

USA-USSR

scoreboard

Women's 100 meter—1, Evelyn Ashford, U.S., 11.22. 2, Lyudmila Maslakova, Soviet, 11.48. 3, Lyudmila Kondratyeva, Soviet, 11.49. 4, Karen Hawkins, U.S., 11.83.

Men's 100—1, Steve Riddick, U.S., 10.37. 2, Clancy Edwards, U.S., 10.39. 3, Vladimir Ignatenko, Soviet, 10.49. 4, Aleksandr Aksinin, Soviet, 10.57.

Women's high jump—1, Louise Ritter, U.S., 6-1 $\frac{3}{4}$. 2, Tatyana Astachova, Soviet, 6- $\frac{1}{2}$. 3, Pam Spencer, U.S., 5-11. 4, Nina Zyuskova, Soviet, 5-3.

Women's discus—1, Faina Myelnik-Veleva, Soviet, 212-8. 2, Natalya Gorbacheva, Soviet, 207-3. 3, Lorna Griffin, U.S., 172. 4, Lynne Winbigger, U.S., 166-).

Women's 100 hurdles—1, Tatyana Anisimova, Soviet, 12.96, meet record; old record 13.09 by Natalia Lebedeva, Soviet, 1976. 2, Natalia Lebedeva, Soviet, 12.98. 3, Deby LaPlante, U.S., 13.13, American record; old record 13.14 by Patty Van Wolvelaere, Southern Cal, 1978. 4, Patty Van Wolvelaere, U.S., 13.19.

Men's 110 Hurdles—1, Greg Foster, U.S., 13.46, meet record; old record, 13.48 by Charles Foster, U.S., 1976. 2, Viktor Myasnikov, Soviet, 13.47, Soviet record; old mark 13.50 by Myasnikov in 1976. 3, Kerry Bethel, U.S., 13.64. 4, Vyacheslav Kulebyakin, Soviet, 13.67.

Women's 400—1, Patricia Jackson, U.S., 51.15, meet record; old record 51.77 by Nadyezhda Ilynia, Soviet, 1976. 2, Maria Kulchinova, Soviet, 51.59. 3, Sharon Dabney, U.S., 52.25. 4, Nina Zyuskova, Soviet, 52.60.

Women's 400—1, Patricia Jackson, U.S., 51.2, meet record; old record 51.77 by Nadyezhda Ilynia, Soviet, 1976. 2, Maria Kulchinova, Soviet, 51.5. 3, Sharon Dabney, U.S., 52.3. 4, Nina Zyuskova, Soviet, 52.6.

Women's javelin—1, Sherry Calvert, U.S., 207-11. 2, Emilia Pryma, Soviet, 186-10. 3, Lynn Cannon, U.S., 173-11. 4, Nadyzhda Yakubovich, Soviet, 109-4.

Men's 5,000—1, Martin Liguori, U.S., 13:53.4. 2, Matt Centrowicz, U.S., 13:53.4. 3, Mikhail Ulmov, Soviet, 13:54.4. 4, Boris Kuzmetsov, 13:54.6.

Women's 1,500—1, Zamira Zaitseva, Soviet, 4:04.8. 2, Jan Merrill, U.S., 4:05.4. 3, Olga Dvirna, Soviet, 4:10.7. 4, Debbie Heald, U.S., 4:18.6.

Men's triple jump—1, Anatoliy Piskulin, Soviet, 55-3 $\frac{3}{4}$. 2, James Butts, U.S., 54-8 $\frac{3}{4}$. 3, Gennadiy Valyukevich, Soviet, 53-2 $\frac{1}{4}$. 4, Rayfield Dupree, U.S., 51-10 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Men's 1,500—1, Steve Scott, U.S., 3:38.4, ties meet record set by Mike Durkin, U.S., 1976. 2, Valeriy Abramov, Soviet, 3:38.6. 3, Anatoliy Mamontov, Soviet, 3:38.9. 4, Bruce Fischer, U.S., 3:44.0.

