

Meet Gate Mark

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Even though he's from far away Kenya, Kip Keino is wise enough to know that when you have a choice between San Francisco and New York you heed Horace Greeley's advice and "Go West."

As a result, a crowd of 13,995, who crammed every seat and aisle at San Francisco's Cow Palace last night, was provided one of the greatest thrills of ten years of Examiner Games action.

What it got down to, was a cloak and dagger, behind-the-scenes tug-o-war between the East, represented by the New York's Milrose Games faction, supported by the National AAU powers, and the West, with the Pacific Association arm of the AAU and The Examiner.

The winner was the West — and the largest crowd ever to see a meet in Northern California — because Keino simply left "fun city" on the Atlantic seaboard, headed out to California and, after much wrangling, personally made the decision: "I run at the Cow Palace."

Nobody tried to stop him, although it has to be said that Duncan MacDonald, a former Stanford runner, came within a stride and a lunge of beating him out of making it to the tape first.

The 33-year-old Nairobi policeman was asked about MacDonald.

"Who's this MacDonald?" he asked with raised eyebrows. "Nobody tells me about him. He's good. He's good."

MANY OF the fans felt that Keino should have been voted the outstanding performer trophy for his sensational stretch drive. Another faction though, Mark Winzenried, who shipped Olympic gold medalist Dave Wottle to a fare-thee-well in the 880, was the clear cut victor.

But, in the end, the "bull elephant" monopoly was extended to three consecutive years with 300-pound George Woods earning the prize for his shot put win at 68-6¼.

Marty Liquori wouldn't have been a bad choice, either, for his driving finish that wiped out veteran Tracy Smith in the two-miler.

"Good enough time," commented comebacker Liquori after his 8:42.0 run. "Looking at the other times, that's quite satisfying, particularly since I proved to myself, once more, I'm as strong as I've ever been at this point in a season."

THE EXPLANATION of the selection committee of why it selected Woods, who took both the shot put and top prizes away from his old pal, Al Feuerbach, by less than two inches, was: "It was the best mark of the meet."

Olympic long jump gold medalist Randy Williams from USC was second in the consideration for his 26-2¼, resulting a narrow two-inch victory over Olympic "out-of-spacer" (29-2½) Bob Beamon.

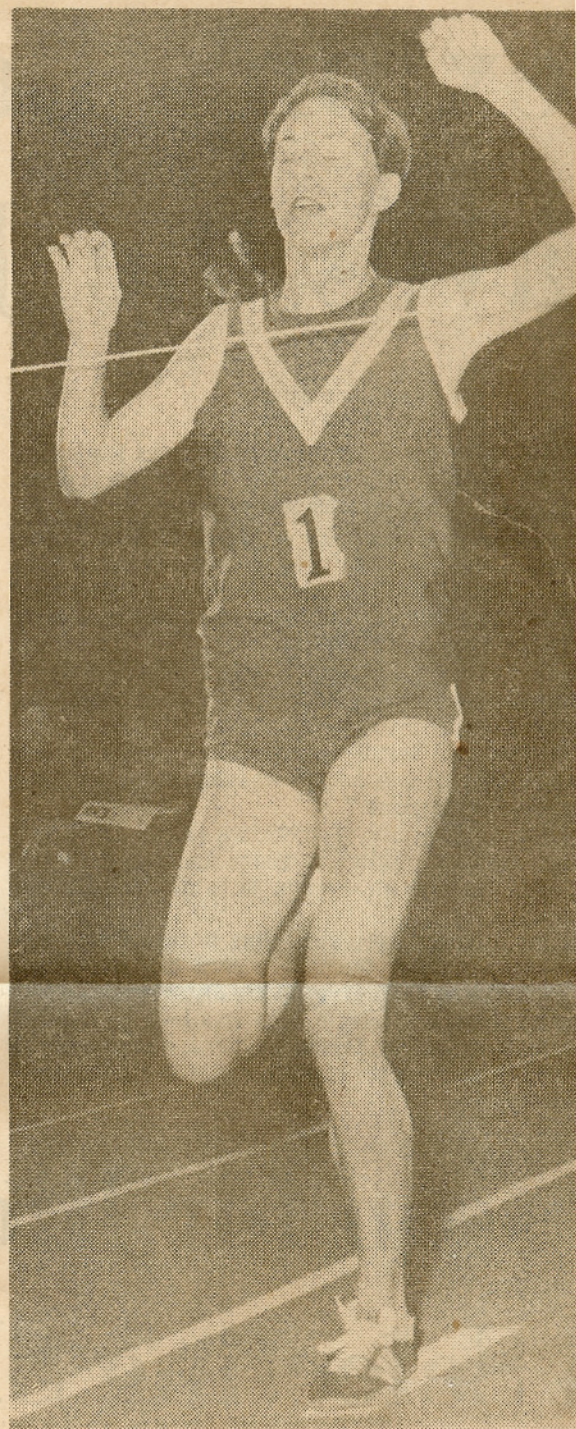
TWO OF America's foremost distaff performers Francie Larrieu and sprinter Mabel Ferguson cast a vote for Women's Lib and doubled the male record production.

