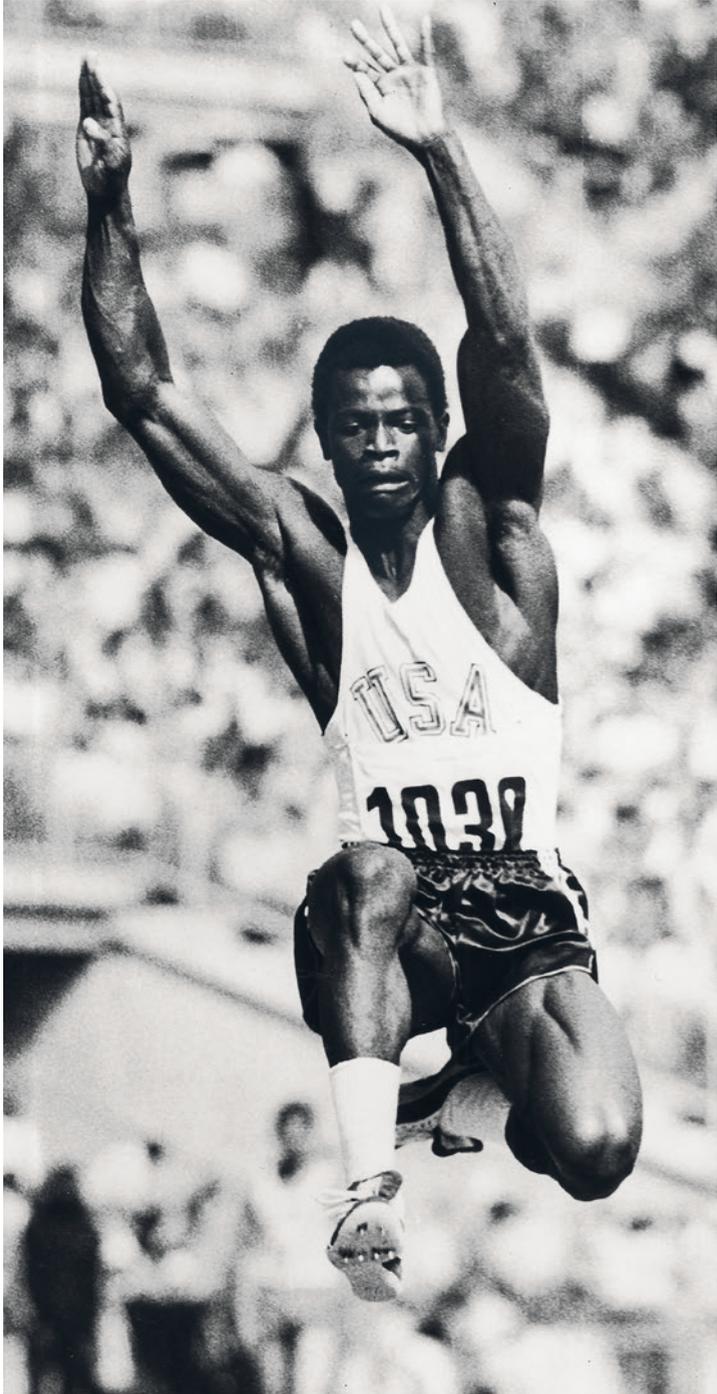


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# MUNICH



**Randy Williams '75 (above) long-jumped to gold at the Munich Games and won silver in Montreal four years later. Steve Furniss '76 (right) swam to bronze in the 200-meter individual medley.**



# 1972

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When the International Olympic Committee voted in 1966 to award the 1972 Summer Games to Munich, it marked an opportunity for the West German government to distance itself from the 1936 Games, which had been held in Berlin under the Nazi regime, and reinforce the country's identity as a peaceful, democratic nation. But the "Happy Games" (the official motto of the 1972 Summer Olympics) would become largely characterized by tragedy. In the predawn hours of September 5, 1972, a group of eight Palestinians representing the Black September organization infiltrated the Olympic Village and captured nine Israeli athletes, coaches and officials, holding them hostage in exchange for the release of prisoners in Israeli jails. Two hostages were killed almost immediately after they attempted to fight back against their attackers. The crisis continued for an excruciating 18 hours, and by the end, the "Munich Massacre" took the lives of 11 Israeli athletes and coaches, a West German police officer, and five of the rebels in a failed rescue attempt at a local military airport. Americans following the standoff live on television were met by chilling, profoundly simple words from ABC broadcaster Jim McKay: "They're all gone." The competitions were suspended for a memorial service held in the Olympic Stadium on September 6, during which IOC president Avery Brundage famously — and controversially — declared, "The Games must go on." Despite the attack, the 1972 Summer Olympics had their share of competition highlights, from U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz's record seven gold medals with seven world-record times, to 17-year-old Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut's charismatic, gold medal-winning performances in the balance beam, floor exercises and team competition. Among more than 7,100 athletes competing in Munich were 22 with ties to USC. They brought home eight medals, two of them gold.



