

HOSNER SETS WORLD AGE GROUP RECORD at Virginia Tech

Blacksburg, Virginia
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200M, Banked, Mondo Track

John Hosner of Blacksburg, Virginia, set a New World Indoor Mile Record for the 75-year old age group in Blacksburg today at the PK's *Invitational Senior Mile*, held in conjunction with Virginia Tech's *Last Chance Meet*. With a few hundred of his friends, family, and colleagues attending, the retired forestry professor achieved what no other 75-year-old athlete has ever done.

The World Record of 6:42.03 might seem to be a tough challenge, but Hosner (who turned 75 years old on Friday) smashed it by running **6:27.16** in front of his hometown crowd. With the meet announcer calling his needed splits lap-by-lap the crowd would respond with a tremendous roar. His 45.08 last 200m sealed the record in a time which eclipsed the old mark by nearly 15 seconds.

Hosner's World Record FinishLynx Splits:

Lap 1 (209m)	47.13 (split for 200m 44.9)
Lap 2 (200m)	46.23
Lap 3 (200m)	49.12
Lap 4 (200m)	50.67
Lap 5 (200m)	50.65
Lap 6 (200m)	49.94
Lap 7 (200m)	48.34
Lap 8 (200m)	45.08

1 Mile 75-year-age group World Record Time: 6:27.16

(1 mile is 1609m. Hosner's 1500m split of 6:02.73 narrowly missed the American record of 6:01.3.)

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John Hosner (875), Ray Myers (876), John Novak (877) and Jerry Cross (878) near the start of the PK's Invitational Senior Mile

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