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Track & Field News
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Hi:

The weeks following the Montreal Track meet have been very listless here and for the Finnish track athletes it could be summed up as follows: Viren runs exhibition races not trying overly hard, Hovinen is back to the lengths he should have scored at Montreal and the rest of the squad just seems content by being around. Antti Kalliomäki is another exception though, he is clearly better than ever, perhaps better than at Montreal. The Helsinki track meet on Aug 10-11 had two highlights:

- 1) Mike Boit who was IMPRESSING in outclassing a good 800 m field (Susanj injured though)
- 2) a high jump competition which was easily the best I have seen in Finland, the atmosphere was tremendous and the competition properly supervised by a full moon that reached over the Stadium stands just as the decisive jumps begun. An event to be thankful for much because it contained the track excitement so typical to "ordinary meets" in the good old days when the Olympics did not take all.

Day by day:

Aug 8th Kokkola 5000 1) Orimus 14.03,2 2) Geis 14.05.0
....5) Viren 14.11.0 - 298-1 PR (10th)
JT 1) Jaakola 90,86 2) Aho 79,30 260-2
HT 1) Kangas 70,30 2) Polvi 70,26
Aug 10th Helsinki 400 IH 1) Bolding 49,30 2) ~~WHEELER~~ Pascoe
50,45 3) Wheeler 50,50
800m 1) Boit 1.44.90 2) Ovet 1.46.10
...6) Wohlhuter 1.50,26
100m 1) Abrahams 10,50
LJ 1) Robinson 770 2) Rousseau 770
HJ 1) Wzsola 224 2) Stones 224 3) Woods
221 4) Kotinek 215
JT 1) Nemeth 87,82 2) Erdelyi 84,22
3) Hovinen 84,08 4) Siitonen 82,52
5) Aho 82,34 6) Jaakola 81,24
7) Kinnunen 77,22
5000 m 1) Foster 13.26,34 2) Kvalheim
13.26,73 3) Geis 13.27,43 4) Ngeno
13.29,29 5) Ian Stewart 13.33,68
6) Vainio 13.35,39 7) Viren 13.42,10

Aug 11th Helsinki 10000 m 1) Polleunis 28.20,34

2) Päivärinta 28.21,56

400 m 1) Peoples 47,37

1500 m 1) Coughlan 3.37,05 2) Janos
Zemen Hungary 3.37,42 3) Walker NZL
3.37,43 4) Mignon 3.37,97 5) Dixon
3.38,27 ...7) Paunonen FIN 3.38,44

European mark for juniors

PV 1) Kalliomäki 535 2) Buciarski 535

3) Eskola 525 4) Haapakoski 515

5) Porter USA 515 nh Baird, Ripley,
Slusarski

DT 1) Wilkins 66,96 2) Powell 66,40

3) Tuokko ~~59,54~~ 545) Kahma 59,18

perhaps remarkable at this meet was the fact that
Kenyans and New Zealanders competed, the Kenyans on
Aug 10th and the Kiwis on Aug 11th.

Aug 12th Turku 1500 m 1) Boit 3.38,29 2) Wohlhuter 3.43,01

3) Zemen 3.44,69

5000 m 1) Geis 13.35,12 2) Vainio 13.37,41

3) Viren 13.39,34 4) Orimus 13.40,89

5) Päivärinta 14.00,44

PV 1) Kalliomäki 545 2) Porter 525

3) Ripley and Eskola 490 16-1

SP 1) Feuerbach 20,32

JT 1) Hovinen 85,84 2) Nemeth 84,78

3) Erdelyi 81,52 4) Siitonen 81,46

DT 1) Wilkins 65,84 2) Tuokko 60,42 198-3

3) Kahma 60,04 197-0

Aug 16th Tampere PV 1) Kalliomäki 553 a Finnish record

2) Eskola and Baird 520 4) Haapakoski

515

Antti started at 530 which he negotiated
in his second attempt. He also used two tries
at 545. At 564 which he tried after having
cleared 553 in his first attempt only the
third try was fair.

JT 1) Nemeth 84,84 2) Jaakola 84,46

3) Hovinen 81,80 4) Erdelyi 79,90

DT 1) Tuomola 60,78 2) Tuokko 60,56

5000 m 1) Ngeno 13.30,6 2) Geis 13.31,6

3) Kantanen 13.34,2 4) Nikkari 13.34,8

5) Viren 13.37,2 29-4

Aug 18th Nokia JT 1) Hovinen 88,80 2) Balster DDR 80,76

Aug 18th Raahe JT 1) Jaakola 85,10 2) Aho 80,66 264-7

PV 1) Kalliomäki 540 17-1/2

Aug 19th Karhula JT 1) Hovinen ~~83,88~~ 83,88 2) Siitonen ~~83,58~~ 83,58

HT 1) Polvi 71,62 2) Tiainen 71,32

With the inevitable exhibition competition over perhaps one can
expect some real competition again towards the fall and certainly
certainly for the Finns there is also the matter of trying to
secure the obligatory victory over Sweden in the annual track
meet this time being held at Helsinki. Let's make a bet that Viren
will have recuperated by then to run for results.

Best regards

Håkan