

50-meter dash - 1, Bill Gaines, San Jose, Calif. 5.7; 2, Mel Pender, US Army; 3, Ray Pollard, Morgan State; 4, Lennox Miller, USC; 5, Roland Merritt, Maryland; 6, Charley Mays, Grand Street Boys.

55-meter high hurdles - 1, Willie Davenport, Baton Rouge, 7.1; 2, Erv Hall, Villanova; 3, Leon Coleman, SC Striders; 4, Jeff Howser, Duke; 5, Rich Flowers, Te

400 meters - 1, Larry James, Villanova, 48.7; 2, Vince Matthews, Johnson C. Smit 48.8; 3, Andrzej Badenski, Poland, 48.8; 4, Ed Roberts, Sports Intl., 49.5.

500 meters-1, Jim Burnett, Phila, Pioneer Club, 1:03.5; 2, Hardee McAlhaney, Tennessee, 1:03.6; 3, Pete Schuder, PPC, 1:03.9; 4, Ron Whitney, SCS, 1:04.0.

800 meters - 1, Byron Dyce, NYU, 1:51.5; 2, Josef Plachy, Czechoslovakia, 1:51.7; 3, Frank Tomeo, NYAC, ~~MMBMM~~ 1:52.0; 4, Benedict Cayenne, Grand St. Boys, 1:52.3; 5, Andy O'Reilly, Villanova, no time. (400 m = Cayenne, 53.6)

1,000 meters- 1, Ergas Leps, Toronto OC, 2:27.1; 2, Chris Mason, Villanova, 2:27.1; 3, Brian Kivlan, Manhattan, 2:27.3; 4, Craig Nation, PPC, 2:27.3; 5, Bob Ziemiński, NYAC, 2:27.3; 6, Herb Germann, NYAC, 2:29.2.

1,500 meters - 1, Martin Liquori, Villanova, 3:48.7; 2, Henryk Szordykowski, Poland, 3:48.8; 3, John Lawson, ~~NA~~ PCC, 3:49.5; 4, ~~MMNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN~~ Jerry Richey, Pitt, 3:52.2; 5, John Lilly, Oregon State, 3:58.1.
($\frac{1}{4}$ - Szordy, 59/0 $\frac{1}{2}$ - Liquori, 2:03.5. Liquori's final 440 - 57.2)

3,000 meters -1, Bob Finlay, Toronto OC, 7:59.0; 2, Barry Brown, NYAC, 7:59.2; 3, Bill Clark, Quantico Marines, 8:10.4; 4, Dick Buerkle, Villanova, 8:14.4; 5, Stanislav Petr, Cz., 8:14.4; 6, Charles Shrader, Maryland, 8:17.2.
($\frac{1}{2}$ Buerkle, 2:12.4; Mile - Finlay, 4:20.4)

1600m Relay

~~MR~~ 1, Sports Intl. 3:16.0 (Collins 50.0, Young 48.9, Bell 48.9, Roberts 48.2); 2, Phila. Pioneers, 3:16.0 (Chuck McPherson 50.8, Nation 48.7, Schuder 48.2, Burnett 48.3); 3, United AA, 3:22.5.

1600m Relay

~~MR~~ - 1, Tennessee, 3:17.6; (Womble, Kelly, Hardy, McAlhaney); 2, Texas, 3:17.7 (Cohen, Matina, Canada, Morton); 3, Morgan State, ~~MMMMMMMMMMMM~~ 3:18.1 (Jones, Lewis, Madden, Daugherty). 4, Maryland, 3:21.8.

1600m relay

~~MR~~ - 1, Rutgers, 3:19.6, 2, St. John's, 3:20.6; 3, ~~Fordham~~, 3:25.0

3200m Relay

~~MR~~ - 1, UCTC, ~~■~~ 7:32.4 (Bob O'Connor, Ken Sparks, John Kenton, Lowell Paul Paul, 1:48.9m, 1:49.7y) 2, New York AC, ~~MM~~ 7:34.0; 3, NYU, 7:36.8; 4, Maryland, 7:37.2; 5, Florida, 7:38.4.

