

# Bayi's Countryman Sets Record in 2-Mile

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The mile was supposed to be the featured race Saturday night at the annual Sunkist indoor track and field meet at the Sports Arena.

But the two milers, not usually as glamorous as the milers, excited a crowd of 12,343.

Suleiman Nyambui of Tanzania held off Henry Rono of Washington State to win in 8:18.0—best ever on an 11-lap track. Rono was only about two yards behind Nyambui at the finish with Nick Rose of Great Britain,

the early pace setter, finishing third.

Thomas Wessinghage of West Germany kicked with about two laps left to easily win the mile in a mediocre 3:59.7. Filbert Bayi of Tanzania, the world 1,500-meter record holder, was second at 4:00.5 with Steve Scott of UC Irvine, America's premier miler, third at 4:00.9.

A rabbit, John Koningh of UC Irvine set the early pace before Bayi took over with Wessinghage, the 25-year-old doctor from Mainz, in a good challenging position. Scott lagged in

third and couldn't mount a strong finishing kick.

"I tried to make my move earlier," Wessinghage said, "but I felt he (Bayi) was slowing down, so I took it easy for another half lap."

Wessinghage was the world's No. 2 ranked miler in 1976 and 1977 and is the European mile record holder at 3:53.1.

The pole vault didn't measure up to pre-meet expectations. Mike Tully, the new world record holder at 18-4, was second to West Germany's Gunther Lohre. Both jumped 17-8½, but Lohre won on fewer misses.

Dwight Stones failed in an attempt to reclaim his world indoor high jump record. He had three tries at 7-7¼ and wasn't close on any of them. He won the event at 7-5.

Greg Joy of Canada, who took Stones' record away from him last week with a 7-7 leap at College Park, Md., was second. Joy missed once at 7-5—after Stones had cleared the height—and then had the bar moved up to 7-6. He missed twice there.

Then, Stones went for his record try.

The 2-mile was a competitive thrill-

er as Rose set a fast early pace and took Nyambui and Rono through a 4:09.2 mile.

With a 3 ½ laps to go, Rono, the NCAA cross-country champion, made his move and jumped Rose.

It was Rono, Rose and Nyambui—closely bunched—through the next lap, then Nyambui, Bayi's countryman, spurted ahead. Rose was fading at this juncture, but Rono was still strong.

Still, Nyambui wouldn't surrender  
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