# KEENA ROTHHAMMER

Just as quickly as Keena Rothhammer '79 rose to the top of the swimming world, her career came to an end. But in that short time, she left an indelible mark on the sport.

A native of Little Rock, Ark., Rothhammer trained in her early teens under Hall of Fame coach George Haines at the Santa Clara (Calif.) Swim Club. Haines had a long list of Olympic medalists to his credit and would once again work his magic with Rothhammer.

At 15, she went to the 1972 Games in Munich, but was not expected to medal, as she would be competing against renowned Australian swimmer Shane Gould. In the final for the 800-meter freestyle, Rothhammer initially trailed the other swimmers and at the halfway point was in fourth place. Remarkably, she rallied to a world-record finish, making her the youngest Olympic champion in the history of the event. She also won bronze in the 200-meter freestyle.

Rothhammer held 15 individual national championships and set 10 national records during her brief career. She also set a world record in the 400-meter freestyle in 1973. That same year, she won the 200-meter freestyle and finished second in the 400-meter freestyle at the first FINA World Aquatics Championships, held in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

At 17, she retired from competitive swimming, in part because of severe migraine headaches that she first began suffering in junior high school. But Rothhammer continued to influence the sport even after she stopped competing.

She began lobbying the powerful Amateur Athletic Union to change its longstanding requirement that American women compete in swimsuits that had skirts, a feature that created drag in the water and put the Americans at a disadvantage compared to the dominant East Germans, who wore body-hugging suits. Her efforts proved successful, with the AAU eventually relenting.

Since retiring from competition, Rothhammer, who graduated from USC with a degree in journalism, has done extensive work with Special Olympics programs. Today she is a financial processes consultant and runs a successful swimming supply business. She was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honor Swimmer in 1991.

# RANDY WILLIAMS

As a seventh grader, Randy Williams '75 happened upon a track meet while walking home from school one day. He was amazed watching the long jumpers take off and soar as if they were never going to land again. Williams raced home and asked his mother if he could go out for the track team. She said yes.

In a 2009 interview with USA Track & Field, he recounted those first years, when success came quickly. Williams jumped farther than 16 feet by the end of his first track season. By the time he was a freshman at Edison High School in Fresno, Calif., he was jumping farther than 19 feet. At the California Interscholastic Federation State Meet in 1969, Williams finished third in the long jump. He would finish in second place the following year, this time behind future NFL Hall of Fame wide receiver Lynn Swann. In 1971, as a senior, Williams won the meet with a jump that would have established a meet record had it not been wind-aided.

After graduating from high school, Williams enrolled at USC. In the same 2009 interview, he said he wanted to go to USC because he knew the best athletes were there. As a student, he set a school record in the long jump and won two NCAA titles.

Going into the 1972 Olympic Trials, Williams was ranked No. 1 in the world in the long jump. He finished second at the qualifying meet in Eugene, Ore., earning a trip to the Games in Munich. At age 19, Williams became the youngest competitor in the long jump final. He

led the qualifying round with a jump that set a world junior record that stood for nearly 40 years.

Although Williams kept a good-luck teddy bear with him at all times, he suffered some misfortune when he injured his leg while warming up for the Olympic final. After weighing his options, he decided to focus on getting a strong starting jump and wound up winning a gold medal with his first-round leap.

Four years later, Williams qualified for the 1976 Games in Montreal and an opportunity to defend his Olympic title. This time, however, he was unable to overcome the long first jump by his teammate Arnie Robinson and claimed silver.

Williams qualified for a third Olympic team in 1980 but did not compete in Moscow due to the U.S. boycott of the Games. He attempted to make a fourth Olympic team in 1984 but finished eighth at the Olympic Trials and did not qualify.

After his track career concluded, Williams worked for 22 years as firefighter. He retired in 2009, the same year he was inducted into the National Track & Field Hall of Fame.







**STEVE FURNISS '76**

Two-time Olympian Steve Furniss won a bronze in the men's 200-meter individual medley at his first Olympics, the 1972 Munich Games. Two years later, the USC All-American broke the world record in the same event.

## BROTHERHOOD

BREAKING WITH OLYMPIC MEDALS' LONGTIME DESIGN, THE BACK OF THE MEDALS FOR THE MUNICH GAMES FEATURED A BAUHAUS-INFLUENCED IMAGE OF CASTOR AND POLLUX, BEST FRIENDS AND BROTHERS IN ROMAN MYTHOLOGY.

