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U.S. MASTERS INTERNATIONAL TRACK TEAM SEPT. - 1978

WORLD VET. REPORT

THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

by DON FARMERSON

For the most important event in the Masters (Veterans) calendar this year was the World Best 10 M and Marathon races held in Berlin, Germany and the meetings which took place there. As many of you will know, these road races are held yearly by the I.O.A., Organization which has operated for considerably longer than the World Veteran Athletics Association but not in road racing. It is hoped that in time our two organizations will meld and we believe that is gradually taking shape. Certainly many competitors are members of both.

By one means or another we managed to get six Canadians to Berlin, even though all had to put up at least some of the money. I flew from Toronto, Ontario on Tuesday evening 24th June and after a brief stop in Ottawa, carried on to Lahr, in South Germany where Canadians ran the WBA base. This was a happy opportunity for me as my daughter teaches children of Canadian servicemen on another nearby base (Baden-Baden) where her husband is a fighter pilot (CF/RAF). It was great to visit them and, the following morning visit the squadron and attend a briefing (memories of a very long time ago when I had far fewer responsibilities and much more hair) then, borrow their car complete with Canadian (not provincial) plates, I drove the 500 miles to West Berlin. West German Autobahns are much like the major Canadian highways but for two factors. They are not forced and there are no speed limits. The driving is fast. Too fast for the likes of me who drive the Merc/Mercury-10 MPH over the limit. I must have been well over a hundred cars traveling at considerably over 100 MPH. A few, I would guess, at nearly 120 MPH. They also drive aggressively, shooting close up behind you with lights flashing and then passing when you have only half cleared the lane. Mercedes, Porsche, Volvos, etc.

Just before entering East Germany, I saw a sign advertising a British NOAF (Navy, Army, Air Force Only) race. I stopped, since I hadn't been inside one for 31 years. It may be another Russian if I go back again. They didn't even have an Eccles car to offer. AUTHOR TAYLOR suggests that this has something to do with the fact that they now use vacuum couplers rather than brakes?? I did buy some British Brylcreem and found it wasn't as good as the Canadian made brand,..."
soved a fine commendable medal. I felt I had done well. I felt pleased that I had finished the race in a good time. I felt pleased that I had survived the heat and humidity. I felt pleased that I had made it to the finish line. I felt pleased that I had not given up. I felt pleased that I had accomplished what I had set out to do.

As I walked away from the finish line, I felt a sense of accomplishment. I had done what I set out to do. I had pushed myself to my limits. I had achieved what I had set out to achieve. I had done what I had promised myself I would do. I had done what I had worked so hard for. I had done what I had dreamed of doing. I had done it.

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Marathon

Teams

NATIONAL TEAM RESULTS

Based on IFF 3 (my age) – aggregate times

1. Germany 7:55:04.0
2. Great Britain 7:51:59.6
3. Holland 7:51:53.0
4. France 7:50:43.0
5. Belgium 8:04:54.0

Event in Monaco 8:31:51.0
(see 7) 8:39:04.0
(see 8) 9:02:43.0
(see 9) 9:11:52.0
(see 10) 9:35:31.0

 volunteered for the third World Veterans Championships in 1979

The meeting agenda was approved.

It was approved that on July 27th the

World Veterans Athletic Championships will be
closed in Monaco, with the German Athletic Federation in cooperation with

the State of Nurseries as organizer.

The sport facilities in Monaco, described in

the program, will be approved.

The meeting is closed.

The World Veterans Championships in 1979

were completed on July 27th and women born on or before July 27th 1944.

M50-54
M55-59
M60-64
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Opening

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Following entry fees was accepted:

First event: 20 M Mark
Each other event: 20 M Mark per team
There will be no entry fees for teams in competitions in cross-country, marathon and 20km walk.

Proposals from BUCSAC and SERBINS:

It would be recommended at World-or Type-Championships not to accept individual entries, except in the country where the veteran lives and where there does not exist a veteran organization. All entries should have the approval of the recognized veteran organization of each country.

The executive council accepted the proposal (see paragraph 13).

Proposals from BUCSAC and SERBINS:

To have the complete recognition of the IAAF it would be recommended to found an official veterans organization co-operating with the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), and which could bring about the necessary developments to the IAAF with authority.

