

togetherness was the order of the day at both the NCAA and AAU championship meets. In the NCAA 880, Ken Swenson's (225) 1:46.3 holds off Pat Collins' (403) 1:46.5. Art Sandison (697) ran 1:47.0 in third, Mark Winzenried (at Sandison's left) 1:47.3 in fourth and Mathyas Michael (head visible above Swenson) 1:47.9 in fifth. (Don Wilkinson)

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mann, Johnson Wow 'em

Des Moines, Ia., June 16-17-18--This year's NCAA championships had the unique distinction of becoming the first meet in history to produce a world outdoor record and a world indoor best as Ralph Mann clopped five-tenths off the intermediate hurdles with a 48.8 for 440-yards and Jan Johnson pumped the undercover vault best up $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 17'7".

Despite a torrential downpour the first third of the final day's competition, performances were solid and exciting. Compared with the world standard busting efforts, such achievements as Ken Swenson's 1:46.3 half-mile win from three pressing performers, Sid Sink's 8:41.0 steeplechase during the wickedest part of the rain storm, and Larry James' 45.5 quarter-mile win over Tommie Turner and Curtis Mills were shunted from top recognition.

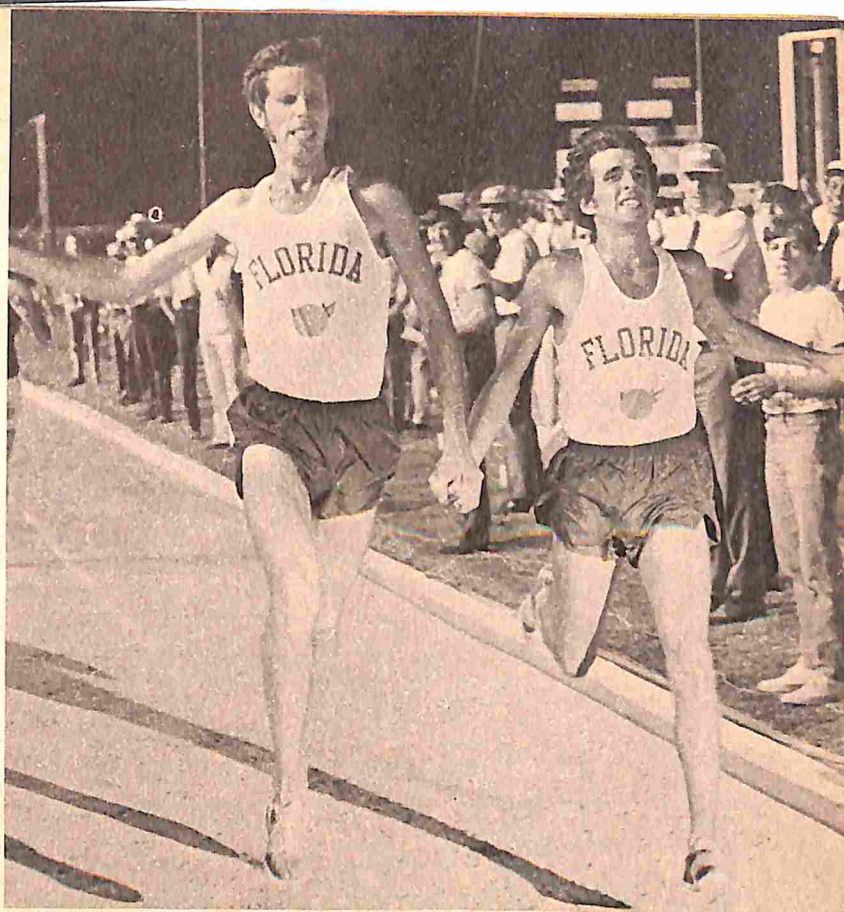
Mann had set an American record for the medium hurdles of 49.4 here earlier this year at the Drake Relays, and claimed the global mark this week-end after a good race with Wayne Collett whose 49.2 ranks him second all-time. The former mark was 49.3, set in 1960. While the BYU 21-year-old junior is still a relative newcomer to big-time hurdling, he is a veteran compared to Kansas' Johnson who at 19 has yet to shave and had previously cleared only 16'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". He made 17'0" on his third trial and then 17'4" and 17'7" with deftness on his first tries, and then had three mighty close attempts at 18'0".

