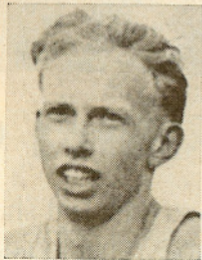
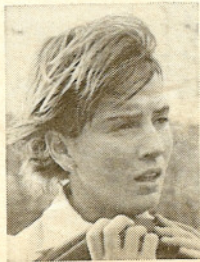


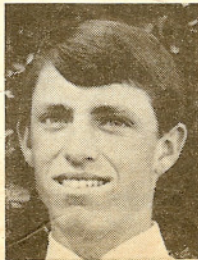
**SEAN SCULLY, 7,** of Torrance, Calif., set two national age-group distance running records during a 10,000-meter race. His time for six miles was 54:26.3 and his 10,000-meter time was 55:59.0. He was also the youngest finisher among the 77 runners.



**WAYNE JENSEN, 21,** has the mile record in three mountain states, breaking Jim Ryun's Utah mark with a 4:02.2 in Salt Lake City. He set the Colorado record of 4:06.5 and ran a 4:16.2 in Wyoming at 7,000-feet-plus. He holds Wyoming's 880 mark of 1:49.3. 6/70



**JANET BRISTOL**, 15, sophomore at Burlington (Vt.) High, won the New England AAU and AAU Regional I cross-country championships on successive weekends, before placing fifth in the National Women's AAU at St. Louis, eight seconds behind Doris Brown.



**RICK DECKER** is the top runner on the Cortez High School cross-country team in Phoenix, which has won two straight Arizona state championships and was victorious in 34 of its last 35 meets, including a string of 29 consecutive victories from 1967 to 1970.

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# English Youth Superstar, 11 to 14

When Andrew Barnett started running in 1966, he didn't wait long to start setting records. It mattered little that he was all of 10 years old at the time. In short time the English middle distance running sensation from Andover established himself as the "superstar" among youth athletes.

At the end of 1967, his first full year of running, he had covered a mile in 5:13.4, a world age-11 best. In methodical fashion in succeeding years, he lowered the age-12 mile (4:43.8) and the age-13 1500-meters (4:08.2) and mile (4:29.0) bests. As Dave Cocksedge of Athletics Weekly wrote, Barnett has made it "a habit of breaking records."

But, despite these notable performances, Barnett's "habit" proved most spectacular in 1970. In early May, he covered a mile in 4:24.1, an age-14 record, in finishing third to two older runners.

Two weeks later, Barnett showed a turn of remarkable speed as he sped 800-meters in 1:56.5, trimming 1.1-seconds off the previous best. But Barnett saved probably his best age 14 record for the very last moment -- the day before he turned 15.

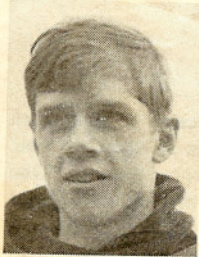
The scene was the Southern Youth Finals at Brighton, June 21, the distance was 1500-meters and Barnett had his work cut out for him with defending champion David Miller in the race. Barnett followed Miller's 65.4, 2:11.3 and 3:15.0 pace before jumping into the lead with 300 meters left. Miller chased hard after him and reached Barnett's shoulder at the top of the stretch but another spurt by Barnett crushed Miller. He stopped and walked off the track, later complaining of a foot injury. Barnett stopped the watches in a fine 3:59.0--an age-14 record and equivalent to a 4:18 mile--and might have run faster had he not slowed in the final strides before bounding happily into the tape, his left arm raised victoriously.

However, as Cocksedge points out, "In other big races, he did not fare so well. He chose the 800-meters in the English Schools' Championships in July and wound up a spent non-qualifier in his first round heat. A month later he contested the National Youth (under 17) 1500, and finished way down the track in sixth place after a rough-and-tumble run in his heat the day before. He admitted to over-racing early in the season, and not allowing himself time to recover from hard training later in the year."

And that training is substantial even for a 15-year-old. Eight to 10-mile road runs are interspersed among heavy interval sessions during the season with more road emphasis in the winter. Hill work and weights are also features of his training as are "a few golf swings on Fridays with the club lads" before meets. He competes for Andover and District AC and is coached by 27-year-old Martin Hedges. "Fortunately, my coach is still young enough to be able to run with me in training," Barnett comments. "That helps a great deal, especially on long road runs. Coaching is important and will play a large part in my future. I like to have Martin at meets so then I can talk to somebody who is on my side and knows what I can do and doesn't expect the impossible. I believe in taking defeat with success and have no time for excuses or conceit."

However, Barnett surely will make time for attacking what seems the logical progression in his setting of age mile records, the age-15 best of 4:15.6--set by another sterling British youth, Graham Side. But, as he says, "As long as I keep improving my times, I can be well satisfied." Andrew Mark Barnett was born June 22, 1955, in Andover, stands 5'9½", weighs 127-lbs., and has progressed (\*=age record):

Year	Age	800m	1500m	Mile	3000m
1967	11			5:13.4*	
1968	12			4:43.8*	
1969	13	2:02.9	4:08.2*	4:29.0*	9:11.0
1970	14	1:56.5*	3:59.0*	4:24.1*	9:01.0 □



**MARTY WALSH**, 17, of Staten Island, N.Y., won his fourth major cross-country championship in 12 days at the Temple University meet. Earlier victories were in the Staten Island Public School, New York City Public School and Staten Island High School meets.



**MIKE McKINNEY** of Woodbridge, Va. is the seven-and-under national cross-country champion and holds age-group records in the 1,320 (4:31), three-mile (20:13.2) and indoor 11-lap banked track mile (6:01.7). He has been running competitively for a year.

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**RICH KARRH**, 16, who attends Dwight Morrow High in Englewood, N.J., outdistanced 1,800 runners from 250 schools in three states to win individual honors in the New York University interscholastic run. His time over the 2½-mile course was 12:54.9.



**DENNIS TRUJILLO** led the Centennial High cross-country team in Pueblo, Colo. to an unbeaten season and its second straight state title by winning 11 regular season meets and individual honors at the state championships in Boulder. Trujillo is a junior.

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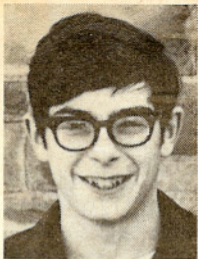
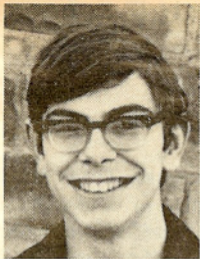


**TIM O'BRIEN**, 8, of Lakewood, Ohio, took the 880-yard run at a Rochester (N.Y.) Track Club meet in 2:59.5, a world record for boys 10 years and under. The old mark, established in October 1968 by Greg Hansen of Woodland, Wash., was 3:01.



**JOHN SMALL** has coached the Taft School cross-country teams in Watertown, Conn. to victory in 41 consecutive meets, dating back to October 1966. A 28-28 tie with Hotchkiss is the only nonvictory over the last four years of New England prep competition.

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**BOB AND BARRY HARWICK** of the Mt. Lebanon (Pa.) Track Club have won eight national Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic race-walking titles. Bob, 14 (*left*), won the 440-yard race walk in 1968 and the junior division (12-13) mile and two-mile in 1970. Barry, 15, captured four consecutive 440- and 880-yard age-group championships from 1965 through 1968 before being sidelined with an injury in 1969. He returned to competition in 1970 and won the intermediate division (14-15) three-mile title.