7, 1200 @ 3:23.3)



Bragina takes over the lead from Keizer with two laps to go in the 1500 on her way to her third successive world record in three races. Others from the front are: Boxem, Burneleit, Pigni, Hoffmeister, Tittel and Orr. (Chadez)

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IV, 1-Ellen Tittel (Ger) 4:12.1, 2-Gunhild Hoffmeister (GDR) 4:12.8, 3-Sheila Carey (GB) 4:13.0, 4-Wenche Soerum (Nor) 4:14.1, 5-Tonka Petrova (Bul) 4:15.0, 6-Anna Marie Nenzell (Swe) 4:16.7, 7-Margrit Hess (Swi) 4:19.7, 8-Tamara Kazachkova (SU) 4:20.2, 9-Cherono Maiyo (Ken) 4:20.9. Doris Brown (USA) did not appear. (400 @ 65.4, 800 @ 2:15.7, 1200 @ 3:23.0)

(Watman) "An incredible first heat set this new Olympic event alight. Lyudmila Bragina, world record holder at 1500 and 3000m, went straight ahead, and cut a pace of 63.1, 2:09.6 and 2:43.6 (1000m) which splayed the field out. Joan Allison (passing 800m in around 2:10.5) led the chasing group until just before the bell, then folded up. Bragina passed 1200m in 3:16.9, then strode home first in a world record 4:06.5, four-tenths inside her own mark (also set in a heat). Behind her, Canada's amazing 17 year old Glenda Reiser sliced more than 4 seconds off her Commonwealth record clocking 4:06.7, with a strong finish. The first five were all inside 4:08.5 - in a heat! Joyce Smith, 35 year old British captain, had to dig really deep to qualify in her heat, in a sprint finish, but was rewarded with a new UK record of 4:11.3s."

Doris Brown, who seems to have more bad luck than good, turned her ankle while warming up and was unable to run. The other two Americans, Larrieu and Johnson, did well and advanced to the semi-finals.

1500m Semi-finals. (First five advance to final)

I, 1-Pangelova 4:07.7, 2-Cacchi-Pigni 4:07.8, 3-Hoffmeister 4:07.9, 4-Keizer 4:08.3, 5-Amzina 4:09.1, 6-Smith 4:09.4, 7-Reiser 4:09.5, 8-Kraker-Johnson 4:12.8, 9-Knutson 4:15.0. (400 @ 67.4, 800 @ 2:17.4, 1200 @ 3:21.5)

II, 1-Bragina 4:05.1 (World and Olympic record), 2-Burneleit 4:05.8, 3-Tittel 4:06.7, 4-Carey 4:07.4, 5-Boxem 4:08.8, 6-Orr 4:08.9, 7-Soerum 4:09.7, 8-Larrieu 4:15.3, 9-Jehlickova 4:18.2. (400 @ 63.1, 800 @ 2:09.1, 1200 @ 3:16.6).

(Watman) "The ferocity of the competition, demonstrated in the heats, continued unabated. The first semi really came to life, after a relatively gentle 2:17.3 800m, with a 64 sec third lap as Hoffmeister and Keizer disputed the lead and Joyce Smith, finishing as fast as she has ever done, found a near two second improvement on her two day old UK record, with 4:09.4, sufficient only for sixth place, and not fast enough to make the final. Lyudmila Bragina took off after 300m in the second semi and improved her own world record for the second time in three days with 4:05.1. Sheila Carey finished fourth, looking round and easing up, in 4:07.4, to slice exactly two seconds off Joyce Smith's brand new UK record. This was 8.8 seconds better than her pre-Munich personal best. The world all-time list was hammered out of recognition before the final had even taken place. Only five of the 18 semi-finalists did NOT run faster than 4:09.6 - which was the world record until six weeks ago!"

Pigni sped her last lap in 61.8 in the first semi while it took Bragina 65.8 to ankle her final lap - thus leading one to think if Pigni could stay close to Bragina in the final, her speed might win it for her. How wrong we were as we discovered two days later!



Bragina wins 1500 in 4:01.4s.

Larrieu and Johnson disappeared from the scene for the US although Kraker-Johnson had her lifetime best. Larrieu was never in the race in her semi after the first 600. Canada's 17 year old hope, Reiser, learned a few lessons in tactics from the Europeans and finished out of the money in spite of running 4:09.5.

1500m Final

1-Lyudmila Bragina (SU) 4:01.4 (World and Olympic record), 2-Gunhild Hoffmeister (GDR) 4:02.8, 3-Paola Cacchi-Pigni (Ita) 4:02.9, 4-Karin Burneleit (GDR) 4:04.1, 5-Sheila Carey (GB) 4:04.8, 6-Ilja Keizer (Hol) 4:05.1, 7-Tamara Pangelova (SU) 4:06.5, 8-Jennifer Orr (Aus) 4:12.2, 9-Berny Boxem (Hol) 4:13.1. Ellen Tittel (Ger) did not finish (400m Boxem led in 62.5, 800m Bragina @ 2:10.0, 1200m Bragina @ 3:14.7. Last lap by Bragina 62.5)

(Watman) "Almost inevitably, a third climactic chapter of the revolution of the women's 1500m was written. With every one of the ten finalists having run faster than 4:09 in the semis, it was obviously going to need a world record to win, unless the race developed into a tactical one. It didn't. The two Dutch girls, Keizer and Bozem, had no intention of allowing it, and Boxem led past the 400m in 62.5, where Keizer took over. Lyudmila Bragina, with two world records in two races behind her, was unusually subdued in the early stages, but at 700m moved right through the field and put in her expected kick. She passed 800m in 2:10 and past the bell in 2:58.6 followed by Gunhild Hoffmeister, Sheila Carey and Paola Pigni-Cacchi who was moving up fast. At 1150m, the favorite of the West German crowd, Ellen Tittel, who had never played a part in the race, ran off the track and collapsed, to be carried off later on a stretcher. Meanwhile, Bragina was holding her lead down the back straight, as Cacchi closed in, passing Carey for third place. Into the home straight, with the electric clock still under 3:50, Bragina kept her stride going and her lead of 12m intact, to cross the line in a staggering 4:01.4 - another 3.7 seconds off the two-day old world record, and further pushing back the idea of what constitutes a fast time for women. Perhaps we may even see a sub-four minute 1500m by a woman this year, for the next four runners broke and one equalled the world record as Hoffmeister just



Look closely at Ehrhardt in this Don Chadez photo. Just over the last hurdle and she's smiling already! Others, left to right, Rabsztyl, Balzer, Krumpolz, Ryan and Nowak.

1500 (Continued)

held off the fast finishing Cacchi for the silver medal, and European champion Karin Burneleit edged past the gallant Sheila Carey for fourth place. Bragina's final 800 was a fantastic 2:06.1!"

100m HURDLES

THE DEFENDING CHAMPION: New distance, new spacing, more and higher hurdles - nevertheless the smaller hurdlers overcame all these handicaps and lead the field once again, as exemplified by Ehrhardt and Ryan. So, Maureen Caird's theoretical chance stood high, especially after her late attempts in the winter. But, as expected by many, she came to Europe far from her 13.1 best.

THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITES: The GDR pair, grand old lady Karin Balzer and youngster Annelie Ehrhardt, established themselves as the number one power in 1970-71. The 1964 Olympic champion was hampered by injuries and other troubles, so that she had to begin training again as late as July - but ran 12.7 on July 12. Her fantastic mental energy helped her to overcome all these handicaps and travel to Munich at least as a medal contender. Ehrhardt, with improved speed to 11.3, ran three world records at 12.5 under different wind conditions, never lost a race and was rated one of the surest favorites of all the Olympic women's events.

THE ESTABLISHMENT: First of all, there was Bufanu. As fast as Ehrhardt with 11.4/23.0 clockings, she looks like the biggest threat to the GDR favorite. Experienced Straszynska led the Polish trio in all decisive trials, with Nowak hampered a long time with an injury and Rabsztyl still remaining the young hope for the future. Antenen lost too much time with early season surgery. Pat Johnson ran faster than ever, but still does not look like a threat to the Europeans as much as she did in 1970. With Rosendahl running the hurdles only in the pentathlon, GFR hopes concentrated on Heidi Schuller more than on past champion Bach. Last years surprise, Israel's Shakhomarov, benefitted from thorough preparation on European soil and looked strong.

THE COMEBACKERS: Pam Ryan, "stadiest star of the sixties", finally attempted an Olympic medal again and equalled the WR time of 12.5 in her second race of a very extended European tour, (even your reporter is a bit skeptical of the real validity of the announced 0.9mps wind assistance) and beat Balzer in two Swedish races. Another comebacker, USA's O'Neal was said to have run some 12.8-12.9 marks which never were verified or explained.

THE NEWCOMERS: Annerose Krumpolz, who finally won the third place on the GDR team, was the first hurdler who came to the 100m hurdles through the 200m training and successes. Other new faces were few and far between, at least as the top group is concerned. A surprising progress was registered by the two French hurdlers, Andre and Schoebel.

THE ABSENTEES: The cover girl of Polish sports, Tereza Sukniewicz, started well with three 12.8's, but lost all chances through a knee injury in July. Eliminated after an unseen series of hard contests was GDR's Podeswa who lost by inches to Krumpolz in the June championships and was not nominated despite a lot of 12.8-12.9 races. Add to this the good hurdlers who concentrated on the pentathlon event only.



100mH champion Annelie Ehrhardt

100m Hurdles First round. (Four from each heat advance to the semi-finals)

I, (0.00), 1-Annelie Ehrhardt (GDR) 12.70 (Olympic record), 2-Pam Kilborn-Ryan (Aus) 12.93, 3-Teresa Nowak (Pol) 13.16, 4-Ester Shachamorov (Isr) 13.17, 5-Judy Vernon (GB) 13.37, 6-Lucila Salao (Phi) 15.15. Edith Noeding (Per) did not appear.

II (-0.60), 1-Valeria Bufanu (Rom) 12.94, 2-Danuta Straszynska (Pol) 13.03, 3-Margit Bach (Ger) 13.46, 4-Lacey O'Neal (USA) 13.78, 5-Brenda Matthews (NZ) 13.81, 6-Penelope Gillies (Aus) 13.82.

III, (0.00), 1-Grazyna Rabsztyl (Pol) 13.29, 2-Annerise Krumpolz (GDR) 13.31, 3-Mamie Rallins (USA) 13.51, 4-Meta Antenen (Swi) 13.61, 5-Maureen Caird (Aus) 13.63, 6-Margaret Murphy (Ire) 15.89. Mary Peters (GB) did not appear.

IV, (+0.20), 1-Karin Balzer (GDR) 13.10, 2-Patty Johnson (USA) 13.28, 3-Jacqueline Andre (Fra) 13.33, 4-Heidi Schuller (Ger) 13.50, 5-Ann Wilson (GB) 13.53, 6-Gunhild Olsson (Swe) 14.37, 7-Emilia Edet (Nig) 14.67.

The "seeding machine" was out of kilter once again as five of the world's best ended up in the first heat with only four to qualify. Both 12.5 runners, Annelie Ehrhardt of East Germany and Pam Ryan of Australia, were in the first heat along with Poland's Teresa Nowak, Ester Shachamorov of Israel and Judy Vernon of England. Vernon ended up being eliminated in spite of a good 13.37 clocking which would have put her into the next round had she been in any other heat. Defending champion (80mH) Maureen Caird was eliminated in the third heat and Penny Gillies, who had trounced both Ryan and Caird at the Australian championships, finished last in the second heat. The three Americans advanced although they were not close to their early season clockings.

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100m Hurdles Semi-finals. (Four advance to the final).

I, (0.00), 1-Bufanu 12.84, 2-Ryan 12.95, 3-Balzer 12.97, 4-Nowak 13.10, 5-Johnson 13.26, 6-Bach 13.31, 7-Rallins 13.75. Antennen fell.

II, (+0.50), 1-Ehrhardt 12.73 (Equal Olympic record), 2-Straszynska 12.91, 3-Krumpholz 13.24, 4-Rabsztyń 13.24, 5-Andre 13.30, 6-Schueller 13.33, 7-O'Neal 13.89. Shachamorov did not appear.

Not much doubt about who was going to win the final as the East German girl looked determined as well as technically perfect. It was evident the race would be for the silver. The three Americans were all eliminated in this round as three East Germans, three Poles made the final along with one Rumanian and one Australian. Balzer and Ryan were competing in their third successive Olympic hurdle final.

100m Hurdles Final

(-0.60), 1-Annelie Ehrhardt (GDR) 12.59 (Olympic record), 2-Valeria Bufanu (Rum) 12.84, 3-Karin Balzer (GDR) 12.90, 4-Pam Ryan (Aus) 12.98, 5-Teresa Nowak (Pol) 13.17, 6-Danuta Straszynska (Pol) 13.18, 7-Annerose Krumpholz (GDR) 13.27, 8-Grazyna Rabsztyń (Pol) 13.44.

(Watman)"Annelie Ehrhardt and Pam Ryan were fastest away and rose to the first flight together. Thereafter Ehrhardt pulled away from her co-world record holder, and by halfway Karin Balzer, (the 1964 80mH champion) had passed Ryan too, but the fastest finish came from Valeria Bufanu. She moved right through from the eighth flight to pass Ryan and Balzer for the silver medal, as Ehrhardt's determined hurdling had taken her clear to victory in an outstanding 12.59 into an 0.6mps wind. With three East Germans and three Poles, (even excluding Teresa Sukniewicz, 12.8 this year but injured now), in the final, it was clear where the world's hurdling strength currently lies."

It is interesting to note that four of the finalists, or half of the field, was over 30 years of age.

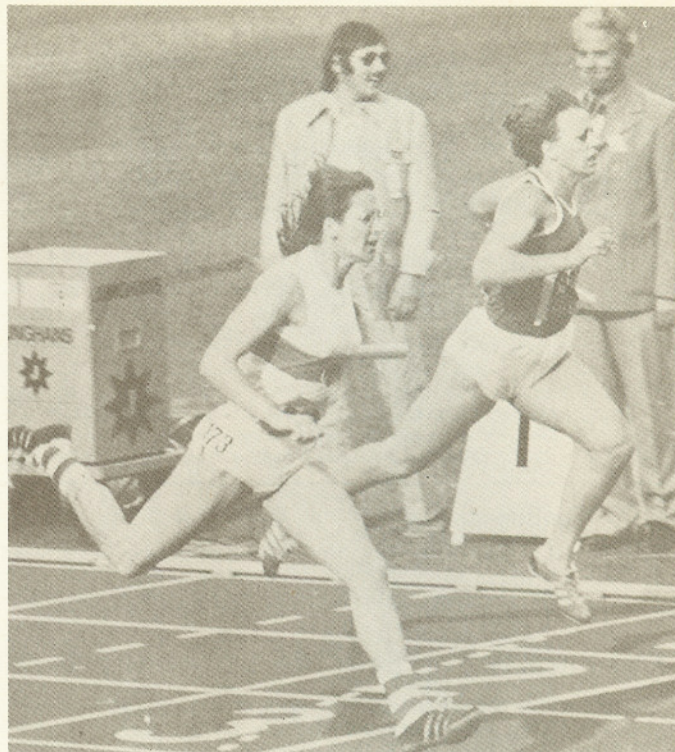
4x100 RELAY

THE DEFENDING CHAMPION: The US team, although rated high in view of their success at the Pan American Games against Cuba, was not considered to be tough enough for the gold medal race; in fact, the real capacity of the US foursome remained a mystery until the first heat, for no national team efforts were known in Europe.

THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITES: Both GDR and GFR squads were rated almost equal. West Germany's team, the European champions, ran far less preparatory races than last year. The Helsinki condition of Schittenhelm, Helten, Irrgang-Richter and Mickler was destroyed by many injuries, but with Kroniger and Rosendahl available for the last two legs the quality remained untouched. Then Mickler came back and coach Wolfgang Thiele found his final combination at the Letzigrund on August 12/13. The troubles of Schittenhelm after the trials in the 100 meter heats gave Krause her final chance. On the contrary, GDR's coach Horst Hille played poker with his battalion of sprint talent almost to the final day. His final combination actually ran only once - at Paris in July. Nevertheless, all passing was well done and well trained - and there were at least four reserves who, if put together, would have been able to win the bronze at Munich.

OTHER CONTENDERS: The new Cuban crew, with Valdes and Chivas being practically novices in international competition, was an "also-ran" team during June, but coach Edmund Potrzebowski used his decade-long experience to form a medal-chasing squad for the right moment. Poland, with Szewinska intentionally missing all relay races for some time now, trained hard for sub-44 second speed as was a very homogeneous Soviet squad, led by former ace Zoya Pyetrova. There was only one other team which noone knew how to rank - Australia. With Boyle's tremendous capacity down the backstretch, the Aussies looked like a distinct medal possibility.

THE ABSENTEES: In view of the expected sub-43 second winning marks, some federations limited their sprint relay efforts, and so even the Hungarians with a clocking of 44.6 did not enter and such potential sub-45 second squads as France, Holland and Czechoslovakia were not among the starters.



