

ATOMS INDOOR CHAMPS

New York, NY, February 25:-The Brooklyn based Atoms Track Club successfully defended their National AAU Indoor Championship here tonight as they scored 16 points to win the team trophy over the ever-pesky Mayor Daley Youth Foundation who gathered 10 points for the runner-up honors.

It is evident that as long as the Indoor Nationals are in the city of New York, the Atoms will win the team title. Who else can afford to bring athletes to take part in the three scoring relays? The Atoms tallied 11 of their 16 points with a first and two seconds in the baton events and only Cheryl Toussaint managed to grab off points in addition to the relay squads. In 1971, the Atoms won all three relays and it is obvious the cost of travel from Brooklyn to New York is not as high as from, say, La Jolla, California, to New York.

Six defending champions were on hand and half of them won their titles for another year. Patty Johnson repeated in the hurdles and gathered in a new Meet and America record as she twice crossed the finish line in 7.5s. Doris Brown received competition from young Debbie Heald but managed to retain her title with one of the fastest indoor miles ever run at 4:44.0. The third to successfully defend her title was pint sized Esther Stroy who continued her dominance over the 220 distance.

60 yard champion Pat Hawkins was eliminated in the semi finals, Lynette Matthews was only fourth in the shot and 440 winner for 1971, Jarvis Scott, could fare no better than 3rd in spite of running 0.3 faster than last year.

Controversy raised its ugly head again in the seeding - or lack of seeding - in the 60 and hurdles. Five heats were run in the hurdles and in the semi-finals, lo and behold four of the heat winners were placed in the same race. This is in direct violation of Rule II, Section 5 (h), which states in forming heats (and semis), the Committee shall weigh PLACE first. It is ridiculous and inexcusable to err in this important phase of track athletics in the biggest meeting of

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the year. But even this error was not as great as another error by the same Committee who put Martha Watson, Iris Davis, Barbara Ferrell and Kathie Lawson together in the same HEAT of the 50y dash - with only three to qualify. Ridiculous.

From a statistician's point of view, Madison Square Garden officials are on the black list due to their failure to list place times in the sprints and hurdles. Athletes can go to any podunk meeting and receive times for 9/Under races clear down to 20th place - but at the National Championships we know nothing beyond the time for the winner.

Fine performances cropped up throughout the competition. Debbie Van Kiekehelt, Canada's fine young pentathlon prospect, won the high jump, but her height of 5'8 was equaled by Alice Pfaff and Jayne Frederick, both of The Colorado Gold. Kathy Hammond returned to the wars and won the 440 in a tight finish with Sweden's Karen Lundgren and defending champion Jarvis Scott. The quarter saw the elimination of some outstanding talent in the heats as Havis Laing, Gale Fitzgerald and Nancy Benson fell by the wayside. Madeline Manning-Jackson led for a while in the mile run, but fell back and finished out of the money - but she will be a threat when Olympic Games time comes. Willye White, America's premier long jumper, continued her frustration in the Indoor Championships as she placed second and her record of never having won an American Indoor long jump championship remains intact. Cheryl Toussaint, runner-up in 1971 to Canada's Abby Hoffman, won that event this time in an exciting race with Albuquerque's young Carol Hudson and The Colorado Gold's even younger Wendy Koenig.

RESULTS: 60y, (First 3 qualify to semi-finals), I, 1-Mattline Rander (NYPAL) 6.9, 2-Mildrette Metter (Alcorn), 3-Ann Moore (Columbus Community TC), 4-Molly Hence (Alcorn); II, 1-Veronica Harris (Chicago Zephyrs) 6.8, 2-Carson Brown (At), 3-Gladys Jernison (NYPAL), 4-Nancy Kaiser (Texas TC); III, 1-Alfreda Daniels (Motor City) 6.9, 2-Pat Hawkins (Atoms), 3-Helen Williams (Alcorn), 4-Kathy Smallwood (IAM); IV, 1-Martha Watson (IATC) 6.7, 2-Iris Davis (TSU), 3-Barbara Ferrell (IAM), 4-Kathie Lawson (Liberty AC); V, 1-Mable Ferguson (WGT) 7.0, 2-Charlene Johnson (Un), 3-Jill Thomas (Kirkwood), 4-Carson Dean (Ashler).

