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as strong today as four years ago. But . . . "Bob Hayes will have to contend with the hunger of a Cuban, Enrique Figuerola, and a Canadian, Harry Jerome, at 100 meters, for example. Henry Carr has Trinidad's Edwin Roberts, Italy's Sergio Ottolina and Malaysia's Manicka Jegathesan to press him at 200 meters. Trinidad's Wendell Mottley should beat Mike Larrabee at 400 meters. And, like a recurring nightmare, there is Peter Snell.

"At 800 meters or 1,500 meters, the powerful New Zealander is practically unbeatable, this despite reports that he had a slow, beatable summer (January and February, that is). American strength is such, however, that should Snell falter he could be taken in either or both--if Morgan Groth does not beat him at 800 meters, then Dyrol Burleson or Tom O'Hara could beat him at 1,500. And at 5,000 meters, an event an American has never won, Bob Schul is favored to upset Australia's Rob Clarke. Clarke, in turn, will extract his pound of flesh from, among others, Gerry Lindgren at 10,000 meters (a pound is about all the 119-pound Lindgren can afford)."

Sports Illustrated predicted that the U.S. will take all six medals in the 110- and 400-

meter hurdles. Conceding (as does everyone else) the high jump to Russia's Brumel, the magazine says, "We now have the German, Manfred Preussger, to bother Fred Hansen and John Pennel in the pole vault; Poland's Edward Czernik to cut us farther back in the high jump, and Danek (Czechoslovakia) to threaten Oerter in the discus. And for the first time since 1928 we will not win the decathlon. Formosa's C. K. Yang, second to Rafer Johnson in 1960, moves up, with Johnson retired. There is no Johnson or Bob Mathias on the American horizon. There is, however, a Wilma Rudolph, or a reasonable facsimile. Edith McGuire will sweep the 100 and 200 meters and provide the women's team with a good enough reason to make the trip."

IN SWIMMING Sports Illustrated cites the Australians as "the great unknown, who could contend in any of 10 races. They are unknown because they went into training on August 1 and haven't been heard from since."

In other Olympic sports the magazine reports some new U.S. names to be considered as possible medal candidates: "Jackie Simes,

the cyclist; Don Spero, a single-sculler who could be the first U.S. winner since John Kelly in 1920; and three excellent wrestlers to follow the line of American successes of 1960--Dan Brand, Gray Simons and Greg Ruth. The boxing team will be strong again, superior in technique to anyone, and led by a flashy 156-pounder named Toby Gibson who has won 64 or 68 amateur fights."

Sports Illustrated concludes that at the conclusion of the Tokyo Games "it will have been determined that the Americans did exceedingly well, just well enough--barely--to accumulate more medals than the Russians."



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