The two stars of the Games. Rosendahl (WG) edges Stecher (EG) in the 4x100, equalling the world record. Both Rosendahl and Stecher wound up with two golds and one silver. (Note the expression on the faces of the two WG officials.)

4x100m Relay Heats. (First four advance to final)

I, 1-Cuba (Elejarde-Valdes-Romay-Chivas) 43.67, 2-Russia (Sidorova-Bukharina-Besfamilnaya-Zharkova) 43.77, 3-Australia (Caird-Ryan-Hoffman-Boyle) 44.03, 4-Poland (Kerner-Bakulin-Jozwik-Jedrejek) 44.19, 5-Italy (Grassano-Orselli-Nappi-Molinari) 44.62, 6-Finland (Rautanen-Strandvill-Wilmi-Eklund) 44.68, 7-Nigeria (Edet-Obi-Olaye-Oshikoya) 44.15. Philippines (Salao-Torres-Mantawel-Alanes) disqualified.

II, 1-East Germany (Kaufer-Heinich-Struppert-Stecher) 42.88, 2-West Germany (Krause-Mickler-Richter-Rosendahl) 42.97, 3-USA (Watson-Rebder-Netter-Davis) 43.07, 4-Great Britain (Lynch-Pascoe-Vernon-Lannaman) 43.76, 5-Bulgaria (Yorgova-Valkova-Venkova-Yankova) 43.95. Jamaica (Hodges-Charlton-Cummings-Byfield) and Sweden (A. Olsson-G. Olsson-Larsson-Haglund) both disqualified.

Trial heats went pretty much according to advance dope although Bulgaria's 43.95 in the second heat, which wasn't good enough to move them into the final, would have placed them third in the first heat.

4x100m Relay Final

1-West Germany 42.81 (Equal world and Olympic records), 2-East Germany 42.95, 3-Cuba 43.36, 4-USA 43.39, 5-Russia 43.59, 6-Australia (Ryan injured, new order Caird-Boyle-Hoffman-Gillies) 43.61, 7-Great Britain 43.71, 8-Poland 44.20.

(Watman)"Heide Rosendahl ended her Olympics with another medal for her collection - a gold in the relay - and it was her superb contribution on the anchor leg against the formidable Renate Stecher that won the West German team the race as much as anything else. In all fairness, though, the rest of the team ran brilliantly to give Heide, the darling of the crowd, a one meter lead when she received the baton. Proving that she is grossly under-rated as a sprinter, Heide took off with Stecher in hot pursuit. Not only did she hold the margin but, with the noise from the overjoyed spectators reaching a deafening crescendo, Miss Rosendahl actually gained a foot or two before the finish. The time was 42.8, equalling the USA's world and Olympic record set at altitude. Another gold medal also for veteran Ingrid Mickler who has had a poor season, yet ran a blinder on the second leg. Cuba held off the USA for the bronze medals."

4x100 (Continued)

I remember what Dick Bank said after the long jump in Mexico City - "If you think Russians don't cry, you should have seen Tatyana Talisheva" - and the same holds true with the East Germans. Their conduct was exemplary after their defeat with congratulations to the winners, et al. They were correct on the victory stand. But later when I happened upon Renate Stecher, whom I had met and made friends with during the Games, her eyes were red and her mascara spoiled just like we from the decadent West.

4x400 RELAY

THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITES: Kuhne, Lohse, Seidler and Zehrt won at Helsinki with ease, and the seasonal best marks of two GDR squads exceeded the potential of all other nations this season. Nevertheless, it was surprising to see a sharp battle for a relay berth between Kuhne and Rohde in the August trials. Also surprising was the fact the team did not get below 3:28 before the Games for as early as July this reporter had predicted a sub-3:25 for the GDR team at the Munich final.

OTHER CONTENDERS: Two teams were in question for the other medals, the USA and the West Germans. The former, mainly due to the solo 440 marks of Hammond and Manning-Jackson and the latter thanks to that very easy sub-3:30 mark in Zurich where Rita Wilden almost jogged to the finish. Many rated Poland as the next toughest contender, for big Piecyk (5'11) and strong Skowronska showed much potential in both relays and solo races. But with Duclos improving from week to week, Besson concentrating her remaining reserves mainly to relays and former high jumper Chislaine Barnay surprisingly fast in this new event for her, France was a more logical choice. Cuba, with Trustee and Penton, but without an equally good third and fourth runner, plus Australia which was weakened by Pollack's absence, seemed to be the other final candidates. No one really hoped for teams like Great Britain, Finland, the Soviet Union or Jamaica-minus-Neufville, for the composition of these teams was individually considered too weak.

THE ABSENTEES: At least one country should be among the starters: Holland. With 53 second quartermilers as Ruth, Burggraaf, come-backing Mexico finalist v.d.Hoeven, the Dutch team was capable of doing far better than the 3:55.8 and 3:37.3 they ran in their nomination races. But the Dutch authorities were iron minded....

4x400m Relay. (First four teams advance to final)

I, 1-West Germany (Rueckes-Boedding-Falck-Wilden) 3:29.2 (Olympic record), 2-France (Duvivier-Besson-Martin-Duclos) 3:30.0, 3-Russia (Runtso-Syrovatskaia-Chistyakova-Kolesnikova) 3:30.2, 4-Finland (Strandvall-Wilmi-Rautanen-Eklund) 3:30.8, 5-Cuba (Acosta-Chibas-Trustee-Penton) 3:32.4, 6-Sweden (Malmstroem-Randerz-Larsson-Lundgren) 3:32.6, 7-Barbados (Forde-Bishop-Trotman-Gooding) 3:44.5.

II, 1-East Germany (Kaesling-Kuehne-Seidler-Zehrt) 3:28.5 (Oly & World Rc), 2-USA (Ferguson-Manning-Toussaint-Hammond) 3:28.6, 3-Australia (Ross-Edwards-Boyle-Peasley-Rendina) 3:30.0, 4-Great Britain (Simpson-Bernard-Roscoe-Stirling) 3:30.1, 5-Jamaica (Williams-Morris-Allwood-Saunders) 3:31.9, 6-Austria (Casapico-Sykora-Massing-Kaefer) 3:42.2. Poland (Zientarska-Kacperczyk-Skowronska-Piecyk) did not finish.

Poland suffered from either a lack of knowledge of the rules or a forgetting of the rules when their third runner, while receiving the baton, dropped the stick, picked it up and stepped off the track. The runner, of course, was destitute when she realized her error, but by then it was too late to get back in the race. "Official" lap times (splits) were recorded by the computer, but are decidedly doubtful. Raelene Boyle, for example, is listed officially with a lap of 55.0 but I, a notoriously slow timer, clocked her in 51.8. The "book" lists the US team with times of 51.7-52.4-53.2-51.3 while the hand-timers in the press box had 51.9-52.4-52.9-51.4, all marks in the same relative vicinity but a good example of why "splits" are poor things to rely upon. Other hand times in the heats were 52.0 for Lundgren and Penton, (computer times 51.6 and 51.7) 52.4 for Besson - and I know that is correct - (51.9 by computer). Australia's Cheryl Peasley is credited with 50.0 by the computer but was closer to 53.5s. Big error by the "automatic" timer is caused by the fact runners are staggered for THREE turns at the start of this race, therefore the center of the passing zone is not



East Germany's winning foursome in the 4x400. Left to right: Monika Zehrt, Rita Kuhne, Helga Seidler and Dagmar Kasling after their world record run.

the same for all second runners, and this throws the whole timing by machine a little bit off.

The West Germans had to substitute Annette Rueckes for the injured Christel Frese which added a bit to their total time.



4x400m Relay Final

1-East Germany 3:23.0 (World & Olympic record), 2-USA 3:25.2, 3-West Germany 3:26.5, 4-France 3:27.5, 5-Great Britain 3:28.7, 6-Australia 3:28.8, 7-Finland 3:29.4, 8-Russia 3:31.9.

(Watman) "Nothing went wrong with the girls from the GDR. It was predictable they would smash their own world record, (3:28.8 before the Games and 3:28.5 in the heats), but even so their time of 3:23.0 was staggering - an average of 50.75 per girl as against the individual world record of 51.0!

Dagmar Kasling (52.1) handed over a little behind the USA's 17 year old Mable Ferguson (51.9) on the lead-off leg but from the second stage, covered by Rita Kuhne (who was not even selected for the individual 400) in a sizzling 50 seconds flat, the East Germans were out on their own. (The 'splits' on the official result sheet cannot be relied upon completely - for example Kathy Hammond, on the anchor, was given an unlikely 49.2 whereas she probably ran a full second slower - and in many cases it must remain a matter of speculation as to how fast runners actually went.) Great Britain came from sixth to fourth as Janet Simpson passed Besson and Boedding to follow East Germany, USA and Australia, for whom Raelene Boyle ran a blinder - officially 50.8 but probably somewhat faster.

While Helga Seidler (50.5) lengthened the GDR's lead over the USA, Hildegard Falck (51.2) took West Germany into third place, France (Bernadette Martin) went into 4th. Great Britain was 5th and Australia's Cheryl Peasley slipped back to sixth. Monika Zehrt sped around the last leg in 50.4 while Kathy Hammond, Rita Wilden and Nicole Duclos all ran comparable times to consolidate their teams' positions. The standard was so incredible that even in 5th place the British girls bettered the pre-Games world record with their 3:28.7 (52.2 average)."

With so much controversy over actual splits, it is entirely safe to list the team averages, giving an indication of how far this event has advanced in recent years. East Germany, as indicated above, averaged 50.75, USA 51.3, West Germany 51.6, France 51.9, Great Britain 52.2, Australia 52.2, Finland 52.3 and Russia 52.9s.



ULRIKE MEYFARTH, High Jump winner.

HIGH JUMP

THE DEFENDING CHAMPION: Miloslava Rezkova-Huebnerova had much trouble with her run and takeoff clear up to midseason and entered the Czechoslovakian final trial on 23 July as only the fifth best Cs jumper of the year. In addition, she missed twice at 1.76/5'9", and for a few minutes it seemed there was little chance for her to make the team. But from that time on, she had no more misses - not only at this meet where she finally cleared 1.86/6'1", but at the last pre-Olympic meet where she reached a world best for a jumper only 1.69/5'6" tall as she jumped 1.87/6'1".

THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITE: Ilona Gusenbauer, so consistent at high heights as was Iolanda Balas in her best days, ran into troubles in at least two mid-season meets and lost her solo favorite spot for the Olympic gold. Nevertheless, she ranks among the contenders as a tough and inspired competitor, as she had shown at Helsinki.

THE ESTABLISHMENT: From a long row of names, Rita Schmidt was the most consistent and surprised everyone by clearing 1.90/6'2" as early as May; Karbanova and Lazaryeva had wins in tough competition; Brill and Komka went to personal bests; and most others improved some centimeters. Only tall flopper Popescu seemingly lost her 1971 form through injury and a sore knee. Hrepevnik limited herself to very sporadic starts, and Barbara Inkpen flopped between 1.80/5'10" and 1.70/5'7".

THE COMEBACKERS: "She jumped just like Brumel", declared Balas' husband Ion Soeter after that 1.90/6'2" clearance of Yordanka Blagoyeva at the Balkan Games. The Bulgarian veteran, who was out for two seasons, came back stronger and with perfect technique, and even before that 1.90 was rated very high. After her performance at Izmir she had to be given the same chance of winning as Gusenbauer and Schmidt. Another junior hope from the mid-sixties who went to new heights is Rita Gildemeister who continued her startling comeback which began in the indoor season.

THE NEWCOMERS: From an unseen talley of more the 40(!) 1.80/5'10" jumpers, the GDR's third string Witeschas, the SU's big flopper Filatova and Holland's very young Rita Ahlers impressed during the first part of the summer. Just before the Games Denmark's Ejstrup cleared 1.85/6'0", and finally at Zurich a new face emerged at 1.85 in the person of West Germany's Ulrike Meyfarth, (who until that time had won only one big meet against Brill at Lubeck).

THE ABSENTEES: It was a surprise not to see Galina Filatova among the USSR Munich squad. One 1.83/6'0" jumper from the GDR had to be left at home (Kandziara), two jumpers of the same quality in Czechoslovakia (veteran Mracnova and 17 year old Bradacova), where the fight for the Olympic berths was more fierce than in any other country as five jumpers were over 1.83/6'0" in the final trials.

High Jump Qualifying. Qualifying height 1.76/5'9"

Qualifiers: Ilona Gusenbauer (Aut), Rita Schmidt (GDR), Rita Gildemeister (GDR), Yordanka Blagoyeva (Bul), Audrey Reid (Jam), Ellen Munding (Ger), Rosemarie Witeschas (GDR), Corneila Popescu (Rum), Renate Gartner (Ger), Ulrike Meyfarth (Ger), Ria Ahlers (Hol), Snezhana Hrepevnik (Yug), Solveig

Langkilde (Den), Erika Rudolf (Hun), Alena Proskova (Cs), Miloslava Huebnerova (Cs), Milada Karbanova (Cs), Barbara Inkpen (GB), Magdolna Komka (Hun), Grith Ejstrup (Den), Deborah Brill (Can), Sara Simeoni (Ita) and Andrea Bruce (Jam).

Non-qualifiers: Rosaline Few (GB), Beatrix Rechner (Swi), Louise Hanna (Can), Breda Babosek (Yug), Marina Rodriguez (Cub) and Antonina Lazaryeva (SU) all at 1.73/5'8". Penelope Dimmock (GB), Deanne Wilson (USA) and Cindy Gilbert (USA) all at 1.70/5'7". Doris Bisang (Swi), Michiyo Inaoka (Jap), Miho-ko Yama (Jap) and Roxana Vulescu (Rum) all at 1.65/5'5". Lara Sveinsdotter (Isl) and Sandi Goldsberry (USA) at 1.60/5'3". Wu, Yu-Chih (ROC), Nnenna Njoku (Nig), Kari Karlsen (Nor), Maria Luisa Vilca (Per), Gladys Chaingmei (Mal), Galina Filatova (SU) and Margit Papp (Hun) all failed to clear the opening height of 1.60.

(Watman) "As at Helsinki (for the European championships) the qualifying standard of 1.76/5'9" did not really reflect the level of world jumping, and no less than 23 competitors cleared it. Antonina Lazaryeva was the biggest surprise casualty."

All three American jumpers failed to make the final although Cindy Gilbert looked promising.

High Jump Final.

1-Meyfarth 1.92/6'3" (Equal world record, new Olympic record), 2-Blagoyeva 1.88/6'2", 3-Gusenbauer 1.88, 4-Inkpen 1.85/6'0", 5-Schmidt 1.85, 6-Simeoni 1.85, 7-Witeschas 1.85, 8-Brill 1.82/5'11", 9-Bruce 1.82, 10-Munding 1.82, 11-Reid 1.82, 12-Gildemeister and Ejstrup 1.82, 14-Gaertner 1.82, 15-Huebnerova 1.82, 16-Rudolf and Ahlers 1.79/5'10", 18-Proskova 1.79, 19-Popescu 1.76/5'9", 20-Hrepevnik 1.76, 21-Langkilde 1.76, 22-Karbanova 1.76, 23-Komka 1.71/5'7".

	160	166	171	176	179	182	185	188	190	192	194
Meyfarth	p	p	o	o	o	o	o	o	xo	o	xxx
Blagoyeva	p	p	o	o	o	o	o	o	xxx		
Gusenbauer	p	xo	xo	o	o	o	xxxo	xo	xxx		
Inkpen	p	o	o	o	o	o	o	xxx			
Schmidt	p	p	o	o	o	o	xo	xxx			
Simeoni	p	p	o	o	o	xo	xo	xxx			
Witeschas	p	o	o	o	o	o	xxxo	xxx			
Brill	p	p	o	o	o	o	xxx				
Bruce	p	o	o	o	o	o	xxx				
Munding	p	p	o	o	xo	o	xxx				
Reid	p	p	o	xo	xo	o	xxx				
Gildemeister	p	o	o	o	o	xo	xxx				
Ejstrup	p	p	o	o	o	xo	xxx				
Gaertner	p	p	o	o	o	xxxo	xxx				
Huebnerova	p	o	o	xo	o	xxxo	xxx				
Rudolf	p	o	o	o	o	xxx					
Ahlers	p	o	o	o	o	xxx					
Proskova	p	p	xo	o	o	xxx					
Popescu	p	o	o	o	xxx				p=Passed		
Hrepevnik	o	o	o	o	xxx				o=Cleared		
Langkilde	p	p	xo	xxx					x=Failed		
Karbanova	p	o	xo	xxx							
Komka	p	p	o	xxx							

(Watman) "If every event could be predicted from the ranking lists, there would be no point in having an Olympics at all. And once in a while an unexpected champion steals the limelight from the less surprising winners. So it was with Ulrike Meyfarth. It was not until she flopped cleanly over 1.85/6'0", equalling her best, (which was set only two weeks earlier), that she began to attract special attention, with such names as Rita Gildemeister, Debbie Brill and defending champion Miloslava Huebnerova already having been eliminated, and world record holder Ilona Gusenbauer having grave troubles at the lower heights.

