

Maguire in footrace for Moscow trip



Maguire: 'Toughest mentally will win'

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Charlie Maguire says going to the World University Games has been in the back of his mind for some time.

Visiting Moscow and competing against the best student athletes is in reach for the Penn State senior if he can win a footrace with two Indiana boys Saturday afternoon at Beaver Stadium. Maguire and the Indiana duo of Pat Madera and Richard Bowerman are fighting for one of two spots in the 10,000 meters. The second berth has been obligated to Utah's Scott Bringhurst, who owns the best time of the quartet in the distance race. Bringhurst's time of 27:40.7 was followed by Madera (27:51.3), Bowerman (28:18.3) and Maguire (28:19.3).

While only these three are eligible for the University Games, Maguire said he expected there would be six or seven runners in the race. Although Madera has a better time in the 10,000 this year than Maguire, he lost to him in the NCAA six-mile race at Louisiana State in June.

Maguire used a finishing kick to do in the Hoosier distance man by seven-tenths of a second. In Saturday's race, the winner could be decided in the last couple hundred yards. Maguire said he thinks he is in good shape if it comes down to matching his

kick against Madera's.

"I have a pretty good kick," Maguire offered yesterday. "Madera's not that good of a kicker to worry about."

Maguire won his NCAA medal during a hot, humid day in Baton Rouge, but he said he didn't think the weather would be a factor come race time.

One thing that might hurt him, though, is the lack of tough races since he took the Nationals. In the Twilight Meet at the University of Oregon shortly after his victory over Madera, he had a poor finish in the three-mile. "I finished way back," he recalled. "I had a 13:50. I guess it was just too many races in too few days."

Maguire enters his match race with Bowerman and Madera not knowing quite what to expect from them. "He (madera) has better times than Bowerman, but I don't know what they've been doing."

Maguire has occupied his time working out doing a little of everything. He now covers 10-15 miles a day in addition to his sprints.

The three runners figure to be in shape for their shot at a trip to Moscow, so Maguire narrowed the race down to one variable.

"Whoever is the toughest mentally will win," he predicted. The (track) season was over after the AAU meet. This race is a whole new season. It's tough training for a month and a half."

The 10,000 meters is one of 14 events that has at least one spot obligated to an athlete. There are three events — high jump, 3000 meter steeplechase and the 400 meter intermediate hurdles

— in the 21-event trials that are filled. In these events, the competition will be for an alternate, in case a person who has already secured place cannot make the trip. The pole vault features an 18-foot vaulter in Dave Roberts. A three time NCAA champ at Rice, Roberts soared to 18 feet and a ¼ inch during an AAU meet last year. His best this year is 17-6 feet.

In the sprint races Marshall

Dill of Michigan State, was given berths in the 200 meter and 4 by 100 meter relay because he was going to be competing in Africa during the University Games trials.

Dill and another sprinter, Herb Washington, left the American national track team in Senegal despite a threat of being banned from future teams. Dill said he was going back to school and Washington said he was going back to work.

U.S. head coach Jim Bush said the runners' explanations were "pretexts." "In reality," Bush said, "these two athletes have been disagreeable throughout the European tour July 7 through 27. Marshall Dill didn't even

want to take part in the U.S.-Soviet match in Minsk."

With Dill's position on the University Games' team up in the air, the chances of

Wardell Gilbreath, Steve Riddick and Mark Lutz going to Russia by way of the 200 meter dash have improved. In that event Gilbreath and Riddick post a 20.6 second time, while Lutz is slightly faster at 20.4 seconds.

Tickets for the University Games track trials are \$2 for the public and \$1 for students Saturday and \$1 for everyone Sunday.

Congress might tackle 'pay television problem'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The possibility of basketball and hockey moving to pay television was raised yesterday during hearings on legislation to ban television blackouts.

After hearing testimony from representatives of the two sports, Rep. Torbert H. Macdonald, D-Mass., chairman of the House subcommittee on communications, told newsmen that Congress might have to tackle what he called "the pay television problem."

Macdonald said he had a "deep down" feeling the pro basketball and hockey are considering moving to pay television. He said if this happens it would deprive the general public of games they now see on commercial television. However, he said he had been assured by pro football and baseball that they have no such plans.

Macdonald said Congress may be asked to extend the anti-siphoning rule that prohibits games shown on conventional television from shifting to pay television without a lapse of two years from all television.

He said the rule may have to be extended to five or seven years.

William H. Alverson, president of the Milwaukee Bucks, and Alan Rotherberg, general counsel for the Los Angeles Lakers, testified that their teams have explored the feasibility of pay television.

Don V. Ruck, vice president of the National Hockey League, told the subcommittee he was unaware that any club was discussing pay television, but Rep. Fred Rooney, D-Pa., said he understood that the Philadelphia Flyers were exploring the possibility.

Alverson said the Bucks sold television rights to Sterling Communications, a pay television cable company, last season for broadcast of some home games on pay television.

Ruck said he didn't think anyone had the right to see a sports contest free simply because tickets were not available. Macdonald said club owners may control their teams but not the airwaves.

Virginia trades Erving to Nets

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Nets have acquired Julius Erving, the American Basketball Association's leading scorer last season, from the Virginia Squires, it was learned by The Associated Press yesterday.

Details of the transaction were to be announced today at a news conference near the Nets' home at Westbury, N.Y. George Carter, a forward, was expected to go from the Nets to the Squires as part of the deal.

A Nets' spokesman would neither confirm nor deny that the transaction had been completed.

In Norfolk, Va., a

spokesman for Squires owner Earl Foreman said, "It is substantially true" that Erving will go to the Nets.

"But there is much more involved than just a player swap deal," the spokesman said.

Erving, a 6-foot-6 forward who also led the ABA in

scoring the season before last, left the University of Massachusetts after his junior year to play for the Squires.

He precipitated a drawn-out legal dispute by jumping to the Atlanta Hawks of the rival National Basketball Association.

Phillies gain split with Cubs

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bob Boone and pitcher Ken Brett drove in two runs apiece to lead Philadelphia to a 6-5 victory over the Chicago Cubs last night giving the Phillies a split of their twi-night double-header.

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