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## **MASTERS WRAP UP USA INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS AT PGSLC WITH WORLD AND AMERICAN RECORDS**

LANDOVER, Md., March 24, 2013 – On the final day of competition, masters athletes set more than 10 world and American records at the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex. Over the three day event, the 2013 USA Masters Indoor Track & Field Championships has seen more than 25 world and American records including the following today and late yesterday:

- Charles Allie, 65, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, set a world record in the 200 Meters Sunday afternoon with a time of 25.41 seconds.
- Orville Rogers, 95, Dallas, Texas, continued his assault on world marks for men 95-99 with his 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> world records during the meet, running 6:53.84 for 800 Meters and 57.88 seconds for 200 Meters. Since his opening day's 3000 meter mark of 30:19.33, Rogers also set world records in the Mile Run - 14:39.91, 400 Meters – 2:24.51 and 60 Meter Dash – 14.82 seconds.
- Gary Hunter, 57, Fort Wayne, Indiana, set an American record in the Pole Vault, clearing 14 feet 1 ¾ inches (4.31 meters).
- Two American records were set in the Women's 800 Meter Run. Barbara Broad, 62, Pepper Pike, Ohio, established an American record with a time of 2:41.61 and Lorraine Jasper, 51, Birchrunville, Pennsylvania likewise set a record for the 50-54 age group with 2:26.09.
- Gloria Krug, 81, New Oxford, Pennsylvania, broke two American records Sunday morning, first in the 16 pound Superweight Throw with a toss of 18 feet, 8 3/8 inches (5.70 meters) and then in the 8.8 pound (4KG) Weight Throw with a heave of 22 feet 6 7/8 inches (6.88 meters).
- On Friday afternoon, an American record was set in the Women's Pentathlon by Erika Pierce, 41, Charlottesville, Virginia with a total score of 3241 points.

In addition, women's and men's relay teams kept the crowds yelling throughout the afternoon to close out the meet.

The 2013 USA Masters Indoor Track & Field Championships attracted an all-time American indoor record number of 1,044 masters athletes ages 30-95 from 47 states and 14 countries at the

Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex. The Potomac Valley Track Club won the team title among 70 clubs from around the nation.

In addition to today's developments, meet highlights included:

- Bruce McBarnette's Babe-Ruth homer prediction-like announcement before the meet that he would get a world record 6'2" M55 high jump and then electrifying the crowd when he cleared it.
- 3-Time Olympian and 1984 Flagbearer Ed Burke, 73, Los Gatos, CA opened the meet at 8AM Friday with network television news cameras covering by setting an American record in the 35 pound ("Superweight") throw of 37 feet, 11 ½ inches (11.57 meters).
- The 85, 90, and 95 age group men in the same 3000 meter heat all set records—two world and an American; Masters Track & Field Meet records coordinator Carroll DeWeese called it "the fastest oldest race ever."
- Oscar Peyton of Accokeek, MD, 60, wowed the crowd with a dominant win and new world record of 7.52 in the M60 60 Meter dash.
- Masters Track & Field is also a story of healing and recovery: Sullivan Award two-time finalist Phil Raschker, 66 of Marietta GA, won the pole vault despite injury and said she came to the meet to demonstrate support for the MTF mission. She is recuperating for upcoming world and national championships. Another all-time great, Bill Collins of Houston, TX, 62, continues his recovery from Guillain-Barre syndrome yet still won the M60-64 400 Meter dash with a time of 58.13 seconds.

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