Ryun's Mile Provides Reward For All Who Blow Their Cool

I admit it. I was just like a kid about the whole thing.

I completely blew my cool and found myself yelling "Come on, Jim!" right along with everyone else. I yelled and I clapped and I stood right beside the finish line with my heart pounding like a kid at his first carnival.

And Jim Ryun awarded me with a new intercollegiate mile record—3:54.7. More Than Meet

The Kansas Relays are more than a track meet. There is a carnival atmosphere, this year spiced by the heralded Glenn Cunningham Mile, which drew more than 23,000 spectators.

Although there were countless outstanding athletes doing their stuff from 9:30 Saturday morning, you could feel the air growing thicker as it approached 2:20 p.m.

"Ryun" was a magic word, bouncing back and forth across the crowd like an errant electrical charge. Kansas newspapers had built this one up all week, and even though four of the sub-four minute men brought in to push Ryun had inexcusably bowed out by Friday, they came and payed to see because Ryun had promised them a

Even the announcer una-

General Rules Told . . .

George!

By George Kaufman

bashedly cried out at 2:15 that it was just five minutes to the featured event of the afternoon, and there was a perceptable difference in the stadium - not a quiet, but a lowering of voices, and everyone seemed to be saying "Don't make this moment leave, stop the clocks, leave us here. We have been waiting for this, we have wrapped ourselves in waiting and it's a good feeling,

it is beautiful to expect.' But time is as much an enemy to those who watch as to those who run against it, and the runners came onto the track and were announced slowly, one by one, giving each one time to trot twenty yards up the track

to the starting line. John Lawson, a former Kansas cross-country star was there, and so was Richard Rome, the man expected to push Ryun, but

they no longer even exist-ed when Ryun was an-nounced. He trotted easily to the line, smiling but not relaxed—but not tense either. Just ready.

On Their Way

Then a gun cracked and they were on their way, it was here. Ryun trailed Lawson for the first lap and a half, which was supposed to happen; and then it came over the loudspeak-

"Ryun takes the lead . . . he's out by five yards . . . Ryun leads by ten yards " Now the crowd was out there with him, there was applause and his name was no longer "Ryun", but "Jim".

It was "Jim" 23,000 times, and they were all saying "Come on Jim, you promised us a record."

"Ryun leads by twenty

yards . . ." and 23,000 people were standing, yelling, clapping.

All By Himself

Ryun was all by himself now, a good 200 yards in front of Romo. It was his race, and he brought it home, not straining, running beautifully, not lunging at the tape. He possessed a beauty and a dignity that Charlie Greene or B o b Hayes could never own-he was a miler.

Fifty professional cameras recorded the finish, but 23,000 memories had cop-ies. Ryun was immediately deluged with photographers and reporters and officials and the crowd shattered into standing applause.

I am happy. It was one of the greatest thrills of my life to watch that race that wasn't a race. But one thing about it bothered me then and still does, and I heard while I was there from people who know that it bothered Ryun, too.

Commercialization

The commercialization of Jim Ryun. Until this year, there were no reserved seats at the Kansas Relays. This year the entire West Stadium was reserved. Until this year, the price for any seat was \$1.50. This year reserved seats cost \$3 in the afternoon, and \$5 for the entire day.



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. Kansas miler Jim Ryun (111) lines up at the start with 23,000 spectators watching and then outruns the rest of the field in his outstanding performance. RYUN RUNNING . .

Ann Wendell Captures Cowgirl Award

. Standing from left to right: Sondra Hutchins, Fort Hays,

barrel racing; Larry Radant, University and John Rothwell not pictured, team rop-

ing; John Sennett, University, calf roping; Gary Weitlaufer, Kearney State, tied for saddle bronc; and Jane McDowell, University, Rodeo Queen and goat tying. Kneeling left to right: Ann Wendell, University, ribbon dogging and all around cowgirl; Butch Terrell, University, tie for saddle bronc and all around cowboy; and Joe Hedrick, Fort Hays, Bareback and tie for all around cowboy.

Spring Day Agenda **Includes Six Events**

Karen Wendt and Helen Larsen, co-chairwomen for Women's Games have announced a six-event agenda for Spring Day, Friday,

May 5. The general rules for this day consist of a \$5 entry fee for each participating organization; no more than two events per individual; and a required knowledge of the game rules by each par-

The following events will e scored on a 10-6-3 point basis for first, second and third:

The Tug of War will consist of two eight-membered, tennis-shoed teams (with equal portions of rope, of course), and will cluminate when the first person is pulled into the "Pit"

In the Roller-Skating obstacle Race around the track, marshmallows are substituted for batons. Each of the four team members will face various obstacles as he "glides" around his segment of the track.

The Pyramid Race will only take ten seconds. That

is, after fifteen contestants make a five-man base, hands-and-knees pyramid, they must only hold such a position ten seconds to win

Mystery Events The only lowdown on the mysterious couples mystery event is that Centennial

costumes are in order. One person per living unit may enter the Hay Contest, which will be identical to searching for a "to be designated" object in a hay-

stack. Two please have been made concerning the Hay Contest. The first is that there be no unnecessary roughness; and the second is that contact-wearers

consider some other event. Unbreakable balloons would certainly be advantageous in the Balloon Contest. One person from each organization will have a balloon tied to the back of each ankle.

The object is to break the balloons of all other competitors while keeping at least one of your's intact.

Ann Wendell a freshman by one third of a point to become the new all around cowgirl in last week's uni-

versity centennial rodeo. Miss Wendell won the ribbon dogging event and

goat tying, to take the rodeo honors.

First Time This was the first time that she competed in goat tying and ribbon dogging competition. Miss Wendell said that it

had helped to practice in the University's rodeo arena a few weeks before. She said that their were 16 or 17 girls in each event. "I plan to compete in the Fort Hays Rodeo May 5-6 and the Kearney State Ro-deo May 13-14 this spring,"

placed in the other two

events, barrel racing and

she added.

Girls Trophy The University won the girls trophy on a team basis as they had 28 1-3 points to beat out Fort Hays with 20 and Kearney State with 14.

Fort Hays took first place for men on the team basis with 18 points followed by 14 for Kearney state, 131/2 for the University and 8 for Chadron.

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