

# Young Beats Clarke in 8:22, Second Fastest 2 Mile Ever

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SAN DIEGO—Little Joel Young looked up adoringly at his father as they jogged together around Balboa Stadium while the crowd of 10,482 applauded Saturday afternoon.

Well he might too, because, his dad, George, a health science teacher at Casa Grande High in Arizona, had just run the second fastest two-mile of all time, beating a man whose 8:19.8 stands as the best.

Young thereby proved his qualifications in the subject he instructs. Needless to say, it was a new American record.

Despite a slow 4:12 first mile, the 30-year-old pedagogue circled the Grasstex course eight times in 8:22 flat, winning by four strides over Ron Clarke. The Australian's clocking was 8:22.6, making it the world's third best ever.

Young admitted after the race that he almost withdrew on Wednesday because of illness.

The event, billed as the feature of the San Diego Invitational, lived up to its advance notices as Young took command on the final lap after the Aussie had set the pace much of the way. George ran the final quarter in 58 seconds as he refused to let

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Clarke close the gap he had built up on the back stretch.

It was an afternoon of sparkling performances by a select field of Olympic candidates, and some bitter disappointments.

The greatest of these came for Tommie Smith in the 220 when Jimmy Hines built up a five-yard lead rounding the turn and staved off the closing rush of the world-record holder to win by inches in 20.3 seconds. Smith's lunge at the tape almost got him a victory but not quite.

Although there seemed to be little doubt among the spectators as to who had hit the tape first, Smith was so insistent he had won that he refused to mount the victory stand with the Houston Striders star, contending he wanted to see the television picture first.

### Boston Third

Ralph Boston, world-record holder, joined the disappointed when he barely took third in the long jump with a leap of 25-6 1/2 behind winner Bob Beamon (26-9 3/4) and Gayle Hopkins (26-2). Boston, who has been bothered by a knee injury all season, re-hurt the ailing joint Saturday as he beat out Phil Shinnick by only a quarter of an inch for third.

Another disappointment came in the half-mile where Martin McGrady, one of the favorites, did not run. The Santa Clara Youth Village star charged the officials had kept changing the time for the start of the event to accommodate television, causing him to warm up so much "it was senseless to try to run."

In his absence George Hunt won in 1:48.4, ahead of Tom Farrell and John Perry.

### More Happenings

It was a meet in which these things also happened:

Charlie Greene, in front off the blocks, led all the way to edge out Hines in 9.3 seconds in the 100.

Lee Evans came from behind to take the 440 in 45.8. Vince Matthews, out fast, ran himself into the ground and had to settle for third behind Ron Freeman. Both were clocked in 45.9.

Earl McCulloch cleared the first hurdle of the 120-yard highs in front by a couple of feet and kept going away with Leon Coleman finishing fast to shunt Willie Davenport into third spot. McCulloch's winning time was 13.6.

Tim Danielson, although suffering from a muscle pull earlier in the week, ran away from Belgium's Andre De Hertoghe and the Army's Tom Von Ruden to win the mile in 4:02.1.

Jay Silvester, after his world record setting 218-4 a week ago at Modesto,

found no favoring wind but still flipped the discus out 205 feet 7 inches.

And Randy Matson shoved the shot 68-7 1/2 on his first attempt to win easily over George Woods.

Young, a steeplechaser in the last two Olympiads, admits he is in a quandry now whether to go for the 5,000 or the barrier race in the trials at Los Angeles June 29-30.

"I convinced myself I had to stay with Clarke if I was going to win," he said, and he did that. "I never felt sure I had Ron beaten until I crossed the tape."

After running the first mile well back, he moved up on the sixth lap when he pulled away from Pat Traynor (third in 8:32.6) and Australian Kerry Pearce (fourth) as he he picked up Clarke, and dogged his footsteps.

### Breaks Record

At the sound of the gun for the final lap Young spurred by the world's fastest two-miler and never was headed, as he erased the American record of 8:25.2 set by Jim Ryun and Jim Grelle.

Grelle is now out of competition, but Ryun had intended to run this race until he was stricken with mononucleosis a week ago.

"Wednesday I seriously considered withdrawing," said George. "I felt ill but I guess it was just from working out in the heat. The weather at home has been around 107 degrees. I talked to my coach, J. B. Fox, and he suggested I take it easy for the rest of the week and see how I felt, so that's why I'm here."

### Pace Slow

Clarke, always a gracious winner and loser, said he is farther ahead in his training for the Olympics than he had expected.

"I thought I might catch him as we came off the final turn," said the Aussie. "It seemed to me he was fighting it a little bit but when the crowd roared he came on again and I couldn't close the gap."

Clarke said he felt the

first mile pace was a little slow, but quickly added he doubted he could have beaten Young, even if it had been faster.

DISCUS — 1. Jay Silvester (unaf., Springfield, Utah), 203-7; 2. Jan Cole (Pacific Coast Club), 191-1; 3. Rink Bakke (unaf., Manhattan Beach), 189-1; 4. Ed Keller (Striders), 189-4.

100—1. Charlie Greene (unaf., Lincoln, Neb.), 9.3; 2. Jim Hines (Houston Striders), 9.3; 3. Hal Fender (U.S. Army), 9.5.

MILE—1. Tim Danielson (San Diego Track Club), 4:02.1; 2. Andre Dettlacher (Belgium), 4:00.9; 3. Tom Von Ruden (U.S. Army), 4:02.8; 4. Jose Neri (Mexico), no time.

440—1. Lee Evans (San Jose State), 45.8; 2. Ron Freeman (Arizona State), 45.9; 3. Vince Matthews (Johnson C. Smith), 45.9; 4. Dave Morton (Texas), no time.

100 HUR—1. Earl McCulloch (USC), 13.6; 2. Leon Coleman (Striders), 13.6; 3. Willie Davenport (Houston Striders), 13.7.

SHOT—1. Randy Matson (Houston Striders), 68-7 1/2; 2. George Woods (PCC), 68-6 1/2; 3. Karl Jahn (Kansas Friends), 61-10; 4. Cole (PCC), 59-8 1/2.

220—1. Hines (Houston Striders), 20.3; 2. Tommie Smith (Santa Clara VV), 20.3; 3. John Carter (SCVTV), 20.5.

TWO MILE—1. George Young (unaf., Casa Grande, Ariz.), 8:25.2 (American record, old mark 8:31.3 by Jim Ryun, Kansas, and Jim Grelle, (Baltimore, Md., 1946); 2. Ken Clarke (Australia), 8:32.6; 3. Pat Traynor (U.S. Air Force), 8:32.6; 4. Kerry Pearce (U.S. Texas-El Paso), 8:33.4.

LONG JUMP—1. Bob Beamon (Houston Striders), 26-9 3/4; 2. Gayle Hopkins (unaf., Pasadena), 26-2; 3. Ralph Barton (Striders), 26-4; 4. Phil Shinnick (Striders), 25-4 1/2.

800—1. George Hunt (Houston Striders), 1:48.4; 2. Tom Farrell (U.S. Army), 1:49.3; 3. John Perry (U.S. Marine), 1:49.3.

Pole Vault—1. Bob Seearge (USC), 16-4; 2. Chris Papanicolaou (San Jose State), 16-2; 3. Erskil Mylesbari (Free Press SW), 16-0; 4. Dick Wallback (U.S. Army), 15-4.