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2,600 from 44 countries compete in Sweden

'Fantastic' may be the best word to describe the 1977 Second World Masters Championships

By BOB FINE

One can run out of adjectives in attempting to describe the results of the Second World Masters Championships held in Gothenburg, Sweden, Aug. 8 to 13.

It was the largest world championships ever in track and field with 2,600 competitors from 44 countries, up 1,000 competitors and 12 countries from the first championships held in 1975 in Toronto, Canada.

A statistician would enter nirvana in analyzing this meet. Eighty per cent of the meet records were broken. Twenty-three countries had winners in the meet as compared to 12 countries in Toronto. Many defending champions bettered their performances in Sweden but failed to repeat their victories. Germany, Norway and Sweden had the biggest improvement in perfor-

mances, due in part no doubt to the location of the meet. Of 137 defending champions only 18 successfully defended their championships.

The outstanding series of performances had to be the seven gold medals that Jack Greenwood won with meet-setting records in the 100 (11.7), 200 (23.7), 400 (52.9), 110-meter high hurdles (15.1) and the 400-meter hurdles (58.2), plus the two relays, all in division 2A.

The leading medalist in the meet was Dr. Herb Anderson, age 75, who won 10 gold, three silver and one bronze.

Other leading Americans were Dick Lacey, who successfully defended his two hurdle titles and added a second in both the 200 and the high jump; Lou Gregory, 4B, who won the 1500-meter, marathon and cross-country and took 2nd in the 5000 and third in

both the 800-meter and the 10,000-meter; "Boo" Morcum, who won the 400-meter, pentathlon, hop, step and jump, took second in the intermediate hurdles, long jump and triple jump, third in the high hurdles, fifth in the 800 meters and won his pole vault with a performance that would have taken second in the age division 10 years his junior.

The quality of the performances was so high in divisions one and two that to just qualify for the finals meant that one was truly a world class athlete. For example, to qualify for the 800-meter, 1A, a 2:00.1 was required. In 75 events in divisions one and two the average placing of the Toronto Champion would have been fourth in Sweden.

The outstanding individual performance was the 5,000-meter run in 1A of Gaston Roelleants of

Belgium in 14:03.0. Even though Gaston has been a world caliber athlete in open competition for over two decades, his 5,000-meter run was almost unbelievable. His first three miles were all in record time for their respective distances —one mile in 4:24, two miles in 9:00 and three miles in 13:35. Sixteenth place in 1B, 5,000 meters, would have won in Toronto. Twenty-seventh place in 1B, 1500 meters, would have been fifth in Toronto.

More women competed than ever before and they duplicated the men's record-breaking performances, with Miki Gorman of the US winning the 1500-meter and 3000-meter in the 1B class.

Results follow, with the first three places and times listed for each event. Only the U.S. finishers are listed after third place.

Results of the World Masters Championships

100 Meter

1A
R. Austin, Australia, 10.8
E. Burg, Germany, 11.1
W. Crutchfield, US, 11.1
5. L. Riddich, US, 11.3
7. V. Parish, US, 11.4

1B
C. Williams, England, 11.2
R. Mac Pearson, Guyana, 11.5
P. Mirkes, Germany, 11.5
7. R. Marling, US, 11.9

2A
J. Greenwood, US, 11.7
R. Stolpe, US, 11.7
G. Gaas, Germany, 11.9
4. E. Schuler, US, 11.9
7. R. Roemer, US, 12.4

2B
B. Hogan, US, 11.9
K. Hoppstädter, Germany, 12.3
S. Stein, England, 12.3
5. T. Patsalis, US, 12.7
8. M.C. Buschman, US, 13.1

200 Meter

3A
F. Assmy, Germany, 12.5
P.E.A. Duncan, Canada, 12.6
W. Rumig, Sweden, 12.7
7. Morales, US, 13.4

3B
O. Granas, Norway, 13.4
A. Castro, US, 13.5

4A
J. Packard, US, 13.9
G. Simpson, Australia, 14.6

4B
H. Anderson, US, 14.8
H. Chapson, US, 15.4
N. Martin, England, 15.6
4. F. Pennock, US, 17.8

