

1969 GWI Best Ever

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Sacramento, Calif., June 14--Casey Carrigan (Orting, Wash) smashed his own national pole vault record and Willie McGee (Rowan, Hattiesburg, Miss) tied the 100-yard dash standard to highlight the 10th annual Golden West Invitational.

Carrigan cleared 17'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " on his second effort at that height to earn the Governor's Trophy as the meet's outstanding competitor. He then had three good tries at a world-record height of 17'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " before a horde of spectators who ringed the vault area following completion of this running events.

Carrigan broke his own mark of 17'0" as Steve Smith (South, Torrance, Calif) placed second with his career-best clearance of 16'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

McGee, after a false start, shot out of his blocks and sped to victory in a 9.3 century, probably the fastest in prep history as seventh and last place was timed in 9.5 in a tightly-bunched field.

Although not in the record category, an estimated 6000 fans witnessed numerous other strong efforts. These included a 242'1" javelin throw by Jim Pearce (North, Shawnee Mission, Kans), a 1:49.8 880 by Brian McElroy (Massapequa, NY), 47.0 in the 440 by Larance Jones (Lemoore, Calif) and Marvin Foster (Central, Kansas City, Kans) with Jones declared the winner, a wind-aided 13.4 high hurdles win by Rod Milburn (Clark, Opelousas, La), windy 25'6" long jump by Heulon Hewitt (Merced, Calif), 64'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " shot put by Don Randell (Sunset, Dallas, Tex) and 4:06.0 mile by Steve Prefontaine (Marshfield, Coos Bay, Ore).

The two-mile saw three runners dip under nine minutes with Fred Ritcherson (Salesian, LA, Calif) leaning into the tape inches ahead of Mark Hiefield (Milwaukie, Ore). Ritcherson ran 8:55.2 and Hiefield was given the same time as California state champ Ruben Chappins (Excelsior, Norwalk) ran 8:59.0 in third.

The triple jump provided a spirited battle between Zack Gillon (Peekskill, NY) and Spencer Thomas (Carver, New Orleans, La). Gillon bounced 50'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ " with wind to edge Thomas' 50'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Gillon also had a legal 50'10" leap.

100 (3.98 mph aiding wind), Willie McGee (Rowan, Hattiesburg, Miss) 9.3 =HSR; 2. Gerald Tinker (Coral Gables, Fla) 9.4; 3. Dave Perkins (Westwood, Mesa, Ariz) 9.4; 4. Frank Johnson (Wyandotte, Kansas City, Kans) 9.5; 5. Willie Robinson (El Centro, Calif) 9.5; 6. Robert Hauk (St Joseph's, Montvale, NJ) 9.5; 7. Ken Thompson (Killian, Miami, Fla) 9.5.

220t (5.6 mph excessive aiding wind), Tinker 20.8; 2. McGee 21.2; 3. Perkins 21.2; 4. Bob Carpenter (Mt Pleasant, Providence, RI) 21.2; 5. Robinson 21.5; 6. Hauk 21.5; 7. Dave Rorem (Wilson, Tacoma, Wash) 21.6; 8. Thompson 21.8.

440, Larance Jones (Lemoore, Calif) 47.0; 2. Marvin Foster (Central, Kansas City, Kans) 47.0; 3. Denny Dicke (Upper Arlington, Columbus, O) 47.3; 4. Bill Sims (Whittier, Calif) 48.0; 5. Lloyd Wills (Carver, New Orleans, La) 48.4; 6. Larry Black (Killian, Miami, Fla) 48.7.

880, Bryan McElroy (Massapequa, NY) 1:49.8; 2. Willie Thomas (Englewood, Chicago, Ill) 1:51.1; 3. Willie Blackmon (Wheatley, Houston, Tex) 1:51.8; 4. Marcel Phillippe (Mater Christi, Astoria, NY) 1:52.8; 5. George Jones (Yates, Houston, Tex) 1:53.4; 6. Clay Lowrey (Sacramento, Calif) 1:56.1; 7. Bob Langston (Millikan, Long Beach, Calif) 1:59.8.

Mile, Steve Prefontaine (Marshfield, Coos Bay, Ore) 4:06.0; 2. Ken Popejoy (Glenbard East, Glen Ellyn, Ill) 4:09.3; 3. Glenn Herold (Watertown, Wisc) 4:09.9; 4. Bobby Sahuque (Redemptorist, New Orleans, La) 4:11.0; 5. Eugenio Amaya (Burlingame, Calif) 4:14.1; 6. Decker Underwood (South, Torrance, Calif) 4:16.2; 7. Doug Crooks (North, Eugene, Ore) 4:21.0; 8. Reggie McAfee (Courter Tech, Cincinnati, O) 4:21.4.