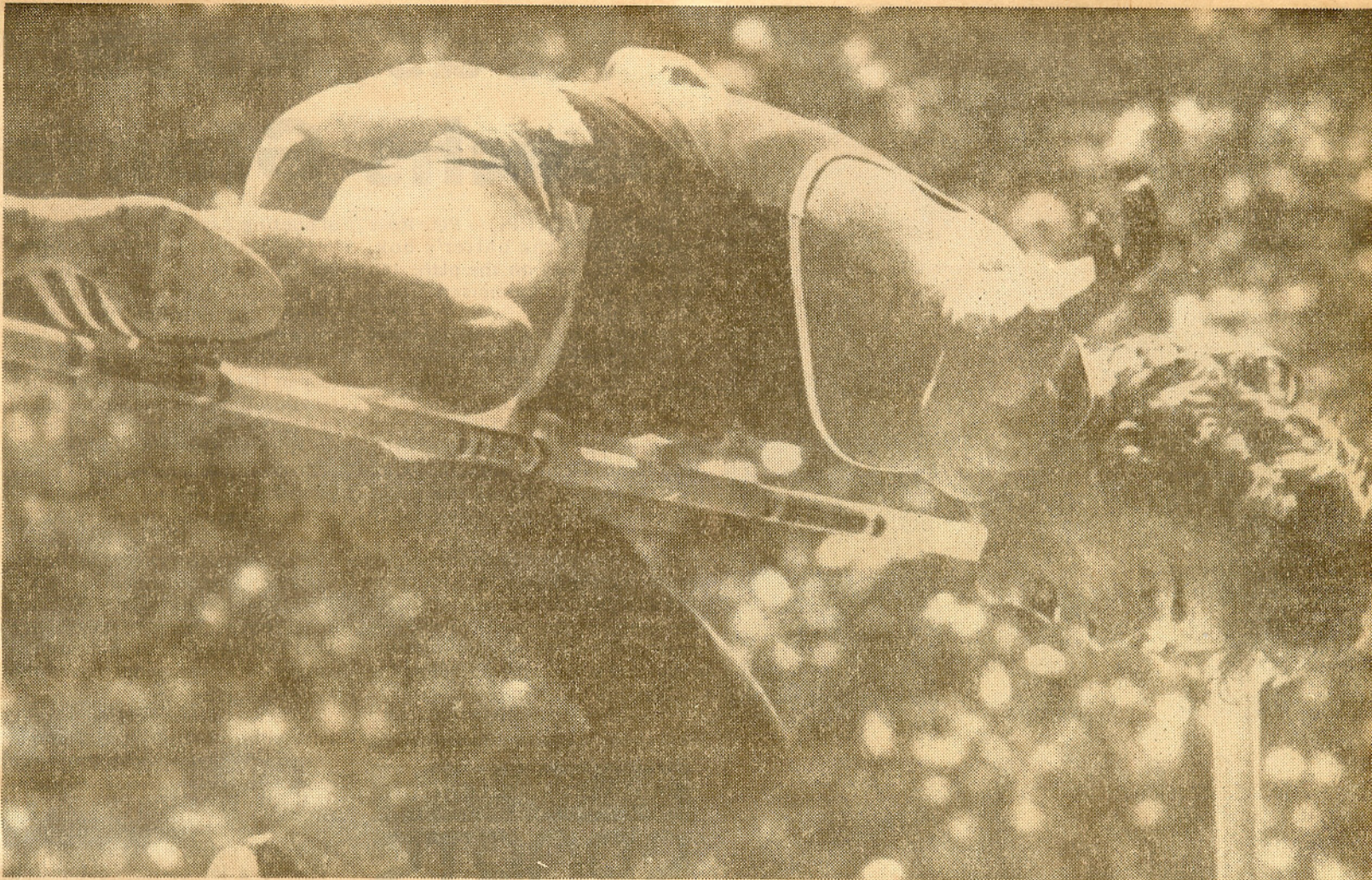
Men's 400—1, Stan Vinson, U.S., 45.94; 2, Maxie Parks, U.S., 46.36. 3, Nikolai Chelnitskiy, Soviet, 46.67. 4, Viktor Burakov, Soviet, 46.69.

Men's pole vault—1, Yevgeniy Tananika, Soviet, 17-11 $\frac{3}{4}$. 2, Vladimir Trofimenko, Soviet, 17-11 $\frac{3}{4}$. 3, Jeff Taylor, U.S., 17-7 $\frac{3}{4}$. (No 4th).

Men's shot put—1, Yevgeniy Mironov, Soviet, 68-2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2, Anatoliy Yarosh, Soviet, 65-4. 3, Colin Anderson, U.S., 64-2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 4, Doug Price, U.S., 59-6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Women's 400 relay—1, Soviet, Vera Anisimova, Lyudmila Maslakova, Lyudmila Kondratyeva, Lyudmila Storozhkova, 43.27. 2, U.S., Gail Douglas, Stephanie Brown, Karen Hawkins, Evelyn Ashford, 43.97.