1A
R. Austin, Australia, 21.9
J. Rabie, US, 22.9
R. Diaz Velez, Puerto Rico, 23.0
3. (Tie) R. Adams, US, 23.0

5. L. Colbert, US, 23.4

7. B. Lida, US, 23.5

8. A. Budd, US, 23.5

1B
C. Williams, England, 22.9

R. Mac Pearson, Guyana, 23.5

A. Faure, Venezuela, 23.8

5. R. Marlin, US, 24.1

7. Darkins, US, 24.7

2A
J. Greenwood, US, 23.7

G. Baas, Germany, 23.9

R. Stolpe, US, 23.9

4. R. Watanabe, US, 24.7

6. B. Sieben, US, 24.9

2B
B. Hagan, US, 24.6

K. Hoppstädter, Germany, 25.2

S. R. Stein, England, 25.4

5. B. Hunt, US, 25.8

8. J. Upham, US, no time.

3A
F. Assmy, Germany, 26.0

P.E.A. Duncan, Canada, 26.4

W. Romig, Germany, 28.0

3B
O. Granas, Norway, 28.7
R. Lacey, US, 28.8
J. Dengler, Germany, 28.9
4. A. Castro, US, 28.9
6. M. D'Elia, US, 29.7

4A
J. Packard, US, 29.2
G. Simpson, Australia, 30.8
B. Till, Canada, 32.0
4. R. Breckenbeck, US, 33.7
8. S. Lum, US, 36.2

4B
H. Anderson, US, 31.7
Chapson, US, 32.8
S. Wada, Japan, 34.0

5
S. Falck, Sweden, 41.2

400 Meter

1A
M.S. Clouth, Australia, 49.5

G. LeRoy, England, 50.5

T. Blue, Australia, 50.5

6. R. Adams, US, 51.9

8. B. Lida, US, 52.8

1B
J.P. Hesselberg, Norway, 52.1

L. Snelling, Australia, 53.0

Hari Chandra, Singapore, 53.8

S. I. Connelly, US, 54.6

2A
J. Greenwood, US, 52.9
G. Baas, Germany, 54.5
D. Smith, US, 54.9
4. B. Valentine, US, 55.2
6. B. Sieben, US, 56.1

2B
P. Marcom, US, 57.3
A. Huggins, England, 58.6
B. Hunt, US, 58.7
6. H.A. Fairbank, US, 60.2
7. M. Bass, US, 61.3

3A
W. Muller, Germany, 61.5
A.C. Smith, Australia, 63.4
J. Stevens, Australia, 63.4

3B
C. Kline, US, 67.0
M. Jenkinson, Australia, 68.8
L.F. Rolls, England, 68.8
4. S. Madden, US, 71.5
5. J.M. Clarke, US, 72.8

4A
J. Packard, US, 64.6
G. Simpson, Australia, 72.7
B. Till, Canada, 74.6
4. R. Bredenbeck, US, 76.0
5. P. Fairbank, US, 77.1

4B
H. Anderson, US, 69.9
H. Chapson, US, 70.9

continued

Results of the World Masters Championships

continued

800-Meter**1A**

T. Blue, Australia, 1:54.8
 N.S. Clough, Australia, 1:55.6
 K. Mainka, Germany, 1:55.6
 8. W. Olivier, US, 1:59.7
 9. P. Richardson, US, 2:00.6
 12. Convoart, US, 2:03.3

1B

J. Hasselberg, Norway, 1:57.9
 P. Majoor, Holland, 1:59.3
 E. Whitlock, Canada, 1:59.9
 7. T. Connely, US, 2:04.0

2A

D. Smith, US, 2:05.7
 G. Peterborough, US, 2:08.8
 B. Sieben, US, 2:09.0
 7. S. Schneider, US, 2:13.2
 9. A. Bryant, US, 2:14.5
 10. V. Koerner, US, 2:15.5
 12. A. Messenger, US, 2:17.0

2B

J. Gilmour, Australia, 2:14.5
 O. Hasle, Norway, 2:15.6
 W. Sheppard, Australia, 2:15.7
 4. M. Hernandez, US, 2:15.8
 5. Morcom, US, 2:16.2
 8. H. Lampert, US, 2:17.1
 11. H. A. Fairbank, US, 2:18.5

