

# Williams, Gilkes Win on the Way to a Showdown

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World record-holder Dwight Stones and out-of-nowhere Mike Winsor will go at it again in the high jump, and Steve Williams will try to settle a score with James Gilkes in the 200 meters today as the National AAU track and field championships move into the first day of finals at Drake Stadium.

Thirteen finals will be held today, eight in men's events and five in women's. Men's finals are the 200 meters, 110-meter high hurdles, 5,000 meters, 5,000-meter walk, high jump, long jump, hammer and discus. Women's finals are the 200, 100 hurdles, 5,000 walk, discus and shot put.

Today's program starts at noon with semifinals in the 400-meter hurdles and the final in the hammer. The first final on the track is the women's 5,000 walk at 3:20 p.m. Next comes the women's 200 at 4:20, followed by the men's 200 at 4:30. The final event is scheduled at 7:10 p.m.

The remaining finals will be held Saturday.

In Thursday's preliminaries, held under dry but threatening skies, Williams won his 200 semifinal in 20.99 and Gilkes took his in 21.26. Both were running into the wind and both were considerably under wraps.

"I plan to win the final," said Gilkes, the USC senior from Guyana who lost a photo decision to Auburn's Harvey Glance last week in the NCAA championships. "My leg gave way on me coming off the turn in the NCAA. It feels a little better now."

Williams, asked about Gilkes's prediction, said, "That's nice to know. If you don't think you can win, then you shouldn't be here. Of course, he couldn't beat Harvey Glance, and I beat Glance in the King Games. So it will be a nice race."

Williams, after winning both the 100 and 200 in the 1973 National AAU, has finished fourth the past two years in the 200. Both races were won by Jamaica's Don Quarrie,

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with Gilkes second. Quarrie is not competing this year.

"In 1974 I was hurt and in 1975 I was sick," Williams said, "but let's not be living in the past. This year I'm serious. Oh, I was serious before, but not *deadly* serious. I was staying out late and having a good time. No more. I've waited four years for this, and no partying is going to interfere with my goals."

Williams, a 22-year-old New Yorker who now represents the Florida Track Club, won his semifinal with ridiculous ease.

"I almost went to sleep," he laughed.

Gilkes also was well under control, waiting until the last 10 yards to breeze past Mark Lutz of the Pacific Coast Club.

Williams was asked about reports that Valeriy Borzov is injured and is

out if Winsor is for real, or if the men he has to beat in the high jump are still such old reliables as Tom Woods and Rory Kotinek of the Pacific Coast Club.

Winsor, the Central Michigan freshman who leaped 7-5 to force Stones to a world record 7-7 last week, reportedly will stay at Stones' house between the AAU and the final trials.

Winsor managed to resist Stones' psych routines in the NCAA meet but how will he survive a whole week under the same roof?

"He'll be a basket case," another high jumper said. "The kid's crazy."

#### Track Notes

John Smith, world record-holder in the 440, asked to dope the 400 meters in the U.S. Olympic trials, named the following four: Ken Randle, Fred Newhouse, Evis Jennings and Maxie Parks. He tabbed Randle to win at Montreal: "He's big, he's strong, he's fast and he's got a strong mind." Smith, 25, now running professionally for the IFA, has the fastest 440 time in the world this year at 44.7 . . . Dwayne Evans, the Phoenix high school sprinter who beat Harvey Glance in the National AAU junior meet, is headed for the University of Arizona. Steve Williams on Evans: "He's a great talent. I remember him last year. But running in the juniors and running in the seniors are two different things."

Maurice Peoples, National AAU 400 champion in 1973 and 1974, is the latest to endorse Dr. Leroy Perry as a miracle worker. Says Peoples (who has been bothered by an Achilles problem:) "He told me more in the first five minutes than all the other doctors have in the last year and a half." Dr. Perry is the Pasadena chiropractor who has worked with Dwight Stones, Mac Wilkins, Al Feuerbach and several members of the USC team. "He definitely should be on the Olympic medical staff," Peoples says . . . The man wearing the biggest smile after the second semifinal in the 200 was Jim Bush. Runaway winner of the race was San Jose CC's Millard Hampton, who is headed for UCLA . . . Bush, on Gilkes' prediction he will win the Olympic 200: "He's a fine sprinter but he's not going to beat Williams. Williams is the best." Gilkes says the man to beat at Montreal is Don Quarrie. "To beat him," Gilkes says, "I'll have to stay close to him on the curve. I can't let him get away from me."

