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Feuerbach Sets Shot Record: 69-5

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Francie Larrieu Upsets Mile Champ

World indoor shotput champion Al Feuerbach set a world record for the event last night, but still found the 70-foot barrier elusive.

While more than 10,000 fans cheered him on in the 13th annual Oregon Indoor Invitational track meet, Feuerbach first established a meet record at 58-10½ inches, then on his next to last throw set a world standard of 69-5¼ inches, eclipsing the old mark of 69-4½.

With one throw left and the crowd holding its breath, Feuerbach got off a poor final throw of only 62 feet.

"It was really weird," said the long-haired, mustachioed, strongman from the Pacific coast club. "Last night I felt really ready."

He finished second Friday night in the San Francisco Examiner Games to George Woods with 68-4¼.

Polish Olympic gold medal winner Wladyslaw Komar ended up with a toss of 62-7, finishing second.

Steve Prefontaine set an American indoor record for the two-mile run with a time of 8:24.6, wiping out Frank Shorter's time of 8:26.2. He was still 5.4 seconds short of Kerry O'Brien's world mark of 8:19.2.

Olympian Steve Smith, who set an indoor pole vault mark at 18 feet, ¼ inch Friday night in New York, won here at 17 feet.

"I only got about three

hours sleep and the cross country trip took its toll," said Smith.

Another surprise of the evening was a fourth place finish by World Champion Mark Winzenried in the 1,000 yard run, won by Craig Gibson, University of Washington, with a time of 2:10.6. Winzenried had upset Olympic champion Dave Wottle in the 880 Friday night in San Francisco.

Francie Larrieu of the San Jose Cinder Gals upset world champion Debbie Heald in the women's mile, turning in a meet record time of 4:44.2. Miss Heald was a distant second.

Speaking of things weird, as Feuerbach was, there was a strange happening in the 1,000 yard run in the Albuquerque, N.M., Invitational.

The event became an 824-yard run when the gun for the final lap was fired one lap too soon, clouding a victory by Mike Boit of Ken-

ya and Eastern New Mexico University.

Marty Liquori, one of the world's top milers before a foot injury kept him out of competition last year, was bunched with three others in a premature race for second, but officials announced only Boit as the winner, and initially recorded no times.

Kathy Hammond of the Sacramento Roadrunners, world and American record holder in the women's 600-yard run, began to fade on the gun lap and could manage only a third-place finish. Wendy Koenig won the event in 1:21.8, well off Miss Hammond's world mark of 1:20.5.

The meet's luster was dimmed further when Formosa's Chi Cheng, one of the world's top female athletes until an injury in 1970, decided against entering the women's 60-yard hurdles in a comeback attempt, and Sweden's Kjell Isaksson was scratched from the pole vault after pulling a muscle in Friday night's Examiner

Game in San Francisco.

Liquori, who stayed out of a showdown with Kenya's Kip Keino at Albuquerque, said after the race he knew the gun had been fired for the final lap too early.

"I knew we didn't have just one lap to go because I wasn't where I wanted to be when the gun went off and we never heard the half-mile split," Liquori said.

Keino, winner of the Examiner Games mile in 4:03.8, held off a mild challenge by Willie Eashman of Hayward State University and captured the event at Albuquerque in 4:02.7.

Another meet mark went to Olympic marathon gold medalist Frank Shorter who won the two miles in 8:47.4.

Meet officials talked with the five entrants after the busted race and competitors decided against running a full 1,000 yards later in the evening.

Marily Neufville of the

Los Angeles Track Club won the 300-yard dash in 35.4 seconds, a mark that would have been an American record — but Miss Neufville is from Jamaica.

Summaries:

At Albuquerque: Women's 600-1. Wendy Koenig (Colo. Gold), 1:21.8; 2. Anne Gallaheer (Phoenix TC), 1:23.0; 3. Kathy Hammond (Scto. Rdrunners), 1:24.5; Women's 300—1. Marilyn Neufville (LATC), 35.4; 2. Janet Brown (Colo. TC), 36.6; 3. Pam Greene (Mile High TC), 37.0; Mi Walk-J. Brown (Colo. TC), 6:55.8; Women's 60 hurdles—1. Bobette Krug (San Diego), 8.2; Pat Donnelly (SLO TC), 8.6; Men's 60 hurdles—1. White (SC Striders), 7.1; Lance Babb (Cal Int), 7.1; Shot 1. Woods (PCC), 66.634; 2. Oldfield (Chicago TC), 63.734; 3. Walker (SMU), 58-10¼.

