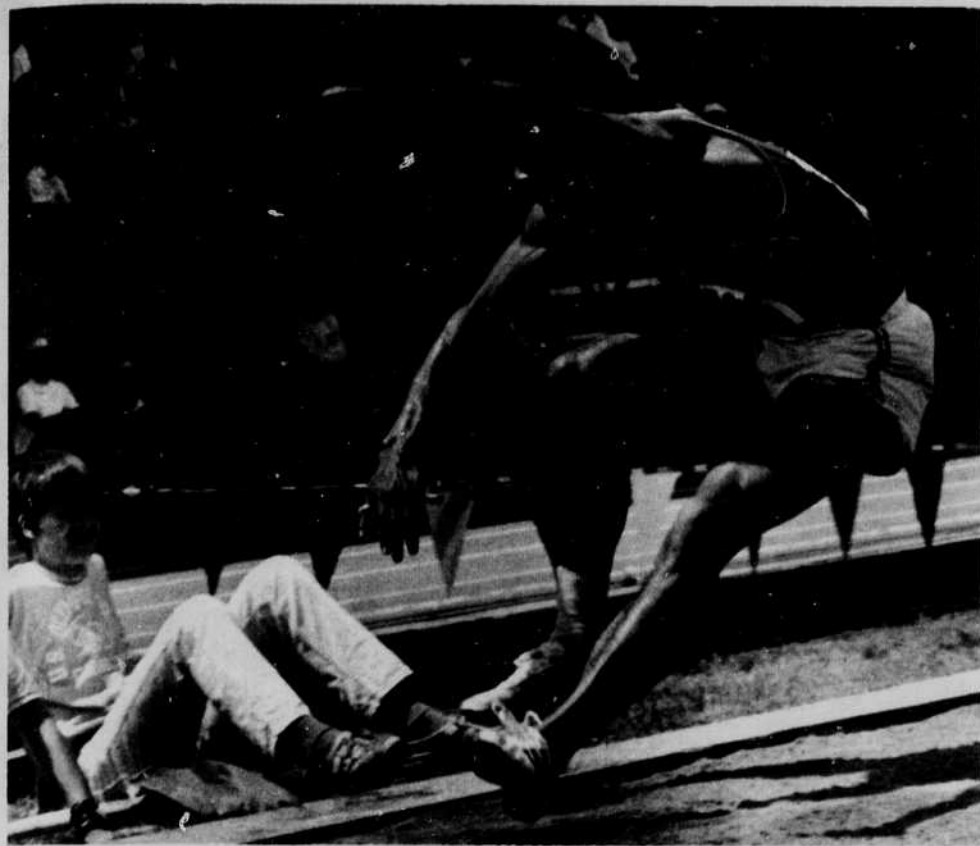




Henry Hines

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Unknown Carrington captures top long jump qualification

Ralph Boston decided not to jump, seven 26-foot jumpers failed to qualify and unknown Preston Carrington leaped 26' $\frac{1}{4}$ " to headline long jump qualifying competition at the 1972 Olympic Trials, Friday.

Boston, at 33 years old, decided not to try for his fourth straight Olympic team berth. An injury to his knee and calf didn't respond during his warm-ups and dictated Boston's decision.

"I was hoping to make one good jump today, then one or two tomorrow. But I wasn't getting one third the speed I was accustomed to coming down the runway with and I just couldn't see tearing it up," Boston said.

Boston will make the trip to Munich as a TV commentator, but he was obviously disappointed. When asked, he said, "Yes and no. Yes because I honestly thought I could make the team. No, because I've been there three times."

Meanwhile, 23-year-old Preston Carrington jumped out of obscurity in Wichita, Kansas into the sandtrap of Hayward Field and found himself the top qualifier for today's prelims and finals. Carrington, who works with the NCAA kids' track program in Wichita, needed only one jump.

Henry Hines, jumper of 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet with wind aid, took the second spot at 26 $\frac{1}{4}$, and Arnie Robinson grabbed the third qualifying place with a 25-11 leap.

Bouncey Moore took two jumps. The first was a scratch. The second measured only 23-9 $\frac{3}{4}$ and he ended up 18th, far from the final qualifying spot of twelfth.

Moore injured his back on May 6 against Oregon State. The injury came on his 26-1 $\frac{3}{4}$ season's best jump. Since then he has competed only twice, making the finals in the NCAA but not competing because of the reaggravated injury, and then Friday.

Many other notables failed to make the final competition set for today at 7 p.m. In fact, seven 26-foot jumpers failed to qualify for the finals.

Phil Shinnick came into the competition with the fourth best leap of the season, but jumped 24-7 $\frac{1}{2}$, finished 14th, and failed to make it. He had a best of 26-5 $\frac{1}{4}$ coming into the meet.

Jerry Proctor fouled on both of his first two jumps, and managed only 22-8 $\frac{3}{4}$ and finished last in the competition. He came into the meet with a 26-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ season's best, fifth best among the long jump entrants.

National high school record holder Ken Duncan jumped 24-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ and finished just out of the money in 13th place. His 26-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ stands as the nation's best prep mark. Duncan jumped a series of 23-5 $\frac{1}{4}$, 24-9 $\frac{1}{2}$, and 23-6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Jeff Bolin, a 26-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ jumper from Purdue, managed only 24-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ to finish in 16th.

NCAA runner-up Al Lanier, Cincinnati, landed in 15th place with a jump of 24-6 $\frac{3}{4}$. Along with Moore, Stan Royster a 26- $\frac{1}{4}$ jumper dropped competition after receiving an injury.

Another non-qualifier was Ron Humphrey, who had just missed 26 feet earlier this season at 25-11

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3 $\frac{1}{4}$. He could jump only 23-9 $\frac{3}{4}$ for 17th place on the list.

Qualifying behind the three top men was Stan Whitley, Cal International Track Club, in fourth with a 25-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ he achieved on his final try.

In fifth was Air Force's Gary Rainwater at 25-9 $\frac{1}{4}$; sixth, freshman NCAA champ from USC and the S.C. Striders' Randy Williams; and seventh, Bill Rea, third placer in NCAA, who flew 25-7 on his first jump.

In eighth landed Army's Ron Coleman, 4th in the AAU who jumped 25-6. Coleman has a personal best of 27-3 $\frac{1}{4}$.

At ninth is Norm Tate, New York Pioneer Club, at 25-5 $\frac{1}{4}$. Tenth was Henry Jackson, Army, at 25-



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3 $\frac{1}{2}$, and qualifying 11th on his final jump was Oregon Track Club's Tom Smith. The former Oregon jumper leaped 25-2 for the placing.

Qualifying last was James McAlister, UCLA, who has a personal best of 26-6 $\frac{1}{2}$, but went 24-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ too qualify last into the finals today.

None of the qualifying jumps carry into the finals, but Hines and Robinson appear to be ready for their chase after Munich tickets. The third spot is wide open. No one can be ruled out of a chance to make the team. The field, despite losing seven 26-footers, is still that tough.

For Carrington, his 26- $\frac{1}{2}$ was his lifetime best. He'll need to better it again most likely to be close to an Olympic berth.

Boston said, "I don't see any shoo-ins. They're going to have to work for it."

One thing is certain: the competition for the three spots on the U.S. Olympic team should be bitterly contested. And if the long jumpers get turned on like the triple jumpers did last weekend, then Ralph Boston's second best jump ever and former world record jump of 27-4 $\frac{3}{4}$ may be threatened.

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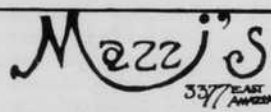
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