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Pan Africa-USA Track Meet Very Successful In Durham

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United States.

race Friday evening.

over Prefontaine.

LITTLE ETHIOPIAN STEALS HEART OF CROWD

DURHAM - The first Pan Africa-USA International Track

Meet staged in the United States is history. The end of the two-

day meet came to a close just before eight o'clock last Sat-

urday night. But still lingering in the hearts of the 34,000 spec-

tators who turned out to see the Meet is a little Ethiopian by

African runners as Kip Keino, Ben Jipcho and John C. Akii-

Buwa. They knew what to expect from these runners. But by

the time the Meet had ended, the little man from Ethiopia

had captured the hearts of track fans from every angle in the

Ifter, who looks like he should be running the sprint races

instead of any race of any long distance because of his size,

stole the show from the other runners in the Meet. Included

in the Meet were such outstanding world record holders as

Ifter, the Ethiopian soldier who is the body guard for Em-

peror Haile Selassie, turned from goat to hero. It was on

Friday afternoon that lifter had misjudged the finish in the 5,000

meter run and stopped running with one lap to go. Being unable to speak either English or French, there was some misinterpretation at the finish line in the 5,000 meter race Friday.

Ifter, whose best time in the 5,000 meter race this season

It was a two-man race between Liter and Prefontaine until

two laps before the race was over. When the two runners came

acorss the line with two laps to go, Ifter, thinking this was the last lap, turned on his speed and opened up a 30-yard lead

Of course this brought the spectators to their feet. But as Ifter came into the finish line with what he thought was an ap-

parent victory, the starter shot the gun indicating the last

lap was coming up. Prefontaine went on to win the race. This moment of despair was recognized by all in attendance at the Meet but of course nothing could be done about it. As a token of appreciation for his efforts, Dr. Leroy T. Walker,

serving as Meet coordinator, made a special presentation of

a standing ovation for his very fine effort which went for naught.

But at this time, no one knew that Ifter would return the next

day to not only win the respect of those who came out on Friday,

Originally, Ifter was not scheduled to run the 10,000 meter

which was scheduled to be run at 6:20 Saturday. After the

The near 20,000 spectators rose to their feet to give liter

a watch to lfter for his very fine efforts.

but the additional 14,000 also.

has been 12:52.6, was expected to give Steve Prefontaine of Oregon a run for his money in the three-mile equivalent

John Smith, Rod Milburn and Keino and Pat Matzdorf.

Before the Meet was staged, everybody knew about such great



DAVIS CONTINUES STREAK - Durham: Iris Davis (206) wins the women's 100 meter dash for the USA with a time of 11.40. Next to Miss Davis is Alice Annum' (302) for Africa who finished third in this opening round of events of the Pan-Africa-USA International Track Meet. (UPI).

Olympics **Sweepstakes**

Innounced

In the sports world, excitement has already started to build in anticipation of the Olympics scheduled for August-September of 1972 in Munich, Germany. Upcoming Track and Field events like the Pan-African Largest Crowd To Witness Track **Meet In United States Thrilled**

BY EARL MASON

DURHAM - More than 54,000 spectators turned out for the Pan Africa-USA International Track Meet staged here last Friday and Saturday at Wellace Wade Stadium on the Duke University campus.

But the joy and excitement they witnessed will linger in their hearts for a long time

> ed with everything. A new world ter relay team to victory in 44.9. record was set, an African standard was broken and the high Friday came in the 5000 meter temperatures were enough to race where Africa's Mirus Ifmake the people go home. But ter misjudged the number of laps instead they sat through the Meet remaining and finished the race and saw some of the world's greatest athletes perform.

> men's and women's team com- ning the 10,000 meter. petition. The men's score was 111-78 and the females turned back a team of world stars, 79- record in the 400 meter hurdles. 53. But the final scores are Buwa won this event with a irrelevant.

competition the spectators saw, Charles Yego set in 1970. the encouraging response by the fans and the step this event has played toward joining the nations together in peace.

The first running event of the for men. World record holder. Rod Milburn opened the Meet by streaking to a first place finish in this event, Hometown Africa's Abeyade Cole for second place.

first and second place in the crowd in winning his race in 100 meters also as Jim Green 3:37.5.

and lvory crockett came one-two.

in the long jump to win the watch for that event and world record holder John Smith flashed to a 45.7 winning time in the 400 meters with teammate Darwin Bond finishing second.

team composed of Crockett, Willie Deckard, Larry Black and Green completed the Friday card by circling the track in 39.9.

Iris Davis was the top female performer Friday as she won the 100-meter for women and then The two-day event was fill- anchored the victorious 400 me-The biggest disappointment

one lap short of completion. However, the Ethiopian redeem-America's team won both the ed himself the next day by win-

North Carolina Central's Larry Black finished second to John Smith in the 200 meter. Smith was timed in 20.7 while Black hit the tape in 20 9. John Meet was the 110-meter hurdles Craft won the triple jump with a leap of 43 1 3/4 while second place went to David Smith. Kip Keino, the famed African distance runner, had little comfavorite, Ron Draper fought off petition in winning the 1500 meter. With his biggest competitor the clock, Keino did not set The United States captured any record but he thrilled the

12:00 noon. All boys participating in the clinic should come dressed to play. * * * * Temporary deafness can be caused by exposure of even a short duration to a noise leve. between 100 and 125 decibels, according to the Beltone Cru-

sade for Hearing Conservation, which cites the figure as an im-perative need for meaningful noise pollution control mechanisms.

