

March 25, 1972

Garry:

I was in charge of the SPAAAU Invitational Decathlon held at UC Irvine on 3/11 and 3/12. Sam Adams was given a complete set of the results and it was my understanding that he was going to send them to T&FN. The LA Times ran a story on the meet, but only listed best marks for each event and final scores. Complete results follow:

Jeff Bannister (Unat) 10.9; 22 5 $\frac{1}{4}$; 44 6 $\frac{1}{4}$; 6 1; 48.5--3,916
14.6; 141 4; 13; 197 1; 4.17.8--7,787 (personal record)

John Warkentin (unat) 11.1; 22 11 $\frac{1}{2}$; 44 3 $\frac{1}{4}$; 5 11; 50.1--3,777
14.6; 145 5; 13; 184 10; 4.39.1--7,480

Jeff Bennett (Army) 10.8; 23 8 $\frac{1}{4}$; 39 8; 5 9; 50.4--3745
15.3; 114 5; 15 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ 182 10; 4.32.4--7,424 (Had a bad cough)

Rory Kenward (unat) 10.7; 21 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; 50 11 3/4; 5 7; 49.8--3,813
15.3; 165 6; 12 6; 168; 4.50-- 7,380

George Pannel (Unat) 10.9; 22 6 $\frac{1}{2}$; 43 6 3/4; 6 1; 51.2--3,783
14.6; 139 5; 13; 181 2; 4.53.4-- 7,351

Barry King (CW) 11.1; 23 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; 48 10 3/4; 5 11; 51.4--3,817
16.3; 153 3; 13; 188 2; 4.48.1-- 7,350

Louis Jordan
(Westmont College) 11.3; 20 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; 44 6 $\frac{1}{2}$; 5 9; 52.2-- 3,415
17.3; 144 6; 11; 159 2; 5.09-- 6,419 (From Ireland)

Harry Marra (CW) 11.3; 20 7 $\frac{1}{2}$; 35 8 $\frac{1}{2}$; 5 7; 53.2-- 3,184
16.9; 114 3; 12 6; 154 6; 4.58.1 6,199

Russ Hodge (Unat) 10.7; 22 $\frac{1}{4}$; 55 9 3/4; 5 11; 51.0--3,985
15.4; 145 4 (withdrew, complained of minor shin splints)

Tom Taft (CW) 11.0; 22 7; 38 4; 5 9; 51.5--3,552
17.0; 116 1; (missed 3 times at opening height--13'--withdrew)

Rick Wilder (Athens) 11.3; 22 6; 39 $\frac{1}{2}$; 5 11; 51.4--3,540
16.9; 126 11; (missed 3 times at opening height--10'3--withdrew)

Bill Hanson (UCSB) 11.2; 22 11 $\frac{1}{4}$; 39 7 $\frac{1}{2}$; 5 9; 55.7--3,325 (withdrew)

Jim Sobieczczyk (CW) 11.2; 22 4 3/4; 40 9; 6 3; 53.0--3,616 (withdrew)

The meet started late on Saturday--about 3:30. The last half-hour of the high jump was held under very poor conditions--almost total darkness. Sunday was warm with ideal conditions. Bannister looked very strong and seems to have made a great recovery from the surgery in 1970. He has his speed back. Warkentin experienced no difficulty with his previous elbow injury. Kenward possesses tremendous speed, but needs work in the high jump and javelin. We will hold the National AAU Decathlon at the LA Coliseum on 6/4 and 6/5. It will be co-sponsored by the Compton Junior Chamber of Commerce and the SPAAAU. The competition on 6/4 will

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be held in conjunction with the Compton Invitational. Information on this meet can be obtained from the SPAAAU Decathlon Chairman, Hal Harkness, University High School, Irvine, California. However, no one will be allowed to enter this meet unless he has totaled 7,000 or more points during this year.

We will probably hold another Invitational Decathlon for SPAAAU athletes during the latter part of April either at UCLA or Irvine.

Quite a coincidence--the phone just rang and it was Jeff Bannister asking if we would sanction a meet for April 14 and 15 at UCLA for a decathlon with Hodge, Bannister, Bennett or Warkentin and Rory Kotinek a freshman at UCLA who has the ability to score over 7,400 in his first decathlon effort.



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