Oldfield sets British mark

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — Brian Oldfield is generally regarded as the world's best shot putter, but he needs to brush up on his "cabbering."

Oldfield set a British professional all-comers record of 73 feet, 1 inch in the shot Wednesday night at an International Track Association meet at Meadowbank Stadium, on the outskirts of this ancient Scottish capital.

But he could finish no better than second in the caber toss, an ancient Scottish sport that was added to this meet, the first event held by the ITA professionals this side of the Atlantic.

Oldfield—who put the shot 75 feet in El Paso, Tex., last month—finished second in the caber to Briton Brian Anderson.

The caber is a slightly tapered trunk of a young tree, something like a telegraph pole, that tradition—not the Amateur Athletic Union or National Collegiate Athletic Association—demands be between 16 and 20 feet long. Caber means pole or beam in the Gaelic tongue.

It is cupped in the hands and tossed on the run from a marked spot. It must turn over in the air and land across another line with the tapered end pointing away from the tosser.

The winner is the man who tosses with the best and easiest style, according to ancient Highland traditions, and whose caber falls straightest in a direct line from him.

In the shot, Oldfield, 30, beat the 70-foot mark three times in

Team whiffs before start

PROYO, Utah (AP) — The Utah Copperkings, a Provobased semi-pro baseball team of college-eligible players, has struck out before the first pitch was thrown.

The team's organizer and manager Kenn Voeller says cancellations, lack of money and players leaving the area were major reasons for the team's collapse.

He said Provo's night life didn't impress prospective players much either and that the team could possibly start over in Las Vegas next year.

Voeller said four out-of-state teams, Colorado Springs, Albuquerque, Phoenix and Sacramento, canceled a total of 19 of the Provo team's 25game home schedule. six throws using his revolutionary discus-style rotating throw. He easily beat the efforts of Randy Matson, 66-9, and Ken Salb, 63-4.

Another top performance was turned in by John Raditch, who leaped a pro record of 7-2¼ in the high jump. That was still four inches below the world record, held by Dwight Stones, an amateur.

British Olympic star David Hemery, a medal winner at Munich in 1972 and Mexico City in 1968, won the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 36.3 seconds, five-tenths of a second ahead of American Larry James

Warren Edmonson won the 120-yard dash in 11.1 despite a dazzling start by Scotland's George McNeill, who faded to third in 11.3. Jean-Louis Ravelomanantsoa was second in 11.2.

Americans swept the women's 100 meters, with Wyomia Tyus winning in 11.3 seconds followed by Barbara Ferrell and Lynn O'Neal.

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