"At this point, Meyfarth and Yordanka Blagoyeva were tying for first place, with Barbara Inkpen enjoying the best competition of her life lying in the bronze medal position only through having jumped one more lower height. At 1.88/6'2", four jumpers were beyond themselves and only three remained at the following height of 1.90/6'2". Included was Blagoyeva, though controversially so, for she appeared to have straddled the bar successfully on her last attempt and left the pit - in fact she had moved clear of the pit and had taken a seat on the grass - when the bar fell off. The judge immediately raised his red flag, eliminating the Bulgarian to a storm of whistling and jeering from the crowd. But with Meyfarth having already cleared a personal best 1.90

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on her second attempt, the jeers turned to acclamation when it was realized that the 6'0½, 16 year old schoolgirl, only third in the German championships, was now Olympic champion ...and the youngest ever in track and field.

"The bar was rained to 1.92/6'3½, equal to the world record, and Ulrike took a customary close look at it before striding off to her check mark. The stadium was hushed. She ran up....and then someone shouted out. Well meant, probably, but it put her off, and she stopped and went back, while the crowd turned and glowered at the well-wisher. She ran in again and amid a noise like a bomb exploding flopped cleanly over the world record height. It was like a fairy tale.

"Again the bar went up to 1.94/6'4¼. There was no other event in progress, and she had the stadium in the palm of her hand, with everyone except Gusenbauer (who sat with her back to the pit, unable to watch) concentrating intently. She didn't make it. This time, anyway. But there is a long career ahead of her, even if she can never again experience a night quite like this one again."

LONG JUMP

THE DEFENDING CHAMPION: Viorica Viscopoleanu, always tough and always performing respectfully in top competitions between Mexico and Munich, never really came back to medal chances during the 1972 season. Her best of 6.42/21'0¾ nevertheless was good enough to be rated as a contender in the final placings.

THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITE: It was Heide Rosendahl's event, at least from her wonderful 6.84/22'5¼ jump during the 1970 Universiade. Well, she lost to Mickler and Antenen at Helsinki, but when the organizers of the Munich Games scheduled the long jump for the very first day, they did their work for Heide. With two 6.72/22'0½ jumps she led the world until the very last week before the Games; and her other marks have to be considered with the knowledge that in most meetings she long jumped only as one of her three or four other competitions during the meeting.

THE ESTABLISHMENT: Mickler and Antenen were sidelined for many weeks with injuries and/or medical treatment and both came back to competition very late. More, in the case of Mickler, there was a not too happy solution by GFR authorities to test her against improving Brigitte Roosen. After all qualifications brought no sufficient result, Mickler was nominated, which left Roosen and her many admirers very unhappy. Szewinska tried this event for some weeks, but decided just before Munich to give it up. Sherwood, also bothered by injury, came up slowly and exactly the same thing happened to Margrit Hebst-Olfert, GDR, who got her nomination with two jumps of 6.54/21'5½ and 6.72/22'0½ in August.

THE COMEBACKERS: Most spectacular was Bulgaria's Deana Yorgova who was 6th at Tokyo, 2nd at Budapest and 4th at Athens. Despite such honors, she was practically forgotten in pre-season ratings in view of her 29 years and her declining results over the past seasons. But she came back on a very high level winning all of her meets and setting new standards up 6.75/22'1¼ on August 20. Eva Suranova-Kucmanova, a CSSR prospect of the late sixties, tried once again after matrimony, and beat Szewinska with a pb of 6.58/21'7 in her very first international competition in three years! USA's veteran Willye White was widely publicized in Europe, although after her arrival here it appeared that Willye's announced 6.77/22'2½ was in fact only 6.17/20'2½ due to a misprint in agency news.

THE NEWCOMERS: Lynnet Tillet's 6.62/21'8¾ Australian and 6.60/21'7¾ pre-Olympic marks sounded very respectable. Two GDR jumpers from Dresden, Albertus and Liebsch, known under their maiden names Hauer and Bott as prospects some years ago, went to a high position but were not too consistent. And Heidi Schuller, actually not a newcomer to the event, showed good form (no pun intended) after giving up her original pentathlon ambitions.

THE ABSENTEES: Outside of Szewinska, the most notable non-starter was surely Roosen, the European indoor champion. Another plus 6.50/21'4 jumper who could not start here was GDR's number four Raebiger.

Long Jump Qualifying. Qualification 6.30/20'8

1-Angelika Liebsch (GDR) 6.69/21'11½, 2-Heide Rosendahl (Ger) 6.62/21'8¾, 3-Margrit Olfert (GDR) 6.52/21'4¾, 4-Meta Antenen



1-2 in the long jump: Heide Rosendahl (WG) and Diana Yorgova (Bul). Only one centimeter separated the two jumpers.

(Swi) 6.41/21'0¾, 5-Willye White (USA) 6.39/20'11½ and Viorica Viscopoleanu (Rum) 6.39.20'11¼w, 7-Eva Suranova (Cs) 6.38/20'11¼, 8-Ilona Bruzsenyak (Hun) 6.37/20'10¼w, 9-Sheila Sherwood (GB) 6.33/20'9¼, 10-Marcia Garbey (Cub), Heide Schuller (Ger) and Diana Yorgova (Bul) 6.32/20'8¾, 13-Jarmila Nygrynova (Cs) 6.31/20'8¾, 14-Elena Vintila (Rom) 6.30/20'8.

Non-qualifiers: Erica Nixon (Aus) 6.27/20'7, Siglinde Ammann (Swi) and Maureen Chitty (GB) 6.26/20'6½, Liubov Iliina (SU) 6.25/20'6w, Modupe Oshikoya (Nig) 6.22/20'5, Odette Ducas (Fra) 6.16/20'2½, Hiroko Yamashita (Jap) 6.14/20'1¼, Brenda Eisler (Can) 6.10/20'0¾, Martha Watson (USA) 6.09/19'11¾, Debprah Van Kiebelbelt (Can) 6.07/19'11, Radojka Franzoti (Yug) 6.02/19'9, Kristina Albertus (GDR) 6.01/19'8¾, Lyn Tillet (Aus) 5.99/19'7¾, Ruth Martin-Jones (GB) 5.93/19'5½, Kim Attlessey (USA) 5.80/19'0¾, Lin Chun-Yu (ROC) 5.50/18'0½, Audrey Chikani (Zam) 5.17/16'11½, Ingrid Mickler (Ger) three fouls, Valeria Bufanu (Rum) one foul, withdrew. (Note: Schuller's 6.32 jump was wind aided).

(Watman) The women's long jump was the first event to be contested in the 1972 Olympics with the qualifying round beginning at ten o'clock in the morning. "What a sight at ten in the morning.. a crowd of over 70,000 in their places for a programme of heats and qualifying rounds! Bright sunshine and a blue sky enhanced the inspiring scene; the only blemish was a capricious wind, somewhat chilly. That wind helped some of the jumpers, hindered others; the readings varied from plus 4.5mps to minus 3.7m. Angelika Liebsch, who was only picked (for the East German team) at the last moment, had a 1.0mps wind to help her to a personal best of 6.69/21'11½, while the home fan's goddess Heide Rosendahl had a 1.3m wind to jump against for her rapturously received 6.62/21'8¾. Heidi Schuller, the girl who recited the Olympic vow at the opening ceremonies, was another popular qualifier but Ingrid Mickler, the European champion, was loudly whistled when she ran through on her final attempt, having not registered a jump. Defending champion Viorica Viscopoleanu got through safely, and so did another 33 year old in Willye White, the Melbourne silver medalist contesting her fifth Olympics. Willye, let it be whispered, never really qualified for these Games: she had no wind-free jumps over 6.30 during the qualifying period. Incidentally, that 6.77/22'2¼w credited to her recently was misreported. (The wire services listed the jump at 6.77 whereas it was in reality 6.17.)"

Australia's Lynn Tillet was a big disappointment as she jumped only 19'8 to be eliminated. Tillet was well over 21 feet in the final pre-Olympic meet held in the stadium and then came back in the pentathlon to hop 21'1½. Many well-known jumpers failed to jump the necessary 20'8 including Japan's Yamashita, Martha Watson of the USA. Brenda Eisler of Canada and Irena Szewinska scratched.

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Long Jump Final

1-Rosendahl 6.78/22'3, 2-Yorgova 6.77/22'2½, 3-Suranova 6.67/21'10½, 4-Garbey 6.52/21'4¾w, 5-Schueller 6.51/21'4¾, 6-Antenen 6.49/21'3½, 7-Viscopoleanu 6.48/21'3¾w, 8-Olfert 6.46/21'2¾, 9-Sherwood 6.41/21'0½, 10-Bruzensyak 6.39/20'11½, 11-White 6.27/20'7, 12-Nygrynova 6.24/20'5¾, 13-Liebsch 6.23/20'5¼, 14-Vintila 6.13/20'1¼.

Rosendahl	22'3	22'2½	21'11½	21'4¾	22'1	22'0¼
Yorgova	21'1¼	20'1	21'8¾w	22'2½	21'5	F
Suranova	21'4¾	21'7¾	F	21'10½	F	20'7
Garbey	20'6½	21'4¾w	13'0w	19'6	F	F
Schueller	20'9¼	20'3¾	21'4¾	F	F	20'6
Antenen	F	21'3½	F	20'2½	20'11½	F
Viscopoleanu	21'1¼w	21'3½	21'3¾w	21'1½	20'10	21'1½
Olfert	21'0	F	20'9¾	21'2¼	20'8	F
Sherwood	21'0½	F	21'0	X	X	X
Bruzensyak	20'11½	F	20'10½	X	X	X
White	19'8¾	20'7	F	X	X	X
Nygrynova	20'3¾w	20'5¾	19'9	X	X	X
Liebsch	F	20'5¾	19'11	X	X	X
Vintila	19'10½	19'8¾	20'1¼	X	X	X

(Watman) "No one should begrudge Heide Rosendahl her Olympic title. Injury ruined her chances in Mexico City where she finished 8th; the West German team walk-out in Athens cost her a likely European title in 1969; and in Helsinki last year she did well to finish third as she had completed her successful pentathlon only a short while earlier! Now, at 25, she has added the Olympic gold medal to her world record of 6.84/22'5¼ and must rank in anybody's list of all-time long jumping greats. Her victory, ecstatically acclaimed by the capacity crowd of some 80,000 is a testimony to the Sport-hilfe scheme whereby West German sport is largely subsidised by a millionaire. Heide, along with other top international athletes, is granted 750 marks (nearly \$240) per month to further her career. Some of that money goes to her coach and masseur for their services; the rest pays for training and equipment expenses. With the finest facilities at her disposal...how can she miss?"



Heide's first jump of 6.78/22'3 (+0.60) sent her fans almost delirious with excitement. That's a distance that has been reached only a handful of times in women's long jumping history, and a second round 6.76/22'2¼ (+0.40) underlined her apparent supremacy. After three rounds she led comfortably from Diana Yorgova's 6.62/21'8¾ (+2.2) and Eva Suranova's 6.60/21'8 (+0.6), but the fourth round yielded two very fine leaps from the opposition. Suranova, the former Miss Kucmanova who came back this season a mother after retiring in 1969, increased her best to 6.67/21'10½ (+0.9) and Yorgova, herself a mother of two daughters, gave her fellow journalists plenty to write about as she landed at 6.77/22'2½ (-0.5). That effort, which ranks her fourth of all time, drew a stifled gasp of horror from thousands of fans as they sensed the danger, but their heroine preserved her single centimetre advantage to the end. Consolation for Diana is that she became Bulgaria's first ever Olympic athletic medalist. The defending champion Viorica Viscopoleanu put up a gallant fight, producing her longest jump outdoors this season. Her runner-up in Mexico, Sheila Sherwood, was not at her peak. Spare a thought for Angelika Liebsch, whose leap of 6.69/21'11½ in the morning would have sufficed for the bronze medal had she been able to reproduce it."

Rosendahl had a terrific series and all six attempts were legal jumps for an average of 6.69/21'11½. Next best has to be Viscopoleanu who averaged 6.43/21'1¼ with six legal trials. Yorgova, with 5 attempts legal had a 6.49/21'3½ average, Suranova, Schuller and Garbey got off only four leaps legal and averaged 21'4¾, 20'8½ and 18'8 for their official efforts. Antenen had three of her six jumps foul and averaged 6.34/20'9¼ for her three good efforts.

SHOT PUT

THE DEFENDING CHAMPION: Margitta Gummel enjoyed her best season since 1969, but no one really believes she could manage the same sort of surprise she pulled at Mexico in 1968. With ten plus-19.00/62'4 competitions from May to August, she nevertheless well defended her title of being the first woman over the 19m mark.

THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITE: The mighty Nadyezhda was in her own class once again, bettering her WR as early as May 19 with the very first put in her first summer outdoor competition. Then she slowed her efforts, reserving all energy for another first toss, that of the Olympic final.

THE ESTABLISHMENT: With 19 meters losing its suquad of exclusivity month by month, the brightest progress was demonstrated by everygreen Ivanka Khristova. Losing her status as the only real world class athlete of Bulgaria, she developed into a medal threat with consistently good marks, added at least half a meter to her personal best and won every competition except when in direct conflict with Gummel in Mid-June. Mexico and Helsinki surprise Maritta Lange had troubles during the entire season and her best of 19.25/63'2 which she made in a small meet, was far above all her other marks. Still only 20 years old, Marianne Adam nevertheless belongs to the top group. She went over 19m twice in June and looks good for the bronze. Polish champ Chewinska showed great improvement but her results were as inconsistent as last year. From the whole group of USSR veterans, only Ivanova was able to hold back the attack of the youngsters, and that was with luck as shown by the results of the USSR championships.

THE COMEBACKERS: None.

THE NEWCOMERS: Although all members of this group have been around the shot circle for many years, it is the improvement they have shown recently which entitles them to be called a newcomer. Most notable improvement was shown by Esfira Dolzhenko, the prettiest shotputter nowadays. A Moldavian teacher who came from 17.30/56'9¼ to 19.36/63'6¼ in her final competition for the third USSR spot at Munich. Helena Fibingerova, CSSR, improved from 16.77/55'0¼ to 18.84/61'9¼ for an even longer step forward. Another important progress was noted in the case of Bulgarian duo Stoyanova-Vasekova from the mid 16m to the mid-18m sphere.

THE ABSENTEES: GDR lost Hannelore Friedel, considered to be the next putter after Gummel, by injury in June, at a stage where she was slightly better than Adam and far above Lange. In the tough USSR competitions, veterans Nyekrasova, Koralyeva and Solontsova lost their places in favor of the new faces. The only one Western European shot putter of the international class, Els van Noorduyen of Holland, prepared herself as never before, including a long training session in GDR, but lost enthusiasm after a poor showing in June - and gave up.

Shot Put Qualifying. Qualification 16.20/53'1¼

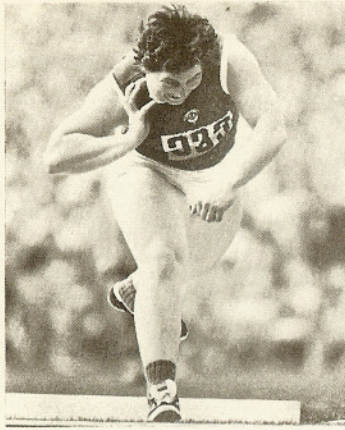
1-Ivanka Khristova (Bul) 19.20/63'0, 2-Marianne Adam (GDR) 62'8½, 3-Margitta Gummel (GDR) 61'9, 4-Helena Fibingerova (Cs) 61'2¼, 5-Nadezhda Chizhova (SU) 60'10, 6-Maritta Lange (GDR) 59'7, 7-Antonina Ivanova (SU) 58'7½, 8-Radostina Vassekova (Bul) 17.78/58'4, 9-Elena Stoyanova (Bul) 17.70/58'1, 10-Ludwika Chewinska (Pol) 17.40/57'1, 11-Esfira Dolzhenko (SU) 17.18/56'4½, 12-Valentina Cioltan (Rum) 16.85/55'3½, 13-Judit Bognar (Hun) 16.52/54'2½. All qualified on their first throw.

Non-qualifiers: Maren Seidler (USA) 16.18/53'1, Paik Ok-Ja (Kor) 15.78/51'9¼, Jan Svendsen (USA) 14.96/49'1, Rosa Molina (Chi) 14.61/47'11¼, Nnenna Njoku (Nig) 10.63/34'10½.

Shot Put Final

1-Chizhova 21.03/69'0 (World and Olympic record), 2-Gummel 20.22/66'4, 3-Khristova 19.35/63'5¾, 4-Dolzhenko 19.24/63'1½, 5-Adam 18.94/62'1¼, 6-Lange 18.85/61'10¼, 7-Fibingerova 18.81/61'8½, 8-Stoyanova 18.34/60'2, 9-Ivanova 18.28/59'11½, 10-Chewinska 18.24/59'10¼, 11-Bognar 18.23/59'9¾, 12-Vassekova 17.86/58'7¼, 13-Cioltan 16.62/54'6¼.