Men's 400 relay—1, U.S., Don Coleman, Eddie Hart, Clancy Edwards, Steve Riddick, 39.14. 2, Soviet, Vladimir Ignatenko, Nikolai Kolesnikov, Aleksandr Aksinin, Valeriy Borzov, 39.29.



Soviet high jumper Vladimir Yashchenko goes over the bar in the high jump. Yashchenko won the event with fewer misses clearing 7-5¼.

By **ED JACOBOWSKY**
Times Sports Writer

BERKELEY—Because University of California athletic director Dave Maggard has been around the horn as an athlete, coach, administrator and fan, the 1978 version of "The Russians are Coming! The Russians are Coming!" in Berkeley may have a lasting impact on track and field in the United States.

No one was predicting an end to the "cold war" between the Amateur Athletic Union and the athletes of this country as a result of the happy atmosphere that pervaded Berkeley during the weekend's outstanding track and field meeting between the United States and the USSR at Cal's Edwards Stadium. But even the most cynical of American athletes recognized some positive signs.

Maggard's insistence that the national body make every effort to field the best possible team—even by paying round-trip fare for any qualified American athletes currently competing in Europe—led to the U.S. victory in the over-all point scoring.

The margin wasn't tremendously wide—190 points for the U.S., 177 for the Soviet Union—but the elimination of any one of several of the athletes who were brought back likely would have reversed the outcome.

"It was a positive step, it must help," agreed Mac Wilkins, who didn't approach his world discus record effort on Saturday's final day of competition, but did win at 216-6. From Wilkins, a notorious critic of the AAU, that's saying a lot.

Wilkins, who returned from European competition only Friday evening, cautioned, however, that "it can't be one step and then go back . . . it has to be continual," a fear voiced by many of the athletes and even some coaches.

"Maybe the AAU has learned that if they want to make money, they have to spend money," Wilkins observed as he surveyed the packed house of about 22,000 fans.

It was obvious those fans appreciated the return of athletes such as Wilkins, sprinter Steve Williams, shot putter Maren Seidler, middle distance standout James Robinson, long jumper Arnie Robinson . . . all second-day winners. And there were several other returnees who won or scored runnerup points that contributed heavily to the United States win.

In previous years, it had been more difficult for this country to field a top team for the home meetings with the Russians than for those abroad simply because athletes would not give up or cut short European tours and the AAU would not spend the money to bring them back.

Maggard told the AAU that "with a lot of guys in Europe, we have to be protected." The AAU agreed and allowed a clause in the contract giving that assurance, a clause the Cal AD made certain was enforced.

As a result, Maggard, when asked what disappointments there might have been for him in the meet, replied, "none that I know of."

That feeling was echoed by Larry Ellis, the U.S. team coach from Princeton, who noted that "everybody came back wanting to compete and help wherever they could. Nobody had to twist any arms."

Williams, for example, had been on the same plane that returned Wilkins to this country at 6 p.m. Friday, connections unfortunately making it impossible for him to get here in time to run, as scheduled, on the 400-meter relay team.

But a hamstring muscle pull suffered the previous day by Clancy Edwards created a void in the 200 meter sprint.

Williams filled the void with a tremendous finish for a victory in 20.67, overtaking fellow American Tony Darden (20.68) in the process.

Williams was around too short a time to really set caught up in the spirit of the team, but not so Portola Valley's Seidler, who leaves Tuesday for Munich, Germany,

where she will stay for two months of training after placing second against the Russians.

"The atmosphere was real relaxed here," she said of the Berkeley experience. "It was a good staff and they tried to see that we had whatever we needed."

Seidler, whose second place at 59-9 was the first finish that high by an American woman since 1959, noted that she had come to the meet "expecting to get my customary third place, so I'm very pleased."

Although they wound up on the short end of the scoring by a 75-71 count, the U.S. gals continued their solid showing of the opening day. Perhaps the most exciting competition of the entire two days was the distaff 1600-meter relay in which the opponents ran neck-and-neck for most of the four laps until American anchor gal Essie Kelly overcame a slim Soviet lead to win by seven-tenth of a second in meet record 3:28.2.

Both teams then circled the track, hand-in-hand, eight across in a show of what the competition really is all about.

Kelly earlier had impressed with a best-of-life (by two full seconds) 2:01.0 in the 800 meters for second place, again having to battle over the last few meters for her spot.

Best of the United States women, however, probably was Evelyn Ashford, who Saturday added the 200-meter crown to the 100 title she won the day before. Ashford's 22.69 time also was a meet record.