Francie blistered a mile in 4:46.8 which, while some eight seconds short of the world's indoor mark, knocked down both Cow Palace and meet records by a considerable margin.

Mabel equalled a Cow Palace - Examiner record with her 6.8 seconds blast in the 60-yarder.

And that's not to forget Kathy Hammond, Sacramento's middle distance blazer. Nobody bothered to time Kathy on her winging anchor leg which brought the Sacramento Roadrunners from 12 yards back to an easy win in the women's sprint relay. But it had to be sensational.

Personable 16-year-old Melody Tenette, Kathy's opposition on the final go-round, could only shake her head and say: "All of a sudden, something went by me like zoom."



FRANCIE LARRIEU HITS THE TAPE
She set meet and Cow Palace records in mile
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Incredible Keino Kick

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beat Dave that's really something. I ran the kind of race I planned: get out in front, because Wottle usually comes so strong at the finish. There was pressure to get, the lead. After that, I concentrated upon relaxing."

Liquori, making the fourth indoor race in his comeback campaign from a foot injury that shelved him for 11 months (including the Olympics), said that 8:42 in the two-mile was "very acceptable, especially because I had no problems with my foot and I felt smoother than in earlier runs."

Smith set the pace in the two-mile, with Liquori 20 feet back until the backstretch on the next-to-last lap. Then slender Marty poured on the coals.

Good Track

"I tried to make my move when Tracy didn't expect it," said Liquori. "The Cow Palace track is a good one. I know it's easy on my foot."

Although the 880, mile and two mile were the top crowd pleasers, there was strong interest, of course, in other

events in the "Golden Hour," all fiercely contested and keenly followed.

There were first-place ties, for instance, in the high jump and pole vault.

High Jump Deadlock

In the high jump, teen-age Olympian Dwight Stone and world-record holder Pat Matzdorf leaped 7 feet to deadlock.

The winning pole vault, 16 feet, 6 inches, was shared by Vic Dias and Bob Slover, both members of the Bay Area Striders and former San Jose State Spartans.

In the short-distance events, Chuck Smith, former Occidental Olympian, flashed home the winner in 6.1 in the 60-yard dash, and Lance Babb, former USC Trojan, an Nth-minute sub for Rod Milburn, picked up the marbles in the 60-yard high hurdles with a 7.1 clocking.

Martin McGrady made a shambles of the 440 with a runaway 49.1 victory, with world-record holder John Smith a struggling fourth. Smith had a 103 temperature in mid-week and McGrady graciously said, "I had no idea he was sick."

Star Now Aims for 19 Feet

NEW YORK — (UPI) — The "other" 18-foot pole vault barrier neatly disposed of, Steve Smith, a young man in a hurry, is already talking about 19 feet. And he's not kidding either.

Smith, who became the first man to ever clear 18 feet — in the Millrose Games, soaring over the bar at 18-feet ¼-inches, called his historic vault "terrible" and then talked about things to come.

No Limit

"There's no limit on how high man can go," the sandy-haired Long Beach State senior said. "As for me, I feel I can go 19 feet outdoors and at least 18-8 before this indoor season is over."

All in all, it was a fairly easy night for the 21-year old Smith, who had to jump only four times as none of his opponents even cleared 17 feet. After easily getting over 17 feet on his first leap of the night, Smith missed once at 17-5 before clearing that.

Then, after ordering the bar set at 18¼, Smith quickly peeled out of his pink paisley sweat pants and without any of the usual fanfare pole vaulters go through skied the new height with ease.

"I don't like to waste any time concentrating," he explained. "I like to get business done with in a hurry."

Other Winners — Rod Milburn, 60-yard hurdles, 7.0; Herb Washington, 60-yard dash, 6.0; Marcel Philippe, 880, 1:52.4; Women's 60-yard dash, Mattline Render, 6.9; Beaufort Brawn, 600, 1:12.1; Henryk Szordykowski, mile 4:04.4.

Alfred Daley, 500, 58.6; Andrej Kupczyk, 1000, 1:52.4; Grant McLaren, two-mile, 8:36.8; Claude Ferrague, high jump, 7.0.