Chizhova	69'0	66'9½	67'6¼	65'6½	F	F
Gummel	60'6¾	61'9¼	64'1¼	66'4	64'1	F
Khristova	63'5¾	F	63'0¼	F	61'9	62'2
Dolzhenko	60'5½	63'1½	F	61'5¼	F	F
Adam	61'5¼	F	60'11½	62'1¼	62'0½	61'4¼
Lange	F	60'6¼	60'0	61'10¼	60'¾	61'4¼
Fibingerova	61'1	F	F	61'0	61'8½	F
Stoyanova	59'10¼	58'2¼	60'2	F	57'7	F



Nadyezhda Chizhova (USSR) shot put champion with a new world record.

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Ivanova	59'11 $\frac{3}{4}$	59'0 $\frac{1}{4}$	59'0	x	x	x
Chewinska	58'1 $\frac{1}{4}$	59'10 $\frac{1}{4}$	58'2	x	x	x
Bognar	58'10	58'11 $\frac{1}{2}$	59'9 $\frac{1}{4}$	x	x	x
Vassekova	58'7 $\frac{1}{4}$	57'4 $\frac{1}{4}$	57'5 $\frac{1}{4}$	x	x	x
Cioltan	53'8 $\frac{1}{2}$	54'6 $\frac{1}{4}$	F	x	x	x

(Watman) "Nothing can now prevent Nadyezhda Chizhova being acclaimed the greatest female shot putter in history. Only one honor had eluded her, the Olympic title, and she rectified that situation in no uncertain manner. With her opening put she propelled the shot way beyond the last arc, marked out as 20 meters (65'7 $\frac{1}{2}$). In fact the distance thrown was a staggering 21.03 or precisely 69 feet! This was well past Chizhova's own pending mark of 20.63/67'8 $\frac{1}{4}$. It is only three years ago that Chizhova first bettered 19 meters (62'4) and those readers who recall Galina Zabina, thought at the time to be the last word, becoming the first woman shot putter over 50 feet will be aware of the incredible rate of improvement in this event. The pentathlon tables equate a 21.03 put to a 10.6 for 100m, 21.5 for 200m, 48.9 for 400m, 1:53.6 for 800m, 3:56.7 for 1500m, 11.8 for 100mH, 1.98/6'6 HJ, 7.42/24'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ LJ, 70.46/231'2 DT and 72.56/238'1 JT! No doubt this is over-rating Chizhova's achievement but nevertheless it does represent a milestone in athletic performance. The only other woman to have surpassed 20m is 1968 Olympic champion Margitta Gummell, who here in Munich raised her best to 20.22/66'4 $\frac{1}{4}$. Ivanka Khristova, the bronze medalist, occupies 3rd place on the all-time list with 19.55/64'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ made earlier this season."

DISCUS THROW

THE DEFENDING CHAMPION: Lia Manoliu, the most excellent example of durability in today's athletics, improved her personal best in early May and fought admirably in the toughest domestic competition ever seen in discus throwing. By many respectable placings and a couple of plus 60m marks, she assured herself of an Olympic berth for her sixth Olympic participation, a feat without parallel in women's athletics.

THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITE: Kim Bukhantsev's best know protegee, Faina Melnik, made history with world records number 3-4-5 of her career, bettering the 1971 mark of 64.88/212'10 by 1.88 meters (6'2). She is the "all or nothing" type of thrower. Her three world record series throws are significant. In Moscow, May 31, she threw: Foul-Foul-65.42/214'7-Foul-Foul-Foul. In Augsburg, June 24: Foul-192'10-Foul-64.30/210'11-Foul-65.48/214'10. Back in Moscow on August 4: 62.42/204'9-Foul-Foul-64.18/210'6-Foul-66.76/219'0. Despite losing both pre-Olympic contests to Menis at Bergamo and Memorial Braun, Melnik remained the hot shot before the approaching best discus competition of all time.

THE ESTABLISHMENT: Although a comparative novice in world class, black-haired Argentina Menis established herself as a top contender as early as last season. Now, beginning with a throw of 63.42/208'1 on April 1, she rose to new heights, beating all opponents in various meets, losing only once to Westermann and achieving a world best of 66.58/218'5 two hours too late - on the same day Melnik threw 66.76. GFR's hope, Westermann, also enjoyed her best ever season with five marks

over the 62m/203'5 mark making her a clear choice for at least the bronze. Melnik's older teammates Danilova and Muravyeva smashed all domestic challengers in the SU important trials meets. No real progress was shown in GDR, Hungary or any nation of Western Europe.

THE COMEBACKERS: Olga Connolly, the 1956 champion, decided to try it once again - her fifth Olympiad. She threw over 56m/183'8, her lifetime best, very early in the year and then improved as far as 58.70/192'7 in an informal summer meet - all that at age 39. After a year of very poor results, Gabrielle Hinzmann could be classified as a comebacker as she had wins over the other GDR veterans and a pb of 62.36/204'7 shortly before the Games.

THE NEW FACES: At an unusual age for top women discus throwers, Carmen Ionescu added five meters to her previous best and was finally chosen as Rumania's number three for the Games. Even more surprising was the improvement of Vasilka Stoyeva who for many years was a steady thrower at 52-54 meters (170-177') and now exploded over 62m/203'5. The best of an up-and-coming group of 57-58m/187-190' throwers competition-wise was another Bulgarian, Bozhkova.

THE ABSENTEES: Severe GDR authorities decided not to send either Illgen or Spielberg whose wind-aided 60m (197') marks were not followed by good competitive records. Also staying at home, but simply because she was her country's number four thrower, was Rumania's Catarama who certainly would have been picked for one of the top ten at the Games themselves. None of the new USSR throwers came through with good enough performances to rate being sent to Munich.

Discus Throw Qualifying. Qualification 55.00/180'5

1-Argentina Menis (Rom) 61.58/202'0 (Olympic record), 2-Faina Melnik (SU) 61.26/200'11, 3-Tamara Danilova (SU) 60.34/197'11, 4-Gabriele Hinzmann (GDR) 59.80/196'2, 5-Liesel Westermann (Ger) 191'1, 6-Carmen Ionescu (Rom) 57.82/189'8, 7-Brigitte Berendonk (Ger) 56.90/186'8, 8-Svetla Bochkova (Bul) 56.42/185'1, 9-Lia Manoliu (Rom) 55.88/183'4, 10-Rosemary Payne (GB) 55.56/182'3, 11-Vasilka Stoeva (Bul) 55.26/181'3, 12-Lyudmila Muravyeva (SU) 55.24/181'2.

Non-qualifiers: Josephine Dela Vina (Phi) 53.92/176'11, Radostina Vassekova (Bul) 53.86/176'8, Krystyna Nadolna (Pol) 52.52/172'3, Olga Connolly (USA) 51.58/169'2, Maggy Wauters (Bel) 49.62/162'9. Paik k-Ja (Kor), Jolan Kleiber (Hun) and Rosa Molina (Chi) did not appear.

Great Britain's Rosemary Payne has been aiming to get into the Olympics all her life. This year at age 39 she made it. In the qualifying she hit the required distance on her third effort and became only the second British thrower to make the final in the '72 Games. No real surprises although Olga Connolly was far below her best with a poor toss of only 169'3 to be eliminated.

Discus Throw Final

1-Melnik 66.62/218'7 (Olympic record), 2-Menis 65.06/213'5, 3-Stoeva 64.34/211'1, 4-Danilova 62.86/206'2, 5-Westermann 62.18/204'0, 6-Hinzmann 61.72/202'6, 7-Ionescu 60.42/198'2, 8-Muravyeva 59.00/193'7, 9-Manoliu 58.50/191'11, 10-Bochkova 56.72/186'1, 11-Berendonk 56.58/185'7, 12-Payne 56.50/185'4.

Melnik	198'8	201'2	190'2	218'7	205'11	F
Menis	210'10	196'3	199'9	213'5	209'3	212'11
Stoeva	200'4	F	210'7	204'2	211'1	203'9
Danilova	205'6	190'9	206'2	200'7	F	F
Westermann	F	187'1	204'0	202'3	F	F
Hinzmann	188'8	194'0	197'3	200'4	202'6	197'7
Ionescu	192'11	192'9	187'2	193'10	F	198'2
Muravyeva	189'6	190'0	193'7	F	193'1	187'8
Manoliu	190'10	191'11	F	x	x	x
Bochkova	185'4	186'1	F	x	x	x
Berendonk	182'5	F	185'7	x	x	x
Payne	185'4	F	171'5	x	x	x

(Watman) "This splendid competition set such a standard that the 1969 European champion Tamara Danilova registered the two greatest throws of her life yet fell far short of what was required for a medal. Former world record holder Leisel Westermann threw 62.18/204'0 - more than 13 feet beyond her 1968 Olympic silver medal mark - and got only fifth place. The defending Olympic champion Lia Manoliu, (competing in her SIXTH Olympiad) threw farther in Munich than she did to win



FAINA MELNIK (USSR) Discus champion. (Zigurds Mezavilles photo)

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in Mexico and didn't even make the final finishing in ninth position!

"The duel between Faina Melnik and Argentina Menis resulted in victory for the world record holder although it was not until the 4th round that the Soviet girl produced a throw truly worthy of her talent - a 66.62/213'7 effort that fell a mere 14cm (5") short of her pending world record. Until then, Melnik had been trailing in 5th place behind Menis (64.28/210'11), the huge and surprising Vassilka Stoyeva (personal best of 64.20/210'7), Danilova and Westermann, and her position looked even more serious when in the 4th round Menis improved to 65.06/213'5. Melnik, next in the circle, proved herself a worthy champion by responding with that massive 66.62 and although Stoyeva later improved to 64.34/211'1 (for 4th on the all time list) and Menis went down fighting with 64.90/212'11, that one throw was unanswerable."

JAVELIN THROW

THE DEFENDING CHAMPION: Angela Nemeth-Ranky, ranked number 4 last season, did not do as well in the early stage of this Olympic year, coming up to only 57.20/187'8 in early meets, and then dropping to her country's number three position during the summer. Nevertheless, she was nominated to defend her title, at least symbolically.

THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITE: Even in such an unpredictable event, the position of Polish veteran Daniela Jaworska at the start of the 72 season was high. Starting in (for her) in the low 56m/184' region, she was able to produce almost 60m on the eve of the Games - but by then she was not more than a choice to make it into the final. The opposition was stronger than ever.

THE ESTABLISHMENT: Most of all, Ruth Fuchs built up not only her steady performances in the big meets as she had done in the past, but she lost no contest and on June 11 in Potsdam's Luftschiffhafen-Stadium, she sent the javelin for an incredible ride of 65.07/213'5, the biggest WR improvement of modern days in this event. From that moment, she was the solo gold medal contender. Jaworska's second string, Ewa Gryziecka, emerged overnight-in fact she was a world record holder for 100 minutes on that same June 11, throwing 62.70/205'8 shortly before Fuchs. Except for Fuchs, Gryziecka was the only steady 60m thrower up to the Games. Koleska's fine start in 1972 was marred by an injury. Another injured thrower was Becker. Marakina mixed long throws with short ones. The 68 bronze medalist Eva Janko and Yugoslavia's hope Urbancic progressed normally.

THE COMEBACKERS: Paulanyi tried to get in Ranky's step and went over 60m in July, but lost this form shortly after that. And perhaps we could name Kathy Schmidt's appearance after those long months of recovery as a comeback; with her July marks of 60.28/197'9 and 61.12/200'6 she gets more credit here in Europe than any other US athlete outside of Hammond and Manning.

THE NEW FACES: Jacqueline Todten, European Junior Champion of 1970, hit 60m in a morning qualifying session of the GDR championships and keen followers noticed her stability in other meets. As in many other events, Bulgaria came up with another new face - Lutvian Mollova, almost unhealed prior to the Balkan Games meet on Turkish soil.

THE ABSENTEES: From many expected starters, the absence of Petra Rivers was perhaps the most mysterious. The Australian ace came to Europe in 1971 specifically for the pre-Games preparation, but nothing was heard from her from that time. Ozolina, Eyyert, Saulite, Putiniene and Komisaar, all ranked highly in the past seasons, failed to produce in 1972. Also missing were the Finnish girls.

Javelin Throw Qualifying. Qualification 54.00/177'2.

1-Ruth Fuchs (GDR) 60.88/199'9, 2-Jacqueline Todten (GDR) 59.62/195'7, 3-Kathy Schmidt (USA) 58.84/193'0, 4-Natasa Urbancic (Yug) 57.02/187'1, 5-Maria Kucserka (Hun) 56.72/186'1, 6-Lutvian Mollova (Bul) 56.30/184'8, 7-Eva Janko (Aut) 56.18/184'3, 8-Svetlana Korolova (SU) 55.90/183'4, 9-Anneliese Gerhards (Ger) 55.24/181'2, 10-Ileana Zorgo (Rom) 54.34/178'3, 11-Eva Gryziecka (Pol) 53.68/176'1, 12-Magda Paulanyi (Hun) 53.62/175'11.

Non-qualifiers: Angela Ranky (Hun) 53.48/175'5, Daniela Jaworska (Pol) 52.40/171'11, Sherry Calvert (USA) 51.38/168'7, Nina Marakina (SU) 51.06/167'6, Marion Becker (Rom) 50.74/166'5, Ameli Koloska (Ger) 48.42/158'10, Roberta Brown (USA) 47.88/157'1. Rosa Molina (Chi) did not appear.

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

Two others who failed to make the qualifying mark were Nina Marakina and West Germany's Ameile Koloska as well as two of the three American throwers, Calvert and Roberta Brown.

Javelin Throw (Final)

1-Fuchs 63.88/209'7 (Olympic record), 2-Todten 62.54/205'2, 3-Schmidt 59.94/196'8, 4-Mollova 59.36/194'9, 5-Urbancic 59.06/193'9, 6-Janko 58.56/192'1, 7-Gryziecka 57.00/187'0, 8-Korolova 56.36/184'11, 9-Gerhards 55.84/183'2, 10-Kucserka 54.40/178'5, 11-Paulanyi 52.36/171'9, 12-Zorgo three fouls.

Fuchs	188'5	197'6	164'8	200'8	209'7	194'1
Todten	F	181'10	187'7	195'10	186'9	205'2
Schmidt	196'8	191'4	196'4	F	160'1	184'0
Mollova	185'3	194'9	180'9	F	183'8	191'8
Urbancic	F	F	185'3	184'11	193'9	F
Janko	F	191'11	F	F	192'1	170'9
Gryziecka	145'8	155'3	187'0	183'4	180'0	F
Korolova	184'8	180'8	F	F	184'11	F
Gerhards	179'11	183'2	179'6	x	x	x
Kucserka	F	F	178'5	x	x	x
Paulanyi	F	F	171'9	x	x	x
Zorgo	F	F	F	x	x	x

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

Kathy Schmidt, a very tall 18 year old Californian who might just develop into the next world record holder given the right opportunities for coaching and competition, had opened with 59.94/196'8 but Fuchs took over with her second cast of 60.20/197'6. From that point on she was never headed, improving to 61.16/200'8 in the 4th round and a magnificently flighted 63.88/209'7 in the 5th. Only one athlete responded to this great display: Ruth's own teammate Jacqueline Todten (18), who with her final throw overtook the American for the silver medal with a superb 62.54/205'2. That not only shattered her personal best of 60.00/196'10, but moved her into 3rd place on the all time list - the girl who ranks 2nd, Ewa Gryziecka, finishing a lowly 7th in this competition. Jacqueline, a 1.72/5'7¼, 139 pound schoolgirl has made sensational progress. She began life as a javelin thrower in 1967, aged 13, and threw 37.70/123'8. She reached 44.32/145'5 in 1968, 47.78/156'9 in 1969, 55.20/181'1 in 1970, (she won the European junior title that season), 56.06/183'11 last year.....and now a jump of over 20 feet!"

PENTATHLON

THE DEFENDING CHAMPION: Ingrid Mickler-Becker, switching between the sprints and the long jump after her Mexico triumph, did not compete in any more pentathlons since her personal best of 5283 (old point scale) in 1970. Finally, her various injuries prior to Munich prevented her from any new attempt in this difficult event.

THE PRE-SEASON FAVORITES: World record holder Burglinde Pollak and European champion Heide Rosendahl were the standouts in most important meets, and not only just for points, but also their potential. The Potsdam blonde, Pollak, who is so good in the shot put, showed her best ever form over the hurdles (13.3) and the long jump as well as being under the 24 second mark consistently in the 200 and worked very hard on her weak point, the high jump. Rosendahl, concentrating primarily on individual long jump honors, could not work enough for shot put strength and was prevented from trying the flop because of danger and fear of hurting her knee. Even so, the LJ/200 potential shown by Heide in individual competition was rated at least 100 points above Pollak and that was the bulge Pollak would have to produce by the end of the first day if she hoped to win.