220 (Match race) — H. Williams (DC Striders), 22.00. Meriweather (Boston), 22.1; 600 — Cason (Mesa Coll), 1:12.5. Cole N. Mexico, 1:12.7; Women's 1000 — Carol Hudson (Albuquerque), 2:34.7 (meet record). Men's 60—Jackson (El Paso TC), 6.0; S. Williams (D. C. Striders), 6.1; Meriweather (Boston), 6.1; Women's 60—Janet Brown (Colo), 6.9; Martha Watson (LATC), 6.9; PV—Carter (Texas Striders), 17-0; Roberts (Rice), 17-0; Williamson (NYAC), 16-6; Women's HJ—Alice Pfaff (Colo), 5-6; LJ—Baxter (BYU), 23-9¼; Abraham (Baylor), 23-5½; 1000 (shortened by one lap to 824 yards)—Boit (Kenya), Ellison (El Paso TC), no times.

AT OKLAHOMA CITY: 60 HH — Milburn (Southern), 7.0; Stubbs (Louis. Tech), 7.1; Davenport (Unatt), 7.2; Mile—Howe Unatt), 4:05.7; Rose (Unatt), 4:06.6; 60 — Watley (Alab), 6-0; Karikari (Colo), 6.1; 880 Chaancellor (Okla. St) 1:56.7; Akin (Kans St), 1:56.9; LJ — Adams (Colo) 25.2 (meet record); 300 — Schultz Okla St), 30.6; 2 Mi—Starling Alab), 9:09.7; 440 — Newsome (Okla), 49.7; 600 — Harris (Alab), 1:11.7; Dist. Med. R—Okla St, 9:52.6; Mile R—Kansas, 3:19.9; PV—Johnson (Alab), 6-6; SP—Brosius (Kans St), 62-5½.

At Ann Arbor: 35-pound Wt-1. Ac-cambay (Kent), 59¼ (meet record); 240-shuttle hurdle relay—E. Michigan, 29.4; TJ-Craft (Chicago TC), 50-10¼; LJ-Gregory (Mich. St), 24-6; Spr. Med R-Mich. State, 3:28.5; 70 Hurdles-Murray (Mich), 8.3 (equals meet record); 2 Mi Relay-Chicago TC, 7:27.9 (meet record); 2 Miles—L. Hollander (E. Mich), 8:59.8; McOmber (Bowl. Gr), 9:02.5; PV-Karr (Ann Arbor TC), 15-6; Mi Relay—E. Michigan, 3:15.2; Mich. St., 3:15.9; 300-Syphax (Mich), 30.0; Bernard, 31.2; Mile-Popejoy (Mich. St), 4:12.5; Danforth (Bowl. Gr), 4:14.5; Ellis (E. Mich), 4:14.8; Dist. Med R-Chicago TC, 9:55.9; SP-Adams (Mich), 59-5; Tyans (Chicago TC), 59-3¼.

AT PORTLAND: Women's 60—Fran Sighting (SW Oregon), 6.9; 60 HH—Wilson (USC), 7.2; Hall (San Jose CC), 7.3; Rich (UCLA), 7.3; 60—Mays (Oreg), 6.1; Heavrey (Oreg) 6.2; Quarrie (USC), 6.2; LJ—R. Williams (USC), 24-8½; McAllister (UCLA), 24-5; Delemere (WSU), 24-5.

SP—Feuerbach (PCC), 69-5¾; 2 Mi-Prefontaine (Ore.) 8:24.6 for New American Record, Don Kardong (Club Northwest), 8:38; HJ—Tom Woods (Ore. St.), 7-1½; Pat Matzdorf (Club Northwest) 7-½; John Radetich (Ore. TC), 7-½; Rick Fletcher (UCLA), 7-½; PV—Steve Smith (CSLB) 17-0; Mile—Jim Johnson (Wash.), 4:02.4; 500—Fred Newhouse (Phila. AC), 57.6; TJ—Robt. Reader, 52-11¾.