Jodi Anderson (21-9 in leading a one-two sweep) in the long jump was the only other U.S. second day winner among the women.

The American men, however, dominated second day action much as they did the first day, winning seven of 12 events, including sweeps of the steeplechase, 200 and long jump.

Most popular U.S. winner was James Robinson, a Cal product who came from behind on the final stretch to win the 800 meters in 1:46.9 as the partisan crowd screamed its support.

In the steeplechase, Henry Marsh clocked 8:33.8 and Jim Johnson 8:36.4 in running away from a tightly-bunched pack on the final lap; in the 200, Williams and Darden did their thing, and in the long jump Arnie Robinson laped 26-3 and Bob Calhoun 25-7 to account for the one-twins.

The other U.S. men's second-day wins came in the 400 intermediate hurdles where James Walker won handily in 48.91, and the 1600 relay, won by a huge margin in 3:02.8.

In the most highly-publicized Saturday event, the high jump, came close to ending up in a stand-off when both Russia's world record holder Vladimir Yashchenko and America's little Franklin Jacobs failed at 7-7, with the Russian setting the first place at 7-5 on fewer misses enroute up.

Soviet wins Saturday came in the hammer (Yuriy Syedikh 246-8), the 20-kilometer walk (Nicolai Polozov 1:30:04); the javelin (Nikolai Grebnev 285-9 with Bob Rossy of the U.S. impressive at 272-0 for second), and the 10,000-meter run (Leonid Moseyev 28:46.6).

For the Russian gals, the victories came in the shot put (Svetlana Melnikova 61-0); the 3,000-meter run (Svetlana Ulmasoya 8:42.6) and the 800 (Tatyana Providkhina 1:59.0).

Track

USA-USSR MEET

Saturday's results

Men's hammer—1, Yuri Syedikh, Soviet Union, 246-8. 2, Aleksei Seiridonov, Soviet Union, 239-3. 3, Boris Djerassi, U.S., 223-11. 4, Emmitt Berry, U.S., 202-7.

Men's 20 kilometer walk—1, Nicolai Polozov, Soviet Union, 1:30:04. 2, Todd Scully, U.S., 1:32:13. 3, Larry Walker, U.S., 1:34:15. (No 4th, Nicolai Vinichenko, Soviet Union, disqualified).

Women's 3,000—1, Svetlana Ulmasova, Soviet Union, 8:42.6. 2, Jan Merrill, U.S., 8:44.0. 3, Raisa Salfredinova, Soviet Union, 8:55.2. 4, Cindy Bremser, U.S., 9:04.8.

Men's 400 hurdles—1, James Walker, U.S., 48.91. 2, Vasilii Arkhipenko, Soviet Union, 49.92. 3, Tom Andrews, U.S., 50.32. 4, Dmitriy Stukalov, Soviet Union, 50.52.

Men's high jump—1, Vladimir Yaschenko, Soviet Union, 7-5 1/4. 2, Franklin Jacobs, U.S., 7-5 1/4. 3, Benn Fields, U.S., 7-3 3/4. 4, Gennadiy Belkov, Soviet Union, 7-1 1/2.

Men's discus—1, Mac Wilkins, U.S., 216-6. 2, Nikolai Vikhor, Soviet Union, 209-9. 3, Igor Duginets, Soviet Union, 205-1. 4, Dave Voorhees, U.S., 186-5.

Women's 200—1, Evelyn Ashford, U.S., 22.69, meet record; old record, 22.81, Marina Sidorova, Soviet Union, 1977. 2, Lyudmila Kondratyeva, Soviet Union, 23.31. 3, Elizabeth Young, U.S., 23.69. 4, Vera Anisimova, Soviet Union, 23.86.

Women's long jump—1, Jodi Anderson, U.S., 21-9 1/2. 2, Kathy McMillan, U.S., 21-3 1/2. 3, Vilma Bardakene, Soviet Union, 21-3 1/4. 4, Lyudmila Maslakova, Soviet Union, 20-8 3/4.

Men's 200—1, Steve Williams, U.S., 20.67. 2, Tony Darden, U.S., 20.68. 3, Aleksandr Aksinin, Soviet Union, 21.12. 4, Nicolai Kolesnikov, Soviet Union, 21.13.

Men's 3,000 steeplechase—1, Henry Marsh, U.S., 8:33.8. 2, Jim Johnson, U.S., 8:36.4. 3, Alexandr Skripkin, Soviet Union, 8:38.8. 4, Vladimir Isakov, Soviet Union, 8:42.6.