THE ESTABLISHMENT: Most improved of the old stalwarts of this event was Tikhomirova, who won the SU title with personal bests in the hurdles, high jump and 200. The track and field pride of the town of Munich, Karen Mack, improved and peaked for her best at the Games. The two young GDR products, Peikert and Bodner smashed their personal bests with Bodner winning the GDR title in Pollak's absence. She looked tremendously sharp with the same speed capacity as Pollak and far better standards in both jumps. Van Kiebel's 4500-plus score (4508 at Toronto, May 28) was not known in Europe until August, so her possibilities were not rated too high. And France's Ducas, the surprise at Helsinki, seemed to be definitely past her peak.

THE COMEBACKERS: Mary Peters, forgotten by most experts after her 9th place at Mexico, came back after a long period of silence as early as May 6. With increasing information about her new flop possibilities in the high jump, reaching almost to 1.80. and with improved speed as indicated by her 13.1w hurdles and 24.5 furlong, the evergreen North Ireland lady looked like a candidate for a fourth to eighth place. Another widely publicized comeback was performed by 1969 European champion Liese Prokop, although the Austrian authorities gave her an Olympic passport only after an early August "last hour" attempt. Another was Angelova who returned to her pre-1971 standard.



Javelin champion Ruth Fuchs (GDR)

THE NEWCOMERS: This event basically needs skill and experience, and so the only real newcomers to the ranks have been Hungary's hurdling and long jump expert Bruzsenyak and that unbelievable talent from Australia, Lynette Tillet. **THE ABSENTEES:** With Meta Antenen turning her back on the pentathlon for another year, (which is not understandable for us), with Margrit Herbst-Olfert weakened by a long injury plus concentrating on her long jump, and with Universiade champ Kondrashova losing her form completely, the number of notable absentees was high. Unrealistic limitations set by the Netherlands authorities threw out of Olympic competition such fine pentathlonsists as Miele van Beek.

(Watman) "After seventeen years of pentathlon competition and countless thousands of hours spent training, Mary Peters 'overnight' became one of the world's greatest sports stars. She has joined the immortals of athletics by winning an Olympic title with a world record performance.

"Mary Peters' story is one of perseverance and determination to overcome all obstacles. Overshadowed as a pentathlete by Mary Rand (Toomey) and never quite making a world-class shot putter, Mary's career might have ended four years ago after a disappointing showing at the Mexico Olympics where she placed ninth. Had she quit then, she would have been remembered as a very good and big hearted athlete, fourth in the Tokyo Olympics, but not truly a great one. Instead she took off in 1969 to regain her zest and prepare all the more thoroughly for her next big target, the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games. She succeeded admirably, winning gold medals in both the shot and pentathlon, the latter with a score of 5148 (4524 on the new table) that re-established her among the world's elite for the first time in six years.

"Her Olympic rivals may have been lulled into a false sense of security by the fact that Mary passed up competition in 1971. They probably thought that, at the age of 32, she had decided to retire. Not a chance! Mary was busy preparing for the ultimate test and for those who wished to heed it the warning went out during last winter's Cosford indoor meetings. Not only was Mary putting the shot and hurdling with her usual effectiveness, she was also sprinting well and - most significant of all - transformed as a high jumper. Previously just a competent jumper, capable on a very good day of 1.65/5'5, she was now a flopper who could beat any specialist in the country with the possible exception of Barbara Inkpen. This dramatic improvement was worth over 100 points to her in that one event and was the key to her Olympic aspirations. If she could leap close to 6', it would counterbalance her weakness in the long jump and enable her to build up a huge first day score with the psychological advantage that confers.

"Athletes seeking Olympic medals need not only good training facilities, but peace of mind - a state difficult to obtain when one lives and works in Belfast as Mary does. Nevertheless, in spite of several frightening experiences, Mary managed to train harder than ever before, and she was able to complete her preparations in the sunshine and relaxed atmosphere of southern California, thanks to a Winston Churchill Fellowship.



MARY PETERS, winner of the pentathlon with a new world record. (Ed Lacey photo)

PENTATHLON (Continued)

"Mary's UK record of 4630 ranked her 5th among the Olympic pentathlon contenders behind world record holder Burglinde Pollak, 1966 European champion Valentina Tikhomirova, fast improving young Christine Bodner and European champion Heide Rosendahl.

"The competition began at 9:30 a.m. on September 2nd. It was a dull and chilly morning but at least 25,000 fans were in their places to greet the 30 pentathletes. By 10:30, for the start of the shot, the 80,000 capacity stadium was practically full - quite a difference from most of Mary's pentathlons in Britain where the officials tend to outnumber the spectators!

"Rosendahl won the first heat of the hurdles in 13.3 (13.34), Pollak ran 13.5 (13.53). In the second heat, Bodner won in 13.3 (13.25) but Mary pressed her hard to finish in 13.3 also (13.29) - a fifth faster than she had ever run before without wind assistance and it constituted a magnificent start for her, for she was 7 points up on Heide and 33 ahead of Burglinde.

"Mary's shot mark was her best-ever in pentathlon competition, 16.20/53'1 1/4, but Pollak stayed close with a toss of 16.04/52'7 1/2. Peters now led Pollak by 41 points and Rosendahl (with a put of 13.86/45'5 1/4) by 137.

"If any one event could be said to have won the gold medal for Mary, it was the high jump. Rosendahl got no higher than 1.65/5'5 and collected a mere 885 points and watched Pollak flop over a personal best of 1.76/5'9 1/4 for 993 points and Mary clear the astonishing height of 1.82/5'11 1/2 for 1049 points. At 1.71/5'7 1/4, Mary ran into trouble and had two bad efforts, but was over on her third try, then made 5'9 1/4 also on her third attempt. She went over 5'10 on her first jump. At 5'10 she was once again over on her first jump - and then at 5'11 1/2 - over on the first attempt. So at the end of the first day, Peters led with 2969, the best ever on record for the three events, 97 points ahead of Pollak and 301 ahead of Rosendahl - but Rosendahl had a fantastic second day to look forward to with the long jump and the 200.

"On the 11th, the girls were at it again at 11:00 a.m. with the stadium filled to capacity. The long jump started with a foul by Peters, a poor 19'6 1/2 jump by Pollak and a terrific 6.83/22'5 leap by Rosendahl - just one centimeter under her world record, although wind assisted. Peters hopped 5.90/19'4 1/2, but that paled by comparison with the East German's 6.21/20'4 1/2. Peter's final jump was 5.98/19'7 1/2. And so they came to the final event, the 200m, with Peters leading Pollak by 47 points, with Heide - one of the world's finest 200m runners - 121 points behind.

"Peters had to finish not more than 1.2 seconds behind Heide or 0.4 second behind Pollak to win the gold. Personal bests for the three girls was 24.2 for Peters, 23.8 for Poll-

ak and 23.1 for Rosendahl. In the final race, Pollak drew lane two, Peters was in three and Rosendahl in seven with teammate Karen Mack on the outside of her. At the finish, it was clear Mary was within the necessary 0.4 of the East German girl - but was Heide's winning margin too great? The latter's winning time of 22.96, a terrific effort into a 0.6 mps wind flashed up on the board but it seemed like an eternity before the other times came through. Hasty mathematics showed that Mary needed 24.18 to win. Then, at last, her time went up....24.08! By a tenth of a second, ten points, Mary had won the Olympic title - and with a world record of 4801 points as a bonus.

"How pleasant that one of the nicest people in the sport should capture the ultimate prize."

Mary Peters is 34 years of age.

Pentathlon Final

1-Mary Peters (GB) 4801 (World and Olympic record), 2-Heide Rosendahl (Ger) 4791, 3-Burglinde Pollak (GDR) 4768, 4-Christine Bodner (GDR) 4671, 5-Valentina Tichomirova (SU) 4597, 6-Nedialka Angelova (Bul) 4496, 7-Karen Mack (Ger) 4449, 8-Ilona Bruzsenyak (Hun) 4419, 9-Nadhezda Tachenko (SU) 4370, 10-Diane Jones (Can) 4349, 11-Djurđja Focic (Yug) 4332, 12-Margot Eppinger (Ger) 4313, 13-Ann Wilson (GB) 4279, 14-Modupe Oshikoya (Nig) 4279, 15-Deborah Van Kiekebelt (Can) 4272, 16-Lynette Tillett (Aus) 4258, 17-Marie Debourse (Fra) 4239, 18-Monika Peikert (GDR) 4232, 19-Gale Fitzgerald (USA) 4206, 20-Elena Vintila (Rum) 4199, 21-Jane Frederick (USA) 4167, 22-Odette Ducas (Fra) 4101, 23-Margit Papp (Hun) 4074, 24-Edith Noeding (Per) 3870, 25-Lucia Vaamonde (Ven) 3794, 26-Kathrin Lardi (Swi) 3788, 27-Margaret Murphy (Ire) 3770, 28-Lin Chun-Yu (ROC) 3676. Liese Prokop (Aut) and Gladys Chaingmei (Mal) retired. Ruth Martin-Jones (GB), Eva Suranova (Cs) and Marilyn King (USA) did not appear.

Peters	13.29	53'1 1/4	5'11 1/2	19'7 1/2	24.08	4801
Rosendahl	13.34	45'5 1/4	5'5	22'5 1/2	22.96	3791
Pollak	13.53	52'7 1/2	5'9 1/4	20'4 1/2	23.93	4768
Bodner	13.25	41'0 1/2	5'9 1/4	21'0	23.66	4671
Tikhomirova	13.77	48'0 1/2	5'8 1/2	20'2 1/4	24.25	4597
Angelova	13.84	45'9 1/4	5'6	20'8 1/2	24.58	4496
Mack	14.45	46'11	5'9 1/4	20'0 1/2	24.72	4449
Bruzsenyak	13.65	40'11 1/4	5'5	20'7 1/4	24.35	4419
Tachenko	13.81	44'11	5'5	20'3 1/4	25.19	4370
Jones	14.79	49'4 1/2	5'8 1/2	19'5 1/2	25.37	4349
Focic	13.96	41'3 1/4	5'7 1/4	19'5	24.70	4332
Eppinger	14.14	41'8	5'3	20'3 1/4	24.18	4313
Wilson	13.61	35'7 1/2	5'5	20'8 1/2	24.87	4279
Oshikoya	13.96	32'9 1/4	5'6	20'7	23.98	4279
vanKiekebelt	14.39	43'2 1/4	5'6	19'7 1/2	24.98	4272
Tillett	14.26	37'7 1/4	5'3	21'1 1/2	24.36	4258
Debourse	14.03	39'8 1/2	5'5	19'9	24.88	4239
Peikert	14.23	46'4 1/4	5'3	20'1	25.74	4232
Fitzgerald	14.47	36'11	5'5	19'7	23.97	4206
Vintila	14.06	34'11	5'6	20'7	25.20	4199
Frederick	14.60	42'4 1/4	5'8 1/2	18'4 1/2	25.45	4167
Ducas	14.55	37'1 1/4	5'1	20'3 1/4	24.42	4101
Papp	14.91	43'2 1/4	5'9 1/4	18'4 1/2	26.57	4074
Noeding	14.24	34'2 1/4	5'1	17'2 1/2	24.41	3870
Vaamonde	14.53	34'2 1/4	4'11	18'5	25.19	3794
Lardi	14.63	33'4 1/4	5'3	17'7	25.53	3788
Murphy	15.18	34'8 1/4	4'11	18'6 1/2	24.84	3770
Lin	14.98	37'1 1/4	4'11	17'5	25.86	3676
Prokop	14.11	49'8	5'5	x	x	ret.
Chaingmei	18.46	22'9 1/4	5'3	x	x	ret.
Martin-Jones	x	x	x	x	x	n.a.
Suranova	x	x	x	x	x	n.a.
King	x	x	x	x	x	n.a.

OLYMPIC KALEIDOSCOPE

Except for the Black Day of September 5, the Olympic Games were great. In reporting the Games, it must be required to separate the happenings of that date from the rest of the Olympiad. That doesn't mean dismissing the 5th of September from memory for the madness which occurred on that date was felt by everyone connected with the Games from that time on. But in reporting, the two should not be connected.

The Olympic Village was good. Of course the place looked like a futuristic ant hill, but how else could the Olympic Committee have housed so many people in such a small space? The women's quarters, (I have been told), were quite acceptable, especially the places away from the tall 12 story build-

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ings. In these smaller houses, each girl had her own apartment complete with refrigerator, stove, sink, etc. Those of us confined to the men's section had none of those niceties.

I thought the German method of serving meals was excellent. In Rome the dining halls were assigned to specific countries which kept you from really getting acquainted with people of other lands. Rome had one advantage over Munich, however - no meal tickets were required. You could drop in for a full meal or a snack at any time. In Munich a ticket was needed and it was not possible to go in and get an apple or a peach. In Mexico you were not only assigned to a specific dining hall but you were required to have a specific ticket which eliminated some of the freedom felt in Munich.

I thought the food was good. Tiresome, but good. Our team from China arrived early in August and by the time the Games began we could tell in advance just what was for dinner as the Germans rotated the menu with predictable accuracy.

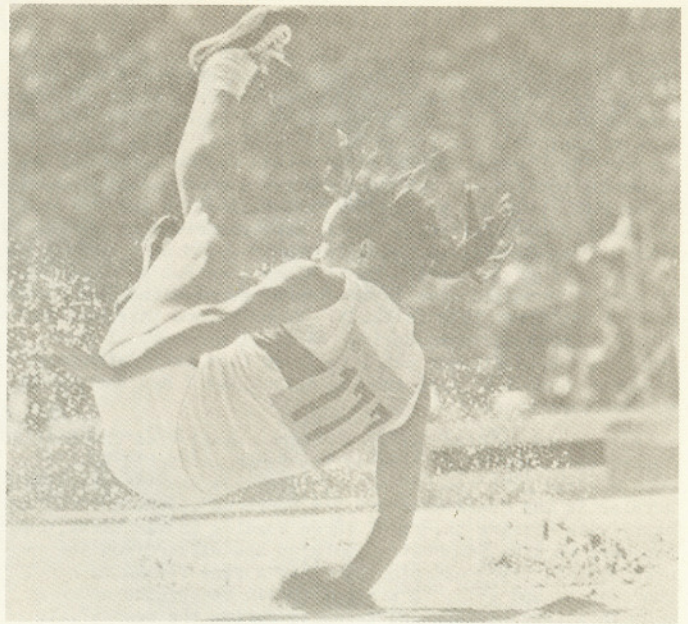
The track and field facilities, of course, were excellent. The main stadium had everything invented to date to make the competition equal and fair as well as fast and accurate. It is interesting to note that there were only 4 or 5 false starts during the entire Games which must have included at least 300 events - and two of those false starts were in the very first heat of the very first race. The reason for this "honesty" is certainly no secret. For one thing, the starter held. And not just after the "Take your marks" command. He held on the "set" position for as long as $9\frac{1}{2}$ seconds and never less than 4.75. Usually the "set" was held about 6 seconds. The object of races, of course, is to determine who is the fastest, not who can guess when the gun will be fired. The second reason for so few false starts was the use of the electric starting blocks which made it impossible for a runner to leave the blocks without being caught. With the combination of the "tell-tale" blocks and the holding starter, the runners knew that no one would get an advantage through an early start, and so everyone held, waiting for the gun.

The roof on the stadium was the cause of the shifting wind. The wind was never real strong in any direction, but the direction varied from heat to heat. In the men's 100m trials, for example, the wind readings for the first four heats were -0.70, -2.30, +0.50 and +2.30. And then the very next heat was +0.80 followed by +1.20 and then -1.90 with +2.10 next.

Not a single defending champion was successful in Munich. Swinska was close in the 200 with her third place finish, but the rest had a rough time. Besson was eliminated from the 400 in the second round, Manning also lost out in the second round of the 800 and Caird didn't even get beyond the first round in the hurdles. The USA 4x100 relay team finished fourth. Although she jumped higher this year than when winning in 1968, Re kova-Hubnerova finished 16th, Viscopol-eanu was 7th in the long jump, Gummel second in the shot, Lia Manoliu threw the discus 191'11 and finished 9th in Munich and won in Mexico with 191'2, Ranky failed to qualify for the javelin final and Mickler did not enter the pentathlon.

The young boy who followed Hildegard Falck to the grandstand shortly before the victory ceremony was 10 year old Teja Huwe, a Munich schoolboy, whose admiration for the Olympic champion started during the GFR championships some weeks ago. During the usual 'autogramm' session, Teja asked Hildegard, "Do you like me? Please do". And he remained at her side for a long talk and from then on he became a sort of talisman for Mrs. Falck and her husband, who is also a 1:50 halfmiler. Teja was present at every workout and every competition before the Games and after Falck's 800m triumph Teja managed to get through the severe "ordners" at the stadium gates and fall in Hildegard's arms just before she had to leave for the make-up room, reserved for champions.....