3A

R. Isman, Turkey, 2:23.1
 J. Stevens, Australia, 2:24.57
 H. Strannhage, Sweden, 2:28.2

3B

B. Andberg, US, 2:28.0
 M. Jenkinson, Australia, 2:33.0
 L.F. Rolls, England, 2:35.0
 4. C.R. Kline, US, 2:37.2
 5. S. Madden, US, 2:39.6
 7. N. Bright, US, 2:40.5
 9. J.M. Clarke, US, 2:43.7

4A

K. Kiuchi, Japan, 2:50.0
 R. Bredenbeck, US, 2:50.6
 P. Fairbank, US, 2:54.0

4B

H. Chapson, US, 2:41.4
 H. Anderson, US, 3:10.3
 L. Gregory, US, 3:11.0

1500 Meter**1A**

C. Huyssen, Belgium, 3:56.7
 T. Blue, Australia, 3:57.3
 N. Fisher, England, 3:57.5
 6. W. Olivier, US, 4:00.7

1B

P. Majoor, Holland, 4:05.6
 E. Whitlock, Canada, 4:06.1
 A. Hughes, England, 4:09.3
 6. G. Vernosky, US, 4:15.3
 15. K. Brown, US, 4:36.8

2A

D.P.F. Turnbull, N. Zeal., 4:23.5
 R. Boutard, France, 4:23.6
 R.J. Mattock, England, 4:24.8
 4. D. Smith, US, 4:25.0

2B

J. Eilmour, Australia, 4:28.3
 M. Hernandez, US, 4:29.7
 F. Leitner, Australia, 4:32.1

3A

R. Isman, Turkey, 4:54.5
 T. Koskela, Finland, 4:58.0
 A. Burgoyne, Australia, 4:59.2
 11. K. Proctor, US, 5:45.5
 13. G. Mueller, US, 6:23.3

3B

B. Andberg, US, 5:04.8
 M. Jenkinson, Australia, 5:31.1
 Rolls, England, 5:22.2
 S. N. Bright, US, 5:26.9
 6. S. Madden, US, 5:27.2

4A

K. Kiuchi, Japan, 5:34.0
 R. Bredenbeck, US, 5:38.9
 P. Fairbank, US, 5:42.7
 7. P. Hobe, US, 7:38.1

4B

H. Chapson, US, 5:30.1
 L. Gregory, US, 6:03.0

5000 Meter**1A**

G. Roeleants, Belgium, 14:03.0
 R. Faler, England, 14:29.4
 Goem Gomez, England, 14:41.0
 12. J. Metsing, US, 15:22.3

1B

A.A. Manuel, Spain, 15:15.0
 L. O'Hara, England, 15:16.8
 P. Pystynen, Finland, 15:18.5
 5. G. Vernosky, US, 15:57.6
 9. P. O'Brien, US, 16:11.0
 11. P. Mundie, US, 16:14.1
 17. W. McConnell, US, 16:28.0

2A

A. Tayler, Canada, 16:02.0
 H. Hinderk, Germany, 16:07.3
 J. O'Neil, US, 16:15.4
 13. J. Forshee, US, 17:02.6

2B

J. Gilmour, Australia, 16:29.0
 E. Ostbye, Sweden, 16:35.3
 G. Johansson, Sweden, 16:58.0
 15. J. Oleson, US, 18:03.8

3A

E. Samuelsson, Sweden, 17:46.8
 E. Jarvinen, Finland, 18:00.6
 R. McMinnis, England, 18:11.2
 9. C. Seekins, US, 19:28.2

3B

E. Kruzycki, Germany, 18:29.1
 B. Andberg, US, 18:42.6
 C. Martin, Spain, 19:10.3
 16. Fredrich, US, 24:16.1

4A

F. Nordin, Sweden, 19:59.3
 R. Sears, US, 20:05.3
 V. Blanco, Spain, 20:41.4
 5. P. Fairbank, US, 21:36.8
 9. R. Bredenbeck, US, 22:28.1