The purpose of the World Veterans Athletic Association given in the constitution is to stimulate veteran athletics there were no disagreement to the proposal.

Proposals from BUCSAC and SERBINS:

Each representative of every country shall have the right to propose a competition program to the World Veterans Athletic Association in order to outline a calendar avoiding big competitions to coincide.

It was accepted to make an international W.V.A.A., calendar used as an information, but there must not be accepted in the national programs. Recommendations in order to avoid coincidences are to be sent to the W.V.A.A. at its headquarters.

Each national organization will be asked to send their competition programs for the following year to the secretary of W.V.A.A. of the last December. The secretary will send the W.V.A.A. the national organizations before January 1st or per possible earlier.

Proposals from BUCSAC and SERBINS:

As must aim at a unification of organization of veteran athletics. Being the only recognized association the W.V.A.A. shall in the name of its member associations enter the name of World Veteran Championships. Therefore these matters shall have to be discussed with IAAF.

After a long and friendly discussion no decision was made. The general impression was that N.V.A.A. shall work for the unification of international organizations for veteran athletics.

Proposals from BUCSAC and SERBINS:

It would be recommended to found a Handicapped competition, which will take place to find the way.

Races for handicapped competitors who need some help. W.V.A.A. shall be asked the delegation of the General Assembly to try hand this proposal.

It was resolved that a competitor will not be permitted to start if the aid (conduktor) may hinder a fellow competitor.

Proposal from JERSEY:

The British Veterans Athletics Championships shall have one co-ordinated member in the executive council of N.V.A.A. during the two years period until the next championships to get the experiences from one championship to the next one transferred. It means that the German Athletics Federation will have a co-ordinated member in the executive council for the period of 1979-1981.

The proposal was accepted.

The British Veterans Athletic Federation has in a letter of June 14th (78) asked for a decision not to permit South African veteran athletes to start for the N.V.A.A. (U.S.A.I.T.), British veterans are being irrevocably bound to IAAF rules. A protest also was made during the hand this proposed professional competitor to start in both events.

No decision was made. If the proposals to the IAAF Congress in Puerto Rico in the beginning of October 1977 concerning veteran athletics will be accepted N.V.A.A. is free to decide in the question of South African veteran athletes and the participation of former professionals in World veteran championships. If the Puerto Rico proposal will not be accepted it was decided that the executive council of the N.V.A.A. shall have to meet as soon as possible to decide in this matter.

The president raised the question of the financial situation of the W.V.A.A. in the future it will not be possible to make the administrative work for the members of the executive council to pay all their own expenses. Extra wages etc. and for the secretary also for postage etc.

The proposals were made:

1) The president had been contacted by an international company of sport shoots who were willing to offer a yearly amount for the W.V.A.A.
2) If in any way the name of W.V.A.A. could be used. It was decided to give the president the permission to proceed in this direction with the company and inform the members of the executive council of the result.
3) It was decided that a special fee of 5.00 $ will be charged for the participation of the World Veteran Championships 1979 World Veteran Championships in Hanover to finance the work of W.V.A.A. Mr. KDTH, secretary of the executive council, promised to administrate this collection.

Following meetings during the Championships in Hanover 1979 were decided:

1) Thursday July 26th at 10 o'clock Meeting of the executive council of W.V.A.A. and meeting of the organizing committee of the World Veteran Championships;
2) Monday July 30th at 5 o'clock Meeting of the executive council;
3) Tuesday July 31st at 5 o'clock Receptions of the delegates from the organizations for the delegations of the General Assembly;
4) Thursday August 2nd Festival evening for all competitors.

There being no further questions to handle End the chairman addressed his most hearty thanks to the members for a great cooperation and wished them good luck for next year.

The chairman formally closed the meeting.

NATIONAL VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Co-opted member in executive council

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National military association

Handicapped competition

German Veterans Athletics Association
unmobilized his last year. In the 60 meter event KEN DENNIS finished off a good field to win in 7.15. This establishes a new indoor meet record. PAVON JOHAN continued his dominating ways by taking the 120 yard, 220 yard, and 400 meter hurdles (50.6 at 7.00). AL HENRY won the 60 meter hurdles (50.6) with a time of 7.15.

