

LOOSE SPIKES---to be picked up by media covering the Los Angeles Times Indoor Games
***** at the Inglewood Forum, Friday night, February 3, 1978. Compiled by
Rich Perelman. Predicted winners (PERELBRUCE PICKS) are consensus opinion of Perelman
and Bruce Tenen, for which we take little responsibility. Enjoy!

POLE VAULT, 7:30 p.m.---6 18-footers grace this field, including the current and two
previous world record holders. UCLA senior Mike Tully has the record now with his 18-4
clearance at the Ali meet. He won the World Cup last year at his PR 18-4½. So far
indoors, he won at Ali, at CYO, 17-6; Philadelphia, 17-6; was second to Gunther Lohre
on misses at Sunkist, 17-8½; did 18-0 at Millrose to best Wladyslaw Kozakiewicz and
Lohre by 6 inches. Wladyslaw Kozakiewicz is the Polish star who was ranked #1 in the
world for 1977 by Track & Field News. He's split with Tully indoors this year 1-1
but had the best of him last season outdoors, 8-2. He was the former world recordman
undercover in this event and has the European Record of 18-6 ¾, set last year.
Earl Bell is a former three-time NCAA champion for Arkansas State and was a 1976
Olympian and a former WR holder with his all-time best of 18-7¼. Dan Ripley set the
world indoor PV record in this meet in 1976 with an eventual best of 18-3 ¾, the
mark Tully beat earlier this year. Larry Jesse is another 18-footer formerly of
UIEP and Gunther Lohre came over here to train with Tully from West Germany and has been
very strong indoors, beating Tul at Sunkist. He was 9th in the 76 OG. Bruce Simpson
is a Canadian vaulter who competed in the Olympics. Russ Rogers was an 18-1½ man in
1976 for USC, but is recovering from injury for the 78 outdoor campaign. Charlie
Brown is the heir apparent to Tully at UCLA, and is the National JC Recordholder
at 17-4. PERELBRUCE PICKS MIKIE TULLY.

TRIPLE JUMP, 7:30 p.m.---American recordholder Ron Livers ranked third in the world
last year and first in the US for his great jumpin, with a best of 56-4 ¾. James
Butts was the 1976 OG silver medalist. Milan Tiff was a teammate of Butts' at UCLA
and won the AAU last year with a 57-0½w leap, the first man in US history to surpass
that barrier under any conditions. Charlton Ehizuelen of Nigeria and formerly of
Illinois is better known as a long jumper, but placed third in this event in the
NCAA and fourth in the World Cup. Rayfield Dupree was a 1976 OG performer for the
US and finished 12th in the final. Arnold Grimes did some hot TJing for UIEP a
while back and won the 1975 NCAA Indoor with a 55-4 leap. PERELBRUCE PICKS BUTTS.

60 YARD HIGH HURDLES, heat at 7:30 p.m., final at 8 p.m.---Arto Bryggare was a
Finnish Junior star last year with a best of 13.66 and an 11th ranking in the
world for 77. James Owens of UCLA is recovering from football and was the number
four Hler in 77, winning both the AAU and NCAA titles. Only FB kept him from the
World Cup. Carl Florant is the Cal-Berkeley school record holder. Rowland Siai Siai
was the Cal State JC champ last year. John Peterson was a great prep star, and is
an improving college hurdler at Long Beach State. Gregory Foster of UCLA ranked
7th in the world last year, and was third in the NCAA and equaled the World Junior
Record at 13.54y (13.57 meters is the record). Dedy Cooper is the 1976 NCAA champ
and ranked 10th in the world last year. Mike Johnson was a prolific point scorer
for USC and beat Owens with regularity in their dual meet encounters. PICK COOPER.

60 YARD DASH, heats at 7:50 p.m., final at 8:25 p.m.---Houston McTear has set world
records in the 60y (6.11 at Millrose) and 6.54 in the 60m at the Ali meet. Dwayne
Strozier won the WAC 100 and 200 in 1976 for Arizona. Devin Williams is an SC football
flanker who was also 1975 Cal State HS champ in 9.4y. John Garrison has been a very
solid sprinter for Oklahoma in recent years past. Steve Williams has been ranked near
the top of the sprint world for years and won the World Cup 100 meters last year---
ending up 3rd in the T&FN rankings. Don Quarrie of Jamaica won the 76 OG 200 meters
and was 2nd in the 100 meters; he also ranked 2nd in the 200 meter rankings for 77.
Joel Andrews is an improving sprinter for USC, following in brother Tom Andrews'
footsteps, although in a different event. James Gilkes won the 1974 NCAA 220 for
Fisk U. , then transferred to USC and won numerous titles for the Trojans during his
stay there. Clancy Edwards won the World Cup 200 last year, ranked third in the
world at 200 and dominated the collegiate scene until an injury knocked him out of

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the NCAA and AAU. Chris Garbenborg won the 1976 AAU 100 meters and competed in the OG for his native Sweden. David Russell of San Diego State was a top prep last year, winning the 100y at the Cal State HS meet. PERELERUCE PICKS HOUSTON MC TEAR (we're really going out on a limb, huh?)

