

Track and Field

The assault on National AAU-Chevrolet Junior Olympic Track and Field records began Saturday with 238 blue-chip athletes gunning for new standards in 20 events at the University of Nebraska's Ed Weir Track. Not long after the meet started the long expected rains came to Nebraska, but no one could tell what was falling faster—the downpour or the records.

Girl's Events

Mary Lou Jasnoch, a personable, pig-tailed speed merchant from Oshkosh, Neb., broke the 100 yard dash record in the prelims with a 10.7 clocking. The 17-year-old Doane College freshman-to-be eventually won the century in 10.8.

Miss Jasnoch, known for her explosive starts, tried for another win in the 220 but jumped the gun twice and was disqualified. The event went to Linda Blakely of Detroit, who turned in a 24.7. performance. The 220 were one of only two girl's events in which the previous high mark remained intact. In the 440, a 55.2 effort by Veronica Venezia of San Rafael, Cal., fell short of the 53.9 record set by Sheila Ingram in 1971.

Johanna Forman, who turned 15 on the eve of the Multisport Championship, ran the 880 in record time. The East Falmouth, Mass., high school student turned in a blistering 2:12.3 performance to better Theresa Rulison's six-year-old standard by Yvonne Boone, a 17-year-old from Oakland, Cal., shattered the one-yea-old record in the 100-meter low hurdles with a 13.6 time. The previous record of 14.1 had been set by Montana's Terri Wheeler.

Four girls tied Karen Krichko's 1973 record of 5'6" in the high jump. Chris Remmling, Toni Jones, Cathy Eastridge, and Vera Schlosser all duplicated the feat. Miss Remmling, of Encinitas, Cal., took the gold medal on the basis of fewer misses. Miss Jones, of Washington, D.C., took second. Third place went to Miss Eastridge, from Buck Creek, Ind., while Miss Schlosser, a South Dakotan, finished fourth.

A North Carolinian—Kathy McMillian of Raeford---bested the long jump standard of 19'6" with s 29'9" leap. The 16-year-old Hoke County High junior broke the four-year-old mark set by Romanda Lacy of Kansas. "I didn't know it could be so much fun in the big meets," said Kathy. "I'm going to practice even harder now, 'cause I really want to go on from here."

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A record-setting performance in the discus throw came from Lorna Griffen, a recent Corvallis, Mont., high school grad who has her sights set on the 1976 Olympics. Lorna's 143'0" toss eclipsed Olga Aranda's 1972 mark by three feet.

The Region VI relay team tied the all-time record of 46.8 set by a Region II quartet two years ago. The 440 relay award winners were Sue Latter of Clarkston, Mich., Ann Moore of Columbus, Ohio, Rhonda Brady of Gary, Ind., and Detroit's Linda Blakely.

A new event—the girl's one mile run---went to a junior from Hopewell Valley High in Titusville, N.J., Hilary Noden, 16, outdistanced challenger Julie Shea of Raleigh, N.C., for the win. The New Jersey cross-country champ went under five minutes for the first time in her career at 4:56.8.

Boy's Events

Two records fell in the boy's competition as high jumper Charles Hatch and shot putter Ron Klotzer both earned niches in the record book. The tall-gangly Hatch, who says he has Olympic aspirations, sailed seven feet to break the old mark of 6'11" set by Rhode Island's Tim Walker in 1973. Hatch said his record-setting effort was only the second time he'd jumped since graduating from San Francisco's Woodrow Wilson High last May. "I jog around Candlestick Park at least three times a week," Hatch said. "I've had a groin injury, so it didn't matter whether or not I had a place to jump."

Klotzer, 17, a Union, N.J., resident headed for the University of Maryland this fall, set a championship record of 63' _ in the shot put. Klotzer said he wasn't sure he could win the event, but told reporters "my dad was confident I could break the record." Like Hatch, Klotzer admits to having the Montreal Olympiad on his mind. "I don't know if I'll be ready until 1980," he said, "but who knows?"

The other field event winner was Dennis Ivory of Hillside, Md., in the long jump. Ivory's 23'7 _" jump outdistanced Atlanta's Larry Lowe by half an inch.

Don Paige, a high school senior from Baldwinsville, N.Y., hooked up with Houston's Mike Novelli in a duel for the one-mile run title. Novelli took an early lead, but Paige made his move on the last turn of the final lap. Finishing with a tremendous stretch kick, Paige nipped Novelli by one second with a 4:13.1 time.

Mike Kee of Dorchester, Mass., was the 100-yard dash victor with a 9.7 time and Jerome Morgan of Newark, N.J., won the 440 with a 47.9 effort. Jeff Moody, a senior at Pinecrest High in Southern Pines, N.C., captured the 880 in 1:53.0.

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Sixteen-year-old Ken Smith of Los Angeles edged Virginia's Karl Williams in the 120 high hurdles, 14.2 to 14.3. Rudy Pearson, 17, of Trout Lake, Wash., and also ran for two years in the one-mile race walk, finally won the event this year in 7:05.2.

The 880-relay went to the Region VI delegation. Jerry Hill of Indianapolis and three Detroit youths ---Dwight Jones, Stan Benefield, and Harlan Huckleby --won the race with a 1:27.9 time.

The track and field competition was for boys and girls aged 14-17.