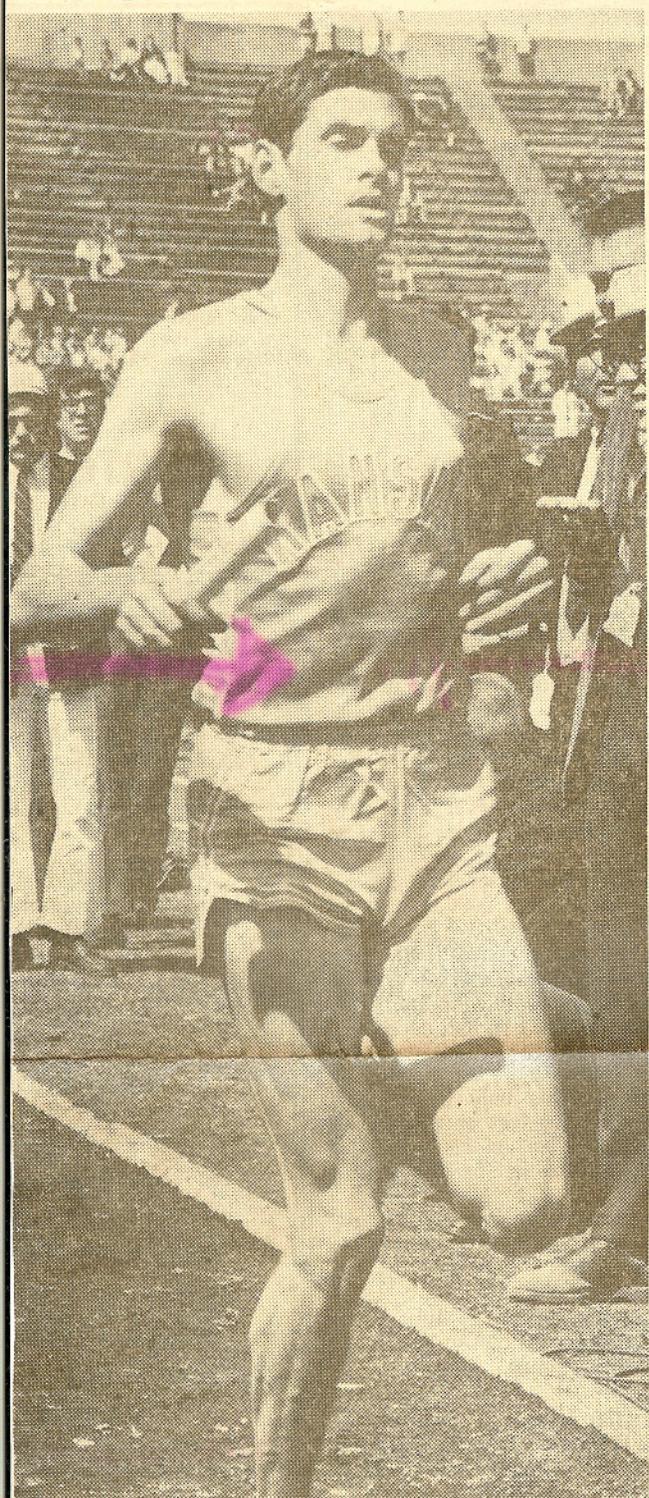


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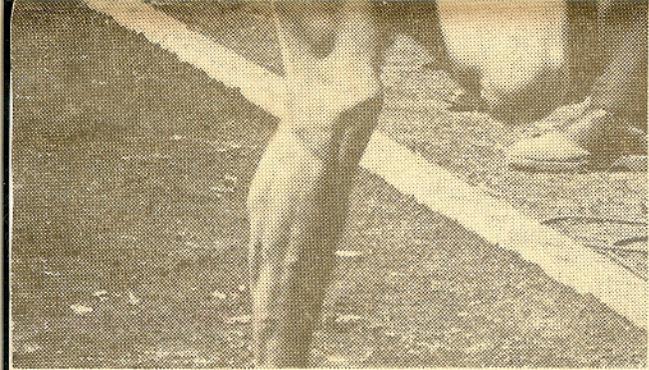
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"I ran a 3:55 anchor when we broke the world record before," Ryun said, "and I knew I couldn't do that today so I hadn't given much thought to the record. But before the race Timmy said we should take the record out if each guy just ran his time."

