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American 4-by-100-meter relay team which competed in Helsinki last summer. He attended the University of Alabama.

Edwin Moses, 28, the world record holder in the 400-meter hurdles, has been number one in the world in that event since winning the gold in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. He is a graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta and now lives in Laguna Beach, Calif. Moses set his record in the 400-meter hurdles in Koblenz, West Germany last August. He has won 87 consecutive races and seems unbeatable by any current 400-meter hurdler.

Other Olympic hopefuls among the men in track and field include: Sydney Maree in the 1,500 meters and the 5,000 meters this summer. (A South African native, he will be a U.S. citizen by the time of the Olympic games); Greg Foster in the 110-meter hurdles; Andre Phillips in the 400-meter hurdles; Anthony Banks in the 400-meters; Tyke Peacock in the high jump; Jason Grimes in the long jump (Grimes was second, behind Lewis, at the World Games this summer in Helsinki); Johnny Gray in the 800-meters; Larry Myricks in the long jump; James Robinson in the 800-meters; David Mack in the 800- and the 1,500-meters; Rod Milburn in the 110-meter hurdles; David Patrick in the 400-meter hurdles.

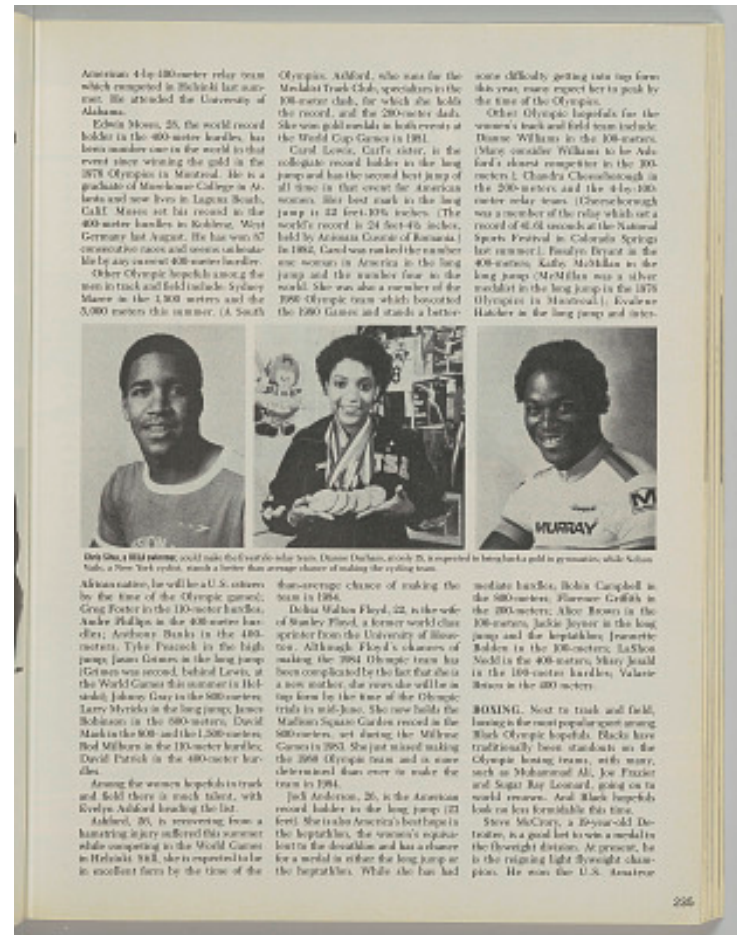
Among the women hopefuls in track and field there is much talent, with Evelyn Ashford heading the list.

Ashford, 26, is recovering from a hamstring injury suffered this summer while competing in the World Games in Helsinki. Still, she is expected to be in excellent form by the time of the Olympics. Ashford, who runs for the Medalist Track Club, specializes in the 100-meter dash, for which she holds the record, and the 200-meter dash. She won gold medals in both events at the World Cup Games in 1981.

Carol Lewis, Carl's sister, is the collegiate record holder in the long jump and has the second best jump of all time in that event for American women. Her best mark in the long jump is 22 feet-10 3/4 inches. (The world's record is 24 feet-4 1/2 inches, held by Anisoara Cusmir of Romania.) In 1982, Carol was ranked the number one woman in America in the long jump and the number four in the world. She was also a member of the 1980 Olympic team which boycotted the 1980 Games and stands a better-than-average chance of making the team in 1984.

Delisa Walton Floyd, 22, is the wife of Stanley Floyd, a former world class sprinter from the University of Houston. Although Floyd's chances of making the 1984 Olympic team has been complicated by the fact that she is a new mother, she vows that she will be in top form by the time of the Olympic trials in mid-June. She now holds the Madison Square Garden record in the 800-meters, set during the Millrose Games in 1983. She just missed making the 1980 Olympic team and is more determined than ever to make the team in 1984.

Jodi Anderson, 26, is the American record holder in the long jump (23 feet). She is also America's best hope in the heptathlon, the women's equivalent to the decathlon and has a chance for a medal in either the long jump or the heptathlon. While she has had some difficulty getting into top form this year, many expect her to peak by the time of the Olympics.



Other Olympic hopefuls for the women's track and field team include: Dianne Williams in the 100-meters. (Many consider Williams to be Ashford's closest competitor in the 100-meters.); Chandra Cheeseborough in the 200-meters and the 4-by-100-meter relay team. (Cheeseborough was a member of the relay which set a record of 41.61 seconds at the National Sports Festival in Colorado Springs last summer.); Rosalyn Bryant in the 400-meters; Kathy McMillan in the long jump (McMillan was a silver medalist in the long jump in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.); Evalene Hatcher in the long jump and intermediate hurdles; Robin Campbell in the 800-meters; Florence Griffith in the 200-meters; Alice Brown in the 100-meters; Jackie Joyner in the long jump and the heptathlon; Jeannette Bolden in the 100-meters; LaShon Nedd in the 400-meters; Missy Jerald in the 100-meter hurdles; Valarie Brisco in the 400 meters.

BOXING. Next to track and field, boxing is the most popular sport among Black Olympic hopefuls. Blacks have traditionally been standouts on the Olympic boxing teams, with many, such as Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier and Sugar Ray Leonard, going on to world renown. And Black hopefuls look no less formidable this time. Steve McCrory, a 19-year-old Detroiter, is a good bet to win a medal in the flyweight division. At present, he is the reigning light flyweight champion. He won the U.S. Amateur

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[[caption]] Chris Silva, a UCLA swimmer, could make the freestyle-relay team. Dianne Durham, at only 15, is expected to bring back a gold in gymnastics; while Nelson Vails, a New York cyclist, stands a better than average chance of making the cycling team. [[/caption]]

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