Examiner Results

SENIORS

Mile — 1. Napier (West Valley JS), 4:37.8; 2. Lloyd (Stanford RC), 4:38.3; 3. Teeguarden (Norcal Seniors), 4:39.3; 4. Pratt (Norcal Seniors), 4:39.4; 5. Thornton (High Sierra TC), 4:41.5; 6. Dave Stevenson (Stanford RC), 4:42.6.

60 (40-54) — 1. Lingle (BA Striders), 6.6 (meet and Cow Palace record, former marks 6.7, Lingle, 1972); 2. Sanchez (BA Striders), 6.7; 3. Martin (Norcal Seniors), 6.8; 4. Andrews (BA Striders), 6.9; 5. Washington (unatt), 6.9; 6. Dowell (Norcal Seniors), 7.3.

60(5-up) — 1. Jordan (Stanford), 7.1; 2. Guidet (Norcal Seniors), 7.3; 3. Satti (Norcal Seniors), 7.7; 4. Stevens (unatt), 7.9; 5. Shine (Norcal Seniors), 8.8.

OPEN EVENTS

2-Mile Walk — 1. Klopfer (Stockton Racewalkers), 14:12.4 (meet and Cow Palace record, first time held); 2. Barriley (Athens), 14:20.2; 3. Esteban Valley (Sierra Racewalkers), 14:22.2; 4. Kitchen (Athens), no time; 5. Don Denoon (Blue Angels), 14:32.4.

Devil-Hindmost-Mile — 1. Silva (Chico State), 4:18.2; 2. Brown (Chico State), 4:19; 3. King (Chico State), 4:20.2; 4. Seaver (West Valley TC), 4:24.

60-1. C. Smith (Striders), 6.1; 2. Deckard (Cal Intl TC), 6.2; 3. Breddell (San Jose State), 6.2; 4. Quarrrie (USC-Jamaica), 6.2; 5. Curl (Stanford), 6.3; 6. Payton (BA Striders), 6.3.

60 Hurdles — 1. Babb (Cal Intl TC), 7.1; 2. Wilson (USC), 7.2; 3. Hall (San Jose CC), 7.2; 4. Carty (BA Striders), 7.3; 5. Bagshaw (Stanford), 7.5; 6. Whitley (San Jose St), 7.7.

Mile Relay — 1. Stanford (Hogsett, Kring, Bagshaw, Anderson), 3:24; 2. Bay Area Striders, 3:28.2; 3. California, 3:28.9.

Mile — 1. Keino (Kenya), 4:03.8; 2. Macdonald (Outrigger Canoe Club, Hawaii), 4:03.8; 3. Eashman (Cal Hayward), 4:06.8; 4. Mittelstadt (Stanford), 4:08.2; 5. Macdonald (Bowling Green), 4:10.4; 6. Domingo Tibaduzza (Colombia), 4:23.4.

Shot — 1. Woods (Pac. Coast Club), 68-6¼; 2. Feuerbach (PCC), 68-4; 3. Oldfield (Chicago TC), 64-10½; 4. Komar (Poland), 62-2½.

440 — 1. McGrady (Cal Intl), 49.1; 2. Bayless (BA Striders), 50.6; 3. Dees (BA Striders), 50.7; 4. J. Smith (unatt), 50.7.

Two Miles — 1. Liquori (Florida TC), 8:42.0; 2. T. Smith (Athletes in Action), 8:44.0; 3. Brock (Club West), 8:53.0; 4. Anderson (Oregon TC), 9:00.4; 5. Maxwell (Cal), 9:02.6; 6. Dare (West Valley TC), 9:14.4.

880 — 1. Winzenreid (Club West), 1:51.3; 2. Wottle (Bowling Green), 1:53.1; 3. Hahike (Cal Poly, SLO/Denmark), 1:54.4; 4. Whitney (Striders), 1:56.3; 5. Bentz (Cal), 1:56.8.

High Jump — 1. Matzdorf (Club West), 7-1; 2. Stones (Pac. Coast), 7-0; 3. (Tie)-Culp (USC), R. Brown (Cal Poly, SLO) 6-10; 5. Lowe (unatt), C. Johnson (BA Striders), 6-8.

Pole Vault — 1. (Tie)-Dias (BA Striders), Slover (BA Striders), 16-6; 3. Isaksson (Sweden), 16-6; 4. Pullard (USC), 16-0; 5. Royal (San Jose), 16-0; 6. Richard (Pac. Coast), 16-0.

JUNIOR COLLEGES

Sprint Medley Relay — 1. Laney, Oakland (Robinson, Peters, Coleman, Hayes), 3:35.5; 2. City College San Francisco, 3:35.5; 3. Skyline, 3:35.9; 4. Contra Costa, 3:37.8; 5. Porterville, 3:38.2.

Mile Relay — 1. San Jose City (Green, Hart, Graven, Cooper),

3:32.4; 2. Hancock 3:32.5; 3. Skyline 3:34.4; 4. CCSF, 3:38.8.