After the 4x100m relay, Heide Rosendahl said, "That's my most wonderful medal! Any relay success is something very special and can not be compared with individual achievements. It is the pleasure of doing something in combination with others and combining ones efforts with the task at hand and not to destroy the effort of the others.".....Ingrid Mickler: "I never saw our team win. Pam Ryan, who ran on the Australian team, fell and I helped her to get up. By the time that had been finished, the race was over, and only after I saw my three colleagues falling in each other's arms at the finish line did I get the idea!"....Ingrid, nevertheless, was the only optimist on the entire team before the start. "My hope for gold was so strong that I was sure we would make it". Rosendahl added, "I never lost any time thinking about how many meters I must get the baton ahead of Stecher for us to win.



"Will someone please dig up this stupid long jump pit!" says West Germany's Heidi Schuller.

I was sure I could fight well with her. At 80 meters I heard no breathing behind me so I suddenly realized she could not catch me"....Coach Krause: "We figured we had to give Heide three meters at least".

In the GFR 4x400 team, Inge Noedding won the trial for the fourth position with a 52.6 run on the same day as the Games 400m heats.....Balzer to Ehrhardt, "I don't believe anyone has ever won such an important hurdles race by such a big margin. I personally am happy with my bronze medal especially after that long period of troubles. It is the best farewell to sports I could get"....Bufanu: "I had the worst start of my career, then hit the first three hurdles. No doubt that Ehrhardt is the best hurdler, but I expected a better race from me".....Klaus Wuebbenhorst, (Ehrhardt's coach), "At the start and over the first pair of hurdles Annelie was only normal. The real explosion came from the third hurdle onwards."

Bragina: "If there had not been heats and semi-finals, perhaps the race would have been under 4:00 and perhaps it would have been a lot slower than it was. I personally was prepared for many long months - and enjoyed in Munich the effect of such preparations"....Paola Pigni: "I tried until the last strides to catch Bragina. You have to understand my position: no real domestic competition, most races only solo-efforts and the difficulty of coming back to hard over-distance training after the birth of our son. Now I am learning Russian to be better prepared for more starts against Bragina, who is a very nice person." Gunhild Hoffmeister: "I must now answer many questions to myself. Was it wise to run both the 800/1500 or would I have done better to have concentrated on only one race? Really, I do not feel I would have done better had I competed in only one event. I was third in the 800 and second in the 1500 and so Snell's Tokyo double, one of my inspirations in my younger years, remains untouched. But I lost only to better runners. And I am sure with the 3000 coming soon to the official program, the number of 800/1500 doublers will be increasing every year."

Australia's Charlene Rendina is a housewife and typist, living in East Brunswick, Melbourne. Her husband is of Italian origin, hence the unusual Australian name. Played hockey (field) as a junior and is now in her seventh season of track and field. Was State schoolgirl champion in 1968.....Carmen Trustee scratched from the second round of the 400 due to yet another knee injury. Same injury held her back in the relay also.....Some second round 400m splits: Seidler 23.9-37.2 for 51.9, Zehrt 24.6-37.3 for 52.2, Hammond 24.0-37.1 for 52.3, Kassling 24.4-37.7 for 52.1 and Ferguson 26.1(!)-36.8 for 52.9.....In the 400 final Zehrt ran 24.3-36.8....400m silver medalist Rita Wilden ran her first 400m race in January of 1972 when she clocked 58.9!

Hoffmeister says of the 800 final, "I used a bad tactic over the last 120 meters - instead of sprinting all the time,

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I waited for the others"....Falck studied the videotapes of the heats and semis to obtain information regarding Sabaite. ...Stecher, "The 200 final was my biggest race ever. It was hard to win. For the first time in many years I was not aware of whether I had won or lost."...Horst Hille (Stecher's coach): "Renate ran only six 200's this season - too few under normal conditions, but her injuries allowed nothing more. My original plan was to run the Munich final as the 15th or 16th 200m race of the year. I was most surprised by the absence of any US girl in the 200m final"....Monika Zehrt: "It is easier to go for world record times than for an Olympic victory. I started fast in the final, perhaps too fast, (she covered the first 100m in 12.3). Never before this year had I lost so much strength during the final stretch. I never really saw Rita Wilden, but I realized that the finish must be close - and I enjoyed the win only after I saw the result on the score board."

Have heard nothing but good remarks about Fred Thompson's reporting on ABC Television of the Games....Martin Lauer, former world 110H record holder, "Ehrhardt was the only REAL hurdler in the Games over the 2'9 barriers"....Bufanu was unhappy with hitting the first three hurdles in the final, but she came on like Gamgbusters to grab the silver from the veteran Balzer, (1964 champion) who had a fine finish to her 15 year career and said, "I'm happy to win the bronze after so many injuries, mishaps and troubles during the season"....Bragina, who has a personal best of 2:05.8 for 800m, ran her last 800 in the final in 2:06.1! Her last lap was 62.5 with Hoffmeister running 62.8 and Pigni 61.5....Bragina stated she has been receiving special 1500 training for the past 3 years and that 3000 meters is the ideal distance for her and Pigni, whom she expected as her strongest opponent in Munich. "Three world records in three consecutive races was no surprise with such opposition. The four minute mark is a target for at least six to eight runners. At Montreal it will take 3:56 at least to win" Bragina is a PE teacher in Krasnodar. (Note: the 9:24.0-9:24.4 clash with Pigni listed at 3000m was actually over 3100m)....Hand timing for USA's 4x400 relay team 51.9-51.7-51.4-50.2. For West Germany 53.1-51.6-51.1-

50.7, France 53.4-51.8-51.9-50.4. Three different figures by three different individuals for GDR: 52.1-50.6-50.0-50.3, 52.1-50.0-50.5-50.4 and 51.7-50.4-50.5-50.4....Actual winning time for USA 4x100 at Mexico was 42.85 compared to 42.81 for West Germany at Munich....Stecher's coach, Horst Hille, offered medical treatment to Czechoslovakia's Eva Gleskova after seeing her limp away following the 100 semi-final....



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WORLD TOP TEN

100m	200m	400m	800m	4x400m
11.0 Stecher (GDR)	22.4 Stecher (GDR)	51.0 Zehrt (GDR)	1:58.6 Falck (WG)	3:23.0 GDR
11.0 Strophal (GDR)	22.5 Boyle (Aus)	51.2 Wilden (WG)	1:58.7 Sabaite (SU)	3:25.2 USA
11.0 Gleskova (Cs)	22.6 Szewinska (Pol)	51.5 Seidler (GDR)	1:58.9 Zlateva (Bul)	3:26.5 WG
11.1 Telliez (Fra)	22.7 Strophal (GDR)	51.5 Kasling (GDR)	1:59.2 Hoffmeister (GDR)	3:27.5 Fra
11.1 van Gool (Hol)	22.8 Zehrt (GDR)	51.6 Hammond (USA)	1:59.6 Nikolica (Yug)	3:27.5 GB
11.1 Chivas (Cub)	22.8 Annum (Gha)	51.7 Balogh (Hun)	1:59.9 Amzina (Bul)	3:28.8 Aus
11.2 Boyle (Aus)	22.8 Davis (USA)	51.8 Kuhne (GDR)	2:00.0 Silai (Rum)	3:29.4 Fin
11.2 Szewinska (Pol)	22.8 Besfamilnaya (SU)	51.9 Penton (Cub)	2:00.2 Stirling (GB)	3:30.3 SU
11.2 M.Meyer (GDR)	22.9 Heinich (GDR)	51.9 Rendina (Aus)	2:00.2 Hoffman (Can)	3:31.3 Pol
11.2 Kaufer (GDR)	22.9 Kroniger (WG)	51.9 Fergerson (USA)	2:01.2* Jackosn (USA)	3:31.9 Jam
11.2 Maletzki (GDR)		51.9 Saunders (Jam)		
11.2 Ferrell (USA)				
11.2 Vogt (GDR)				
11.2 Volkova (Bul)				

1500m	100mH	High Jump	Long Jump
4:01.4 Bragina (SU)	12.5 Ehrhardt (GDR)	6'4 1/4 Blagoyeva (Bul)	22'3 Rosendahl (WG)
4:02.8 Hoffmeister (GDR)	12.5 Ryan (Aus)	6'4 Gusenbauer (Aut)	22'2 1/2 Yorgova (Bul)
4:02.9 Pigni (Ita)	12.7 Bufanu (Rum)	6'3 1/2 Meyfath (WG)	22'0 1/2 Olfert (GDR)
4:04.1 Burneileit (GDR)	12.7 Straszynska (Pol)	6'2 3/4 Schmidt (GDR)	21'11 1/2 Liebsch (GDR)
4:04.8 Carey (GB)	12.7 Rabsztyl (Pol)	6'1 1/2 Hubnerova (Cs)	21'10 1/2 Suranova (Cs)
4:05.1 Keizer (Hol)	12.7 Balzer (GDR)	6'1 1/4 Gildemeister (GDR)	21'7 3/4 Tillett (Aus)
4:06.5 Pangelova (SU)	12.8 Podeswa (GDR)	6'1 1/4 Brill (Can)	21'7 Albertus (GDR)
4:06.7 Reiser (Can)	12.8 Sukniewicz (Pol)	6'1 1/4 Inkpen (GB)	21'6 1/2 Rabiger (GDR)
4:06.7 Tittel (WG)	12.9 Novak (Pol)	6'0 3/4 Lazaryeva (SU)	21'5 Szewinska (Pol)
4:07.6 Kleinau (GDR)	12.9 Krumpholz (GDR)	6'0 1/4 Ejstrup (Den)	21'4 1/4 Nygrynova (Cs)
		6'0 1/4 Komka (Hun)	
		6'0 1/4 Witschas (GDR)	
		6'0 1/4 Simeoni (Ita)	

Shot Put	Discus Throw	Javelin Throw	Pentathlon	4x100m
69'0 Chizhova (SU)	220'10 Menis (Rum)	213'5 Fuchs (GDR)	4801 Peters (GB)	42.8 WG
66'4 Gummel (GDR)	219'0 Melnik (SU)	205'8 Gryziacka (Pol)	4791 Rosendahl (WG)	42.9 GDR
64'1 1/4 Khristova (Bul)	213'1 Westermann (WG)	205'2 Todten (GDR)	4768 Pollak (GDR)	43.1 USA
63'9 Adam (GDR)	211'1 Stoyeva (Bul)	201'6 Becker (Rum)	4739 Tikhomirova (SU)	43.4 Cub
63'6 1/4 Dolshenko (SU)	206'2 Danilova (SU)	200'6 Schmidt (USA)	4693 Bodner (GDR)	43.6 SU
63'2 Lange (GDR)	205'11 Ionescu (Rum)	200'3 Marakina (SU)	4559 Tkachenko (SU)	43.6 Aus
62'6 1/2 Chewinska (Pol)	203'7 Manoliu (Rum)	200'2 Koloska (WG)	4522 Peikert (GDR)	43.7 GB
62'0 Friedel (GDR)	202'6 Hinzmann (GDR)	198'9 Mollova (Bul)	4508 vanKiekebelt (Can)	43.8 Pol
61'11 Fubingerova (Cs)	198'8 Illgen (GDR)	198'4 Korolyeva (SU)	4497 Prokop (Aut)	44.0 Bul
61'9 1/4 Ivanova (SU)	197'7 Muravyeva (SU)	197'0 Paulanyi (Hun)	4496 Angelova (Bul)	44.6 Hun
				44.6 Ita

No question as to which nation gobbles up most of the places - GDR with 23 spots in the track events and 18 more in the field events totaled 41 positions (relays not counted). Closest was the Soviet Union with 4/11 for 15 places followed by Bulgaria and West Germany with 9, Poland 8, Rumania 7, USA 6, Czechoslovakia and Australia 5, Great Britain and Canada 4, Hungary 3, Holland, Cuba, Italy and Austria 2 and France, Denmark, Ghana, Jamaica and Yugoslavia with 1 place each. The East Germans also took care of most of the top spots with 5 world bests and two additional ones (100m and 100mH shared). The West Germans claimed top spot in three events and the Soviet Union topped two. Rumanina, Bulgaria and Great Britain have top marks in one event each with Australia and Czechoslovakia each sharing one event.

LATC NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Canton, Ohio, July 1/2:-The Los Angeles Track Club, displaying fantastic all-around strength, won the National T&F Championship here today, outscoring the sprint-oriented Sports International TC 64-56 in a ding-ding battle. The two teams were almost complete opposites with the Washington club concentrating on the speed events and placing one-two with Alice Annum of Ghana and Rose Allwood of Jamaica in both dashes. These two also rambled on the 440 and medley relay teams which won, thereby accounting for all of SITC's 56 points in just four events. The California team, on the other hand, won only one event, (Sherry Calvert in the javelin), but had 18 athletes place in nine events for their 64 digits. Some news media stressed the fact that SITC might have won had not an injury kept Esther Stroy out of the running, but LATC coach Chuck Debus retaliates with the fact that his team also had a couple of athletes injured, world record holders Chi Cheng and Marilyn Neufville. Regardless, it was a keen competition, filled with fast races and better-than-USA-average field event performances.

Wind guage troubles haunted these championships which will deprive some athletes of high listings in the annual statistics.

Canton, Ohio, July 1/2:-For some the most exciting event at the women's nationals was "The Great Debate". Subject: The whereas and whys of the Olympic Training Camp, with Nell Jackson and Pat Rico championing Champaign, Illinois, and the athletes championing anywhere and everywhere else. Although the con-

clusion was foregone, (Champaign it is, love it or leave it), the excitement of the dialogue was captivating.

With the Olympic Trials only a week away, most of the big names of American women's track and field did little more than go through the motions. On the track, American sprinters scouted the backside of Sports International's imported duo of Alice Annum (Ghana) and Rosie Allwood (Jamaica). Madeline Manning-Jackson came only to run the relay as a result of a late entry and Doris Brown didn't show up at all. Kathy Hammond, who appears dedicated to smashing all opposition this year, was a notable exception.

100m Heats: I, (No wind reading), 1-Pam Greene (DAS) 11.5w, 2-Orien Brown (TexS) 11.6w, 3-Lacey O'Neal (SITC) 11.7w, 4-Vilma Charlton (LATC) 11.7w, 5-Theresa Montgomery (TSU) 11.7w, 6-Alice Watson (DCD) 11.9w; II (+1.0mph), 1-Barbara Ferrell (IAM) 11.6, 2-Alfreda Daniels (MCPAL) 11.7, 3-Veronica Harris (Chicago ephyr) 11.9, 4-Pamela Riggs (Un) 12.1, 5-Charlene Branch (Prairie View TC) 12.1, 6-Margaret Jones (Peoria TC), nt; III (+1.0mph), 1-Alice Annum (SITC) 11.6, 2-Rhonda McManus (TSU) 11.6, 3-Helen Williams (Alcorn) 11.9, 4-Robyn Russell (Cleveland TC) 12.1, 6-Charlene Foster (PVTC) nt; IV (+7.0mph), 1-Mildrette Netter (Alcorn) 11.3w, 2-Kathie Lawson (Liberty AC) 11.5w, 3-Pat Henderson (TSU) 11.6w, 4-Jane Oas (Un) 11.9w, 5-Lynn Smith (MCPAL) 11.9w, 6-Jill Thomas (Un), nt; V (+5.5mph), 1-Rose Allwood (SITC) 11.1w, 2-Gladys Jermison (NYPAL) 12.1w, 3-Ann Christoff (Millbrae) 12.1w, 4-Shirley Lenyou (West Coast Jets) 12.1w, 5-Florence Herbert (Pioneer AC) 12.3w, 6-Sally Hines (Peoria TC), nt; VI (-2.5mph), 1-Martha Watson (LATC) 11.7, 2-Pat Hawkins

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(Atoms) 11.7, 3-Marjorie Grimmett (MCPAL) 11.9, 4-Debra Wedgeworth (Denver AS) 12.1, 5-Diane Hughes (TSU) 12.2, 6-Joan Porter (Phil Hawks), nt; VII (-0.50mph), 1-Iris Davis (TSU) 11.5, 2-Jackie Thompson (MM) 11.6, 3-Mattline Render (NYPAL) 11.6, 4-Molly Hence (Alcorn) 12.2, 5-Helen Diggs (Spokane) 12.4, 6-Jackie Randolph (SITC), nt.

100m Semi-finals, (No wind machine), I, 1-Allwood 11.2w, 2-Ferrell 11.2w, 3-Hawkins 11.3w, 4-Watson 11.5w, 5-Brown 11.5w, 6-Riggs 11.8w; II, 1-Netter 11.4w, 2-Thompson 11.5w, 3-Daniels 11.6w, 4-McManus 11.7w, 5-Oas 11.9w, 6-Lenyoun 11.9w; III, 1-Annum 11.1w, 2-Davis 11.1w, 3-Render 11.5w, 4-Charlton 11.7w, 5-Harris 11.9w, 6-Wedgeworth 12.1w; IV, 1-Greene 11.4w, 2-O'Neal 11.5w, 3-Lawson 11.6w, 4-Henderson 11.7w, 5-Williams 11.7w, 6-Grimmett 11.9w.