Edwin Moses, the 48.8 intermediate hurdler from Morehouse State in Atlanta, uses 13 strides between the hurdles all the way. He is believed to be the first world-class hurdler to employ this pattern. Most of them go 13 for five or six hurdles, then switch to 14 and finally to 15 as they tire at the end. Moses, who stands 6-2, says eventually he hopes to use 12 strides part of the way. Says Jim Bolding, world record holder in the 440 hurdles: "To do that he would have to have a nine-foot stride. I just don't see how he can do it, especially with all the heats you have to run in the Olympics. It takes too much out of you." Morehouse coach Lloyd Jackson, on how he likes Moses' chances here: "I don't want to go Biblical on you but the man upstairs is in his corner."

#### MEN

##### 110-METER HIGH HURDLES

4 in Each Heat Qualify For Semifinals

FIRST HEAT—1. Hill (U.S. Army), 13.96; 2. Darcus (Tennessee), 14.02; 3. White (Maccabi TC), 14.02; 4. Moses (Morehouse), 14.13. Note: Foster (Phil. Pioneers) felt muscle twinge and stopped between seventh and eighth hurdles.

SECOND HEAT—1. Pike (Henderson St.), 13.94; 2. Florent (California), 13.94; 3. Coffman (Striders), 14.06; 4. Shipp (LSU), 14.15.

THIRD HEAT—1. Robinson (All-American TC), 13.77; 2. Wilson (Striders), 13.84; 3.

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### TRACK EVENTS

Noon—Women's 400-meter hurdles (semifinals)  
12:30—Men's 400-meter hurdles (semifinals)  
12:50—Women's 100 meters (trials)  
1:20—Men's 100 meters (trials)  
1:50—Women's 1,500 meters (semifinals)  
2:20—Men's 1,500 meters (semifinals)  
2:40—Women's 400 meters (semifinals)  
3:00—Men's 400 meters (semifinals)  
3:20—Women's 5,000 meter walk (finals)  
4:20—Women's 200 meters (finals)  
4:30—Men's 200 meters (finals)  
4:40—Women's 800 meters (semifinals)  
5:10—Men's 800 meters (semifinals)  
5:30—Women's 100 meter hurdles (finals)  
6:00—Men's 100 meter hurdles (finals)  
7:10—Men's 5,000 meters (finals)

### FIELD EVENTS

Noon—Men's hammer throw (finals)  
Noon—Women's javelin (trials)  
1:00—Men's long jump (finals)  
1:00—Women's high jump (trials)  
2:00—Women's discus (finals)  
2:00—Men's pole vault (trials)  
4:00—Men's high jump (finals)  
4:00—Women's shot put (finals)  
4:00—Women's long jump (trials)  
4:30—Men's discus (finals)

doubtful for the Olympics where he is the defending champion in both sprints.

"I think it's a smokescreen," he said, "but I'm not going to worry about it. I had a fetish for a long time about beating him but now I don't think he any longer is the man to beat—and I thought that even before his injury."

The other feature race on the track today is the high hurdles, in which James Owens of UCLA and defending champion Jerry Wilson of the Tobias Striders were the semifinal winners with respective clockings of 13.66 and 13.76.

"If I can just hold together the last three hurdles, I should win it," said Owens, who was overtaken by San Jose State's Dedy Cooper last week in the NCAA. "I've just got to keep concentrating. I can't afford to relax."

The favorite in the event, Charles Foster, pulled up in his semifinal just before reaching the eighth hurdle. The injury was diagnosed as a slight hamstring pull and is not expected to keep him out of the Olympic trials starting next week at Eugene.

"I could have finished the race but I didn't want to take a chance," said Foster, a former NCAA and AAU champion as an undergraduate at North Carolina Central.

On the field today, Stones will find

Druckery (Chicago TC), 13.99; 4. Misher (LSU), 14.06.

**FOURTH HEAT**—1. Owens (Maccabi TC), 13.74; 2. Jackson (Maccabi TC), 13.95; 3. Davenport (Baton Rouge TC), 13.98; 4. Long (Florida TC), 14.01.

#### Semifinals

##### 4 in Each Heat Qualify For Final

**FIRST HEAT**—1. Owens, 13.66 (3.13 m.p.h. wind); 2. Hill, 13.79; 3. Davenport, 13.82; 4. Florant, 13.87. Others included: 5. Jackson, 13.90; 8. Coffman, 14.16.

**SECOND HEAT**—1. Wilson, 13.76 (4.25 m.p.h. wind); 2. Robinson, 13.80; 3. White, 13.81; 4. Darcus, 13.83.

#### 200 METERS

##### Semifinals

##### 2 in Each Heat Qualify For Final

**FIRST HEAT**—1. S. Williams (Florida TC), 20.99 (wind 4.47 m.p.h. against); 2. Brown (Striders), 21.30. Others included: 3. Deckard (All-American TC), 21.61; 6. Driver (All-American TC), 21.89.

**SECOND HEAT**—1. Edwards (Maccabi TC), 21.19 (wind 4.47 m.p.h. against); 2. Jackson (All-American TC), 21.35. Others included: 3. H. Williams (Maccabi TC), 21.38.