"I looked at the clock before I got the baton and it said 5:35. I was worried because I knew I had to run somewhere around 3:57 to have a chance for record. For a while there I was just worried about catching Evans. He ran a good race."

"I was surprised at my time. I thought if I ran a 4:00 for the weekend I would be doing well. I had someone to go after in the race and that helped a lot. I thought all of the guys had good times. They all deserve credit for the record."

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Greene called the open division physically tough race. "I was me about a foot out of the blocks, and I guess I picked up at about 50."

Don Draper, the former All-American high star now at Drake, was out of the pole vault at 15 feet.

A member of the Drake basketball team which pushed to the final minute of the national semifinals, Draper said it's tough getting in the game after basketball.

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120 high hurdles—1, George Byers, Kansas, :13.9. 2, Ron Jessie, Kansas, :13.9. 3, Fred Nicholl, Nebraska, :14.3. 4, Otto Nichols, Missouri, :14.5. 5, Jack Abbott, Texas A&M, :14.5.
Shot put—1, Karl Salb, Kansas, 63-5½. 2, Steve Wilhelm, Kansas, 61-8½. 3, Doug Knop, Kansas, 58-0½. 4, Doug Lane, Kansas State, 57-8. 5, Al Feuerbach, Emporia, Kan., State, 57-1½.

Open Division
Hammer throw—1, Bill Penny, Kansas, 166-0. (new record; old record 159-4, Mark Cox, Southern Illinois Track Club, 1968. 2, Al Feuerbach, Emporia State, 145-1. 3, Gary Lawrence, Emporia State, 140-0. 4, Maurice Lervold, Fort Hays, Kas., State, 123-0. 5, Fil Blakiston, Southern Illinois, 112-9.
Glenn Cunningham mile—1, Jim Crawford, Harding, Ark., :05.7. 2, John Lawson, Pacific Coast Club, :4:05.9. 3, Conrad Nightingale, Manhattan, Kas., :4:06.7. 4, Doug Smith, Kansas, :4:07.4. 5, Steve Perry, Kansas State, :4:11.6.
100-yard dash—1, Charles Greene, Lincoln, Neb., :09.3. 2, Mel Gray, Missouri, :09.3. 3, Alvin Hughes, Wichita State, :09.8. (Only three finishers.)
Long jump—1, Stan Whitley, Kansas, 26-0½. 2, Ron Jessie, Kansas, 25-10¾. 3, Bill Aeschlimann, Colorado, 24-2. 4, Carl Mills, Texas Christian, 23-10½. 5, Hal Oswald, Oklahoma State, 22-10.
High jump—1, Fernando Abugattas, Northwestern College (Iowa), 7-0¼. (record, old record 7-0, Steve Herndon, Missouri, 1967). 2, Ray McGill, Kansas State, 6-8. 3, Mark Timon, Colorado, 6-8. 4, Rick Old, Pittsburg State, 6-8. 5, Rick Wanamaker, Drake, 6-8.

University Division
Distance medley relay—1, Kansas (Jim Neihouse, Randy Julian, Thorn Bigley, Jim Ryun), 9:33.0. (world record, old record 9:33.4, Ft. MacArthur, Calif., 1968; collegiate record, old record 9:33.8, Kansas, 1968; Kansas Relays record, old record 9:41.3, Kansas, 1966). 2, Drake, 9:47.2. 3, Colorado, 9:52.4. 4, Oklahoma, 9:55.6. 5, Missouri, 9:56.2.
400-yard relay—1, Kansas (George Byers, Mickey Mathews, Stan Whitley, Julio Meade), :40.3. (Kansas Relays record; old record :40.5, Nebraska, 1965, and Rice, 1967). 2, Rice, :40.6. 3, Oklahoma State, :41.0. 4, Missouri, :41.9. 5, Colorado, :42.4.

