

U.S. men's team 'too young to know how to lose'

by Jim Thomas
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Even though the 1976 Olympics are two years away the favorite will already have been established by the time the 12 USA-USSR Track & Field Meet concludes tomorrow.

The international meet will serve as a preliminary to the Montreal Summer Games.

The Americans have won eight of 11 previous meetings between the two countries but were humiliated in Minsk last summer by a combined score of 216-163 and were defeated indoors earlier this year in Moscow 158-124.

Soviet coach Igor Ter-Ovanesyan said he brought 90 per cent of the best track and field talent in Russia; however the United States team will be far from full strength with the defection of several of this country's top performers.

Among the missing are North Carolina miler Tony Waldrop, Olympic long jump champion Randy Williams, U.S. three mile record holder Steve Prefontaine, 5,000 meter runner Paul Geis and Frank Shorter, last year's 10,000 meter winner.

A dispute between Pacific Coast Club and the AAU about restrictions on the club's European travel permits will deprive the U.S. team of world record holders Al Furbach (shot put), Dwight Stones (high

jump) and national champions Jim Bolding (intermediate hurdles) and John Powell (discus).

Despite their absence head coach Jimmy Carnes feels the U.S. team will give a good account of themselves. "Any apprehension there might be concerning the quality of this team should be quickly dispelled," said Carnes.

"It doesn't bother me a bit to go against the Russians with a young team. Some of our members are just young enough not to know they can be beat."

The U.S. is favored in the sprints, relays, hurdles and middle distances but must score well in the toss-up events to defeat the Russians. Soviet head coach Igor Ter-

Ovanesyan has predicted the men's team would lose to the Americans by 7-10 points but the women's superiority should carry the Russians to an overall team triumph by 5-12 points.

The Russians are heavily favored in the javelin, hammer, triple jump and the walking events. The keys to an American victory will be the 1500, 5000 meters, high jump, pole vault and long jump.

Steve Williams and Rick Wohlhuter lead the U.S. hopes. Williams won both the 100 and 200 meter races and anchored the winning 400 meter relay team in Moscow, but will only compete in the 100 this weekend. Wohlhuter, the world record holder at 880 yards, is the overwhelming

favorite at 800 meters since Eugeny Arzhanov switched to the 1500 meters due to a sore ankle.

Charles Foster of North Carolina Central owns the fastest time in the world this year in the 110 high hurdles. Tom Hill, who finished second to Foster at the 1973 Martin Luther King Games, will be the other entry. The 400 intermediate hurdles will be handled by James King and Mike Shine.

The United States will have a strong duo at 400 meters, an event the Soviets have never won, where Maurice Peoples and Darwin Bond are capable of going under 45 seconds.

At 1500 meters, young Tom Byers of Ohio State and Mike Slack should offer tough competition to the veteran Arzhanov. Byers reeled off the fastest 1000 indoors ever on a banked track (2:06.6) last year and recently won the 1500 in the juniors meet with the USSR in Austin, Tex. Slack was one of the first runners to break four minutes indoors this season.

Dickie Buerkle will be the U.S. hope in the 5000 meters. Buerkle, better known as the "Man Who Stopped Pre" finished fourth last year to the Soviet's Nikolai Sviridov and Mikhail Zhelobovskiy. Buerkle is the only American since 1970 to have beaten Steve Prefontaine at any distance greater than one mile. He ran an excellent time of 13:34 in the AAU 5000 and will be joined by Donald Cardong against the Russians.

Charlie Maguire, the 1973 NCAA six mile champion, is the top U.S. representative in the 10,000 meters along with Gary Tuttle. The steeplechase, an event won only once

by the Americans, should be more competitive this year. The United States will have its strongest duo ever in American recordholder Doug Brown and Jim Johnson but will be up against the always favored Soviets Lenoid Savelev and Romuald Bitte.

Walkers Jerry Brown and Floyd Godwin round out the U.S. racing corps.

Turning to the field, the United States should be strongest in the weight events. Jess Stuart and Pete Schmock in the shot put and Mac Wilkins and Dick Drescher in the discus give the U.S. the edge on paper.

Bouncey Moore, 1970 USA-USSR meet champion, will be out to dethrone no. 1 ranked Valeriy Podlunznyi, last year's meet champion.

Veteran Reynaldo Brown, last year's winner at 7-2 3/4, leads the way in the high jump in one of the meet's great duels against European champion Kestutis Sapka.

In the pole vault either team could win. Soviet's Janis Lauris won the event last year.

John Craft will be competing against two of the world's finest in the triple jump. Victor Saneyev has been ranked number one in the world the last five years and Mikhail Bariban has jumped 55-4 1/2 indoors.

Sam Colson and Fred Luke attempt to challenge Soviet record holder Janis Lulis in the javelin.

In the hammer throw the Americans. Steve DeAutremont and Tom Gage will be hard pressed to match the heaves of Soviet strongmen Antoliy Bondarchuk and Aleksey Spiridonov, ranked number one and two in the world last year.

UNC frustrated in summer game

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Frustration.

July 1. Carolina has lost five straight games by a total of six runs. UNC leads Campbell 7-6 in the ninth inning. There are two outs and no one on base. The Tar Heels

are on the verge of victory. Bruce Arrowood is on the mound. There is no way Carolina can lose this one.

Fans and players lean forward, ready to leap in exultation after the final out. Frank Floyd of Campbell raps a single. "All right, nothing to worry about," Pat Havers beats out an infield hit. Men on first and second.

