Oakland, Feb. 23 — Ron Laird launched the 1966 U.S. race-walking campaign (titlewise, that is) by ramming to his 35th (I think) Senior AAU title in the Indoor One Mile. Ron's time of 6:16.9 must be about the second best ever and he was an easy winner with second placer Dan Totheroh 6.5 seconds back.

Actually, Larry Walker finished in 6:19.5 but was D 'd. Totheroh is the real surprise of the season so far, with a lot of fast miles. Another guy for all you budding Olympians to worry about. In this race he beat out Larry Young and Don DeNoon for the second place medal. Tom Dooley was a somewhat disappointing fifth. Following Tom were Jim Hanley, Estaban Valle, another fast comer, and Dave Romanesy, who has done much better.

Goetz Klopfer finished just back of Hanley, but also caught the eye of the judges (there were eight).

The usual mob scene in this race was avoided by preliminary heats, which should have been done long ago. I don't know when the heats were walked in relation to the final, but they obviously didn't bother the times. There were a total of 17 walkers in two heats with ten qualifying for the final. The major casualty of the heats was Rudy Haluza who failed to finish in the first heat. No word as to what his trouble was, but I guess he has had leg problems of some kind. Here are the results:


Preliminaries:


Judges: Bill Chisholm, Hal Jacinth, Mike Brodie, Chuck Shiler, Frank Hazerty, Art Smith, Robert Lynch, Jim Fields

A welcome back to the publishing to Alan Gock, whose American Race Walker just reached us today. Also thanks to Alan for the publicity. But no thanks for his incorrect facts. He never did go for a buck, and as announced last month, we now cost you two bucks. But you get 12 superb, monthly issues for that price.

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Lailnut, California, Feb. 11 — Ron Laird set out with a possible world record for 30 km in his sights today, and wound up satisfying from the sidelines as Tom Dooley bettered the American record for the distance and just missed his 20 mile mark.

As it turned out, it would have all been in vain as there weren't enough officials on hand and Dooley evidently won't get the record he set. Nonetheless, it was a magnificent performance on Tom's part as he finished the 20 miles in 2:40:35.2, despite slowing way down the last two miles. His 30 kilometer time was 2:26:47, 25 seconds under Laird's record. The 20 mile time was 25 seconds over the record. The race was held on the lit. San Antonio track.

Gootz Klopfer stayed with Dooley for 15 miles (1:56:53) and finally settled for a fine 2:14:37.5. John Kelly, now on the coast, finished a strong third. There were 12 starters in the race (including Brian Overton who came 25 minutes late) but only five were still going at the finish. A very hot pace by Laird, and of course Don DeNoon, in the early stages, had its toll on the field. Many of the competitor's had gone in the LA Times mile the night before in which Klopfer could get only 10th with 6:46.

Laird was out all by himself for as long as he went and at 20 kilometers was on a world record pace (1:33:27). At 15 miles he was about a minute over the necessary pace (1:54:51) but had to call it quits at that point. A pretty tough 15 mile, nonetheless. Dooley and Klopfer passed 20 km in 1:33:00, just three seconds back of Larry Young, who then called it quits for the day. DeNoon and Roman were the other major casualties, and neither of them got to 10 miles. Dooley went through 5 miles in 36:39, 26 seconds ahead of Laird. Laird's 10 mile was 74:41. Kelly was smart enough to walk his own race and had a pretty steady pace until the last five miles. Jim Hanley also kept to himself and finished fourth in a good 2:53:17.9. Overton had 3:16:24.4 in fifth.


**OTHER RESULTS:** (Let's get them out of the way.)

**Various 5 Miles — HY K of C, Feb. 2 — 1. Steve Hayden 6:36.7 2. Ron Kulik 6:37.1 (30 yd decap, 6:44. est) 3. Ron Daniel 6:36.8 4. Clarence Brochart, Kings Point 6:45.6 (90 yds, 7:10 est.) Bill Omelchenko with 70 yds, finished first, but was disqualified.


Philadelphia, Feb. 3 — Dave Romansky 6:34.6 2. Greg Diebold, Shaw AC 6:36.5 3. Ron Kulik 6:44.4 4. Bob Omm 7:46.2. Daniel was second but did.
7. Roterbna Valley 6:37.1 8. Jim Hanley 6:45 9. Rudy Hula 6:45.5 10. Goetz Kloenser 6:46 11. Dick Ortiz 6:50 12. Bryon Overton 7:12. (I can hear Doc Blackburn now when he reads all these one mile results, "Bastards were running all the way!" I'm not a real believer in one mile walks either, but I guess they are necessary, and they are fun, as I recall. Been a long time since my board track days.)