Semi-finals (First 2 to final): I, 1-Davis 6.8, 2-Rander, 3-Johnson, 4-Thomas, 5-Moore; II, 1-Ferrell 6.8, 2-Ferguson, 3-Williams, 4-Harris, 5-Brown; III, 1-Watson 6.9, 2-Daniels, 3-Hawkins, 4-Metter, 5-Jernison.

FINAL, 1-Iris Davis 6.9, 2-Martha Watson, 3-Alfreda Daniels, 4-Mable Ferguson, 5-Mattline Rander, 6-Barbara Ferrell.

220y (Fastest 8 to semi-finals): I, 1-Williamae Ferguson (WGT) 25.4, 2-Deana Reed (Ashler) 25.7, 3-Ann Coleman (Phil Hawks) 26.5; II, 1-Maeoper West (MDYF) 25.3, 2-Virginia Lilly (PH) 25.6, 3-Veronica Harris (CE) 26.1, 4-Jacqueline Thompson (MM) 26.2; III, 1-Ether Stroy (SITC) 25.0, 2-Jill Thomas (Kirkwood) 25.3, 3-Michale McMillan (Atoms) 25.4, 4-Ditra Henry (MDYF) 25.5; IV, 1-Laurie Barr (Ohio TC) 25.4, 2-Linda Reynolds (Atoms) 25.4, 3-Maureen Abare (MM) 25.4, 4-Danette Marshall (PH) 25.6; V, 1-Darlens Green (PTC) 25.0, 2-Rosalyn Bryant (CE) 25.6, 3-Kim Curry (Texas TC) 25.7, 4-Carson Dean (Ashler) 26.0; VI, 1-Kathie Lawson (IAC) 24.7, 2-Linda Cordy (Atoms) 25.7, 3-Jane Murcko (Ohio TC) 26.0, 4-Cheryl Green (SJ Chargers) 27.3.

Semi-finals (Fastest 4 to final), I, 1-Ferguson 24.9, 2-Lawson 25.2, 3-Abare 26.0, 4-McMillan 28.0; II, 1-Barr 24.8, 2-Green 25.0, 3-Thomas 25.6; III, 1-Stroy 24.9, 2-Reynolds 25.1, 3-West 25.2.

FINAL, 1-Stroy 24.6, 2-Ferguson 24.7, 3-Green 25.2, 4-Barr 25.4.

440y (Fastest 4 to final): I, 1-Jarvis Scott (IAM) 55.2, 2-Karen Lundgren (Sweden) 55.7, 3-Bonnie Boring (Canton TC) 58.6; II, 1-Elizabeth Bandars (LJTC-Sweden) 56.9, 2-Patricia Helas (Clippers TC) 58.3, 3-Bonnie Stewart (Canton TC) 59.4, 4-Piti Adaleke (Nigeria) nt; III, 1-Navis Laing (Phoenix TC) 56.9, 2-Beth Warner (Ohio TC) 56.9, 3-Nancy Benson (Un) 57.5, 4-Janie Vetter (Blue Ribbon TC) 61.4; IV, 1-Sheila Ingran (Pioneer AC) 56.3, 2-Brenda Walsh (Canada) 56.5, 3-Marilyn Bastian (NYPAL) 57.8, 4-Jan Lester (Gallop TC) 61.5; V, 1-Kathy Hammond (SacRR) 56.3, 2-Gale Fitzgerald (Atoms) 57.1, 3-Chris A'Hurrah (Del) 59.3; VI, 1-Diedre Moore (Atoms) 58.6, 2-Sherry Keep (CCTC) 58.7.

FINAL, 1-Hammond 54.9, 2-Lundgren 54.9, 3-Scott 55.0, 4-Walsh 55.9. Ingran scratched due to injury.

