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FAMED ROSE BOWL CHOSEN AS SITE OF FIRST IFA QUALIFICATION MEET

Pasadena's historic Rose Bowl, scene of innumerable memorable moments in the annals of sport, proved an ideal host stadium for 500 IFA members who attended the First Annual International Frisbee Association Master Qualification Meet on April 27.

The huge concrete saucer, nestled in an arroyo snug against the majestic San Gabriel Mountains was selected by the IFA Board of Governors as the site for this momentous event because of its unique configuration and topographical location — making it aerodynamically ideal for the flight of the Frisbee.

For sixty days prior to the Meet, IFA charter members conducted a scientific survey of air currents at some of the world's finest stadia including San Francisco's Candlestick Park; Houston's Astrodome; New York's Yankee Stadium and the Colosseum in Rome. When the data was processed it revealed that the Bowl's air currents were by far more complementary to the flight of a Frisbee than the other locations. This information plus the observation that there was less chance of unpredictable winds rushing in to cause a "time out" during the demanding qualifications warranted the Board's decision.

Because of the magnitude of this first important IFA event, and its far reaching significance to the sport of Frisbee, an official for the AAU was on hand to observe. Adding to the prestige of the event, honorary judges included former world discus record holder and U.S. national champion Fortune Gordien, Olga Fikotova Connolly, winner of the women's discus gold medal in the 1956 Olympic Games and "Mr. Rose Bowl," Rube Samuelson.

The floor of the famed Rose Bowl, scene of many epic football clashes was completely transformed into the distinctive Frisbee Meet pattern. Gone were the

familiar chalk lines of the gridiron. In their place the greensward was lined with markings in keeping with the IFA Proficiency Manual, separated by strings of colorful pennants.

Against a background of bunting-covered sidelines and stands, 115 IFA members sought to achieve the coveted Master qualification, one of the most exclusive designations in the entire world of sports. At the close of the day, only 16 proved successful in their quest.

The Roll of Honor read as follows: **Kim Connell**, Portola Valley, California; **Don Eisman**, Pasadena, California; **Richard Gillespie**, San Gabriel, California; **Dan Headrick**, La Canada, California; **Ed Headrick**, La Canada, California; **Ken Headrick**, La Canada, California; **Darrell Heckman**, Columbus, Ohio; **Dave Hill**, Pasadena, California; **Michael Hoornbeek**, El Monte, California; **Paul Hoornbeek**, El Monte, California; **F. C. Schell**, Barrington, Illinois; **Steve Sewall**, Berkeley, California; **Jay Shelton**, Berkeley, California; **Palmer Spear**, Montclair, California; **Randy Walburger**, Claremont, Cali-

fornia and **Skip Ward**, Beverly Hills, California.

Those IFA members who were unable to qualify as Masters or who wished to qualify for Amateur or Expert ratings were also able to achieve the classification dictated by their ability at specified areas within the stadium grounds. A total of 45 members passed their Expert Proficiency during the day and 30 others joined the ranks of the Frisbee Amateurs.

At the completion of the Master's Qualification all of the newly-certified

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WORLD-FAMOUS ROSE BOWL — Saw beginning of fastest growing sport in the world as IFA holds first Frisbee Meet.



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF IFA'S MASTERS MEET — Qualification positions for Masters is seen in foreground. At far end of the bowl ground the Amateur and Expert qualification areas were set up.





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Pictorial Highlights of the IFA Rose Bowl Meet