600 YARD RUN, 8:40 p.m.---Benny Brown ran on the winning 1600m relay team for US in the Olympics in 76. He also won the 75 NCAA 440 for UCLA. Cliff McKenzie is a superb relay runner for Arizona State and is improving on the flat races. Wes Williams is better known for his exploits as an intermediate hurdler, while Mark Webster has won some good races indoors this season. PERELERUCE PICKS BENNY BROWN.

High Jump, 8:30 p.m.---Dwight Stones had the indoor record at 7-6½. Then Greg Joy took it away from him at the CYO at 7-7. Then Franklin Jacobs jumped 7-7½ at Millrose to leave both empty. Stones, of course, was ranked #1 in this event for many years and won bronze medals in Munich and Montreal. He was second to Rolf Beilschmidt of East Germany in the World Cup last year. Joy was the silver medalist at Montreal and formerly jumped for UTEP, but now competes for his native Canada. Jacek Wszola came out of the woodwork to win at Montreal with a 7-4½ leap and jumped 7-6½ last year. Rory Kotinek rated fourth in the world last season and had a best of 7-6½. Ben Fields, formerly of Seton Hall, jumped 7-3½ last season, while Dave Haber was the NCAA Division II champion for Hayward State. Paul Underwood has been a consistent 7-2 jumper indoors, the same height he cleared for his best last year. Dennis Smith is a freshman at USC who jumped 7-2 as a prep last year. PERELERUCE PICKS DWIGHT STONES.

500 YARD RUN, 8:55 p.m.---Section I: Billy Mullins on the Cal State JC 200 last year as a frosh. Bryan Saunders of Canada was a 76 Olympian and now competes for Long Beach State. Sam Turner is a new face in the intermediate hurdles, almost beating Ed Moses at the Mt. SAC Relays. Gerald Burl is an outstanding relay runner for Arizona State. Section II: Herman Frazier was the bronze medalist at Montreal with his life best of 44.95 in the 400m, and set a world indoor record of 1:01.3 in the 500m at Ali. He also won the NCAA 400 last year. Derald Harris won the AAU 200 last season and ran an incredible 20.07w 200 as just a freshman last year. Tony Darden did everything for Arizona State last year as a frosh, eventually ending up second in the NCAA 200, although he is usually a 400 man. Bennie Myles was the 400 man for UCLA the last two years, running a best of 45.8 in 1976. James Sanford is a freshman at USC, after winning the Cal State 200 and 400 titles as a prep senior last season. Wes Williams, the number five ranking hurdler Over intermediates last year will be very tired after running the 600. PERELERUCE PICKS BILLY MULLINS AND HERMAN FRAZIER.

Long Jump, 9:15 p.m.---Arnie Robinson won the 76 Olympics, the 77 World Cup and has ranked #1 for two straight years. Randy Williams won the 72 OG and was second in 76. Larry Doubledy won the NCAA for USC last year, beating Charlton Ehizuelen of Nigeria (and Illinois), who won in 1975. Lamont King was a great prep last year over 25-9, while Al Lanier is the veteran's vet. Arnold Grimes is better known for his three-bounce efforts. PERELERUCE PICKS ARNIE ROBINSON.

Prefontaine 2-Mile Run, 9:40 p.m.---Dick Quax of New Zealand is the world record holder over 5000 meters and was 2nd at that distance in Montreal. Paul Cummings is moving up from his normal mile event, where he was the 1974 NCAA champ and the current American record holder at 1500 meters, set in the Ali meet. Duncan MacDonald was a 1976 Olympian and had the American record for a while with a 13:19.4 in Europe. The rest of the field are local veterans. PERELERUCE PICKS DICK QUAX.