Women's Division
100-yard dash—1, Georgia Johnson, Texas Southern, :10.8. 2, Rhonda Fleming, St. Louis Blues, :10.9. 3, Janet Brown, Texas Track Club, :11.0. 4, Charlotte Hawkins, Colorado Olympics, :11.0. 5, Cathy Hamblin, Albuquerque, N. M., :11.6.
440-yard relay—1, Texas Southern (Dorothy Myles, Mercedia Jackson, Judy Dyer, Georgia Johnson), :47.1. (Kansas Relays record; old record :47.2, Texas Southern, 1967). 2, Colorado Olympic, :47.3. 3, St. Louis Blues, :47.8. 4, Texas Track Club, :49.3. 5, Topeka Cosmos, :49.5.

HIGH SCHOOL
KANSAS CITY, MO. 880-relay—1, Central (Mathew Brown, Larry Doolin, Emmett Edwards, Marvin Foster), 1:27.3. Record. Former record 1:28.8 by Southeast, 1958 and Central, 1968). 2, Southeast 1:28.0. 3, Raytown South, 1:31.6. 4, Center, 1:31.9. 5, De La Salle, 1:32.2.

880-RELAY—1, Sumner (Paul Graham, Mark Lee, Don Young, Anthony Stenn), 1:30.2. Lawrence, 1:30.2. 3, Wichita North, 1:31.4. 4, Wyandotte, 1:32.9. 5, Shawnee Mission South, 1:33.2.
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DISCUS THROW—1, Mike Kotrous, Shawnee Mission West, 162-3½. 2, Jim Schumm, Bishop Miege, 158-11. 3, Hal Edwards, Shawnee Mission East, 155-6½. 4, Gale Munger, Fredonia, 153-1½. 5, Ken Stadel, Quenemo, 149.5.
TRIPLE JUMP—1, Steve Wiley, Wyandotte, 44-4½. 2, Larry Rankin, Wichita East, 43-3. 3, Roger Jones, Wyandotte, 43-1½. 4, Guy Morrow, Wichita Southeast, 43-1½. 5, Bob Hicks, Topeka, 40-2½. (Kansas Relays Record. Former mark, 43-9½, Dennis Woods, Shawnee Mission East, 1967).

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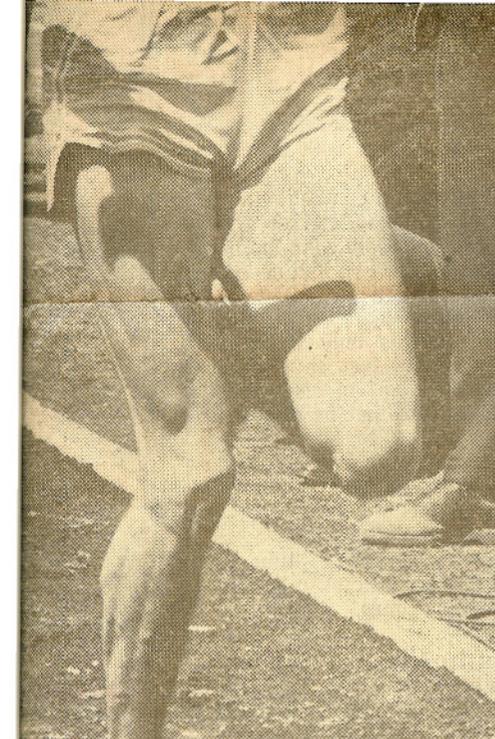
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Oerter, the former Kansas star, competed here for the first time since 1957 and won the discus with a throw of 189 feet, 7½ inches. Prior to the start of the event he predicted he would not surpass 180 feet, which would seem to prove that he scarcely knows his own strength.

Doug Knop of Kansas was second and Karl Salb of Kansas was third.

"It's amazing how much arm strength I've lost since the Olympics," Oerter said. "I just can't hold on to the discus. I've only had two weeks to get ready. I hadn't touched a discus from the time the Olympics were over until two weeks ago. I had been out on the banquet circuit and that gets to be unbelievable.

"I was real pleased with the distance, especially since I was throwing inside the stadium where there isn't much wind to help you."

Oerter plans to make this his last year of competition.

"I'm on sort of a soggy, nostalgic trip right now," he said. "From here I plan to go to Walnut, Calif., for the Mount Sac relays. I'm hitting all the spots where I've had success in the past."