Women's 800—1, Tatyana Providokhina, Soviet Union, 1:59.0. 2, Essie Kelly, U.S., 2:01.0. 3, Nina Kovylina, Soviet Union, 2:01.0. 4, Ruth Caldwell, U.S., 2:05.3.

Women's shot put—1, Svetlana Melnikova, Soviet, 61-0. 2, Maren Seidler, U.S., 59-9 3/4. 3, Faina Myelnik-Veleva, Soviet, 59-3. 4, Ann Turbyne, U.S., 51-10.

Men's long jump—1, Arnie Robinson, U.S., 26-3 1/2. 2, Bob Calhoun, U.S., 25-7. 3, Valeriy Podluzhny, Soviet, 25-3 1/2. 4, Anatoliy Piskulin, Soviet, 24-10.

Men's javelin—1, Nikolai Grebnev, Soviet, 285-9. 2, Bob Roggy, U.S., 272-0. 3, Vasilii Yershov, Soviet, 269-9. 4, Bill Schmidt, U.S., 264-4.

Men's 800—1, James Robinson, U.S., 1:46.9. 2, Vladimir Ponomarev, Soviet, 1:47.5. 3, Viktor Anokhin, Soviet, 1:48.1. 4, Conrad Suhr, U.S., 1:48.6.

Men's 10,000—1, Leonid Moseyev, Soviet, 28:46.6. 2, Safymkul Dzhumanazarov, Soviet, 28:49.0. 3, Greg Fredericks, U.S., 28:59.4. 4, Randy Thomas, U.S., 29:14.4.

Women's 1,600 relay—1, U.S., Sharon Dabney, Kim Thomas, Patricia Jackson, Essie Kelly, 3:28.2, meet record; old record 3:28.6 by USSR, 1977. 2, Soviet, Nina Zyusikova, Ingrida Barkane, Theyana Prorochenko and Maria Kuchinova, 3:28.9.

Men's 1,600 relay—1, U.S., James Walker, James Robinson, Stan Vinson, Maxie Parks, 3:03.8. 2, Soviet, Vasilii Arkhipenko, Sergei Lovachev, Viktor Burakov and Nikolai Chernitskiy, 3:05.1.

Scoring—U.S. men 119, Soviet men 102; Soviet women 75, U.S. women 71; overall, U.S. 190, Soviet Union 177.

USA-USSR JUNIOR MEET

MOSCOW (AP) — Summaries Sunday in the USA-USSR junior track and field meet (distances in meters):

Women

100 hurdles—1, Silva Oya, USSR, 13.90. 2, Casetta Young, USA, 13.91. 3, Yekaterina Kalyakina, USSR, 14.07. 4, Benita Fitzgerald, USA, 14.28.

200—1, Natalya Bochina, USSR, 25.06. 2, Patricia Dunlap, USA, 25.40. 3, Celia Bolton, USA, 25.65. 4, Irina Yushchenko, USSR, 26.02.

800—1, Nina Shirokova, USSR, 2:11.7. 2, Darlene Bickford, USA, 2:11.7. 3, Ravilya Agletdinova, USSR, 2:12.0. 4, Ann Reagan, USA, 2:12.5.

Discus—1, Yelena Kovaleva, USSR, 167-4 1/2. 2, Yelena Kushnirenko, USSR, 162-2 1/2. 3, Kvstie Pyle, USA, 145-8 3/4. 4, Leslie Dennis, USA, 144-4 1/4.

High jump—1, Natalya Rodionova, USSR, 6-0 1/2. 2, Coleen Rainstran, USA, 6-0 1/2. 3, Margaret Metcalf, USA, 5-10 1/8. 4, Silva Oya, USSR, 5-10 1/8.

1,600 relay—1, USA (Elize Emerson, Gwen Gardner, Mary Franklin, Freda Cobbs, 3:43.2. 2, USSR, (disqualified).

Men

200—1, Eric Brown, USA, 21.54. 2, Andrei Prokofyev, USSR, 21.64. 3, Anatoliy Litvinov, USSR, 21.75. 4, Lamont King, USA, 21.98.

800—1, Todd Harbour, USA, 1:49.1. 2, Alexei Litvinov, USSR, 1:49.3. 3, Charles Aragon, USA, 1:51.0. 4, Pavel Troshchilo, USSR, 1:53.3.