Hey! I finally figured it out just now. I got some results from Bill Clark showing final times, lap times, and stuff like that, but no mention of what the race was, where, or when it was held. Lap times didn't seem to make much sense or the final times, considering the competitors. But what it appears to be is a 10 mile walk-run; each guy alternates walking and running on successive miles. Run the first, walk the second, run the third, and so on. He also shows an elapsed and a designated time and a differential. All I can make from this is that they predicted their times before the race and the guy that came closest to his predicted time won that aspect of the race. Is this right Bill? Please tell me what you're sending in the future. Anyway, here are the results.

1. Bob Young 1:18:58 2. Barry Pierson 1:20:33 3. Joe Duncan 1:37:51 4. Nurrall Jackson 1:40:14 5. Joel Dickerson 1:46:49 6. Peter Pohl 1:49:02 7. Larry Cook and Bob Shewan 1:54:15. On the designated-elapsed time differential, Duncan was first with plus 19 seconds and Pierson second at plus 33. Bob Young's miles were: 6:15, 9:06, 6:37, 9:21, 6:46, 9:21, 6:33, 9:21, 6:31, 9:06. Should be giving his kid a tough way to go before long. Joe Duncan was running faster than Bob, but must be a very experienced walker as he was going over 13 minutes on his walk. He had 5:43, 6:07, 6:02, 6:15, and 6:04 on his run, and did manage a 10:17 on his last walking mile. This is a good race and something I have always wanted to try.
In a truly fantastic performance, Christoph Hohne decimated the field in the Swiss 100 kilometer in 9:15:57.4. That amounts to back-to-back 4:38 50 kilometers and even many of us on this side of the pond have never walked even one of those. Actually, Hohne had a 4:23:47 at 50. He actually proved he is human by slowing to a miserable 61:20 over the last 10. Kurt Sakowski wasn’t too much worse, staying with Hohne for 60 kilometers and finishing in 9:29:48.6. No one else was close to 10 hours.

The early race seems ridiculous, with Englishman Pat Duncan staying with the two Germans through a 50:46 first 10 km. Colin Young in sixth place was 53:19. This race told on everyone except the Germans who were making their first attempt at anything over 50. The rest of the field was hoping the inexperienced pair would fold over the second half of the race, but they powered through while everyone dropped way off. Even a 6 km. 2000-foot climb at the 48 mile mark didn’t deter the Deutsch duo.

Colin Young feels that Hohne could approach the 7 hour mark if he ever tackles the London-to-Brighton (about 52 miles). Colin noted that it was a delight to note that both Hohne and Sakowski were willing to discuss with all and sundry their training methods, home life, etc. he found the same thing to be true at the Lugano competition. Colin also learned that the East German team had spent several weeks training in the Caucasus mountains immediately prior to the Lugano meet.

The results of this fantastic race:


Other International Results:


Ron Laird dominated the All-American race-walking team for 1967, which is really only a listing of the AAU Champions. Laird was named to eight of the eleven positions. Others on the team were Don DeLooz in the mile, Tom Dooley at 40 km., and Larry Young at 50. It has always seemed to me that it would be more logical to name say three sprint walkers (up to 20 km) and three distance walkers (beyond 20). Just listing all the winners is a little meaningless. So my All-American team is Laird, Dooley, and Young in the sprints, and Young, Laird, and Hoffer in the distances, which I guess proves a good walker is a good walker.
Comments on the extraneous matter in our last issue:

CHARLIE BILCOCK: "I am strongly opposed to walking magazine devoted to politics, music, etc. There are many other sources for that stuff but few others for race walking." (Actually, we could have written Charlie’s comment for him, You wanted a stamp, Chuck ol’ boy.)

EVERT LIFE: (our former friend) "Every time I go over the recent Ohio Race Walker, the walking world’s most fascinating publication, I feel urged to write a paraphrasing on Caesar by Shakespeare———Julius Caesar, that is.

"Remember those immortal lines, ’My heart is in the coffin there with Caesar and I must pause a while ’til it come back to me.’ With the Ohio Race Walker playing the role of Caesar, I do not want to see it buried in discussions not related to walking. It is perfect. Let’s keep it that way——please.

"Here pocs: Friends, Blackblurns, Mortlans lend me your ears
I come not to bury the O.W. but to praise him
The evil that man does lives after him
The good is oft interred with his bones. So let it be with O.W.
The noble Mortland hath said that Blackburn was ambitious (Political elections, yet)
If as it were so it was a grievous thought
and grievously hath Mortland it. (Jazz concert, Help! Help!)

And so on and so on

"This was the noblest walking publication of them all
All the others, save only this did that they did
for who knows what?
But the O.W. with a general honest thought etc made one of them
It’s heart was gentle, and the elements (All the wonderful people)
were so mixed in it that Nature could stand up and say to
all the world, ’Here is a delight worth looking forward to
each month.’

"Enough said. I will bore you no more. The point is made. (You know, the temptation in coming up the above was strong to do so more so. Imagine how
[The strong urge would be to start, after your front page heading in the last issue: ‘Friends, Blackblurns, pedestrians etc.’]"

