

Jim Ryun 150 Yards Back as Von Ruden Wins Mile in 3:57.8

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Jim Ryun couldn't explain it.

"I just felt tight," said the world record holder after struggling pathetically to a last-place 4:19.2 in the Champions Meet mile Saturday at the Coliseum.

A crowd of 10,814, in 90 degree weather, saw the 24-year-old Kansan steadily lose ground and finish 150 yards behind Tom Von Ruden, the winner in 3:57.8.

The first four finishers broke 4 minutes. Mark Winzenried was second and John Lawson third, both in 3:59.5, and George Young fourth in 3:59.6. For Winzenried, a half-miler, and Young, a distance runner, it was their first trip under the 4-minute barrier.

It was quite a track meet.

USC properly dedicated the new \$180,000 Tartan track by bettering the world record in the 880 relay with a 1:21.1 clocking. The Trojans won't get recognition since international rules state that all four runners must be from the same country. Anchorman Don Quarrie is a Jamaican.

Still, it will go in the books as a collegiate record. Texas A&M holds the world mark of 1:21.7 set in 1970. The Trojan splits were Leon Brown

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20.7, Edesel Garrison 20.4, Willie Deckard 20.3 and Quarrie 19.7.

Al Feuerbach made good on his boast that "I'm not just an indoor thrower" by winning the shot at 68-11/4, a foot better than his previous outdoors best and close to his world indoor record of 69-43/4. Randy Matson was second at 68-23/4 as he suffered his seventh straight loss to Feuerbach.

Steve Smith of Cal State Long Beach scaled a personal high of 17-5 in the pole vault to upset Sweden's Kjell Isaksson who was second at the same height. Both tried unsuccessfully at a world record 18-0 3/4.

Rod Milburn, after seven false starts, ran away with the high hurdles in 13.5 against a 1.8 m.p.h. wind, equalling Willie Davenport's Coliseum record.

Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa of Madagascar was easily the class in the 100-yard dash, clocking 9.4 against a 3.5 m.p.h. wind. Jean-Louis was forced to overcome Jim Kemp and Bobby Turner who were allowed to get rolling starts. Previously there had been four false starts.

Presumably, the starter ran out of bullets.

Well-Placed at Start

In the mile, Ryun was well-placed at the start and was running third at the 220 mark. Then started the retreat. He was fifth at the 440, then faded to last at the half, 30 yards back of the leaders. He was all through.

It was tragic but not totally unexpected. In his last race, Feb. 11, he ran only 4:13.2 in finishing sixth in the Times Indoor Games. The following week he returned to Lawrence, Kan., to train under his former University of Kansas coach, Bob Timmons. He seemed to be happy with his progress when he arrived here Friday.

After Saturday's race, he left the stadium immediately, running up the tunnel and out on to Menlo Ave. Reporters finally caught up with him after he had been consoled by Young and former Olympic 10,000 meter champion Billy Mills.

Ryun Mystified

"I'm just not doing something right," he said. "As soon as the race started I didn't feel good. I just kept getting tighter. I can't figure it out."

As for the future, he said, "I really don't know." Later, he indicated he would run in the Kansas Relays, April 22.

Young still thinks Ryun will be there at Munich.

"Physically he's all right," said the three-time Olympian. "I think he probably panicked a little when he felt he was losing contact. I think it's probably psychosomatic. He just has to relax and start running some half miles and other races.

"He came back in 1968 after mononucleosis. I

think he'll come back again. I still believe he's the greatest who ever ran this race."

Track Notes

Bob Seagren cleared 16-6 3/4 for fifth in the pole vault, so he's on his way back . . . Willie Davenport scratched from the high hurdles because of a funeral. Tammie Lee White and George Carty were disqualified for two false starts . . . Wes Williams was leading the 440 hurdles when he completely missed his step on the last hurdle . . . James McAllister was sixth in the long jump at 24-6 1/2 . . . USC's Doug Lane was third in the shot at 64-11 1/4, almost a foot better than his previous best. Teammate Dean Owens cleared 7-0 in the high jump for the first time, tying for second.

Von Ruden, 27, a graduate student at Oklahoma State, said, "I'm not surprised at the time. Under perfect conditions I felt I could run 3:36. I will meet Ryun again in the Kansas Relays and I hope Marty Liquori will be ready then." Liquori scratched from Saturday's race with a foot injury.

SHOT PUT—1. Feuerbach (Pacific Coast Club), 68-11 1/4; 2. Matson (Texas Striders), 68-23 1/4; 3. Lane (USC), 68-11 1/4; 4. Seagren (Oregon), 63-5 1/4. 100M—1. Milburn (Southern U.S.), 13.5 (equals Coliseum record, Willie Davenport, Southern U., 1961); 2. Wilson (USC), 14.0; 3. Basso (USC), 14.8; 4. Gibson (Pacific Coast Club), 14.1.

800 RELAY—1. USC (Brown 20.7, Garrison 20.4, Deckard 20.3, Quarrie 19.7), 1:21.1 (better world record, 1:21.2, Texas A&M, 1976, but cannot be submitted because Quarrie is native of Jamaica); 2. U.S. Army, 1:23.8; 3. U.S. Air Force, 1:27.7. Note: Cal State (LB) finished third in 1:26.8 but was disqualified for passing out of line.