Aside from Johnson's vault performance, most of the hot action took place on the track. And that's exactly where California, under first year coach and ex-Olympian Dave Maggard, picked up all but eight of its 40 team winning points. Following by a year San Jose State's team victory, Cal's triumph marked the second straight year a squad of long-hairs had rallied to a team goal -- suggesting that personal appearance and individualism are not necessarily incompatible with team morale or direction. In fact, it may have surprised some that the nation's most volatile campus in Berkeley would even field a track team and considering that only two years ago at the Final US Olympic Trials Maggard had remarked that the appearance of a fellow shot-putter "made me sick to my stomach". Both Dave and ex-triple jumper turned assistant coach Charles Craig, neither over 30, followed a course of hang-looseness and close one-to-one relationships with their athletes this season, and the results were amazing all year long.

Cal became the first institution in history to grab first and second in the 100-yard dash as Isaac Curtis, primarily a footballer with a 9.7 best prior to the season, and Eddie Hart, who comes around slowly, both clocked 9.4 ahead of a name field, Hart winning. Curtis snagged a fourth in the furlong, and the pair joined Don Couser and Dave Masters to claim a 40.3 quarter-mile relay win. The long triumph off the track was credited to second string triple jumper Rich Dunn, with a come-through 50'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " on the final day after teammate Jim Fra-ser pulled up injured after his second leap.

The team battle was the closest in recent history, and any of the eventual

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After six miles, Florida TC teammates Jack Bachelor (center) and Frank Shorter (right) were inseparable at the finish line of the AAU race and the judges called it a tie, both men running 27:24.0. Shorter won the three-mile the night before for the outstanding performer award. John Collet (l) wasn't as close as it looks and ran 29:49.8 in 17th. (Dick O'Connor)

AAU CHAMPIONSHIPS

Topsy-Turvy Competition

Bakersfield, Calif., June 26-27--Form was hardly the order of the 1970 AAU track and field championships, and the result was the most competitive and fascinating competition in years as the most consistent feature was the number of surprise winners and quality athletes shunted from placing. Lack of classy marks hardly detracted from the competition.

Imagine one John Smith stealing the featured quarter-mile from such a name field as Lee Evans, Wayne Collett, Curtis Mills and Larry James while Howell Michael and South African Peter Kaal shunted Marty Liquori to third in the mile as John Mason, Jim Crawford, Dave Wottle and Roscoe Divine claimed the last four places as only 0.9 seconds separated first place from ninth.

The meet was particularly rough on defending titlists, as 11 went down to defeat, three didn't compete and only four retained their crowns. Besides Evans and Liquori who couldn't retain their championships, Byron Dyce was fifth in the half-mile, Mike Manley eighth in the steeplechase, Willie Davenport third in the high hurdles, Otis Burrell failed to make a height in the high jump, Bob Beamon 21st in the long jump, John Craft sixth in the triple jump, Jon Cole eighth in the discus, Tom Gage second in the hammer and Mark Murro an injured 12th in the javelin. John Carlos, Tracy Smith and Neal Steinhauer were all injured and unable to defend their victories in the 220, three-mile and shot.

In their places were such unexpected victories as in the high hurdles to Thomas Hill, who had matched the world standard two weeks before but placed only fifth in the NCAA; steeplechase to Bill Reilly, who was virtually unheard from since the 68 Olympics but who became the third fastest American ever here; long jump to Bouncy Moore, a consistent collegian in his first AAU meet up against many seasoned 26-footers including Jerry Proctor (5th), Henry Hines (11th), Gayle Hopkins (13th), Phil Shinnick (14th) and Charley Mays (16th); triple jump to Milan Tiff, who had been without the benefit of coaching and had been injured for some time. Even one defending champion produced a surprise in winning as Ivory Crockett, unable to advance even to the semis of the 100 at the NCAA, snatched the short crown again.

It might have been anticipated that Frank Shorter had a chance to win one of the long distance events, but the ex-Yalie took both crowns, with 13:24.2 in the three-mile and a PR 27:24.0 as he shared the six-mile with Florida Track Club teammate Jack Bachelor. And he achieved these victories against tough US opposition including Gerry Lindgren, Rick Riley, Steve Prefontaine and Garry Bjorklund.

The meet did have its tough, durable, expected champions as well. Ralph Mann hurdled out a 49.8 intermediates win, Reynaldo Brown remained the US's most consistent high jumper with a 7'1" victory, Bob Seagren returned to form to collect another vault title with a 17'2" leap here, Randy Matson capped a superior season with a 67'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " triumph, Jay Silvester far outdistanced the discus field with a 205'4" spin and George Frenn lofted the hammer exactly 230'10".

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