100m Final (No wind machine), 1-Annum 11.5w, 2-Allwood 11.5w, 3-Davis 11.5w, 4-Netter 11.5w, 5-Ferrell 11.5w, 6-Thompson, nt, 7-Greene 11.6w.

200m Heats: I (-1.5), 1-Pam Greene 23.6, 2-Rhonda McManus 23.8, 3-Una Morris (IATC) 23.9, 4-Janet Wiser (SITC) 24.3, 5-Robyn Russell 24.5, 6-Marjorie Grimmett, nt; II (-0.5), 1-Barbara Ferrell 24.2, 2-Mable Ferguson (WCJ) 24.6, 3-Brenda Bryan (Texas TC) 24.9, 4-Pat Henderson 25.1, 5-Ann Christoff 25.1, 6-Susan Vigil (DCD) nt; III (+5.0mph), 1-Rose Allwood 23.2w, 2-Alice Watson 24.4w, 3-Ann Coleman (Phil Hawks) 24.6w, 4-Mary Ann Berg (Oregon TC) 24.6w, 5-Jill Thomas 24.8w, 6-Veronica Harris nt; IV (+3.0mph), 1-Alice Annum 23.7, 2-Michelle McMillan (Atoms) 24.6, 3-Janet Brown (Un) 24.6, 4-Jane Oas (Un) 24.7, 5-Anna Marie Biller (Gateway TC) 26.3, 6-Regina Johnson (Phil Hawks) nt; V (+5.0mph), 1-Jackie Thompson 24.0w, 2-Mildrette Netter 24.2w, 3-Vilma Charlton 24.3w, 4-Linda Cordy (Atoms) 25.5w, 5-Joan Porter (PH) 25.5w, 6-Shirley Williams (PVTC) nt; VI (-0.5mph), 1-Pat Hawkins 24.1, 2-Williamae Ferguson (WCJ) 24.2, 3-Kathie Lawson 24.2, 4-Maeoper West (MDYF) 24.7, 5-Helen Williams 24.7, 6-Alexis Crawford (Phil Hawks), nt.

200m Semi-finals (No wind machine): I, 1-Allwood 23.2w, 2-W. Ferguson 23.9w, 3-McMillan 24.2w, 4-Henderson 24.3w, 5-Lawson 24.4w, 6-Berg 24.7w; II, 1-Greene 23.2w, 2-Hawkins 23.4w, 3-Netter 23.4w, 4-Brown 24.4w, 5-Coleman 24.6w; III, 1-Annum 22.8w, 2-Thompson 23.6w, 3-Charlton 23.8w, 4-Cordy 24.4w, 5-Watson 24.6w; IV, 1-Ferrell 23.5w, 2-McManus 23.7w, 3-Morris 23.7w, 4-Wiser 24.1w, 5-Oas 24.2w, 6-West, nt.

200m Final (No wind machine): 1-Annum 23.4w, 2-Allwood 23.7w, 3-Greene 23.8w, 4-Thompson 24.0w, 5-Hawkins 24.1w, 6-McManus 24.2w.

400m Heats: I, 1-Debra Edwards (Houston Spikettes) 54.2, 2-Debra Sapenter (PVTC) 54.7, 3-Renee De Sandles (Atoms) 57.0, 4-Tite Adlake (Phil Hawks) 57.9, 5-Eli abeth Caldwell (Ohio TC) 58.3, 6-Barbara Jackson (Pioneer AC) nt; II, 1-Mable Ferguson (WCJ) 55.1, 2-Patricia Helms (Clippers) 55.3, 3-Mary Berg (Oregon TC) 55.3, 4-Darlene Green (Phoenix TC) 56.1, 5-Charlene DeHoven (Ft. Wayne Cinderettes) 57.2, 6-Geraldine Taylor (PVTC) nt; III, 1-Kathy Hammond (SacRR) 54.9, 2-Beth Warner (OhioTC) 55.5, 3-Jennifer Hughes (Un) 55.8, 4-Joan Pirie (Angels) 56.7, 5-Mary Wallace (PVTC) 56.7, 6-Bonnie Boring (Canton TC) nt; IV, 1-Williamae Ferguson (WCJ) 54.8, 2-Sheila Ingram (Pioneer AC) 55.9, 3-Gale Fitzgerald (Atoms) 56.1, 4-Bobbie Walker (LAM) 56.9, 5-Gwen Norman (SITC) 57.4, 6-Carol Mayes (IATC) nt; V, 1-Jarvis Scott (IAM) 55.9, 2-Marilyn Bastian (NYPAL) 55.9, 3-Becky Welding (LBC) 58.0, 4-Jill Thomas (Un) 60.1.

400m Semi-finals: I, 1-W. Ferguson 54.1, 2-Bastian 55.2, 3-Scott 55.7, 4-Helms 56.0, 5-De Sandies 56.4, 6-Berg 57.5; II, 1-Hammond 53.4, 2-Edwards 54.5, 3-Warner 55.1, 4-M. Ferguson 55.2, 5-Fitzgerald 55.4, 6-Hughes 56.7.

400m Final: 1-Hammond 52.3 (Record), 2-M. Ferguson 54.2, 3-Warner 54.6, 4-Helms 54.6, 5-Edwards 54.9, 6-Scott 55.3, 7-Bastian 55.5, 8-W. Ferguson 56.8.

800m Semi-finals: I, 1-Nancy Shafer (Canton TC) 2:11.1, 2-Cis Schafer (Millbrae) 2:11.4, 3-Wendy Koenig (TCG) 2:12.1, 4-Kathy Gibbons (Glendale Gauchos) 2:12.2, 5-Cynthia Poor (SJC) 2:12.3, 6-Linda Stecker (DCD) 2:12.9; II, 1-Cheryl Toussaint (Atoms) 2:08.0, 2-Carol Hudson (AOC) 2:09.8, 3-Anne Gallaher (Phoenix TC) 2:10.4, 4-Marilyn Bastian (NYPAL) 2:11.0, 5-Nancy Mullen (SacRR) 2:11.2, 6-Valerie Cooper (SJC) 2:11.8.

800m Final: 1-Hudson 2:06.7, 2-Toussaint 2:06.7, 3-Schafer 2:07.5, 4-Mullen 2:09.0, 5-Gibbons 2:09.2, 6-Koenig 2:09.5, 7-Shafer 2:09.5, 8-Gallaher 2:10.7.

1500m Semi-finals: I, Teri Anderson (TCC) 4:39.0, 2-Judy Graham (IATC) 4:39.3, 3-Barbara Lawson (TCG) 4:39.8, 4-Jeane Abare (MM) 4:40.4, 5-Kathy McIntyre (Suffolk AC) 4:40.7, 6-Kathy Gibbons (GG) 4:41.5, 6-Joy Jarvis (KS) 4:45.2; II, 1-Francie Larrieu (SJC) 4:35.9, 2-Francie Kraker-Johnson (IAC) 4:36.0, 3-Eileen Claugus (WS) 4:40.5, 4-Anita Scandurra (SAC) 4:40.7, 5-Kathryn Kuyk (Falcon TC) 4:41.1, 6-Shelly Marshall (Atoms) 4:43.3, 6-Monique Opiola (Terre Haute TC) 4:50.0.

1500m Final: 1-Larrieu 4:18.4 (Record), 2-Claugus 4:24.0, 3-Gibbons 4:28.2, 4-Lawson, nt, 5-Scandurra 4:37.3, 6-McIntyre 4:38.0, 7-Graham 4:38.1, 8-Kuyk 4:42.2.

3000m Final: 1-Tena Anex (WS) 9:42.6, 2-Brenda Webb (KS) 9:50.3, 3-Ellyn Cornish (FITC) 9:59.3, 4-Lynn Lovat (Valerie TC) 10:02.0, 5-Cheryl Bridges (IATC) 10:03.4, 6-Valerie Eberly (SJC) 10:06.5, 7-Debra Johnson (RRR) 10:19.1, 8-Sonia Gerth (RRR) 10:20.6.

1500m Walk Final: 1-Jeanne Bocci (WolTC) 6:59.1 (Record), 2-Lynn Olson (WolTC) 7:06.0, 3-Susan Brodock (RRR) 7:14.1, 4-Laura Tucholski (ToLRR) 7:14.5, 5-Kathleen McIntyre (SMTTC) 7:33.0, 6-Mary Beth Hayford (Gateway TC) 7:47.7.

100m Hurdles Heats: I (-0.50), 1-Mamie Rallins (TSU) 13.8, 2-Carol Thomson (DeLSC) 14.5, 3-Mary Ayers (Cleveland TC) 14.9, 4-Marilyn Carlson (TCC) 14.9; II (+3.0mph), 1-Bobbette Krug (LJTC) 13.9, 2-Deanne Carlson (SacRR) 14.0, 3-Lorraine Tummings (Atoms) 14.3, 4-Jane Frederick (Un) 14.4, 5-Sherice DuChamp (TRR) 14.6, 6-Joanne Rasmussen (Portland TC), nt; III, (-0.5), 1-Lacey O'Neal (SITC) 13.6, 2-Donna Schulenberg (MDYF) 14.5, 3-Carmen Smith Brown (Atoms) 14.5, 4-Nancy Kaiser (Texas TC) 14.5, 5-Janet Reusser (TCC) 14.6, 6-Mary Wisniewski (DeLSC), nt; IV (+2.0mph), 1-Lorna Tinney (LJTC) 13.7, 2-Pat Donnelly (IATC) 13.8, 3-Cherrie Sherrard (SacRR) 13.9, 4-Deby Lansky (Un) 14.2, 5-Edmonia Veals (Alcorn) 15.0, 6-Claudia Johnson (Pioneer AC), nt; V, (+4.47mph), 1-Patty Johnson (Angels) 13.4, 2-LaVonne Neal (PhilHawks) 13.8, 3-Alberta Martin (WCJ) 14.7, 4-Heidi Davidson (Oregon TC) 14.8, 5-Yvonne Richardson (Lassen Cinderellas) 14.9, 6-Clydine Crowder (LMM) nt.

100m Hurdles Semi-finals (No wind machine): I, 1-P. Johnson 13.2w, 2-Tinney 13.6w, 3-Donnelly 13.7w, 4-Sherrard 13.9w, 5-Tummings 14.0w, 6-Ayers 14.6w; II, 1-Rallins 13.3w, 2-Neal 13.9w, 3-Carlson 13.9w, 4-Krug 13.9w, 5-Brown 13.9w, 6-Thomson 14.1w.

100m Hurdles Final (No wind gauge): 1-Rallins 13.5w, 2-Johnson 13.6w, 3-Tinney 13.6w, 4-Donnelly 13.7w, 5-Neal 13.8w, 6-Sherrard 14.0w, 7-Carlson 14.1w, 8-Krug 14.1w.

200m Hurdles Heats: I (+3.25mph), 1-Patty Johnson (Angels) 27.7, 2-Alberta Martin (WCJ) 28.4, 3-Edmonia Veals (Alcorn) 28.6, 4-Bo ny Stewart (Canton TC) 28.9, 5-Yvonne Richardson (LC) 28.9, 6-Sherice DuChamp (TRR) 29.0, 7-Marilyn Carlson (TCC), nt; II (+1.0mph), 1-Pat Hawkins (Atoms) 27.1, 2-Nancy Kaiser (TTC) 28.0, 3-Janet Reusser (TCC) 28.1, 4-Claudia Johnson (PioneerAC) 29.7, 5-Joanne Rasmussen (Portland TC) 30.3, 6-Hilda Cadenas (Gateway TC) 35.5; III (0.0), 1-Mamie Rallins (TSU) 27.2, 2-Donna Schulenberg (MDYF) 28.2, 3-Lorraine Tummings (Atoms) 28.6, 4-Kathy Anderson (Canton TC) 28.7, 5-Linda Wright (Ari ona TC) 29.6, 6-Cheryl Poirier (FITC) 29.7.

200m Hurdles Semi-finals: I (+7.50mph) 1-Hawkins 26.7w, 2-Reusser 27.8w, 3-Kaiser 28.0w, 4-Martin 28.1w, 5-Wright 28.5w, 6-Veals 28.9w; II (+0.50mph), 1-P. Johnson 27.1, 2-Rallins 27.8, 3-Schulenberg 28.0, 4-Tummings 28.2, 5-Anderson 28.2, 6-Richardson 28.4.

200m Hurdles Final (No wind gauge): 1-Hawkins 26.3w, 2-Johnson 27.3w, 3-Kaiser and Reusser 28.0, 5-Rallins 28.0w, 6-Martin 28.2w, 7-Tummings 28.2w, 8-Schulenberg, nt.

880y Medley Relay (Trials): I, 1-Sports International 1:43.7, 2-IATC 1:46.7, 3-Canton TC 1:49.7, 4-Chicago ephrys 1:54.2, 5-Philadelphia Hawks 1:58.7; II, 1-Prarie View TC 1:47.6, 2-Atoms TC 1:49.5, 3-LB Comets 1:52.3, 4-Toledo RR 1:54.3, 5-Spartan TC 1:57.0; III, 1-Mickey's Missiles 1:43.3, 2-Pioneer AC 1:45.2, 3-TSU 1:45.3, 4-Ohio TC 1:50.0; IV, 1-West Coast Jets 1:46.5, 2-Angels TC 1:47.4, 3-Columbus Community TC 1:48.6, 4-Philadelphia Hawks 1:56.6.

880y Medley Relay Final: 1-Sports International 1:40.6 (Record), 2-WC Jets 1:41.5, 3-Mickey's Missiles 1:42.3, 4-Pioneer AC 1:44.1, 5-IATC 1:44.3, 6-PVTC 1:45.4.

440y Relay Trials: I, 1-TSU 45.5, 2-PVTC 47.1, 3-NYPAL 47.8, 4-Portland TC 50.9; II, 1-IATC 46.3, 2-MM 46.7, 3-Phil Hawks 48.4, 4-Peoria TC 49.1, 5-Ohio TC 49.3; III, 1-Alcorn A&M 45.9, 2-Atoms TC 46.0, 3-Toledo RR 47.7, 4-LJTC 48.9, 5-LB

GIRL'S CHAMPIONSHIPS (Continued)

220y (No wind readings; all marks listed as wind-aided)
I, 1-Maureen Abare (MM) 24.7, 2-Trudi Rebsamen (Northwest Sub) 25.4, 3-Pam Riggs (Un) 25.5, 4-Theresa Montgomery (TSU) 25.7, 5-Cheryl Butler (Pioneer AC) 25.9; II 1-Pat Benson (DAS) 24.8, 2-Dorothy Peters (DAS) 26.0, 3-Jackie Taylor (Travelers) 26.1, 4-Mary Buchanan (LJTC) 26.1, 5-Virginia Lilly (PH) 26.2; III, 1-Maeoper West (MDYF) 25.2, 2-Jenny Gill (TRR) 25.2, 3-Patricia Helms (Clippers) 25.3, 4-Claudia Johnson (Pioneer AC) 25.3, 5-Denise Waddy (Ambler) 26.2; IV, 1-Alice Watson (DCD) 25.1, 2-Ditra Henry (Un) 25.4, 3-Jackie Randolph (SITC) 26.0, 4-Anna Leatherman (FTFC) 26.0, 5-Joanne Jefferson (PH) 26.3; V, 1-Janet Wiser (SITC) 24.7, 2-Denise Roberson (LaMotta TC) 25.5, 3-Carmen Dean (Ambler) 25.6, 4-Marsha Talley (TexasTC) 26.2, 5-Vicki Raborn (LBC) 26.8; VI 1-Jackie Thompson (MM) 24.5, 2-Jane Oas (Un) 24.8, 3-Deborah Payne (Cleveland TC) 25.6, 4-Karen Willis (TSU) 25.8, 5-LaVonne Neal (PH) 25.8.

880y Medley Relay: I, 1-Toledo Road Runners 1:50.0, 2-Canton TC 1:51.7, 3-Groton TC 1:57.2; II, 1-Cleveland TC 1:50.6, 2-Denver All Stars 1:51.4, 3-Southern Connecticut 1:52.0; III, 1-Mickey's Missiles 1:45.8, 2-La Jolla TC 1:49.5, 3-Central Jersey, nt; IV, 1-Pioneer AC 1:45.6, 2-Motor City PAL 1:47.6, 3-Columbia Community TC 1:53.1.

Javelin qualifiers: 1-Karin Smith (LJTC) 156'7, 2-Susan Armstrong (Houston Astro-belles) 154'3, 3-Debbie Langevain (LBTC) 145'3, 4-Denise Sherrill (LATC) 141'5, 5-Wendy Sorrick (Del SC) 139'4, 6-Kelly Fuiks (Cactus Wrens) 133'8, 7-Rita Walker (MM) 129'3, 8-Karen Allenby (Millbrae) 125'8, 9-Judy Heidenrich (Oregon TC) 125'7, 10-Drucilla Smith (PH) 124'4, 11-Doris Gardella (Un) 117'9, 12-Sheri Sanborn (Liberty AC) 117'2.