3,000 steeplechase—1, Larry Mangan, USA, 9:02.0. 2, Jeff Hess, USA, 9:08.9. 3, Yuri Lokotkov, USSR, 9:25.6. 4, Sergei Vershinin, USSR, 9:30.6.

5,000—1, Sergei Navolokin, USSR, 14:31.7. 2, Ross Donohue, USA, 14:37.0. 3, Charles Assumma, USA, 14:37.4. 4, Nikolai Yavorsky, USSR, 14:43.0.

High jump—1, Jim Fraser, USA, 7-2 1/4. 2, Yuri Repikha, USSR, 7-1. 3, Valery Sereda, 6-10 3/4. 4, Robert Flowers, USA, (did not clear startling mark).

Shot put—1, Sergei Gavryushin, USSR, 58-8 3/4. 2, Michael Carter, USA, 58-4 3/4. 3, Vince Goldsmith, USA, 56-5 1/4. 4, Alexander Gorbenco, USSR, 55-2 1/2.

Triple jump—1, Vladimir Chernikov, USSR, 53-1 1/2. 2, Senia Ouleby, USA, 52-7 1/2. 3, Alexander Kotkov, USSR, 52-2 3/4. 4, Greg Artis, USA, 51-6 1/4.

Discus—1, Vladimir Zinchenko, USSR, 192-9 1/2. 2, Georgi Kolnoochenko, USSR, 177-2. 3, Neil Serafinas, USA, 161-8.

10,000 walk—1, Sergei Gavrilenko, USSR, 44:03.8. 2, Sergei Protsishin, USSR, 48:29.5. 3, Raymond Sharp, USA, 47:19.5. 4, Mike Morris, USA, 48:42.6.

1,600 relay—1, United States (Chavis Pier-son, Toni Tufarello, Larry Goldstone, Brian Denman), 3:09.1. 2, Soviet Union, 3:13.4.

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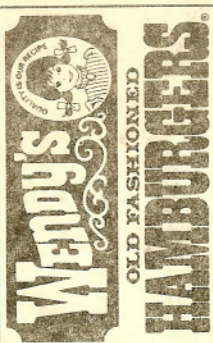
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July 7-8, 1978

The greatest rivalry in track and field returns to the Bay Area for the third time this summer, when the United States and Soviet Union men's and women's teams match up for the fifteenth time.

For the Soviets, it will be a pleasure beyond athletic competition, for they have enjoyed their visits to northern California. They were regular entrants in the Athens indoor meets in Oakland, and the two most memorable outdoor dual meets in the USA-USSR series were at Stanford in 1962 and at Berkeley in 1971.

For American athletes, the AAU national championships in June take on added significance, because the top two finishers in each event there will represent the United States against the top two from the USSR nationals.

For American spectators, this might well be the last opportunity to see the Soviet track and field athletes before the 1980 Olympiade in Moscow.

For the University of California, it will be an addition to a history that already has witnessed international athletic spectacles in gymnastics, wrestling, baseball, tennis, rugby and water polo as well as track and field.

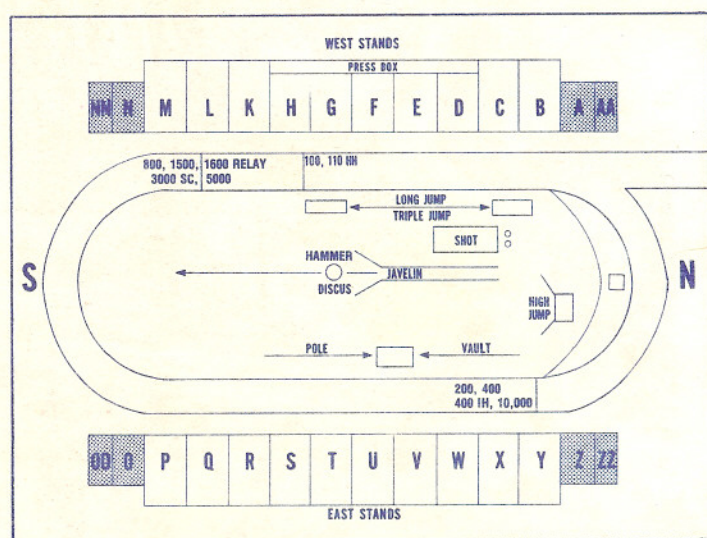
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Berkeley, July 3, 1971—The lean, lanky jumper paused at the top of his approach, then headed for the bar. Over 21,000 spectators, athletes, and officials held their breath as one. Then he was up, and over, and the bar quivered, but stayed—and there was instant pandemonium...