LONG JUMP—1. Robinson (U.S. Army), 25-8 1/2; 2. Hines (USC), 25-8 1/4; 3. Beaman (unaff.), 25-8; 4. Williams (USC), 24-9 1/4.

80—1. Lucas (U.S. Marine), 1:32.1; 2. VanDyk (Club West), 1:30.5; 3. Cross (Northern Arizona), 1:30.4; 4. Swinton (U.S. Army), 1:31.8.

400M—1. Whitney (Striders), 52.8; 2. Mann (Striders), 53.0; 3. Williams (San Diego TC), 52.7; 4. Seymour (Striders), 52.8.

WOMEN'S 40—1. M. Ferguson (West Coast Judo), 52.7; 2. Henwood (Sacramento Roadrunners), 54.1; 3. Scott (L.A. Marquetti), 54.4; 4. Rander (Sweden), 54.

HIGH JUMP—1. Brown (California International), 7-1; 2. De Stefano (Owens (USC) and Coto (California International)), 7-0; 4. Lane (USC), 6-10.

TWO MILE—1. Lindgren (unaff.), 8:28.4; 2. Selby (Northern Arizona), 8:42.2; 3. Harrison (Club West), 8:41.3; 4. Sines (Northern Arizona), 8:44.8.

WOMEN'S 20—1. W. Ferguson (West Coast Judo), 24.7; 2. Laing (Phoenix TC), 24.1; 3. Green (Glandia, Ariz.), 24.2; 4. Morris (L.A. Track Club).

40—1. Garrison (USC), 48.8; 2. Van Hofeman (unaff.), 47.2; 3. Richardson (USC), 47.5; 4. Free (Pacific Coast Club), 47.4.

MILE—1. Von Ruden (Pacific Coast Club), 3:37.4; 2. Winesapied (Club West), 3:38.3; 3. Lawson (unaff.), 3:39.0; 4. Young (unaff. Case Grande, Ariz.), 3:38.4.

POLE VAULT—1. Smith (Cal State LB), 17-5; 2. Isaksson (Sweden), 17-4; 3. Lagerqvist (Sweden), 17-0 1/4; 4. Nallback (Striders), 16-8 3/4.

100—1. Ravelomanantsoa (Madagascar Republic), 9.4; 2. Kemp (Striders), 9.4; 3. Turner (California International), 9.4; 4. Deckard (USC), 9.7.

LONG BEACH RELAYS

COLLEGE I

RELAYS: 40—Cal Poly (Pomona), 47.7. 80—Cal Poly (Pomona), 1:27.1. Mile—Cal Poly (Pomona), 3:14.8. Two Mile—Cal State (Fullerton), 7:58.2. Sprint Medley—(State) 2:28.3. Distance Medley (State) 10:24.4.

HJ—Casper (unaff.), 6-8. SP—McNabb (N. Arizona), 48-8. LJ—Palmer (Cal Poly, Pomona), 20-8 1/2. James (State), 19-7.

COLLEGE II

RELAYS: 40—Cal State (LB), 48.8. 80—Northern Arizona, 1:30.0. USC (Berks 48.7, Jackson 48.2, Richardson 47.3, Brown 47.4), 1:31.3. Two Mile—Northern Arizona (Cross 1:49.0, 7:34.0. Sprint Medley—Striders 2:28.3. Distance Medley—USC (Cross, 1:32.8), 10:20.4.

HJ—Eastman (CALSB), 5-10. SP—McNabb (N. Arizona), 48-4. 2P—Stevens (USC), 50-1 1/4. PV—De Stefano (Pacific CC) and Stahlhoff (Striders), 16-0. LJ—Jackson (USC), 19-11 1/2.

JUNIOR COLLEGE I

RELAYS: 40—West LA, 42.1. 80—Phoenix, 1:27.4. Mile—Chaffey, 3:15.7. Two Mile—Santa Barbara, 7:50.0. Sprint Medley—Southwest LA, 2:28.5. Distance Medley—Monterey, 10:15.0.

SP—Henrick (Southwest LA), 48-1. 2P—Edging (Phoenix), 51-3 1/4. HJ—Joseph (Southwest LA), 6-8 1/2; 2. Richardson (Glandia), 6-8 1/2. PV—Beauch (Santa Barbara), 10-2. LJ—Kring (Oxnard), 19-0.

JUNIOR COLLEGE II

RELAYS: 40—LACC, 41.8. 80—LACC, 1:27.4; 2. Compton, 1:27.5. Mile—LACC, 3:14.7. Two Mile—LACC (Baker), 7:52.0. Sprint Medley—Phoenix 2:28.4. Distance Medley—Besse, Arizona (East), 10:23.0, 9:58.1.

SP—Casper (El Camino), 50-0 1/4; Turner (El Camino), 50-0 1/2. 2P—Oliver (Campano), 50-8. PV—Craw (Pierce), 14-8. HJ—Brown (Campano), 4-8 1/2. LJ—Ransdorph (East LA), 19-4 3/4.