**THIRD HEAT**—1. Hampton (San Jose CC), 20.89 (wind 4.02 m.p.h. against); 2. Walker (DC Striders), 21.25. Others included: 3. McCullough (Arizona St.), 21.50.

**FOURTH HEAT**—1. Cikes (Maccabi TC), 21.26 (wind 4.7 m.p.h. against); 2. Lutz (Pacific Coast Club), 21.35. Others included: 6. Meriwether (DC Striders), 21.64.

#### WOMEN

#### 100 METERS

##### 4 in Each Heat Qualify For Semifinals

**FIRST HEAT**—1. Bryant (LA Mercurettes), 23.61; 2. Smith (Texas Southern), 24.07; 3. Collins El (Atoms TC), 24.30; 4. Givens (New Orleans Superdames), 24.61.

**SECOND HEAT**—1. Brown (Metroplex Striders), 24.15; 2. Cordy (Atoms TC), 24.29; 3. Finch (Jackson St.), 24.31; 4. Uphaw (Club Orange), 24.80.

**THIRD HEAT**—1. Armstrong (Florida TC), 23.79; 2. Jiles (NO Superdames), 24.30; 3. Hancock (Colorado Flyers), 24.38; 4. Boyer (Albuquerque TC), 24.51.

**FOURTH HEAT**—1. Morehead (Tennessee St.), 23.59; 2. Greene (Colorado Flyers), 24.05; 3. Cobbs (Berkeley), 24.16; 4. Young (Klub Keystone), 24.61.

##### Semifinals

##### 4 in Each Heat Qualify For Final

**FIRST HEAT**—1. Morehead, 23.49 (wind 4.47 m.p.h. against); 2. Bryant, 23.85; 3. Jiles, 24.24; 4. Cordy, 24.62.

**SECOND HEAT**—1. Armstrong, 23.66 (wind 4.47 m.p.h. against); 2. Brown, 24.67; 3. Greene, 24.68; 4. Hancock, 24.73.

#### 100-METER HURDLES

##### 4 in Each Heat Qualify For Semifinals

**FIRST HEAT**—1. Frederick (Los Angeles TC), 13.82; 2. Thompson (Delaware TC), 13.95; 3. Hardy (Boulder Cinderbellies), 14.00; 4. Dinello (West Suburban TC), 14.22.

**SECOND HEAT**—1. LaPlante (unaf), 13.88; 2. Linsenmeyer (Texas TC), 14.19; 3. Van Wolvelaere (LATC), 14.21; 4. King (Milbrae Lions), 14.37.

**THIRD HEAT**—1. Donnelly (Lakewood International), 13.77w (4.7 m.p.h.); 2. Herman (Delaware TC), 14.18; 3. Ayers (Prairie View A&M), 14.21; 4. Fitzgerald (Atoms TC), 14.22.

**FOURTH HEAT**—1. Brady (Mayor Hatcher YF), 13.90; 2. Wechsler (Indy Chevettes), 13.91; 3. McMillin (Lakewood Int.), 14.17; 4. Benford (LA Mercurettes), 14.46.

##### Semifinals

##### 4 in Each Heat Qualify For Final

**FIRST HEAT**—1. Frederick, 13.4 (wind 1.79 m.p.h.); 2. Brady, 13.5; 3. Hardy, 13.5; 4. Linsenmeyer, 13.7. Others included: 6. McMillin, 13.9.

**SECOND HEAT**—1. LaPlante, 13.5 (wind 4.25 m.p.h.); 2. Donnelly, 13.5; 3. Thomson, 13.7; 4. Van Wolvelaere, 13.8. Others included: 8. Benford, no time.

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##### 12 Qualify For Final

Svendsen (San Jose Stars), 173-8; Langford (Milbrae Lions), 157-1; Driscoll (LATC), 152-10; Hansen (Falcon TC), 150-9; Winbigler (Oregon TC), 150-8; Turner (Lakewood Int.), 148-8; Vogelsang (Maccabi TC), 148-5; Marshall (Oregon TC), 147-2; Montgomery (Texas TC), 146-1; Griffen (Flathead Valley TC), 146-1; Wood (unaf), 145-0; Stevens (Keffering Striders), 144-0.

#### 800 MEDLEY RELAY

##### Semifinals

##### 4 in Each Heat Qualify For Final

**FIRST HEAT**—1. LA Mercurettes, 1:41.64; 2. Klub Keystone, 1:42.03; 3. Colorado Flyers, 1:42.60; 4. New York City PAL, 1:42.62. Others included: 5. Los Angeles TC, 1:43.50.

**SECOND HEAT**—1. Texas Southern, 1:42.18; 2. Tennessee St., 1:42.45; 3. New Orleans Superdames, 1:44.77; 4. Texas TC, 1:45.74.