Long Jump qualifiers: 1-Gaylene Barber (MDYF) 18'10½, 2-Cheryl Butler (Pioneer AC) 18'8½, 3-Deitra Wilson (NYPAL) 18'5½, 4-Susan McLalin (Wolv) 18'3¾, 5-Mitzi McMillin (Angels) 18'3¾, 6-Jackie Taylor (Travelers) 18'2, 7-Jennifer Henry (MM) 18'1¼, 8-Danette Marshall (PH) 18'0¾, 9-Carol Stratmyer (MDYF) 17'11¼, 10-Poni Griffin (LJTC) 17'9¾, 11-Alice Watson (DCD) 17'9¾, 12-Sandy Simonich (Un) 17'5¾.

Shot Put qualifiers: 1-Iva Wright (Fresno Elans) 44'2½, 2-Suzanne Snider (Un) 42'7¾, 3-Ursula Radford (Flanagan Clan) 41'11½, 4-Yvette Brownlee (Fresno Elans) 41'7¾, 5-Kathy Devine (LJTC) 41'4½, 6-Judy Lane (Roseville AC) 40'10¾, 7-Debbie Brown (LBTC) 40'9¾, 8-Wendy Sorrick (DelSC) 40'8¾, 9-Emily Dole (LMM) 40'2¾, 10-Betty Ledgerwood (Un) 39'4¾, 11-Debra Haynes (Fresno Elans) 38'7¾, 12-Mary Persechino (Groton TC) 37'0¾.

High Jump qualifiers: (All qualified at 5'3), J. Huntley (Portland TC), K. Hart (DCD), Sandi Goldsberry (LATC) Sue Parks (Wolv), Suzie Snider (Un), Carol Friesen (TCC), Jan Dill (LATC), D. Campbell (Un), Deanne Wilson (LMM), Mitzi McMillin (Angels), Cindy Gilbert (LJTC), K. McQuillan (WS).

Discus qualifiers: 1-Su y Snider (Un) 135'1, 2-Iva Wright (Fresno Elans) 134'3, 3-Yvette Brownlee (FE) 130'10, 4-Pat Taylor (Daisy Stotan TC) 129'4, 5-Debbie Rivera (LBTC) 128'3, 6-Judy Lane (Roseville AC) 124'11, 7-Terri Sabol (Un) 122'1, 8-Debbie Brown (LBTC) 120'3, 9-Ursula Radford (Flanagan Clan) 115'9, 10-Jackie Gordon (SITC) 115'6, 11-Brenda Kriger (Oregon TC) 114'6, 12-Mary Persechino (Groton TC) 109'10.

SEMI-FINALS

100y, I, 1-Jackie Thompson (MM) 10.8w, 2-Janet Viser (SITC) 11.2w, 3-Theresa Montgomery (TSU) 11.2w, 4-Pamela Riggs (Un) 11.3w, 5-Florence Herbert (PioneerAC) 11.5w; II, 1-Maureen Abare (MM) 11.0w, 2-Jane Oas (Un) 11.1w, 3-Jenny Gill (TRR) 11.2w, 4-Denise Roberson (LaMott) 11.3w, 5-Ann Perry (ILLTC) 11.7w; III, 1-Alfreda Daniels (MCPAL) 10.8w, 2-Lynn Smith (MCPAL) 11.1w, 3-Carmen Dean (Ambler) 11.2w, 4-Karen McDaniel (PAC) 11.3w, 5-Ditra Henry (Un) 11.3w; IV, 1-Jackie Taylor (TravAC) 11.1w, 2-Deborah Payne (ClevTC) 11.4w, 3-Jackie Randolph (SITC) 11.4w, 4-Diane Pearson (TRR) 11.4w, 5-Deidre Wilson (BYPAL) 11.4w. (Two qualify)

220y, I, 1-Jackie Thompson 24.2w, 2-Maeoper West (MDYF) 25.0w, 3-Deborah Payne 25.1w, 4-Claudia Johnson (PioneerAC) 25.2w, 5-Theresa Montgomery 25.2w; II, 1-Maureen Abare 24.6w, 2-Patricia Helms (Clippers) 25.1w, 3-Jenny Gill (TRR) 25.4w, 4-Karen Willis (TSU) 25.8w, 5-Jackie Taylor 25.9w; III, 1-Janet Wiser (SITC) 24.4w, 2-Alice Watson (DCD) 25.0w, 3-Denise Roberson

25.2w, 4-Ditra Henry 25.4w, 5-Dorothy Peters (DAS) 25.8w; IV, 1-Jane Oas 24.5w, 2-Pamela Riggs (Un) 25.3w, 3-Trudi Rebsamen (NSTC) 25.2w, 4-Jackie Randolph 25.6w, 5-Anne Leathermann (FredTFC) 26.3w. (Two qualify)

440y, I, 1-Carol Hudson (AOC) 54.6, 2-Charisse Dehaven (Ft Wayne) 56.3, 3-Sherry Edwards (OhioTC) 57.4, 4-Susan Vigil (DCD) 57.7, 5-Theresa San Augustin (LBC) 58.2; II, 1-Debra Edwards (HS) 54.7, 2-Karen Willis (TSU) 56.2, 3-Janis Vetter (Blue Ribbon) 56.5, 4-Renalda England (Houston) 56.6, 5-Teri Seippel (KS) 57.9; III, 1-Christine A'Harrah (DelSC) 55.8, 2-Patricia Helms 56.1, 3-Denise Johnson (NYPAL) 56.8, 4-Laurie Stephens (Rochester) 57.4, 5-Clydyne Crowder (LMM) 58.6; IV, 1-Wendy Koenig (TCG) 56.1, 2-Trudi Rebsamen 57.5, 3-Charlyce Remington (NebTC) 58.4, 4-Cynthia Wright (Fairfield) 59.3, 5-Jeanette Gon ales (LMM) 59.6. (Two qualify)

880y, I, 1-Sue Parks (Wol) 2:15.8, 2-Carolyn Court (AGAA) 2:16.3, 3-Debra Vetter (BRTC) 2:16.8, 4-Patty Cape (LBC) 2:17.5, 5-Janis Rouda (SB) 2:19.1; II, 1-Robin Evans (Un) 2:15.2, 2-Anne McRae (Suffolk) 2:16.2, 3-Debbie Beck (Ambler) 2:17.3, 4-Susan Abernathy (Houston) 2:19.5, 5-Eliabeth Lyon (PTC) 2:20.4; III, 1-Linda Stecker (DCD) 2:15.7, 2-Anne Gallagher (PTC) 2:16.0, 3-Janet Richmond (WS) 2:16.3, 4-Rebecca Dennis (IATC) 2:17.1, 5-Doreen Ennis (Nutley) 2:19.5. (Three qualify)

80yH, I, 1-LaVonne Neal (PH) 9.9w, 2-Janet Reusser (TCC) 10.4w, 3-Spider Baker (AOC) 10.4w, 4-Janice Lester (LBC) 10.5w, 5-Roberta Fore (LATC) 10.5w; II, 1-Bobbette Krug (LJTC) 10.1w, 2-Mit i McMillin (Angels) 10.4w, 3-Sherice Duchamp (TRR) 10.6w, 4-Claudia Johnson (Pioneer) 10.7w, 5-Cheryl Porter (FTFC) 10.7w. (Four qualify)

440yR (4x110y): I, 1-LB Comets 48.7, 2-Philadelphia Hawks 49.0, 3-Groton TC 51.0, 4-Gateway TC 52.5; II, 1-Mickey's Missiles 47.5, 2-Peoria TC 48.7, 3-Ambler OC 49.0, 4-South Conn TC 51.0, 5-Lehman TC nt; III, 1-Pioneer AC 47.0, 2-TRR 47.7, 3-Denver AS 48.2, 4-Frederick TFC 49.4, 5-Ohio TC, nt; IV, 1-Motor City PAL 47.4, 2-LJTC 47.7, 3-Portland TC 50.7, 4-Jets TC 54.2, 5-Central Jersey, nt. (Two qualify)

1 Mile (4x440y): I, 1-Albuquerque OC 3:54.3, 2-Nebraska TC 3:56.5, 3-Houston Astro-Belles 3:56.8, 4-Alfred Atlantans 4:06.7, 5-Ohio TC, nt; II, 1-Pioneer AC 3:54.9, 2-LMM 3:57.2, 3-Fairfield Striders 4:02.0, 4-SBCGTC 4:03.0, 5-Mt. Lebanon TC, nt; III, 1-Columbus Community TC 3:57.9, 2-Millbrae Lions 4:02.9, 3-Kettering Striders 4:05.5, 4-Peoria TC, nt; IV, 1-Duke City Dashers 3:56.6, 2-LB Comets 3:59.3, 4-Denver AS 4:07.5, 4-Blue Ribbon TC 4:08.1, 5-Canton TC, nt. (Two qualify)

FINALS

100y (+2.0mph), 1-Thompson 10.6, 2-Daniels 10.8, 3-L. Smith 10.8, 4-Abare 10.8, 5-Oas 10.9, 6-Taylor 11.1, 7-Payne 11.3. Janet Viser (SITC) disqualified. 220y (+3.0mph), 1-Thompson 24.1, 2-Abare 24.6, 3-Wiser 24.8, 4-Watson 24.8, 5-Oas 24.9, 6-West 24.8 (?), 7-Riggs 25.3, 8-Helms 25.5. 440y, 1-Edwards 55.6, 2-Koenig 56.0, 3-Willis 56.1, 4-Helms 56.6, 5-DeHaven 56.8, 6-Rebasamen 57.5, 7-Hudson 57.5, 8-A'Harrah 57.5.

880y, 1-Gallager 2:11.0, 2-Stecker 2:11.6, 3-Parks 2:13.1, 4-Vetter 2:14.2, 5-Richmond 2:14.2, 6-Beck 2:14.4, 7-Dennis 2:14.7, 8-Court 2:15.2. 1 Mile, 1-Tena Anex (WS) 4:50.9, 2-Debra Johnson (RRR) 4:56.2, 3-Valerie Eberly (SJC) 4:59.8, 4-Ellen Cornish (FredTFC) 5:03.4, 5-Anita Scandurr (SAC) 5:06, 6-Joy Jarvis (KS) 5:10.5, 7-Vicki Clark (HAB) 5:10.6. 80yH, (+3.0mph), 1-Neal 10.0 (New record), 2-Krug 10.1, 3-Reusser 10.2, 4-McMillin 10.4, 5-Lester 10.5, 6-Duchamp 10.7, 7-Johnson 10.7, 8-Baker 11.1.


440yR, 1-Mickey's Missiles (Leonia Hamphill, Maureen Abare, Jennifer Henry, Jackie Thompson) 47.4, 2-Motor City PAL 48.0, 3-LaJolla TC 48.1, 4-LB Comets 48.7, 5-Peoria TC 48.8, 6-Philadelphia Hawks 49.3. 880yMedRelay, 1-Mickey's Missiles 1:43.7 (New record), 2-Canton TC 1:47.1, 3-Cleveland TC 1:47.9, 4-Motor City PAL 1:48.1, 5-Denver AS 1:48.3, 6-Toledo Road Runners 1:49.1, 7-LaJolla TC 1:49.2. 1 Mile Relay, 1-Duke City Dashers (Susan Vigil, Laurie Gilliland, Alice Watson, Linda Stecker) 3:51.9, 2-Albuquerque OC 3:52.5, 3-LB Comets 3:53.3, 4-Nebraska TC 3:54.6, 5-LaMirada Meteors 3:55.3, 6-Columbus Community TC 3:56.0, 7-Millbrae 4:01.3, 8-Pioneer AC 3:56.0.

Shot Put, 1-Iva Wright (Fresno Elans) 47'11½, 2-Su y Snider (Un) 43'11, 3-Judy Lane (Roseville AC) 43'1, 4-Emily Dole (LMM) 42'11½, 5-Kathy Devine (LJTC) 42'10½, 6-Yvette Brownlee (FE) 42'8¾, 7-Betty Ledgerwood (Silverton, Oregon) 40'5½.

GIRL'S CHAMPIONSHIPS (Continued)

Javelin, 1-Karin Smith (LJTC) 156'2, 2-Susan Armstrong (HAB) 149'2, 3-Wendy Sorrick (DeLSC) 147'1, 4-Debbie L'Angevain (LBTC) 138'11, 5-Kelly Fuiks (Cactus Wrens) 137'7, 6-Denise Sherrill (LATC) 135'2, 7-Karen Alenby (ML) 127'3. Long Jump (No wind readings), 1-Gaylene Barber (MDYF) 19'6w, 2-Susan McLain (Wol) 19'4w, 3-Cheryl Butler (Pioneer) 19'1w, 4-Jackie Taylor (Travelers) 19'0w, 5-Carol Stratmeyer (MDYF) 18'0w, 6-Danette Marshall (PH) 17'8w. High Jump, 1-Sandy Goldsberry (LATC) 5'8 (New record), 2-Cindy Gilbert (LJTC) 5'6, 3-Deanne Wilson (Un) 5'5, 4-Kathy McQuillan (WS) 5'5 & Jan Dill (LATC) 5'5, 6-Cheryl Friesen (TCC) and Sue Snider (Un) 5'3. Discus: 1-Iva Wright 138'2, 2-Snider 131'1, 3-Rivera 129'4, 4-Brownlee 125'8, 5-Lane 124'7, 6-Sabol 121'7.

Scoring: 1-Mickey's Missiles 52, 2-LaJolla TC 34, 3-Motor City PAL 26, 4-Fresno Elans 25, 5-Duke City Dashers and the Fairfield Striders 22, 7-MDYF 16, 8-Will's Spikettes 15, 9-LATC and Wolverine TC 14, 11-LB Comets & Philadelphia Hawks 12, 13-Houston Spikettes, LBTC and Phoenix TC 10, 16-Canton TC, The Colorado Gold, Houston Astro-belles, RRR, Roseville AC and Albuquerque OC 8, 22-Cleveland TC, Delaware SC, La Mirada Meteors and Pioneer AC 6.



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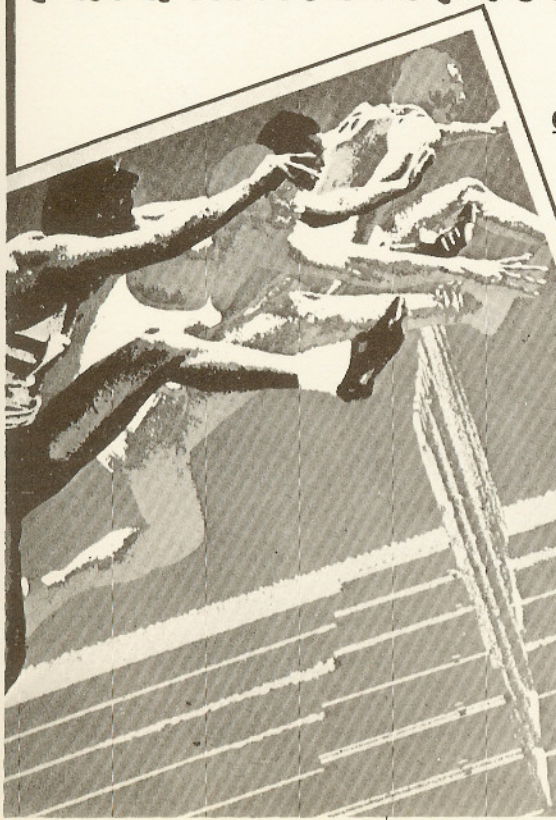
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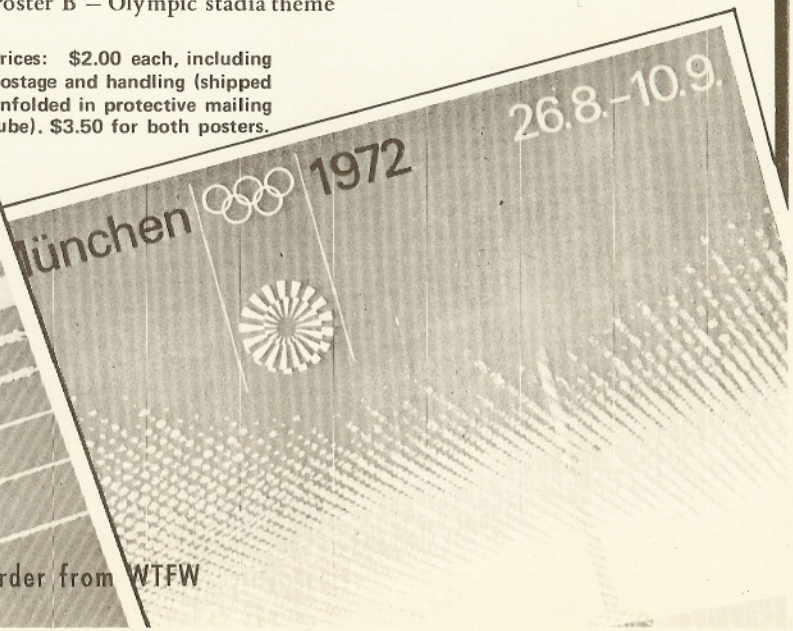


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