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1. Registration by young and old until 500 IFA members and spectators passed through the gates for the first annual IFA meet.
2. Executive director Bob Werden holds last minute conference with the Meet judges as Master candidate E. Headrick looks on.
3. IFA Master candidates line up at Starter 1 to get their position and set assignments.
4. A perfect index finger catch by Master candidate Headrick while...
5. his setmate has the finger but no Frisbee.
6. Perfect Frisbee form was demonstrated...
7. by Christie Spear...
8. Stella Stevens
9. and the incomparable Ed Headrick who is seen here making a perfect between the legs catch during his Master's qualification.
10. John "Jay" Shelton, winner of the head-and-head eliminations, epitomizes the great Frisbee artist. Each of his movements toward the throw is filled with economy, grace and power; his catches are secure; his flights fast and accurate.
11. If awards were given for the most popular candidate for IFA Master, Darrell Heckman of Columbus, Ohio would have won hands down. The young man, a freshman at the University of Oklahoma, had flown in from Norman, Okla. to attend the meet. It was a source of great joy to all when he achieved the prized Master rating.
12. Actor Skip Ward, now an IFA Master, had beautiful screen star Stella Stevens in his personal rooting section.
13. Honorary judges Olga Fikotova Connolly, 1956 Olympic Games Women's discus champion and Fortune Gordien, former U.S. discus champion and one-time holder of the world record, display their Frisbee form.
14. One of the many highlights of the day's activities was the presentation by screen and television star Stella Stevens of Honorary IFA Membership Certificates to Comdr. Jack Palmer, captain of the USS Everett E. Larson, for all the captains and ships of Destroyer Squadron 23, which, last year, transported 5,000 Frisbees to U.S. military personnel serving in Vietnam.
15. Nine-year-old Kelly Gordien shows his father Fortune Gordien, honorary judge, and Fred Morrison, the inventor of the modern-day Frisbee, his throwing proficiency. He went on to qualify as an Amateur and was duly certified an IFA Amateur.
16. IFA's perpetual trophy, the "Wham-O Masters Golden Frisbee" was won by John "Jay" Shelton who also received the traditional winner's kiss from beautiful motion picture and TV actress Thordis Brandt.
17. West met East during a practice set during the IFA meet when Michael Renner of Claremont, California and Dr. Daniel Ulyot of Boston, Massachusetts paired up to practice for the tough proficiency tests to come.
18. IFA Masters' Jay Shelton, Dan Headrick and Steve Sewall flip to decide who will play in the next to final round of head-to-head competition.
19. IFA Executive Director Bob Werden presents the 16 IFA Masters with some of the symbols of their hard won office. Among the items presented to the new Masters were a black and gold Master's certificate, gold Master's card, special blazer patch, gold IFA Master's lapel pin and IFA Master's Frisbee carrying case.
20. Ed Headrick, one of the candidates who qualified for the coveted IFA Master's rating, shows a newsman his specially-made Frisbee glove which is said to prevent the dreaded "frisbee finger," scourge of all Frisbee aficionados.

SPECIAL NOTICE

IFA PROFICIENCY MANUAL REVISION NO. 1-A

"Diameter of catcher's circle has been changed from 6-foot diameter circle to 12-foot diameter circle."

IFA PROFICIENCY MANUAL REVISION NO. 1-E

(Expert Section—Accuracy Requirements—Group 7)

Should read: Repeat any two flights in the above Groups 1 through 5 using opposite method of delivery, i.e. if backhand was used, throw underhand.

IFA PROFICIENCY MANUAL REVISION NO. 1-M

(Master Section—Accuracy Requirements—Group 10)

Should read: Repeat any two flights in the above Groups 1 through 5 using opposite method of delivery, i.e. if backhand was used, throw underhand.

IFA EXPERT PROFICIENCY RATING CARD REVISION NO. 2-E

Group 7 reads: Four Underhand OR Backhand Deliveries."

Should read: "Two Underhand OR Backhand Deliveries."

IFA MASTER PROFICIENCY RATING CARD REVISION NO. 2-M

Group 10 reads: "Eight Underhand OR Backhand Deliveries."

Should read: "Two Underhand OR Backhand Deliveries."

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IFA Masters' DICK GILLESPIE and EARL MILLER report the development of a new throw to be used in guts FRISBEE. It's called the Underhand Wrist Flip and said to be distasteful. We hope to have pictures of the hold and throw in our next issue.

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EAGLE HARBOR BALL YARD • EAGLE HARBOR, MICHIGAN
SATURDAY, JULY 6th, 1968 — 1:00 P.M.

- EVENTS** • ACCURACY Children Women Open
• LONG DISTANCE Open
• GUTS FRISBEE (for Julius T. Nachazel Memorial Trophy)
• QUALIFICATIONS FOR IFA MASTER'S RATING

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Masters clashed in head-and head elimination competition to determine the winner of the Wham-O Master Golden Frisbee, a perpetual trophy which will go annually to the winners of this competition. According to IFA executive director, Robert Werden, the pride of Frisbee competition is so keen that it was felt that such an elimination event would prove to be the perfect climax for the Meet. The rules of the elimination were simple. The competitors stood in 12-foot diameter circles, 30 yards apart. Any throw was permitted, and any catch, with points awarded in the event of a missed catch or an errant throw.

John "Jay" Shelton, a 26-year old graduate physics student from the University of California at Berkeley, defeated Dan Headrick of La Canada in the final round of the elimination.

FRISBEE PROWESS

JACK STRASSBERG, IFA member of Yonkers, N. Y., states that he and his FRISBEE partner, IFA member FRANK DeDOMENICO, had a casual volley at 45 yards distance for an extended period of two hours . . . without a miss. Any IFA member care to challenge?

IFA member JOSEPH ROBINSON, principal Oboist in the Atlanta (GA.) Symphony Orchestra writes to say that no one he's yet encountered has bettered his record toss of 80 yards on a flat field during a windless day. How about it. What is the greatest distance a FRISBEE has been flown free style? A prize awaits the winner. Throw must be documented. Send us all particulars.

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