

Mann still the guy to beat

Can Ralph Mann's sore right foot come through in the second round of the 400 meter hurdles today?

"The foot is affecting my running," admitted the former BYU star who set the world record in the 440 hurdles in 1970.

But the torn tendon Mann suffered in a race in Los Angeles two months ago has apparently healed properly.

He breezed into today's second round after jogging home first in his heat Friday in 50.9.

It was good for ninth place among the qualifiers, or, in other words, the time didn't mean a thing.

Mann could have crawled home to make the top four in his heat Friday. Others in the first round chose to go a little faster.

Richard Bruggeman of the Ohio Track Club, the AAU champ, Martin Luther King winner, and Kennedy Games top finisher, blew to a 49.8 to win his heat.

"I guess I went faster than I needed to," he said after his race.

It gave Bruggeman the top time going into the semi-finals, which start at 4:15. The first heat will be the best race.

Eight men get the gun in each of two heats—four qualify for the final Sunday which comes at 6:30. Somebody's going home sore.

The first race features Mel Bassett, a veteran who qualified in a cruising 50.7, and first-round heat winners Bruce Collins and Carl Wood.



Collins co-holds the nation's best time with Mann (49.1) and won the NCAA title earlier this month on the same track. Wood, from Richmond, won the fourth heat Friday, beating Oklahoma State's Jim Bolding among others. Bolding, Big Eight champ and runner-up in the AAU, is looking to revenge an overhaul job Collins maneuvered in the NCAA final. Later, Bolding was disqualified from that race.

The second semi-final heat pits Mann against Bruggeman and it could be a great race. Both like to come out smoking and if Bruggeman decides to let himself go again Mann may follow. Figure him to just qualify and worry about the 48 or 49 in the final, though.

"I don't mind all the races you have to run," Mann declared after Friday's round. "The more races the better, or as long as my foot holds up."

Chasing Mann and Bruggeman is Robert Steele, who qualified in 50.3; Ron Whitney, sixth in this event at Mexico City in 1968, and Wes Williams, who qualified in 50.7.

4:15 400 hurdles

Four qualify for finals

Heat 1

1	(456)	RON RONDEAU
2	(152)	MELVIN BASSETT
3	(159)	ROBERT CASSEMAN
4	(276)	CARL WOOD
5	(282)	NICK LEE
6	(101)	BRUCE COLLINS
7	(311)	JIM BOLDING
8	(84)	MIKE CRONHOLM

Heat 2

1	(38)	ROBERT STEELE
2	(271)	RON WHITNEY
3	(488)	TERRY MUSIKA
4	(430)	JIM SEYMOUR
5	(431)	RALPH MANN
6	(574)	LARRY WALLS
7	(6)	RICHARD BRUGGEMAN
8	(392)	WES WILLIAMS

5:15 p.m., 20-kilometer walk

(564)	BILL RANNEY	1:33:01
(582)	LARRY WALKER	1:38:18
(349)	STEVE TYRER	1:35:03
(408)	JOHN KELLY	1:44:02
(171)	HOWARD PALAMARCHUK	1:41:08
(141)	GOETZ KLOPPER	1:39:30
(206)	RON DANIEL	1:39:45
(589)	ROGER DURAN	1:43:23
(191)	JOHN KNIFTON	1:34:35
(203)	RON LAIRD	1:33:35
(410)	LARRY WILKS	1:38:18
(418)	DENNIS REILLY	1:43:12
(12)	GREGORY DIEBOLD	1:37:57
(557)	DAVIS EIDAH	1:44:57
(550)	TOM KNATT	1:44:21
(376)	FLOYD GODWIN	1:34:15
(197)	TOM DOOLEY	1:31:52
(386)	J. ESTEBAN VALLE	1:41:38
(407)	RUDY HALUZA	1:37:34
(205)	RON KULIK	1:43:16
(35)	MIKE RYAN	1:38:39
(387)	DAVE ROMANSKY	1:32:14
(445)	DON DENOON	1:44:17
(563)	MIKE DE WITT	1:39:05
(380)	TOM KNOTT	1:44:02
(385)	LARRY YOUNG	1:30:10
(27)	JACK MORTLAND	1:42:25
(556)	CLARK SCULLY	1:36:42
(555)	JOHN BLACKBURN	1:42:06
(318)	STEVE LUND	1:43:58
(319)	JERRY BROWN	1:36:41
(543)	STEVE HAYDEN	1:33:45

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