Triple Jump — 1. Krebs (Foothill), 49-2½; 2. Peters (Laney), 46-10; 3. Williams (San Jose City), 46-7¼; 4. Triplett (West Valley TC), 5. Hibner (Fresno CC), 46-5¼.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Sprint Medley Relay (One mile) — 1. El Cerrito (Brewer, Walker, Wallace, Ennis), 3:44.2; 2. Fremont, Oakland 3:44.9; 3. Amador Valley, 3:45.8; 4. Buchser, Santa Clara 3:59.8.

Triple Jump — 1. Wells (Balboa), 47-3½; 2. Thorp (Cupertino), 46-2 ¾; 3. Harris (Milpitas), 46-0; 4. Miller (Sacramento), 45-1¼; 5. Haynes (El Cerrito), 45-4¾.

2 Miles — 1. Taylor (Merced), 9:10.2; 2. Kimball (DeLaSalle), 9:14.2; 3. Kingery (San Carlos), 9:15.3; 4. Geiken (Cubberly, Palo Alto), 9:29.0; 5. Kissin (San Ramon), 9:29.2; 6. Ruffatto (Washington, Fremont) 9:30.8.

60-1. Shver (Albany), 6.2 (equals meet and Cow Palace record by Jim Hines, Oakland, 1964, Mel Gray, Santa Rosa, 1967); 2. Farmer (Wilson, S.F.), 6.3; 3. Alexander (Kennedy, Sacramento), 6.3; 4. Glass (Castlemont, Oakland), 6.3; 5. Hampton (Silver Creek, San Jose, 6:5); 6. Walter (Wilson, S.F.), 6.6.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Long Jump — 1. Andrews (Bay Area Striders), 21-2; (Meet record, new event); 2. Green (Dusters TC), 18-2¾; 3. Washington (unatt), 17-8½; 4. Frederickson (unatt.), 15-10¼; 5. Huseny (unatt.), 15-9¾.

High Jump — 1. Kathy McQuillan (Will's Spikettes), 5-6; 2. Cindy Gilbert (La Jolla TC) 5-6; 3. Beth McQuillan (Will's Spikettes), 5-4; 4. Denise Kemp (Will's Spikettes), 5-4.

60 — 1. Mabel Ferguson (West Coast Jets), 6.8 (equals meet and Cow Palace record); 2. Creola Miller (Ravenswood Juliettes), 6.9; 3. Annette Robinson (Berkeley TC), 7.0; 4. Janet Svendsen (unatt.), 7.1; 5. Kathy Weston (Will's Spikettes), 7.1; 6. Williamae Ferguson (West Coast Jets), 7.2.

Mile — 1. Francie Larrieu (San Jose Cindergals), 4:46.8 (Cow Palace and meet record; former mark: 4:53.2, Eileen Clausus, Will's Spikettes, 1972); 2. Mary Decker (Will's Spikettes), 4:59.2; 3. Tena Anex (Will's Spikettes), 4:59.2; 4. Cyndy Poor (San Jose Cindergals), 4:59.6; 5. Valerie Eberly (San Jose Cindergals), 5:09.5.

AGE GROUP RELAYS

Girls — 7. Richmond Lions (Petra Brown, Jackie Lynch, Diane Parker, Rosilyne Smith, Karen Mason, Kim Johnson), 2:10.1 (meet record, former mark 2:11.1, Millbrae Lions, 1972); 2. Orinda Track Club, 2:10.6; 3. Millbrae Lions, 2:13; 4. Salinas Valley TC, 2:12.3.

Boys — 1. San Juan Striders (Tyner, Rodrigo, Eddy, Buns, Burris, Purkiss), 2:05.6 (meet record, former mark 2:05.9, Herbert Hoover, 1971); 2. Herbert Hoover, 2:06.8; 3. Millbrae Lions, 2:1.0; Salinas Valley TC, did not finish.

COLLEGES

Spring Medley Relay — 1. Cal Poly, SLO (Olsen, Mead, Prince, Lamb), 3:35.7; 2. S.F. State, 3:36.1; 3. Humboldt State, 3:39.1; 4. Cal State Hayward, 3:40.8; 5. U.C. Davis, 3:46.0.

Pole vault — 1. Getchell (Chico St.), 14-6; 2. Pierce (Cal Poly, SLO), 14-6; 3. Haagen (Cal Poly, SLO), 13-6.

Mile relay — 1. Cal Poly, SLO (Markham, Gold, Johnson, Harris), 3:29.8; 2. UC Davis, 3:30.7; 3. Chico State, 3:35.3; 4. Humboldt State, 3:38.3; 5. Cal State Hayward, 3:39.9.