4B

P. Spangler, US, 21:20.2
 L. Gregory, US, 21:52.4
 Tor-Leif Njaa, Norway, 22:33.0

10,000 Meter**1A**

H.R. Fowler, England, 31:45.7
 R. Gomez, England, 31:59.3
 D. de Brajin, Holland, 32:59.3
 5. J. Metsing, US, 32:22.6

1B

M. Alomso, Spain, 32:08.9
 L. O'Hara, England, 32:10.3
 P. Pystynen, Finland, 32:36.4
 10. P. O'Brien, US, 34:07.6

2A

Hinderks, Germany, 33:43.2
 J. O'Neil, US, 33:58.6
 P. Malm, Sweden, 34:14.2
 7. J. Forshee, US, 36:25.6

2B

E. Ostbye, Sweden, 34:13.4
 F. McGrath, Australia, 35:31.0
 L. Dreher, US, 35:37.2
 11. J. Oleson, US, 38:09.8
 12. R. Bruce, US, 38:10.2
 14. M. Knox, US, 38:43.0

3A

E. Samuelsson, Sweden, 37:14
 E. Jarvinen, Finland, 38:03
 R. McMinnis, England, 38:27

3B

E. Kruzycki, Germany, 38:10.5
 S. Hidaka, Japan, 39:56.0
 C. Martin, Spain, 40:31
 5. N. Bright, US, 40:58.2

4A

E. Nordin, Sweden, 40:48.5
 R. Sears, US, 41:21.0
 P. Fairbank, US, 44:16.2

4B

P. Spangler, US, 48:44.5
 R. Tornas, Norway, 53:58.2
 L. Gregory, US, 61:04.3

110-Meter Hurdles**1A**

M. Mandl, Austria, 15.2
 L. Lindhe, Sweden, 15.6
 G. Ortmanns, Germany, 15.7
 6. L. Weed, US, 16.8
 8. L. Trout, US, 17.0

1B

D. Jackson, US, 16.1
 J. R. Wallace, US, 17.8
 I. Steedman, Scotland, 18.0
 7. D. Douglas, US, 22.3
 8. A. Brenda, US, 23.4

2A

J. Greenwood, US, 15.1
 J. Mrazek, Czech., 16.1
 B. Pedersen, Denmark, 16.8
 8. H. Hunter, US, 21.4

2B

T. Patsalis, US, 17.6
 B. Hunt, US, 17.7
 R. Morcom, US, 17.8
 4. E. Reiner, US, 19.5

3A

R. Reckwardt, Germany, 19.5
 M. Neuhoef, US, 19.7
 I. Hume, Canada, 19.8
 4. V. Morales, US, 19.8

3B

R. Lacey, US, 20.9
 H. Gehm, Germany, 21.2
 C. Hills, US, 22.4
 5. J. Dick, US, 25.1
 6. W. Frederick, US, 28.1

4A

W. McFadden, US, 23.7
 G. Simson, Australia, 24.0
 T. Hines, England, 28.8

4B

H. Anderson, US, 26.6

400-Meter Hurdles**1A**

M. Clough, Australia, 54.3
 D. Burger, US, 57.9
 V. Wikstrom, Finland, 58.4

1B

J. Hesselberg, Norway, 58.3
 H. Whitaker, England, 60.5
 K. Knudsen, Norway, 60.6

2A

A. Sheahan, US, 62.4
 6. J. Wallace, US, 64.8

2B

J. Greenwood, US, 58.2
 A. Findeli, France, 62.6
 A. Danckoerts, Belgium, 62.8

2C

4. R. Valentine, US, 62.8
 6. R. Roemer, US, 66.4

2D

L. Lindblom, Sweden, 64.7
 Morcom, US, 65.3
 B. Hunt, US, 66.0

2E

7. M. Buschman, US, 76.8

3A

H. Strannhage, Sweden, 74.3
 A. Lampard, Australia, 74.6
 A. Smith, Australia, 77.3

3B

R. Lacey, US, 76.0
 C. Hills, US, 78.8
 Bierlein, US, 88.6
 4. W. Frederick, US, 90.0
 5. J. Dick, US, 90.9

4A

G. Simpson, Australia, 90.8
 T. Hines, England, 1:07.2
 A. Brosz, Canada, 2:09.6

4B

H. Anderson, US, 92.5

3000-Meter Steeplechase

1A
 G. Roelants, Belgium, 8:56.6
 A. Ida, Germany, 9:20.6
 D. Worling, Australia, 9:29.2
 13. B. Carrading, US, 11:00.0
 16. C. Hill, US, 11:26.0