Mile Run, 10:00 p.m.---Filbert Bayi is the world record man over 1500 meters outdoors, set in 1974 at the British Commonwealth Games in 3:32.2. His front-running tactics have

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changed the style of the mile and 1500. He has had a rough time winning indoors so far, but has still posted good times like 3:58.4 at CYO (2nd to Buerkle WR), 3:59.0 for 2nd to Buerkle at Millrose and 4:00.5 at Sunkist for 2nd. Dr. Thomas Wessinghage of West Germany has been doing well indoors here in the US, winning at Sunkist in 3:59.7. He is the European mile record holder and was 2nd in the European and World Cups. He ranked 2nd in the world over 1500m in 77. Samonn Coghlan of Ireland was a two-time mile/1500 winner in the NCAA outdoor meet for Villanova and was fourth in the 76 Olympic 1500. Steve Scott won the AAU outdoor last year and is rated the best American at this distance last year, ranking ninth in the world. Harald Hudak is an improving West German who raced to a best of 3:36.1 last season. PERELBRUCE PICKS THOMAS WESSINGHAGE.

1000-YARD RUN, 10:20 p.m.---Mike Boit ranked 2nd in the world over 800 meters last year, behind only Alberto Juantorena and he was second to AJ in the World Cup 800. James Robinson was the 1976 AAU 800 champ for California and was a 76 US OG participant. David Omwansa of USC and Kenya is an international class competitor. Gary Sievers was good runner for Oregon a couple of years back as was Ray Wicksell at Arizona State. PERELBRUCE PICKS MIKE BOIT.

Women's 60-YARD DASH, heats at 7:40 p.m., final, 8:20 p.m.---Evelyn Ashford of UCLA was the AIAW and AAU sprint champ last year and set an American record in the 200 meters in 22.62. She recently set an AR in the 60y, with a 6.80 clocking at the Sunkist. Kim Robinson has been a solid sprinter in the women's field for several years. Jodi Anderson of the LA Naturite TC is best known for her LJ abilities (she was the best in the US last year), but is also a competent sprinter. DeAndra Carney set the AR in the 60y earlier with a 6.83 clocking at CYO, but had it busted by Ashford at Sunkist, where EA ran 6.80, Robinson ran 6.83 (=old AR) and Carney had a 6.89. Andrea Lynch of Great Britain won impressively at Ali in 7.2 for 60m and is a top sprinter for Long Beach State. Angel Doyle tied the American hand-timed record of 6.5 in 1975. PERELBRUCE PICKS ANDREA LYNCH.

Women's 60-YARD HURDLES, 8:40 p.m.---Jane Fredrick is best known for her pentathlon efforts, but is also a fine hurdler, as she won the 1976 AAU 100mH event and also the 60y Hurdles in the AAU title meet indoors last year, in an AR-equalling 7.3. Patty van Wolvelaere showed the form that earned her the AR earlier in the 70s with a win at the AIAW meet and at the AAU in the best ever by a US woman, 13.15, although wind-assisted. Modupe Oshikoya of Nigeria and UCLA was second in the AIAW to Patty van and third in the AAU. Mitsi McMillan of USC is a fine pentathlete and also does well in the hurdles. PERELBRUCE PICKS JANE FREDRICK.

Women's HIGH JUMP, 9:05 p.m.---Joni Huntley upped the AR in this event to 6-4 in the CYO meet, making her the 2nd performer all-time indoors. Debbie Brill of Canada was third in the World Cup at 6-2 $\frac{1}{2}$. PERELBRUCE PICKS JONI HUNTLEY.

Women's 500-YARD RUN, 9:10 p.m.---Rosalyn Bryant has been one of the top 400 meter women in the US for years and has been the American record holder since Montreal, where she was fifth in the final. She has the 500y record of 1:03.3 and holds ARs at a drove other-other distances. Valerie Brisco is a coming stars as a Locke HS senior this year. Kathy Weston was a 1976 Olympian in the 800 and has been an international competitor for a long time. Arlise Emerson won the Sunkist 500y with a prep record 1:05.4, while Brisco won the first section of the race in 1:06.4. PERELBRUCE PICKS ROSALYN BRYANT.

Women's 1000-YARD RUN, 10:10 p.m.---Francie Larrieu is stepping down in distance, but the multiple AAU champ and second placer in the World Cup 1500 is the favorite anyway. Julie Brown won the 800m and 3000m at the AIAW and has been at the top of the US distance scene for some time. Ellen Wessinghage made an impressive show at Sunkist, closing the gap on Larrieu at the tape of the mile, as she tours with her

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husband, the Dr. Thomas Wessinghage. in the men's mile tonight. Mary Decker was a teen sensation, but had problems with her ankles. She won a 1000m in New Zealand Jan. 18 in 2:43.0. Wendy Knudson was a US Olympian in the 76 Games and became the second US woman ever to dip under 2:00 in the 800, running 1:59.9 in a qualifying heat. PERELERUCE PICKS FRANCIE LARRIERU.

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