1-8 Games of the Desert meet (Pal Desert)

HIGH JUMP

pole vault 11-9 J. VERNON (ST, 61)

discus [1.60g] 131-0. A. CARR (CM, 59)

hammer (1.25g) 175-0. R. HARRIS (ST, 68)

187.5'-R. HARRIS 1979

127.5'-D. ALLEN 1977

106.5'-C. JOHNSON 1979

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HAIBO KUPES of Belmont, California set two new world marks for men over 65 with a 15.8 in the 100 and 27.7 in the 200 meters in an unofficial meet at Santa Barbara, California's 1977 track meet on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley. His 27.7 time was the world record. Haibo, who defeated the world record holder last year in the 200 in Sacramento, set a new world record of 13.6 in the 100.

VERNER ARSLAND of Sweden at Gothenburg in the 1977 meeting.

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We are delighted that so many of you are receiving our newsletter. We are disappointed that so many of you are not. This will be included in our newsletter. We are disappointed that so many of you are not.
YUGOSLAVIA & GREECE by AROL ESCAMILLA

Last April I had the opportunity to visit Yugoslavia in depth, and I would like to share with you the lasting impressions I received of that beautiful country. It was so exciting about it that I could easily visualize it coming up on a week-end visit., exploring the highlights of this area of the Sophia, Lease the spirit of the Greek Islands. If you have two weeks for travelling after your imagination, let me share with you some of the highlights...

Yugoslavia: First stop -- ZAGREB, the capital of Slovenia; then the connective of JESTICE, the largest city in Yugoslavia and Greece. (See separate story); or "on your own."

APPEL (Advance Purchase Excursion Fare) -- 14/45 days...from any city in U.S. with airport. If you visit a distance from a city other, this may be your only bet...it is not the most luxurious, unless you can make up a group from your home town.

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Some have asked about including South Africa after the Championships. Actually this is a terrific trip to include a visit to the "World within a country" as the name stays over can be included in your choice from 10 to 45 days, i.e., fly into and return from any selected city (but no additional stopovers).

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Two Local Stars Shine

in Decathlon

Roberts, Pug Nab Coveted Awards

Mercers' Ken Roberts was the most often dominating over the weekend at Santa Monica, leading the Americans in 15th place. Masters Division. Pug Nab won the Decathlon track meet, beginning the week with four relays.

Pug Nab was the top scorer in the decathlon event. The event was an overall event scoring 10 points and 10 points and was the highest. Roberts, who has never been able to score the necessary 10 points for the decathlon, was the highest scorer with 5 points for the decathlon.

In the Masters Division, Roberts was the high scorer in the decathlon event. The event was Not only the top scorer in the decathlon event, but Roberts was the highest scorer with 10 points for the decathlon.

Gryphon was the second highest scorer in the decathlon event. The event was an overall event scoring 10 points and 10 points and was the highest. Roberts, who has never been able to score the necessary 10 points for the decathlon, was the highest scorer with 5 points for the decathlon.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AT TOP LEVEL....

Congratulations to EMRT and BERNARD KENNEDY on reaching a happy decision! Super sprinter Hogan wanted to compete at the 1st European 7 & 8 Championships as an Australian, so his only hope was to enter him as an individual competitor. On June 5th confirmation of his entry in the 100 and 200 meters was sent from Viareggio by the EMRT.
Two jobs earn Leon Drehier’s training, but he keeps setting age-group records.

**By C. R. Mccarthy**

The two jobs I earned Leon Drehier’s training were as a bookkeeper and a teacher. He was a man of many talents, and he excelled in both professions.

For more than 10 years, Leon worked as a bookkeeper at a local accounting firm. He was known for his attention to detail and his ability to handle complex financial transactions. He was a valued member of the firm and respected by his colleagues.

In his free time, Leon was an avid runner. He was a regular at the local running club and often participated in races. In fact, he was the first person I knew who could run 10 miles in less than an hour.

Leon was also a great teacher. He had a passion for sharing his knowledge and teaching others. He was particularly skilled in teaching math and physics, and his students loved him for it.

When not working or running, Leon enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a devoted husband and father, and he always made time for his loved ones.

Leon Drehier was a truly remarkable man, and his dedication to both his work and his family will be greatly missed.