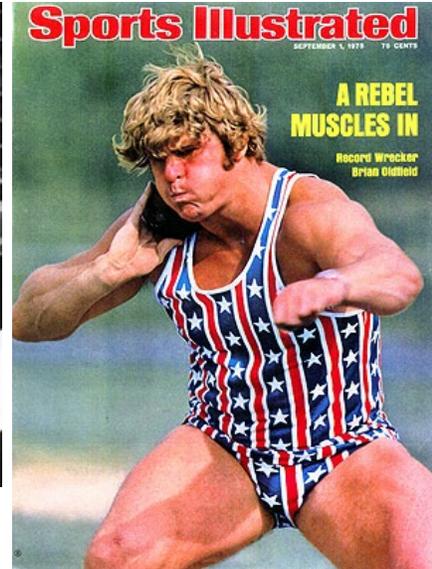
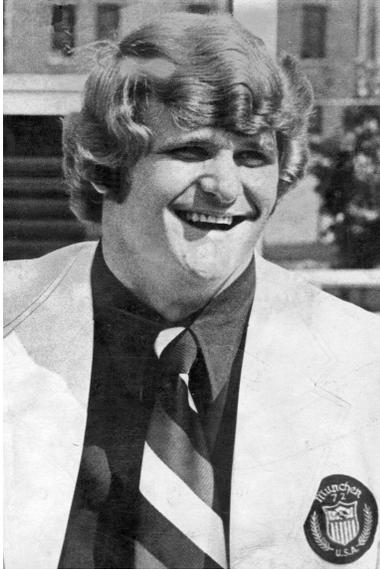


Brian Oldfield Biography



Brian Oldfield - Class of 1963 - born June 1, 1945 in Elgin, Illinois is a former American athlete and personality of the 1970s and early 1980s. A standout shot putter, Oldfield is credited with making the rotational technique popular. With his “Oldfield spin,” he set the indoor and outdoor world records in the sport many times. However, due to his status as a professional athlete, his records were never officially recognized.

After graduating from Elgin High School in 1963, Oldfield began his career at Middle Tennessee State University where he won the Ohio Valley Conference championship three times. The University recognized his achievements by inducting him into their athletic Hall of Fame in 2000.

After holding several jobs, Oldfield set his sights on achieving stardom in the shot put as an Olympian. In 1972, he made the US Olympic team, but finished in 6th place. He bounced back less than a year later by setting his first world record, with a throw of 21.60 m (70’ 10½”). However, this record was not official due to his affiliation with professional track & field.

In 1975, his throw of 22.86 m (75’) set another unofficial world record. Though unofficial, Oldfield’s accomplishment did not go unnoticed. After setting this mark, he had earned a cover spot on Sports Illustrated, and also made an appearance in a 1975 issue of Playgirl. In his Sports Illustrated interview, he confidently asserted that he expected to be throwing over 80’ before 1980. In 1984, at age 38, he finally set an official record with a throw of 22.19 m (72’9”) to set a new American mark. When asked how he was able to do it by a commentator at the event he responded “I had a “throw-gasm.””

It is possible that Oldfield is even more known as “Oldfield Mop” and would occasionally sport a beard. His antics were also considered to be bizarre by his competitors. At the 1972 US Olympic Trials, an opponent was quoted as saying “I will retire the day that I lose to someone like Brian Oldfield.” Oldfield would sometimes smoke cigarettes in between throws at competitions to show that he could beat anyone, even while smoking. Not surprising for the man who said in the Sports Illustrated article about him “When God created man, he wanted him to look like me.”(This quote was in the September 1, 1975 Sport’s Illustrated Article about him.)

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Oldfield competed in the “World Strongest Man” contest in 1978, finishing seventh in a field of ten competitors. He also competed in Scottish Highland Games in the 1970’s. Utilizing his experience in the shot put, he set many field records in the Stone put. His career-best throw of 63’ 2” in the light stone, accomplished at Braemar, Scotland, in 1973, is still a world record.

Oldfield also starred in the 1989 film “Savage Instinct”, later renamed “They Call Me Macho Woman!” as Mongo, the crazed drug lord. In the film, Oldfield wears a special spiked headgear that he uses to head butt people to death. The movie was highly unsuccessful.