2 Mile, Fred Ritcherson (Salesian, LA, Calif) 8:55.2; 2. Mark Hiefield (Milwaukie, Ore) 8:55.2; 3. Ruben Chappins (Excelsior, Norwalk, Calif) 8:59.0; 4. Mark Bir (Catholic, Lafayette, Ind) 9:03.6; 5. Dave Anderson (South, Shawnee Mission, Kans) 9:06.0; 6. Mark Visk (Palatine, Ill) 9:07.6; 7. Mike Hann (Benson, Portland, Ore) 9:28.4; 8. Jon Callen (East, Wichita, Kans) 9:42.0.

120HH (10.8 mph excessive aiding wind), Rodney Milburn (Clark, Opelousas, La) 13.4; 2. Jerry Wilson (Roosevelt, Fresno, Calif) 13.6; 3. Eferan Gipson (Refugio, Tex) 13.8; 4. Kirk Davis (Berkeley, Calif) 14.1; 5. John Bykowsky (St Joseph's, Montvale, NJ) 14.1; 6. Ron Washington (South Oak Cliff, Dallas, Tex) 14.3; 7. Dan Redfearn (San Juan, Citrus Heights, Calif) 14.3; 8. John Morrison (Redford, Detroit, Mich) nt.

180LHt (wind-aided), Wilson 18.8; 2. Redfearn 19.0; 3. Bykowsky 19.1; 4. Davis 19.1; 5. Morrison 19.3; 6. Golden Richards (Granite, Salt Lake City, Utah) 19.4; 7. Mike Carroll (Fair Park, Shreveport, La) 20.6.

330IH, Mike Cronholm (Lake Highlands, Dallas, Tex) 38.0; 2. Joe Abitante (Catholic, Roselle, NJ) 38.4; 3. Gipson 38.5; 4. Milburn 39.1; 5. Gary Paradees (Center, Kansas City, Mo) 39.2; 6. Spencer Thomas (Carver, New Orleans, La) 40.3.

HJ, Rick Fletcher (Hoover, Fresno, Calif) 6'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 2. Dan Brooks (Whitman, Bethesda, Md) 6'6"; 3. Sam Maxwell (Castlemont, Oakland, Calif) 6'4"; 4. Winn Henslee (Kimball, Dallas, Tex) 6'4"; 5. Wayne Bradley (Muir, Pasadena, Calif) 6'4"; 6. Gary Cameron (Talawanda, Oxford, O) 6'2"; nh, Larry Presser (Berkeley, Mich).

PV, Casey Carrigan (Orting, Wash) 17'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " HSR; 2. Steve Smith (South, Torrance, Calif) 16'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 3. Dave Roberts (Conroe, Tex) 15'4"; 4. Jeff Swenson (Nicolet, Milwaukee, Wisc) 14'0".

LJ (all wind-aided), Heulon Hewitt (Merced, Calif) 25'6"; 2. Oscar Wallace (Alton, Ill) 25'0"; 3. Thomas 24'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 4. Richards 24'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 5. Flenard Grisby (Pueblo, Tucson, Ariz) 24'2"; 6. Wayne Kinney (Duncan, Okla) 23'8"; 7. Ray Estelle (West Haven, Conn) 23'4"; 8. Dan Lintner (Indianapolis, Ind) 22'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 9. Danny Colbert (South Oak Cliff, Dallas, Tex) 22'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

TJ (wind variable), Zack Gillon (Peekskill, NY) 50'11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "w (50'10" wind ok); 2. Thomas 50'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ok; 3. Chris Moulton (Hill, San Jose, Calif) 48'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " no wind info; 4. Rod Utley (Cupertino, Calif) 47'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "w; 5. Estelle 46'1"nwi.

SP, Don Randell (Sunset, Dallas, Tex) 64'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 2. John Hannah (Albertville, Ala) 62'8"; 3. Don Phillips (Washington, Indianapolis, Ind) 62'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; 4. Kerry Eskeli (Serra, Gardena, Calif) 61'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 5. Mike Marks (Richardson, Tex) 61'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 6. Mel Taylor (Hartford, Conn) 59'6".

DT, George Amundson (Central, Aberdeen, SD) 193'6"; 2. Jon Gledhill (Pacific, San Leandro, Calif) 187'4"; 3. Taylor 184'2"; 4. Hannah 178'9"; 5. Pete Dreissigacker (Amity, Woodbridge, Conn) 178'7"; 6. Gary Butler (Conroe, Tex) 174'9"; 7. Steve Birger (Collinsville, Ill) 166'4"; 8. Charles Calhoun (Howell, Farmingdale, NJ) 166'3".

JT, Jim Pearce (North, Shawnee Mission, Kans) 242'1"; 2. George Stevens (Del Norte, Albuquerque, NM) 231'5"; 3. Mike Daniels (Central Linn, Halsey, Ore) 229'4"; 4. Ray Mushinski (Ambridge, Pa) 225'0"; 5. Paul McPherson (Arlington, Wash) 203'11"; 6. Steve Harrington (Howell, Farmingdale, NJ) 194'10".