

Florida's Bachelor Running In Mexico

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The U.S. hits the 100-meter mark, tying the world record in order: Kanagasabai Kamalan (719), Singapore; Wieslaw Maniak (671), Poland; Barka Sy (716), Senegal; Alberto Torres (392), Dominican Republic; Santino Drain (787), Uganda. AP Wirephoto

MEXICO CITY
Jack Bachelor has been in Mexico for one week and his souvenir collection is beginning to mount. So far he has collected several pins from athletes of other nations, a mild case of 'Montezuma's Revenge' and three giant moths.

As he trained yesterday for Tuesday's qualifying race in the Olympic Games' 5,000-meter run, Bachelor made it plain that he'd trade all those trophies for an Olympic Medal of any color in the finals of his event on Thursday.

Bachelor is unique in many respects. A climatologist who is studying for his doctorate at the University of Florida, the 24-year-old Bachelor is the tallest runner in the world at 6-foot-4½ and is one of the most surprising members of the United States team.

Few track experts, including Bachelor himself, gave Jack much chance of earning a trip to Mexico City as recently as six months ago. Gerry Lindgren and Billy Mills, the 1964 Tokyo medalists, were deemed certain to lead the way in the classic test of speed endurance. But Lindgren came down with ulcers, and Mills concentrated on the 10,000 meters with disastrous results. He failed to earn a spot at 10,000 and missed making the team altogether.

Their coincidences amounted to extraordinarily good luck for Bachelor, who also managed to reach top form at the final trials at Lake Tahoe last month. Jack finished second to Bob Day of Los Angeles, but both finished in the same time in an attempt to tie for first place.

Bachelor actually was the stronger runner at the finish. "It was a windy day and I stayed back and kind of 'leech'd' on groups of runners," he said.

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Packers Down

are the Packers—the team that crushed them last season in the Western Conference playoff game.

But a great catch by Billy Ruax of a Roman Gabriel pass gave the Rams a first down at the Green Bay 41. Two plays later, Jack Snow dashed by Packers defender Alderley at the 25. Gabriel's

pass bounded away and the official's handkerchief was thrown to the ground.

Three running plays later, Gossett, who had kicked field goals from the 22 and the 26 earlier, connected from the 27 and the Rams dealt the fading Packers their third defeat in five starts.

	Rams	Packers
First downs	11	15
Rushing yardage	83	81
Passing yardage	97	115
Return yardage	114	121
Plays	7:58.0	13:58.3
Punts	6-39	5-41
Fumbles lost	1	2
Yards penalized	10	33
Los Angeles	0 3 10 3-16	
Green Bay	0 7 0 7-14	

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center at Florida Presbyterian his talents naturally slant in that direction. However, Pollard has that spot ably filled.

One pivot man is St. Petersburg's Gary Keller. Gary, a

LA—FG Gossett 22
GB—Anderson 1 run (Kramer kick)
LA—Ellison 1 run (Gossett kick)
LA—FG—Gossett 32
GB—T. Brown 32 punts return (Kramer kick)
LA—FG Gossett 37
A—19,616.

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