

Chuck Walter, 1st



Curt Rodgers, 2nd

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1. Walter (N. Mex.)
2. Rodgers (Org)
3. Thomas (ISU)
4. Dahl (LSU)
5. Truedson (Org)
6. Schieble (SIU)
7. Hanson (SIU)
8. McHattie (Minn)

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| Prelim Finals TOTAL | | |
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| 9.325 | 9.60 | 18.925 |
| 9.500 | 9.30 | 18.800 |
| 9.250 | 9.450 | 18.700 |
| 9.200 | 9.40 | 18.600 |
| 9.400 | 9.10 | 18.500 |
| 9.150 | 9.250 | 18.400 |
| 9.450 | 8.75 | 18.200 |
| 9.175 | 8.70 | 17.875 |

Additional Prelim. competitors: Waldron (Minn) 18.15; Poters (Iowa St.) 17.95; Black (Okla) 17.85; Takimoto (Stan) 17.85; Isaacson (Ill. St.) 17.75; Smith (H. Bapt) 17.60; Stanley (Ga. So.) 17.55; Cosgrove (Neb) 17.50; Ventura (Mich) 17.45; Burke (NIU) 16.95; Kulakoff (Mass) 16.90; Roetzheim (UICC) 16.85; Foster (LSU) 16.80; Ropski (UICC) 16.30; Yakuchev (Temp) 16.25; Eberle (N. Mex) 15.55; Beigle (Ariz) 15.40; Dakin (Temp) 14.60.

Finalists in order of competition

David Schieble (Southern Illinois) 9.25-18.400 (6th): Pommel Russian, Moore front out, back Moore travel up, Bailey, Scissors combinations, pickup, circle, ¼ Russian to Stoeckli out, hop, loop ½ dismount.

Bob McHattie (Minnesota) 8.7-17.875 (8th): Jump into back Moore-Moore, Circle, Bailey Downhill, hop, kehr in, Moore, circle, Scissors break, front scissors, full twisting scissor hop, back scissor, pickup circle, circle, Bailey to front out, flank dismount.

Kurt Thomas (Indiana State) 9.45-18.70 (3rd): Back Moore mount, front out, walk around, back Moore up, travel in, break into 2 front scissors, 1 back scissors, circle, back Moore travel down, loop, hop, loop off with ½ twist.

Blaine Dahl (Louisiana State) 9.4-18.600 (4th): Back Moore in, Bailey, travel down, loop around and travel up, travel down, back Moore in, circle, scissor break, 3 front and one reverse scissors, pick-up, travel down, walk-around, loop, loop ½.

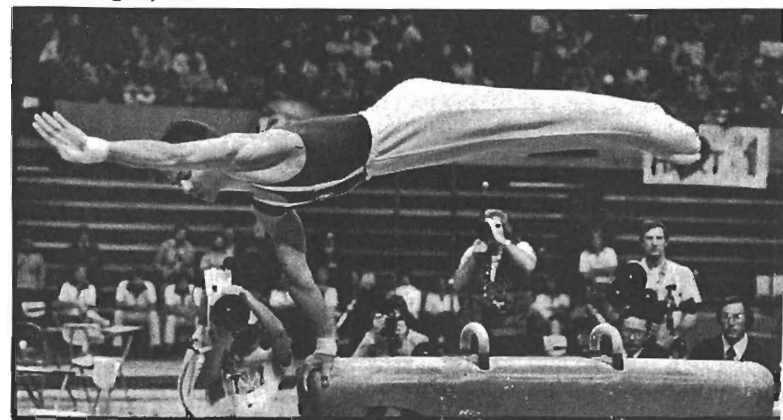
Curt Rodgers (Oregon) 9.30-18.80 (2nd): Back Moore, Stockli-out-hop, back Moore, pommel loop, Bailey to immediate Shurlock (a Rodgers original, according to Bill Ballester), loop around travel up, scissors sequence, Back Moore down, loop around, hop, loop, loop ½ dismount.

Tom Truedson (Oregon) 9.1-18.500 (5th): Loop around, hop, back Moore uphill, Bailey, back Moore down, front in, Moore, straddle leg Moore scissors break, scissors, Moore, travel, loop, walkaround, loop, loop ½ dismount.

Chuck Walter (University of New Mexico) 9.6-18.925 (1st): Uphill back Moore from circle, Bailie, Bailie back travel, hop, loop undercut uphill scissors travel, 3 front scissors, Moore immediate back travel, hop, loop, loop, loop ½ dismount.

Tony Hanson (Southern Illinois) 8.75-18.200 (7th): Back Moore down, loop around, hop, back Moore up, Moore immediate back trom down, 4-Durham, loop, undercut to scissors travel (a Hanson original) followed by two front scissors, pickup, Bailey (break here), Stockli down, hop, loop, loop ½.

Hanson's set was the one to beat, having scored the highest score in the preliminaries. Save for the break, it was a well done set, likely to win. Walter's work was excellent in finals. Note that Rodgers, Hanson, Truedson and Walter were teammates at Hinsdale Central High School, along with Ted Marcy. Before them, Slezak and Hoffman attended there. So the past 8 national titles have been won by the horsemen from Hinsdale, and everyone of these, a good enough performer to win horse against any international competitor in the world.



Kurt Thomas, 3rd

