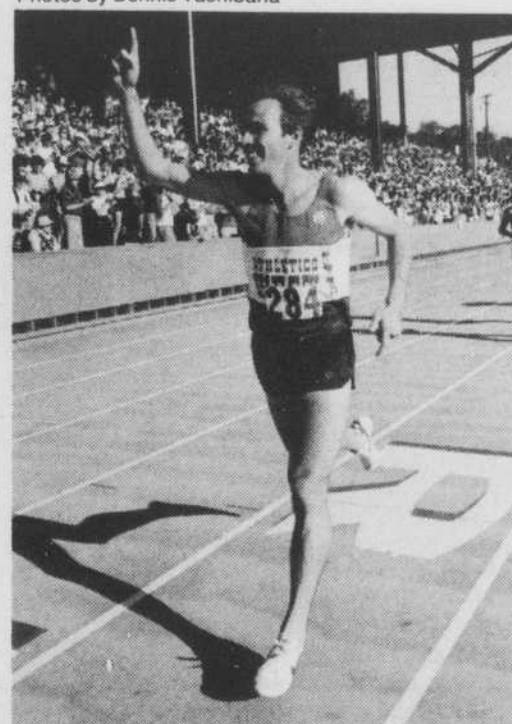




John McArdle of the Oregon Track Club placed third in the hammer throw with a mark of 230-11.

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Henry Marsh

Local athletes qualify in final trials events



Tom Hintnaus won the pole vault competition at 18-4 1/2, but failed three times to set a new world record.

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Eleven local athletes qualified for the U.S. Olympic team on the last day of the trials Sunday.

University freshman Leann Warren surprised everyone when she finished third in the 1,500-meters finals behind Mary Decker and Julie Brown.

Decker, of the Athletics West track club, ran away with the 1,500 championship in 4:04.91, the second fastest time ever by an American woman. Brown's second-place time was 4:07.13.

But Warren stole the show when she moved from seventh to third place in the last 400 meters, running 4:15.16 to out-distance Francie Larrieu.

Warren gained a spot in the 1,500 finals when meet officials ruled her fall and subsequent seventh place finish in the qualifying round was caused by another runner.

Warren, who usually competes in the 800 meters, said the fact she was unknown in the 1,500 meters worked to her advantage. "All this year I thought my best chance was in the 800. So coming into the 1,500 I didn't have anything to lose."

Bill McChesney's third-place

finish in the 5,000 meters was reminiscent of Warren's — neither were expected to place in the top three.

McChesney pulled ahead with a mile-and-a-half to go and maintained the lead until Matt Centrowitz of the Oregon Track Club and Dick Buerkle picked up the pace.

Centrowitz, the favorite, clocked 13:30.62. Buerkle, who stuck with Centrowitz throughout the race, ran a 13:31.9 for a personal best. McChesney crossed the tape in 13:34.42, bettering his personal best by more than 10 seconds.

"The wind was tough," Centrowitz said. "You have to appreciate anyone who'd go out in it. Especially Bill — he went way out there. For a small guy like him that's a big task."

"I was hoping he'd get second," Centrowitz said.

McChesney, was glad to make the team, and the Olympic qualifying standard of 13:35. "This is a special day for me," he said.

On Saturday, OTC's John McArdle earned a berth on the Olympic Team and met the Olympic qualifying standard with a hammer throw of 230-11.

All three hammer qualifiers, Andy Bessette, 232-10, McArdle and Boris Djerassi, 230-8, met the standard to becoming the first complete U.S. hammer squad in several years.

McArdle said the American record will be his next step. "My goal was throwing 70 meters (230 feet). That way I wasn't tied to winning or losing."

"Now I'm hoping to throw a lot farther — 235-11 (the American record) isn't out of reach," he said. "There's a chance of reaching it."

Tom Hintnaus met one of his goals Saturday with a 18-4 1/2 jump that catapulted him into first place in the pole vault. Hintnaus, however, was unable to clear 18-11 1/4 for a new world record.

"I really thought I had it (on the second jump)," he said. "But I barely touched it with my thigh. I thought I could make it. I think I could get it someday."

Henry Marsh, a University law student competing for Athletics West, ran 8:15.68 for an American record in the steeplechase. He was followed by Doug Brown of Athletics West, who clocked 8:20.6 and John Gregorek in 8:21.32.

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