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run in an amped stroll, easy
ricochet propels ball, floor
to hand spit off serpentine fingers
forearm shiver, shoulder lunge
triceps flick skin, stamp false
eyes fake shot recoil and ball
vaults grip left, finds crack—
free time for legs grind demand
space 'till it comes back right
and he takes two full bounds
thighs tight then release as
torso jack-knives, gut to knee
elbows low (pass?) no, high
into diagonal discharge from 245 lb.
frame remains strewn aloft and ball
slides through net as head clears
board and flailing heft finds
berth on referee, harried untangling
shoulder shrug, tee-hee, the man
extends hand and grin to cheek too
chest spasm laughter, he struts
so fine

and I'm still
in first frame

| *Daisy DeCoster*