

# Youthful U. S. Team Surprises

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—America's "non-traditional" brigade took over from the "old boys" and handed the Soviet Union a rare defeat in the 11th dual meet between the two track and field powers.

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The youngest competitor, 15-year-old Lisa Parks of Ypsilanti, Mich., didn't fare as well, however. Her two-mile relay team finished fourth behind the Russian women as anchor girl Kathy Gibson, 17, failed to catch her Soviet counterpart.

The U.S. team also included 15-year-old Carol Holton along with Dawn Brown, 20, one of the real "oldsters."

Anchor "old lady," 25-year-old Martha Watson, added a second behind teammate Irit Davis in the 80-yard dash to go with her long jump victory, an American mark of 2:09.4, Americans won 12 of the 23 events with the girls sweeping the first two spots in the hurdles, and 10 and the men finishing first-second in the hurdles, long jump, shot put and three-mile run.

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The triple jump was won by John Craft of Chicago with an American indoor record of 55.5. Russia's Viktor Sereyev, who shattered his own indoor mark in the European championship last week, was third.

Other American winners included Army Capt. Mel Pender in the 60-meter hurdles, Southwest Cal. long jumper George Foster, North Hollywood, Calif., 35-pound weight thrower, Lew Brown, San Francisco, 400; Jesse Stuart, Chicago, shot put and the men's two-mile relay team of Morgan McSweeney, West Virginia Univ.; Ken Sparks, Ball State, Ind.; John Lovett, Manhattan College, and Marcel Philippe, Fortiam.

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## Outdoors

### Bass Habits a Deep Mystery

By Jim Sobole



Striped bass fishermen who begin their season in March usually have enough time before the bass are and why they aren't.

Bass theories are as abundant among fishermen and biologists as fishing bass are scarce. Most agree that the fish are not spawning until the water is warm, so it's always open season on striped bass.

About 10 years ago the bass used to stack up in schools in Toms River during the winter, then head into Barnegat Bay when the water warmed. The sporting anglers sometimes dropped lead-head jugs down through school bass, then brought the lure on through the school and hooked semidormant strippers.

When the bass moved into the bay, fishing was often spectacular, especially when anglers used light spinning tackle and waded the flats behind Island Beach. But since the peak years of the early 1960s, bay bass fishing has been poor in March and April.

Further south, bass also used to winter by the thousands in the Mullica River, then spread into nearby bays. This month biologists, fishermen and even marine police were unable to find bass with eggs in the Mullica. Nobody knows why bass no longer seem to winter in Jersey's coastal rivers.

But scarcity of bass winter in Chesapeake and Delaware bays to the south and in the Hudson River on the north. In fact, there have been three consecutive good spawning years for Chesapeake strippers, where biologists count 50 percent of the Atlantic's bass originate. Biologists also expect the bay's abundance of bass to spill over into Jersey waters next winter.

Perhaps some of the deaths (underfed bass) which have shown in cultured catches around South Jersey this month came from down south.

Winter Warning.

Strippers become active when the water temperature gets up to about 40 degrees, and the temperature has been flir-

ting around the 50 mark (about a week of two, so fishing for bass has to pick up soon).

Fishing for early-season strippers, can be expensive, especially since the price of bloodworms has shot up to \$1.50 a dozen.

Bob Boyle, an authority on Hudson River strippers, predicted words of warning about the Hudson's bass at the annual dinner of the Metropolitan Rod and Gun Editors dinner on March 7.

Boyle said about 17 million bass winter in the Hudson, with about five million of these fish adults. He said the greatest threat to the Hudson's strippers is the proliferation of power plants.

"It would be a tragedy if the Hudson River is condemned to death to supply life (electric power) for people who did not see," said Boyle.

The Hudson River Fishermen's Association, which is conducting a membership drive, is pushing the fight to protect the river. Membership information is available by writing to the HRFA at Box 67, Dumont, N.J.

Gold Available.

The HRFA has published an excellent Hudson River Fishing Guide, available from the association, for \$2.00. The guide lists bait and tackle shops, best livings, recommended tackle, baits and lures, and has maps of fishing areas.

Only a handful of anglers take advantage of the bass and other fish available in the river, probably because they don't know where to fish. The guide has the answers fishermen need to discover this close-to-home sport.

The Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County will hold their annual past president's banquet Tuesday at the Rustic Lodge on Route 41 in East Paterson. Bill Bostup, well-known writer and the organ-

### Vida Blue:

#### "Steelman"

SANTA FE SPRINGS, Calif. — "Obviously," says the president of the steel company that is a 40-year-old construction giant in California, "Vida Blue goes to work by 6:30 a.m."

The 27-year-old left-handed pitcher sensation announced Thursday that he was retiring from baseball because Oakland A's owner Charles O. Finley will pay him only \$60,000 for his second year in the major leagues.

Blue was paid his salary bonus from \$14,750 to \$92,000.

Earl Epstein, the 27-year-old president of Turo-Shel Food, Inc., says he has hired Blue "for more money than baseball's Maheshi offer."

The southern pitcher from Mansfield, La., will work in sales and marketing and Epstein wants to return to his public relations.

"It remained to be seen if Blue would make his sales pitch or return to baseball," said attorney Robert J. Gerst, but he would be receptive to other offers from Finley.

Dun-Sost, the president asserted in the largest manufacturer West of the Mississippi for medicine cabinets, range hoods, apartment house multiplex and the "one-shot" product for bathrooms.

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