



RAY MENZIE, LEFT, SPLASHES AFTER ED MORAN IN WATER-JUMP OF 3000-METER STEEPLECHASE AT PARK SCHOOL

Snyder First in 'Chase

In the steeplechase, 7 laps around a quarter-mile track over 32 barriers, including a 12-by-12-foot water-jump, Snyder won in the good time of 10 minutes, 6.8 seconds. The 130-pound former Alfred star, who represents the Downtown Y, had milked cows at 5:30 A. M., mowed a huge lawn, then came to the Park School to run. He finished 150 yards ahead of the 165-pound Moran, who had hitch-hiked 100 miles to compete.

Third in the 'chase was Frank Finnerty, former Buffalo All High mile and cross-country champion, 250 yards back. On the fourth lap, Ray Menzie also of the Downtown Y, fell and suf-

ferred an ankle sprain on the water jump.

The Buffalo Evening News will award medals to the first three to place in each individual event in the three Olympic development meets, as well as trophies to the top men in the decathlon.

FINAL DECATHLON STANDING

	Jave.	High	Dis-	1500	Tot.
	in	Jump	cus	Meters	Pts.
Lieut. Smith—	136-7	4-8	106-11	Ser.	4068
John Coleman—	119-10	4-8	80-4	5:25	3404
Pete Hut—	105-3½	5-4	69	5:13.3	3194
Bob Wilson—	108-6	5-2	80-6	5:09.6	3164
Bill Schweitzer—	124-7	5-2	68-3	5:41	2816
Don Owens—	89-10	4-6½	53	4:47	2092
Mel. Oikowski—	85-9	4-6½	61-2	4:50.5	2012
Don Simmonds—	Ser.	5	Ser.	Ser.	1857
Wall Gibbs—	99-5	Ser.	98-5	5:43.7	1834
Ser.—	Scratch	did not compete.			

Decathlon Winner a Fast Man With Figures, Too

By BOB FEENEY

JIMMY SMITH didn't look like an Army officer as he stood in a red track suit watching little Hal Snyder of Alfred pull away from Ed Moran of Kane, Pa., to win the 3000-meter steeplechase. Smith shook his head in a tired sort of way. Then he said, "Man, that looks like real work.

If I had to run 2 miles like that over hurdles and that silly water jump, I'd give up track!"

This brought a chuckle from bystanders at Wednesday evening's Olympic Development Track Meet at the Park School in Snyder.

For, you see, Smith, a lieutenant in Grand Island's 606th Anti-

aircraft Battalion, was leading after nine of ten decathlon events. This very night the former Oklahoma University star had hustled his 195 pounds to fifth place in the high-jump, then won the javelin-throw at 138 feet 7 inches and the discus at 106-11.

No Need to Run the 1500

Now, only the 1500-meter run remained for the balding, 26-year-old Smith. Just the thought of it made him tired. He began to figure out loud.

"Let's see, 1500 meters. That's 120 yards short of a mile. Too far to run in this 92-degree heat. I've got 4068 points without this race. That's a lead of 711 over Coleman . . ."

A big smile lit up Smith's face. He turned to Meet Director Herb Mols and said: "I scratch from the 1500. I don't need it to win!"

And Smith was right. Don Owens of the Downtown YMCA turned in the fastest time, 4:47, to win the 1500. This earned 357 points, giving Owens a sixth-place decathlon total of 2092. John Coleman with a 5:25 in the 1500 meter, collected only 47 points to finish second with 3404 behind Smith in the final decathlon standing.