That was Pat Matzdorf, who reached a new height—7'6 3/4"—in the USA/USSR-World All-Stars high jump, the leap of his life. It was the tenth world record in the history of Edwards Stadium, and only one of many in the records of USA-USSR competition. For many of those who were there, it was one of the highlights of a lifetime. In 1978, it's your turn.

USA — USSR Past Results

Year	Men	Women
1958	126-109	44-63
1959	127-108	40-67
1960	124-111	36-38
1962	128-107	41-66
1963	119-114	28-75
1964	139-97	48-59
1965	112-118	43½-63½
1969	125-111	70-67
1970	122-114	59-78
1971	126-110	60-76
1974	117-102	67-90
1975	89-129	49-96
1976	115-107	42-104
1977	105-118	66-89



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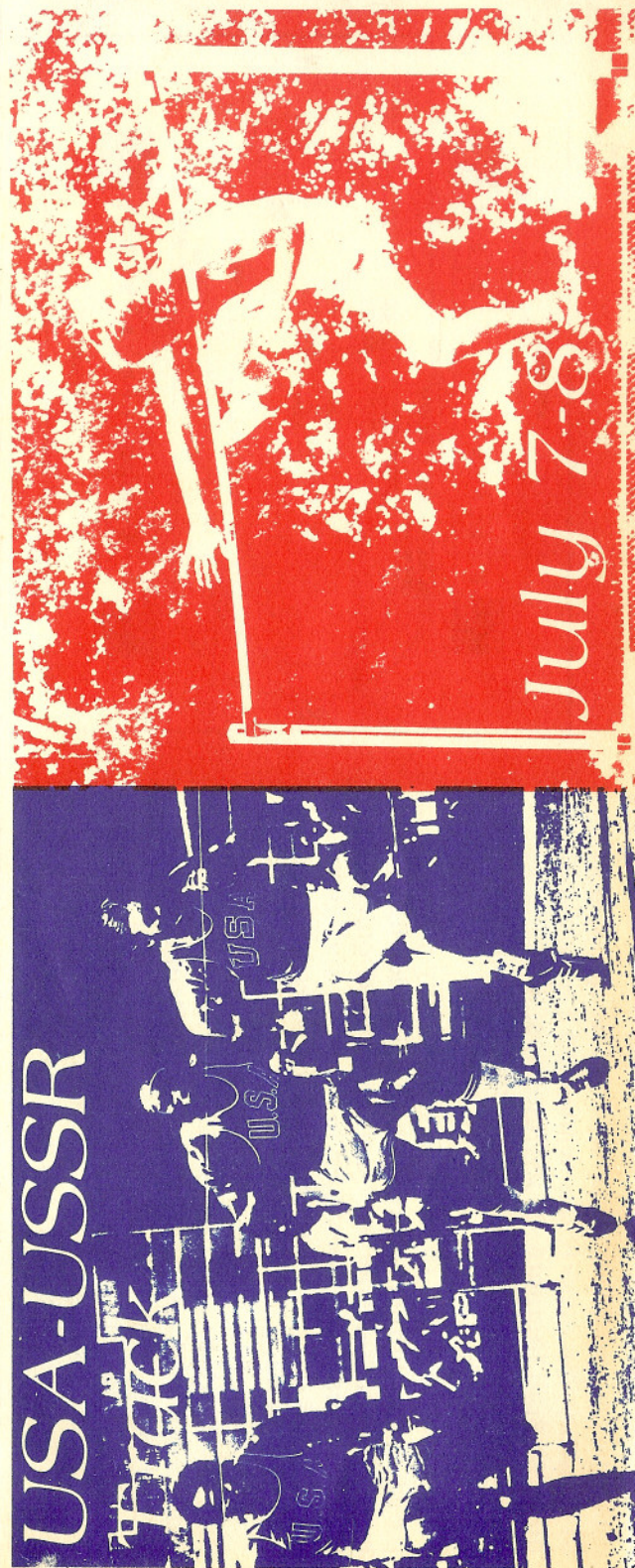
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Friday, July 7, 3:30 p.m.

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Men's hammer throw
Women's high jump
Women's 100 meters
Men's 100 meters
Men's pole vault
Men's 110-meter high hurdles
Women's 400 meters
Women's 1500 meters
Women's discus
Men's triple jump
Men's 10,000 meters
Men's shot put
Men's 1500 meters
Women's javelin
Men's 400 meters
Women's 400 meter relay
Men's 400 meter relay

Saturday, July 8, 1 p.m.