17. W. Tersago, US, 11:29.0

1B
 H. Higdon, US, 9:39.0
 M. Alonso, Spain, 9:46.2

P. Blanchou, France, 9:53.0

7. W. McConnell, US, 10:38.0

2A
 A. Taylor, Canada, 10:18.6

E. Larsson, Norway, 10:18.8

R. Boutard, France, 10:57.0

9. J. Noble, USA, 12:42.6

2B
 A. Merett, Australia, 11:29.8

H. Lampert, US, 11:38.2

A. Waterman, US, 11:39.2

8. J. Hutchinson, US, 13:54.4

3A
 H. Melin, Finland, 13:11.8

J. Young, Canada, 13:35.2

C. Green, New Zealand, 14:08.2

3B
 R. Boal, US, 12:47.4

J. Jamieson, N. Zealand, 14:23.8

R. Mac Tarnahan, US, 15:02.2

4. W. Bigelow, US, 15:13.4

4A
 R. Wiseman, England, 18:03.0

5000-Meter Walk

1A
 S. Ladany, Israel, 23:15.6

G. Davidson, Sweden, 23:30.5

L. Back, Sweden, 23:45.4

1B
 H. Roder, Germany, 23:52.9

K. Svensson, Sweden, 24:17.5

J. Bromley, England, 24:47.8

2A
 Simu, Sweden, 23:57.0

H. Persson, Norway, 24:47.2

A. Scott, Sweden, 25:33.4

2B
 N. Nilsen, Norway, 24:46.1

J. Ljunggren, Sweden, 25:00.4

D. McMullen, England, 25:42.5

3A
 A. Svensson, Sweden, 25:27.9

Poole, England, 26:33.5

H. Jones, Australia, 27:00.2

4. D. Johnson, US, 27:26.8

3B
 H. Horstman, Germany, 28:59.1

Lagergren, Sweden, 30:45.6

Albers, Germany, 31:06.6

8. L. O'Neil, US, 35:20.8

4A
 C. Unruh, US, 30:52.0

C. Grees, Sweden, 32:04.12

E. Schulze, Germany, 32:24.6

4B
 A. Roberts, England, 29:24.4

H. Pulver, Germany, 34:04.4

J. O'Rourke, Australia, 36:16.0

5

A. Theobald, Australia, 30:42.0
 F. Schreiber, Sweden, 36:20.0

Pentathlon**1A**

D. Clarke, England, 3,789

R. Ball, England, 3,679

R. Urpinen, Finland, 3,473

S. Conley, US, 3,257

1B

G. Drewniak, Germany, 3,079

J. Schwankner, Germany, 3,047

W. Krucken, Germany, 2,780

2A

V. Bartl, Sweden, 3,805

V. Javanainen, Finland, 3,676

R. Hochreiter, Australia, 3,519

2B

R. Morcom, US, 3,573

W. Schreiber, Germany, 3,260

T. Tyversen, Norway, 2,836

7. M. Buschman, US, 2,342

3A

V. Morales, US, 4,465

A. Kock, Germany, 4,272

K. Langer, Germany, 3,862

3B

C. Hills, US, 3,122

A. Brhlík, Czech., 2,764

H. Gehm, Germany, 2,582

4A

A. Brosz, Canada, 678

G. Simpson, Australia, 542

A. Timcmanis, Canada, 494

continued

10,000 Meter

1A
Konings-Rypers, Holland,
37:12.2
6. M. Miller, US, 55:09.8

1B
L. Sippelle, US, 39:57.8
2. D. Stock, US, 40:28.2
3. M. Garaiute, US, 40:33.0
8. A. Kleynhans, US, 45:55.6

2A
U. Seger, Sweden, 41:21.8
3. I. McConnell, US, 48:29.6

2B
A. Haushofer, Germany, 46:33.8

3A
H. Jockle, Germany, 46:31.6

3B
A. Werbel, US, 54:03.4

5000-Meter Walk

3A
B. Tibbling, Sweden, 28:19.5

3B
N. Wedemo, Sweden, 31:42.0

4A
L. Kaila, Finland, 42:50.1
4B
K. Leist, Germany, 43:17.1

Long jump winners included
M.E. Fairbank in 3A and E.
Ericksson in 3B, both of the US.
L. Grobler of the US was winner
in the 2B division.