Before throwing yesterday, Oerter said he planned to compete in national championship events only if he could reach the point where he was hitting 190 feet or more. Now that he is only four and a half inches short of his goal after two weeks of practice it is safe to predict that he will be very much on the scene.

"I'm not sure whether I can stay over here Sunday or not," Oerter said, "but if I do I'll be out here throwing because I want to take advantage of this warm weather. We haven't had much good weather in New York."

Yesterday's meet was dedicated to Oerter, a 4-time Olympic winner in the discus and the only man ever to win an Olympic track and field event that many times.

Greene Edges Gray in Close Race

GREENE, A THIRD place finisher in the Olympic 100-meter dash, defeated Missouri's Mel Gray by about the thickness of his jersey in the 100-yard dash. He and Gray were both clocked in :09.3. Earlier Gray won the university 100-yard dash with the same time to set a meet record. Open division records are listed separately.

"Everybody told me Friday night there was no competition in my race, but in sports you don't win talking," Greene said. "You got to win the race out there on the track."

"Gray is in the same situation I'm in. He's got to look ahead and point for certain meets. If you start running too fast early you can break up later on. You've got to stay in one piece and be able to do your thing in the big meets."

"The Big Eight is coming up in about three weeks. That's a big meet for Gray. He can win the 100 and 220 there if he stays in one piece. And winning the 100 and 220 there wouldn't be too bad, would it?"

"If you get hurt early you have to rush the human process and you never get back to where you were."

Greene, who is currently making his home in Lincoln, Neb., works for the telephone company there, goes to graduate school at night and sandwiches his running in between.

"It's a busy schedule, but other people have done it before and there's no reason I can't," he said.

Greene is giving no thought to retiring at this time.

"Running is in my blood now so I'm going to keep at it until I start getting beat regularly. I'm not talking about running second and third to the good guys. If somebody like Carlos or Smith or even Gray beats me that's something you have to accept. But when I start getting beat by the unknowns I'll get out."

Since Greene was making his first outdoor start of the season yesterday and still ran a :09.3 it does not seem that he is in great jeopardy from the unknowns.

The 44th relays will go down as one of the most memorable of all considering the performances of Ryun, Oerter and Greene plus the fact that eight university and college division records were broken. A total of 13 were broken in all divisions. A 14th record may also have been wiped out in view of the fact that yesterday's competition opened and closed under a cloudless sky.

Royals Box Score

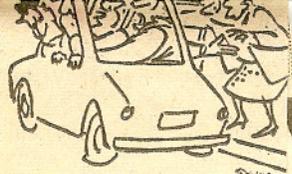
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OAKLAND	AB	R	H	REI	PO	A
Campaneris, ss	4	0	0	0	4	0
Hershberger, lf	4	0	1	0	1	0
Nossak, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson, cf	4	1	1	0	3	0
Bando, 3b	4	1	1	1	1	0
Cater, 1b	3	0	0	0	8	3
Green, 2b	4	0	3	1	2	1
Monday, cf	4	0	0	0	2	0
Pagliari, c	3	0	0	0	1	0
Roof, c	0	0	0	0	3	0
Odum, p	3	0	0	0	3	5
Krausse, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	2	7	1	27	10

The box office will open at 9 o'clock this morning for the double-header between the Royals and Oakland Athletics this afternoon. . . . The first game will start at 1:30 o'clock. Jim Nash and Catfish Hunter will start for the Athletics. . . . They will be

KANSAS CITY	AB	R	H	REI	PO	A
Keough, rf	4	0	0	0	3	0
Hernandez, ss	1	0	0	0	1	2
Kirkpatrick, ph	1	0	0	0	0	0

opposed by Bill Butler and Wally Bunker. . . . Bowie Kuhn, baseball commissioner, will



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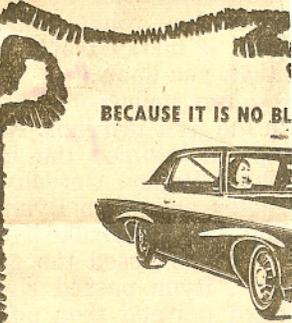
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