880y (First 4 from each heat to final), I, 1-Cheryl Toussaint (Atoms) 2:15.4, 2-Sue Parks (Wolv) 2:16.2, 3-Kathy Prendergast (MDYF) 2:17.7, 4-Ann Gallaher (PTC) 2:17.7; II, 1-

Abby Hoffman (Canada) 2:16.4, 2-Terry Crawford (Knoxville TC) 2:16.5, 3-Wendy Koenig (TOG) 2:16.7, 4-Carol Hudson (AOC) 2:17.2.

FINAL: 1-Toussaint 2:08.2, 2-Hudson 2:09.5, 3-Koenig 2:10.5, 4-Crawford 2:11.3, 5-Hoffman 2:15.5, 6-Parks 2:15.7, 7-Gallaher 2:16.9, 8-Prendergast 2:18.8.

Mile: 1-Dorris Brown (Falcon TC) 4:44.0, 2-Debbie Heald (IAM) 4:47.5, 3-Gledda Reiser (Canada) 4:48.8, 4-Kathy Gibbons (Glendale Gauchos) 4:51.2, 5-Jane Hill (ArisTC) 4:55.

(Note: no other information available) Unseeded Section, 1-Ellyn Cornish (Frederick TFC) 5:05.0, 2-Brenda Webb (Kettering) 5:06.7, 3-Roberta Austin (Alfred Atlantans) 5:06.9, 4-Kathy McIntyre (Suffolk AC) 5:12.3, 5-Beth Bommer (SJC) 5:14.3, 6-Jennifer Gray (MDYF) 5:40.3. (More places given for unseeded section than the seeded section!)

60yH: (First 2 to semi-finals), I, 1-Mattie Rollins (MDYF) 7.7, 2-Deanne Carlson (SRR), 3-Jan Glotzer (PTC), 4-Carson Brown (Atoms), 5-Edmonia Veals (Alcorn); II, 1-Patty Johnson (Angels) 7.7, 2-Pat Donnelly (IATC), 3-Lorna Tinney (LJTC), 4-Deana Schullenberg (MDYF), 5-Bess McDavid (THTC); III, 1-Lacey O'Neal (SITC) 7.8, 2-Deby Lansky (Wolv), 3-Pat Hawkins (Atoms), 4-Oludisa Johnson (Pioneer AC), 5-Shirley Hall (PH); IV, 1-Bobbette Krug (LJTC) 8.0, 2-Lorraine Tummings (Atoms), 3-LaVonne Neal (PH), 4-Sherice DuChamp (THR), 5-Kathi Guiney (Liberty AC); V, 1-Carol Thomson (Del) 8.0, 2-Nancy Kaiser (THTC), 3-Jayne Frederick (TOG), 4-Kathy Anderson (Canton).

Semi-finals: (First 2 and fastest 3rd to final); I, 1-Rollins 7.8, 2-O'Neal 7.8, 3-Krug 7.9, 4-Thomson nt, 5-Donnelly nt; II, 1-Johnson 7.5, 2-Carlson 8.0, 3-Lansky, 4-Tummings, 5-Kaiser.

FINAL, 1-Johnson 7.5, 2-O'Neal, 3-Rollins, 4-Krug, 5-Carlson.

High Jump: 1-Debbie Van Kiekehelt (Canada) 5'8, 2-Alice Pfaff (TOG) 5'8, 3-Jayne Frederick (TOG) 5'8, 4-(tie) Susan Turpin (Canada) and Connie Dorsey (Terre Haute TC) 5'6, 6-Cheryl Friesen (Topeka CC) 5'4, 7-Sally Pihlal (Tyndall AC) 5'4.

Long Jump: 1-Martha Watson (IATC) 20'11 1/2 (American indoor record), 2-Willye White (MDYF) 20'7 1/2, 3-Gaylene Barber (MDYF) 19'5 1/2, 4-Jacqueline Taylor (Travelers AC) 18'6 1/2.