The most affluent suburban home may not be a safe refuge from noise pollution according to the Beltone Crusade for Hearing Conservation. Crusade officials stress that many of the appliances and power tools found in today's modernhome generate sounds loud enough to cause permanent hearing losses if exposure to these sounds is prolonged.

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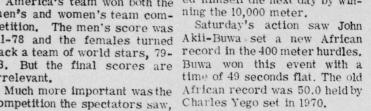


N.C. State Bouncy Moore leaped 26-2 **Staffers To** Hold Clinics The men's 400 meter relay

Th North Carolina State U-niversity Wolfpack staff, including Eddie Biedenbach and Art Musselman, will conduct basketball clinics for the Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department. This clinic will be offered to boys 8-10 years of age.

They will be at the following community centers: Lions, Tuesday, July 20, at 10:00-12:00 noon; Jaycee, Wednesday, July 21, from 10:00-12:00 noon; Chavis, Thursday, July 22, from 10:00 - 12:00 noon; Method, Friday, July 23, from 10:00-

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VICTORY SIGN - Durham: John Smith (L) UCLA gives the "power" sign to the cheering crowd after winning the 400 meters dash July 16 in the Pan Africa-USA International Track Meet. With Smith is USA teammate Ivory Crocket, Philadelphia, who took a second in the 100meters dash. (UPI).



KEINO HITS TAPE FIRST - Durham: Afrian Alympic gold medal holder Kip Keino tears e tape as he crosses the finish line a good 00 yards ahead of his nearest competitor in the 500 meters race July 17. Keino's time was :37.52. (UPI).

will be testing as well as sharpening the abilities of such track greats as Renaldo Brown, Iris Davis, and John Smith as they compete with other American athletes for a berth in 1972 world-wide competition.

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But athletes won't be the only ones hoping for a spot at the Olympics.

Salem cigarettes has announced a "World Games" Sweepstakes which offers 20 lucky winners a trip for two to the 1972 Games, plus hotel accomodations, tickets to various events and \$500 in spending money. Or, as an alternate prize the winners may select \$1,000 cash.

Persons 21 years of age or older can enter the contest between now and October 30 by sending their name and address, including zip code, along with two empty Salem packs to: Salem World Games Sweepstakes, P. O. Box 8242, St. Paul, Minn. 55113.

The 20 winners will be drawn this November by an indepen-

dent judging organization. In addition, the first 10,000 entrants will receive a free copy of the "Great Black Athetes" record book, published by Snibebe Sports, Inc.

The Greater Portland (Oregon) Commerce magazine notes, "U. S. railroads continue as the nation's biggest hauler of freight, carrying 41 percent of intercity traffic. By 1980 they will be expected to handle, at the very least, one third more traffic than now -- moving over one trillion ton-miles a year."

Under good timber management, three to five times the normal number of timber crops can be grown, says Georgia-Pacific Corporation.

opening races, the spectators were getting in the groove to witness one of the world's greatest distance runners, Kij Keino "do his thing."

However, before time for the 1500 meter race scheduled to be run at 6:05, the man on the public address system announced that lfter was going to run the 10,000 meters. Of course this brought the people to their feet,

Still not feeling the real thing what was about to happen, all the fans sat back in their seats and watched Keino run away from the field in the 1500 meter race. The fans brought the veteran police from Kenya around the track each time, but this was expected from him.

Before the fans could settle down from the great run by Keino, it was time for the 10,000 meter race. The spectators began to sense the presence of the man, who only 24 hours before, had felt the sting of despair. The row of sentiment began to flow for the little Ethiopian.

And from the time the gun went off starting the six-mile race until Ifter fought off the challenge by Frank Shorter at the tape, the spectators were on their feet cheering liter on to victory.

The people who had come from every angle of the globe and from all walks of life, had a chance to really get the feel of the race since it was a race that would be over in a few seconds. The runners had to run 25 1/2 laps before the race was over.

And for 24 1/2 of these laps, liter stayed just two steps behind Shorter, the United States champion in this race. But this time, making no mistakes about how many laps were left in the race, litter took command of the race when the gun sounded incidating the last lap.

When the gun went off, the Ethiopian opened up a 10-yard lead going around the first turn. On the back stretch, lfter added some more to the lead making the distance about 15 yards. Then with about 200 yards left in the race, Shorter made his bid to overtake Ifter.

The two competitors battled down the stretch but this time Ifter was not going to be denied. Seemingly, he reached back and got a little something extra and was able to hold on to the lead at the tape.

The track meet was not over at this point, but for most of the spectators, the joy of the two-day Meet was present. The entire attendance rose to its feet to give liter a standing ovation. And as he ran a victory lap, the fans continued to clap their hands.

The cheering was not over however when it was time for Ifter to come to the award stand to get his citations. The people again rose for the occasion. They applauded and, of course, itter responded by taking a bow.

Spectators who turned out for both days of the activities had seen 32 other events. Fans who only came Saturday saw a new world record set by the women's mile relay team. Still others had other moments of excitement. But the Pan Africa-.USA Track Meet of 1971 will be remembered by all for a little soldier from Ethiopia who turned from goat to hero in a matter of 24 hours.

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