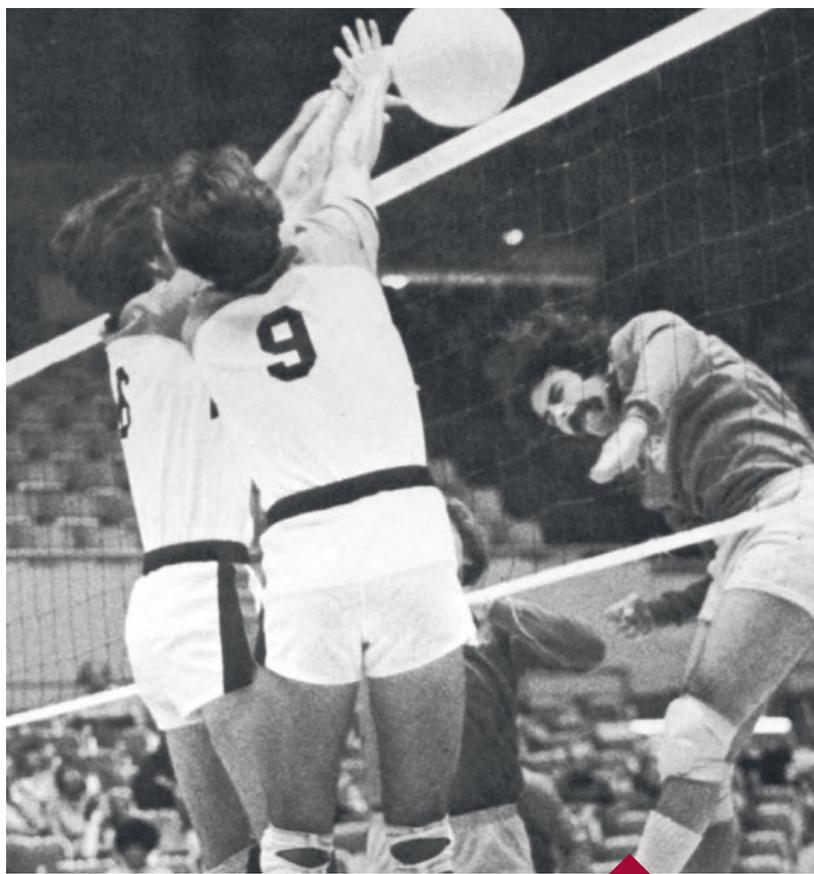


# TROJAN VICTORIES AND HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1972 MUNICH GAMES

**USC OLYMPIANS: 22    GOLD: 2    SILVER: 1    BRONZE: 5**

## WATCH THE BIRDIE!

CONTINUING A LONG TRADITION OF STAGING DEMONSTRATION SPORTS AT THE OLYMPICS, BADMINTON AND WATER SKIING WERE CONTESTED AT THE 1972 MUNICH GAMES.



**CELSO KALACHE '79**

Celso Kalache, a two-time Olympian who played for Brazil in 1972 and 1976, was an agile outside hitter whose MVP performance during the NCAA championship tournament led the Trojan men's volleyball team to its first-ever NCAA title in 1977.



## JUDGES' OATH

THE 1972 OLYMPICS MARKED THE FIRST TIME THE OLYMPIC OATH WAS TAKEN BY A JUDGE OR OFFICIAL FROM THE HOST COUNTRY. "IN THE NAME OF ALL THE JUDGES AND OFFICIALS, I PROMISE THAT WE SHALL OFFICIATE IN THESE OLYMPIC GAMES WITH COMPLETE IMPARTIALITY, RESPECTING AND ABIDING BY THE RULES WHICH GOVERN THEM, IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF SPORTSMANSHIP."



**TOM MCBREEN '74, MD '79**

After setting a world record in the 400-meter freestyle in 1971, Tom McBreen won a bronze medal in the event at the Munich Games.

**SILKE PIELEN '81**

Swimmer Silke Pielen won a bronze medal as a member of West Germany's 4x100-meter medley relay team in 1972.



**WILLKOMMEN**

THE MUNICH GAMES WELCOMED 11 NEW COUNTRIES INTO THE FOLD: ALBANIA, BENIN (AS DAHOMEY), BURKINA FASO (AS UPPER VOLTA), GABON, LESOTHO, MALAWI, NORTH KOREA, SAUDI ARABIA, SOMALIA, SWAZILAND AND TOGO.

**JAMES "JIM" POINDEXTER '71, MBA '74**

Trap shooter Jim Poindexter placed sixth at the Munich Games. The only Trojan Olympian to compete in a shooting event, he was inducted into the California Trapshooting Hall of Fame in 1984.

**SHERRY CALVERT '73**

USC's women's track and field heritage began with Sherry Calvert. A four-time All-American at USC, she started the program as an undergraduate and coached through 1983. She competed in the javelin at the 1972 and 1976 Olympics.



**ARROWS FLY**

IN 1972, ARCHERY RETURNED TO THE GAMES FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1920. GOLD MEDALS IN BOTH ARCHERY EVENTS WENT TO AMERICANS.

**SCOTT ALLAN '68**

Southern California native Scott Allan competed in the Flying Dutchman sailing event at the 1972 Summer Games. He later combined his USC business degree with his sport: He founded a sail-making company.