'Veterans' substituted for 'Masters'

New worldwide group formed at Sweden to oversee regional, world competition

BY ROBERT G. FINE,
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Track & Field Committee

A World Veterans Athletic Association was formed in Sweden. Don Farquharson of Canada was elected president.

Bob Fine of the United States was elected as the North American representative to the 11-person World Executive Council.

In addition to the Executive Council, consisting of four officers—one representative from each of the continents (including Oceania) and one woman, there is a general assembly with each country having at least one representative, plus one additional representative for every 500 athletes up to a maximum of five.

The United States thus will have five representatives to the general assembly. The proposed World Veterans constitution must be approved by the A.A.U. Masters

Track and Field and Long Distance Committees at the Columbus A.A.U. convention. Both of the committee chairmen support this constitution and it should be accepted.

The word "Veteran" was substituted for "Masters," with the United States voting against the change. It should be pointed out that most of the European countries use "Veterans."

We will now have a structure for the site selection for Regional and World Championships. It was emphasized throughout the meeting and voting on the constitution that every man over 40 and women over 35 should compete regardless of "professionalism" and country of origin. This is important as President Paulin of the I.A.A.F. attended the meet and has taken the position that the Veterans should form our own organization, with complete autonomy, so long as the technical rules (for holding events) are

adhered to. If this is accepted by the I.A.A.F. it would mean that South Africans and "professionals" could compete. The United States delegate to the I.A.A.F. will support this position. If passed, there will be no further problems on the international level.

On the national level, the A.A.U. is undergoing major structural changes. The standing sports committees, of which Masters T & F and Masters LDR are two, would have just about complete autonomy. We would receive dues, sanction meets and register athletes directly. We can contract with the A.A.U. to perform these services at a set fee. This would mean that most of the A.A.U. dues would go directly into our sport and that the problems that some Masters have had with their local associations can be eliminated.

The power would go to the National Committee (which we run) rather than the 58 associations. This could lead to a self-sustaining National Masters organization completely independent of any interference. There are many possible things that we can do under such a structure; such as permitting non-AAU athletes to compete in AAU Championships for a surcharge on the fee; with sponsors, we could eliminate entry fees for Regional and National AAU Championships; we can give, as part of the AAU dues, the National Masters Newsletter and also the Age-Group Records; permanent num-
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Attention all women Masters [40 and over]

Katharine Brieger, 1211 Grizzly Peak Blvd., Berkeley, Calif. 94708, has been appointed as the Masters Women's Track and Field Statistician by Irene Obera, the Women's Masters Track and Field Sub-Committee Chairperson.

Kathy, who will be working with Pete Mundle, will be composing Women's Masters Age Records, from age 40 and up, to be published as part of the Masters

Age Records put out each year by Track and Field News.

We believe that this will give further impetus to the women's masters program and will also aid in the creation of age-grading tables for women.

In order to make this program a success we need your cooperation in listing your best performances in the following events for each year over 40: 100 yds. - 100 meters; 220 yds. - 200 meters; 440

yds. - 400 meters; 880 yds. - 800 meters; one mile, 1500 meters, 3000 meters, two miles, three miles, 5000 meters, 6 miles, 10,000 meters, one-hour run, marathon, high jump, long jump, shot put (indicate weight), discus and javelin (indicate weight).

SINCE WE ARE JUST GETTING STARTED, PLEASE DO NOT BE SHY ABOUT YOUR PERFORMANCES.

(Please print)				
NAME _____		ADDRESS _____		
DATE OF BIRTH _____		CITY & STATE _____		
CLUB _____		ZIP _____		
EVENT: _____	PERFORMANCE: _____	LOCATION _____	AGE AT TIME OF PERFORMANCE _____	WEIGHT OF IMPLEMENT _____

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