Men's high jump
Men's 20 KM walk
Men's 400 intermediate hurdles
Women's 200 meters
Men's 200 meters
Women's 100 meter hurdles
Men's discus
Women's 800 meters
Women's shot put
Men's long jump
Men's 5000 meters
Men's 800 meters
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Men's 1600 meter relay
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U.S., Russian track stars open Berkeley meet Friday

7/6/78
By ED JACOBOWSKY
Times Sports Writer

BERKELEY — In 1971, the National Amateur Athletic Union pocketed a pretty healthy check at the conclusion of the annual Russian-United States track meet, held that summer in the University of California's Edwards Stadium.

And the Russians went home again extolling the virtues of the Bay Area which they had seen for the second time, having first visited Northern California in 1962 for that unforgettable meet in Stanford Stadium.

Thus, says California athletic director Dave Maggard, it is by popular demand — both from the Russians and from the AAU — that this year's 20th anniversary of what Michael Baka, the Soviet's government representative with the team, calls the "Meet of Giants" will be held Friday and Saturday in Berkeley.

The Russians, despite one of the youngest teams they've fielded, apparently have come loaded for bear, and the United States will counter with a team that U.S. head coach Larry Ellis of Princeton says is "probably stronger this year than it has been in the past, mainly because the AAU has consented to bring people back from Europe to compete here."

In previous years, the AAU had little trouble putting its best foot forward for the meets in Russia, but refused to foot the bill to return touring America athletes from Europe in years when the meet has been held in this country.

This year, for the first time, the national body that governs amateur athletics, has agreed to do all in its power to assure the best possible opposition to the Russians.

Top names on the Soviet squad are those of Valeriy Borzov, the Russians' double Olympic sprint champ, and young Vladimir Yashchenko, their world high jump record holder.

Borzov, however, isn't in top shape and probably will run only in the 400-meter relay, closing event on Friday's opening day card, while Yashchenko voiced disappointment that he wouldn't be able to finally meet former record holder Dwight Stones, whose financial dealings with promoters recently got him on the AAU's suspended list.

Yashchenko, whose outdoor world mark is 7-8 and who has done 7-8 indoors, is not the only world record holder on hand.

History's top male and female discus throwers will be out in search of new records, Russia's Faina Myelnik-Veleva having heaved the women's orb out of sight with a 231-3 effort last year, and only six inches shy of that mark in her best 1978 attempt.

Wilkins set the men's mark at 232-6 two years ago and this year has a 231-3 best for the men's discus, which is about 10 pounds heavier than the platter the gals throw.

Neither Myelnik-Veleva nor Wilkins appears to be in serious jeopardy of losing when their events

are held Friday and Saturday, respectively.

But Yashchenko figures to have to come at least close to a world record if he's to hold off a field that includes the United States's amazing little Franklin Jacobs (7-7 indoors, 7-5 outdoors) and Benn Fields (7-5 indoors, 7-4 outdoors) along with Soviet teammate Genadiy Belkov (7-5).

Friday's activity starts at 3:30 p.m., with Saturday's getting away at 11:20 a.m.

There still are several thousand tickets available for both days, but only a very early arrival will guarantee getting in.

Friday's program will begin at 4 p.m. and will include the women's high jump, 4; women's 100 meters, 4:10; men's 100 meters, 4:20; men's pole vault, 4:30; women's 100 meter hurdles, 4:35; men's 100 meter high hurdles, 4:45; women's 400 meters, 5; women's 1500 meters, 5:10; men's 5,000 meters, 5:25; women's discus, 4:15; men's triple jump, 5:05; men's shot put, 5:45; men's 1500 meters, 5:50; women's javelin, 5:20; men's 400 meters, 6:05; women's 400 meter relay, 6:15, and men's 400 meter relay, 6:25.

Saturday's program will begin with the 20 kilometer walk which will begin in the stadium at 11:20 a.m. Other events Saturday are men's hammer throw, 12:30 p.m.; men's intermediate hurdles, 1:25; women's 200 meters, 1:40; men's 200 meters, 1:50; men's discus, 1:30; women's 800 meters, 2:15; women's shot put, 2:10; men's long jump, 2:20; men's 10,000 meters, 2:35; men's 800 meters, 2:25; men's 10,000 meters, 2:35; men's javelin, 2:30; women's long jump, 1:20; men's 3000 meter steeplechase, 3:00; women's 1600 meter relay, 3:10, and men's 1600 meter relay, 3:20.