Shot Put: 1-Maren Seidler (MDYF) 50'11 1/2, 2-Denise Wood (WJS) 47'9 1/2, 3-Mary Jacobson (Oregon TC) 46'7 1/2, 4-Lynette Matthews (Falcon TC) 46'5 1/2, 5-Diane Jones (Canada) 45'0 1/2, 6-Jan Svendsen (IATC) 44'10 1/2.

640y Relay: (Heat winners to final), I, 1-Atoms 1:11.5, 2-Columbus Community TC 1:13.5, 3-Mickeys's Missiles 1:14.0, 4-La Jolla TC 1:15.0; II, 1-NYPAL 1:12.9, 2-SHNC 1:17.0, 3-Red Hook Striders 1:19.3, 4-Jets TC 1:25.1; III, 1-Philadelphia Hawks 1:14.0, 2-Ohio TC 1:14.1, 3-Alcorn A&M 1:15.1, 4-NYPAL "B" 1:15.2; IV, 1-Phoenix TC 1:13.5, 2-Ashler OC 1:14.2 (disqualified), 3-Atoms "B" 1:17.8 (disqualified), 4-PH "B" 1:17.9.

FINAL, 1-Atoms (Linda Reynolds, Linda Cordy, Pat Hawkins, Carson Brown) 1:10.4 (meet record), 2-NYPAL 1:12.0, 3-Phoenix TC 1:13.5, 4-Philadelphia Hawks 1:14.1.

880y Med Relay (440-110-110-220), (Heat winners to final); I, 1-Atoms 1:50.2, 2-Ashler OC 1:52.7, 3-Mickeys's Missiles 1:54.0, 4-Philadelphia Hawks "B" 1:57.3, 5-Jets TC 2:14.4; II, 1-Sports International 1:52.7, 2-Terre Haute TC 1:54.5, 3-PH "A" 1:55.6; III, 1-West Coast Jets 1:50.3, 2-MDYF 1:52.1, 3-NYPAL "B" 1:52.9, 4-Pioneer AC 1:53.8, 5-Central Jersey 2:02.5; IV, LA Mercurettes 1:50.0, 2-Columbus Community TC 1:52.4, 3-Ohio TC 1:54.0, 4-Atoms "B" 1:54.1, 5-South Jersey Chargers 2:07.4.

FINAL, 1-IAM (Jarvis Scott, Barbara Ferrell, Bobby Walker, Kathy Smallwood) 1:46.2, 2-Atoms 1:46.6, 3-West Coast Jets 1:48.8, 4-SITC 1:52.3.

Mile Relay: (First 2 in each heat to final): I, 1-Atoms 4:03.2, 2-Ohio TC 4:09.8, 3-Falmouth TC 4:11.5 (Disqualified), 4-MDYF 4:25.0; II, 1-NYPAL 3:58.2, 2-Canton TC 4:03.5, 3-Alfred Atlantans 4:21.3, 4-SITC 4:23.5.

FINAL, 1-NYPAL (Francine Simula 59.5, Denise Johnson 58.2, Valerie Carter 57.2, Marilyn Bastian 56.7) 3:51.6 (New meet and American indoor record), 2-Atoms 3:55.4, 3-Canton TC 3:57.5, 4-Ohio TC 4:11.7, 5-Alfred 4:15.2.

SCORING: 1-Atoms 16, 2-MDYF 10, 3-Sports International 9, 4-NYPAL and IATC 8, 6-IAM, The Colorado Gold and TSU 7, 9-West Coast Jets and Falcon TC 6, 11-Angels TC and Sacramento Road Runners 5, 13-Phoenix TC 4, 14-WJ Striders and La Mirada Meteors and Albuquerque OC 3, 17-Ohio TC, Canton TC, Oregon TC and Motor City PAL 2, 21-Travelers AC, Philadelphia Hawks, Glendale Gauchos, La Jolla TC, Knoxville TC and Terre Haute TC 1 each.