High jump - Ed Caruthers, PCC, 7-2; 2, Frank Costello, Spts, Intl., 6-10; 3, John Rambo, PCC, 6-10; 4 tie, Joe David, Maryland, & Ron Jourdan, Fla., 6-10; 6, Ron Tull, PCC, 6-10; 7, Steve Kelly, Ore.St., 6-8; 8. Eric Howard, Morgan State, 6-6.

Pole vault - 1, Bob Seagren, SCS, 16-10 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2, Bob ~~Spinn~~ Sprung, Tennessee, 16-3; 3, Peter Chen, Spts. Intl., 16-3; 4, Jim ~~Williamson~~ Williamson, Md., 15-7.

Longjump - 1, Ralph Boston, Knoxville, TC, 25-2 $\frac{3}{4}$; 2, Norm Tate, un. E. Orange, NJ, 25-2; 3, Elliott Garrett, Maryland, 24-7 $\frac{3}{4}$; 4, Charley Mays, GSB, 24-2.

by Jim Dunaway

New York, Feb. 21, ~~1969~~ -- The Olympic name again proved its lure as 13,300 came to watch the first Olympic Invitational indoor meet, which replaces the New York A.C. meet on the Madison Square Garden indoor schedule. Willie Davenport kept his string going (13 straight hurdles victories indoors), but Ron Jourdan met his first defeat of the season *(his first loss in 13 meets)*.

Jourdan was beaten by Ed Caruthers, who took the outstanding athlete award by virtue of a 7'2" clearance and lack of any other outstanding marks. Jourdan ended up in a tie for fourth at 6'10".

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All the races were held at metric distances, but even so, only one record was broken and that was for the 1,500-meter walk, which must be as rarely contested an event as one can find. An even rarer event, the "demi-decathlon" brought Bill Toomey, Rick ~~MMMMM~~ Sloan, Tom Waddell, Dave Thoreson and Rich Robinson indoors to contest ~~an abbreviated first-day program of~~ a 55-meter dash, long jump, shot put, high jump and 300-meter run. Oh, it was a little corny, but the crowd loved it, and so did Toomey and Co. ~~MMMMM~~ Toomey, in town to receive the Wide World of Sports Athlete of the Year award from ABC-TV, ~~MMMMM~~ had warned he was out of shape. But when the old firehorse heard the bell, he was off and running. ~~MMMMM~~ The Olympic champ won four of the five events, including a personal best of 47'0" in the shot and a snappy 35.9 clocking for ~~300~~ 300 meters.

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There were several exciting races. Larry James won the 400-meters in ^{+87 in} the final yards by overtaking Vince Matthews ~~winning~~ with a convincing finish past a still-strong Matthews. Jim Burnett and Hardee McAlhaney staged another exciting ~~500~~ 500 match, this time at meters and this time Burnett got the lead and kept it. ^{to clock 6:35} Byron Dyce returned to form with a smooth 1:51.5 win over Josef Plachy, Frank Tomeo and Ben Cayenne ~~over 500m.~~

800 meters

~~MMMMM~~ In the 1,500 meters, Martin Liquori and Henryk Szordykowski passed the lead back and forth ~~and~~ for most of the race, with Liquori having just a bit more at the end of a 57.2 last 440 yards. Bob Finlay led Barry Brown through a 4:20.4 mile and managed to stay a yard or two ahead the rest of the way to win a good 3,000-meters in ~~7:59.0~~ 7:59.0 to Brown's 7:59.2.

In the short races, Davenport had a poor start compared to Leon Coleman's, but Willie was in command by the third barrier and Coleman was also caught by Erv Hall in the run-in. In the dash, Bill Gaines won the final in 5.7 seconds ~~for 50m~~, but a protest by most of the runners ~~as~~ (they said the start was unfair ~~and~~ no hold on 'set') ~~as~~ resulted in a ruling that the race would be re-run. By that time, however, Gaines had left to catch a plane for the Coast. Thus, the result became official.

Bob Seagren looked shaky but managed to clear 16'10½" in the vault. And Ralph Boston won the event named after him with a long jump of 25 feet 2-¾ inches.

The best performance of the night, barring Caruthers' 7-2 jump, was a 1:48.9m anchor leg turned in by ^{beaded} Lowell Paul of the Chicago TC in winning the 3200-meter relay. ###