Players squirm, feet shuffle, there are a few inquiring glances toward the heavens. Jay Cline walks. The bases are loaded. The bullpen is active but no signal from the dugout. Another walk. The game is tied. The Boshamer crowd sits numbly in disbelief, hoping, praying but waiting for the inevitable. A grounder to shortstop, Bill Lee

charges, his fingers start to close around the ball but somehow it slips from his grasp. An error. Silence. Final score: Campbell 8, Carolina 7. Six straight losses for the Tar Heels.

From the beginning it looked like Carolina's game. Bob Thompson pitched out of a bases loaded, no out jam in the first. The Tar Heels scored a run in each of the first three innings to jump out to a 3-0 lead, the big blow a home run by Lindsey Ethridge in the third. Then three straight singles and a sacrifice fly by Charlie Spivey pushed the score to 4-0 in the fifth.

Meanwhile, Thompson, a rising sophomore with a good fastball and a sweeping curve retired 12 in a row before faltering in the sixth inning. A single and two walks loaded the bases again, Jay Cline hit the first of his two doubles to drive in two runs, Carlton Hairr singled for another run then coach Harry Lloyd brought in Arrowood. Arrowood promptly gave up a double to Jerry Taylor to tie the game and Campbell went ahead 5-4 on a sacrifice fly by Don Chance.

Lane Woods replaced starting pitcher Mark Perciefield for the Camels. Three errors, two walks, a passed ball, a wild pitch, a sacrifice fly, a fielder's choice and Early Jones double put Carolina ahead again 7-5.

A double by Cline, Taylor's infield hit and a fielder's choice cut the gap to 7-6 in the eighth but there was still no cause for concern, Arrowood appeared to be in control and the Tar Heels had made only one error up to the ninth inning. But then it happened two singles, two walks and an error gave away another game, perhaps the most frustrating one of all.

The Tar Heels finally broke their slump Tuesday night as Tim Collins scattered six hits while Marty Rasnake, Jimmy Baldwin and Lindsey Ethridge collected two hits apiece as Carolina whipped UNC-Wilmington 5-2. The Tar Heels record is now 6-9. Mike Merritt starts against Louisville tonight then Carolina meets Appalachian in a 7 p.m. doubleheader Saturday and Wilmington in a single game at 7:30 Sunday night.

Intramural sports begin

During the second Summer Session the Intramural Sports program will offer the following sports: softball, gold, tennis and basketball. All faculty and present students, male and female are eligible for participation.

Softball entries are due by 5:00 p.m., July 5th and play starts Tuesday, July 9th. Fastpitch softball rules will be honored, with

teams consisting of no less than nine players. Games will be played on Ehringhaus fields.

The qualifying round in the 6th Annual Open Intramural Golf Tournament shall consist of 18 holes and score cards shall be turned in to the Intramural Office by Tuesday, July 9th, 5:00 p.m. Flights and rounds will be announced later. The tournament will be conducted at Finley Golf Course and entrants may pick up score cards there.

A single elimination tennis tournament will be held this session. A mixed doubles tournament will materialize if enough interest is shown. Special Carolina rules will

govern this event and can be obtained in the Intramural Office. All entries are due by 5:00 p.m., July 10th. Court reservations will be supplied if desired.

For the first time, basketball will be offered during this summer session. Entries are due Monday, July 5th, 5:00 p.m. This singles elimination tournament will consist of 3-man teams and 30 point games on half courts.

This summer program is being directed by John Schwarz. Further information concerning all four activities is readily available in the Intramural Office, 215 Woolen, Phone 933-1153.

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Borzov skips 100; prefers 200 meters

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Since being billed as the "Little Olympics" at its formation in 1958 the USA-USSR track meet has lost much of its importance.

The first time the meet was held, the novelty of bringing together athletes from two countries attracted a huge crowd. Then attendance tapered off. Now the term "Little Olympics" is a trite expression used by sports writers rather than a meaningful description of the competition.

The United States does not have its team assembled. The Russians view the meet as "useful preparation for the European Championships."

Now the long awaited duel for the title of "World's Fastest Human" between Valeriy Borzov and Steve Williams will not take place. The anticipated showdown between Eugeny Arzhanov and Rick Wohlhuter in the 800 meters is also off.

Arzhanov will pass up the 800 to concentrate on the 1500 meters. Wohlhuter, the world record holder at 880 yards, was defeated by Arzhanov in Minsk last year and had been pointing for a rematch every since. If he still wants to run against Arzhanov it will have to be in the 1500.

Borzov won the gold medals in the 100 and 200 meter races in the 1972 Olympics, the first man since 1956 to take both sprints. Williams equalled the world record of 9.9 in the 100 meters at the National AAU Championships three weeks ago.

The 100 meter dash was to have been one

of the highlights of the international meet but Borzov will pass up the confrontation with Williams to run in the 200 meter race.

His lone confrontation with an American sprinter will be against Reggie Jones. Borzov looks to be the favorite in the 200. Jones, a Tennessee freshman, has a best time of 20.7 for the event. Williams will not run in the 200 so a meeting with Borzov is impossible.

Williams bested Borzov on the anchor leg of the 400 meter relay last year at Minsk but had never faced him in an individual race and was eager to run against the Russian star in the 100.

"Not only Williams," Borzov said Tuesday. "I prefer the 200 meter event over the 100 meter, but I will be running both later in the season. This is really our first competition. We have been practicing since April 1 and we try to peak for the European Championships in late August."

"I think it is good to compete in this meet," said Borzov, because you get to meet some interesting people, you get an indication of what the Olympic competition will be like, and the Americans are our most important rivals.


Borzov is a post-graduate student in the Institute of Physical Culture in Kiev. He is 24 and has been competing since he was 12 years old. He will compete in one more Olympics (Montreal Summer Games in 1976) maybe two then retire to coach and continue his scientific work.

"I don't think the heat will be a factor," said Borzov. "It is as hot as this in Moscow at times."

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