

Bay Hill winner Andy Bean, and two-time U.S. Open champ Hale Irwin as his choices for favorites.

"I'd like to think that you might include me on that list," he added.

Oldfield, 35, confident of breaking world mark

LOS ANGELES (UPI). — Brian Oldfield, now 35 years old, believes he can officially break the recognized world shotput record, he told the Southern California Track Writers Association this week.

The South Elgin native made shambles of the shotput record with an outstanding toss of 75 feet on May 10, 1975, but it was never recognized because he was a member of the Professional International Track Association.

BECAUSE world records are approved by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, marks made by professionals were not recognized. Oldfield has been reinstated for all amateur competition except for Olympic Games.

Oldfield believes he is nearing the form that he exhibited in 1975. He won the shot in an invitational meet last Saturday at Tempe, Ariz., with a throw of 70-7.5.

"I think I threw 70-9," said Oldfield, "but if they say 70-7.5, then OK. I had a foul put of over 72 feet."

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an easy layup on a pretty pass from Larry Bird and closed an 18-4 opening run with an alley-oop stuff off a Chris Ford feed after Bird and Archibald had kept the ball in play with diving recoveries. The Celtics then went on a 10-0 tear early in the second quarter, capped by a pretty give-and-go with Bird and M.L. Carr to take their 44-18 lead.

"We wanted to go out and get them early," said Parish, who also logged a game-high 11 rebounds. "We wanted to put pressure on them and make them play catch-up ball. We were able to do that."

If there's a better team at catch-up team than the Bulls, Fitch for one would like to see them. Chicago immediately went on an 18-3 tear to pull to within 11. They stayed anywhere from 10 to 18 until the last half of the fourth period.

"WE KNOW they can come back

tion of the greens will cause even higher scores than Watson predicts.

"A 285, a 288 (even par), even a 290 might win this week," said Palmer, "especially if it's windy."

Oldfield also said he had a foul toss of 73.5 feet on a recent trip to Japan.

THE recognized world record is 72-8, set by East Germany's Udo Beyer in 1978.

Oldfield, 6-5 and 275, will compete in the UCLA Invitational Track Meet May 10. One of his chief challengers will be Mike Carter, Southern Methodist's sensational 235-pound sophomore.

Carter won the 1981 NCAA indoor championship with a lifetime best of 69-8.

Carter set the national interscholastic record with a 12-pound shot at an incredible 81-3.5 in 1979.

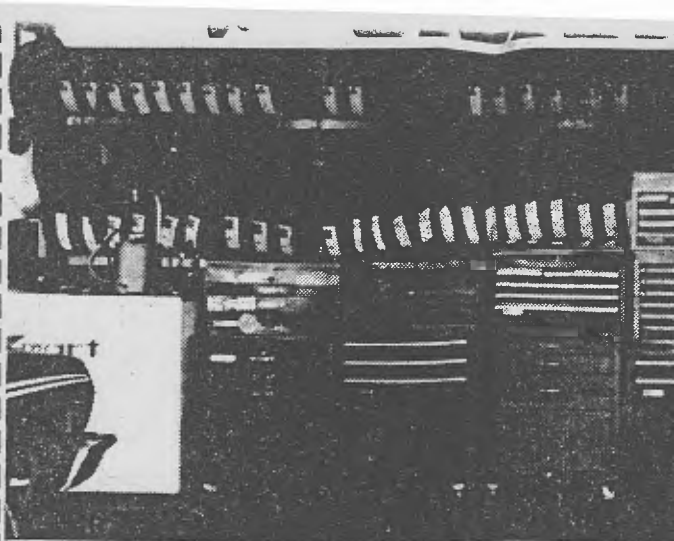
OLDFIELD questioned the authenticity of Carter's prep mark.

"He was given an extra throw," Oldfield said. "The announcer called his name when he was in the ring ready to throw. It probably upset him, so they gave him the extra throw. I don't know if that was right."

and they can turn mistakes into points as well as anyone," Fitch said. "But their slow-down game is so good they can play catch-up with it. And they almost caught us."

As the game wore down, so did the Boston lead. Greenwood missed an uncontested stuff with 2:18 left which would have brought the Bulls to within five. As it was, the closest they got was 98-92 before Parish and Archibald sealed the win in the final 90 seconds.

"We never give up, we've been down before and come back," said Bulls' guard Reggie Theus, who led Chicago with 21 points, 13 in the final-quarter comeback. "Sometimes it takes a while for us to get going. Tonight, it took a little too long. Tiny (Archibald) was tough, he was the key. He got the ball down there and penetrated and you think you have him and then he shovels it off to someone. The man is tough."



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