(Ed: The man doth protest too much. And then he has up fill half a page with Shakespeare yet. Alas, poor Bert, I knew him well. As for us, to be or not to be is no question at all. We publish what we want, when we want, for the purely selfish motive of entertaining ourselves. For those that don’t like the non-race-walking stuff, we would be glad to send you only the pages that contain walking news, if you like being cheated. After all, we would save money that way. We are still a race walking publication, actually, but reserve the right to slip in whatever else we want at our reader’s expenses. And not all readers are complaining.)

TOM DOOITY: "Enjoyed your article on the NJ. Summertime is on the Porgy and Bess album." (Good ol’ You even offers us help with our problems. Guess we’ll have to run right out and buy it.)
However, for those of you who like dull statistical stuff, here is some really dull stuff. Our turned on readers can go on to another page. Actually, I like dull statistical stuff, myself, but the publisher doesn’t.

BRITISH TOP TEN FOR 1967

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Turn page for more dull statistics.
ITALIAN TOP 10 FOR 10 K. 1967 (Don't know if road or track)
1:27:0 Albion Fanini, 1:24:50.0 De Vito, 1:23:30.0 Visini, 1:26:19.2 Nigro, 1:26:14.2 Lombardo (I don't know either if one of these times is wrong or if the guys are just listed in the wrong order), 1:26:12 Elagoli, 1:27:05.2 Scardello, 1:27:08 Fanini, 1:27:13.6 De Rosso, 1:27:16.2 urine

and finally, here are the top cats in the world at the Olympic distances.

20 Km.
1:27:35.0 Bondarenko, USSR
1:27:04.9 Eilek, Czech
1:27:18.6 Laird, UK
1:27:34.6 Soldatenko, USSR
1:27:34.6 Solodov, USSR
1:27:34.6 Shnaya, USSR
1:27:54.0 Golubitcho, USSR
1:28:05.2 Reinann, West Ger.
1:28:09.6 Palmich, Italy
1:28:09.6 Patmas, East Ger.
1:28:09.6 Sverling, East Ger.
1:28:13.0 Scalinach, USSR
1:28:15.0 Pape, East Ger.
1:28:21.0 Makovlev, USSR
1:28:37.0 Syscudev, USSR
1:28:38.0 Frentel, East Ger.
1:28:51.0 Zarov, USSR
1:29:53.2 Krylov, USSR
1:30:00.2 Krulovitch, USSR
1:30:09.4 Agarov, USSR
1:30:26.6 Lindner, East Ger.
1:30:30.0 Haller, East Ger.
1:30:36.6 Shcherbakov, USSR
1:30:57.8 Selzer, East Ger.
50 Km.
4:02:43.4 Hohns, East Ger.
4:02:43.4 Agar, USSR
4:06:01.4 Dalla-Rosla, USSR
4:06:41.0 Shecherbina, USSR
4:13:07.0 Bondarenko, USSR
4:14:26.0 Leuschke, East Ger.
4:14:31.8 Grigoryev, USSR
4:14:32.0 Solodov, USSR
4:15:23.2 Kotschetkov, USSR
4:15:57.2 Harnasch, East Ger.
4:17:05.8 Lurig, USSR
4:17:13.4 Poznyachitsch, USSR

Wednesday 4:17:31.2 Barbach, USSR
4:17:37.8 Skotnicki, East Ger.
4:18:05.0 Klimov, USSR
4:18:06.6 Rieger, East Ger.
4:18:12.2 Babenkas, USSR
4:19:13.2 Zydelzas, USSR
4:19:13.2 Andruschenko, USSR
4:20:20.6 Prigozhin, USSR
4:21:11.6 Krylov, USSR
4:21:17.8 Palmich, Italy
4:22:00.0 Gutpelcz, USSR

Obviously these are road times, listed without regard to the accuracy of the courses.

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Many chances in our records for track events by walkers. John Dick, who was a good all-around performer in the '30's and '40's, claims several, as follows:
100 Yards -- 9.9, Fort Washington, 1.15, 1936; 100 m. -- 10.9, same place; high jump -- 5'10", Chicago; long jump - 21'10", Milwaukee, May 1941; '4velin - 18'7", Milwaukee, May 1939; Decathlon -- 5048, Chicago, 1941; Pentathlon -- 2719, July, 1941;

And Jerry Bacci claims following, now that he is a full-time race walker:
A bit of completely unrelated, but entertaining to us, material, comes from friend Bill Helver out in Utah. He stole it from columnist Art Buchwald. It is no doubt copyrighted, and we will be sued. Art probably never expected to hit the OR, anyway.

**PSYCHOLOGICAL TEST**

This New Test is Guaranteed
Not to Invade Anyone's Privacy
by Art Buchwald

Washington — Psychological testing in the U.S. Government has come under fire from several Congressional committees, who feel that asking job applicants a series of questions to gauge their personalities is an invasion of privacy. The test that has come in for the most criticism is the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, a 566-question true or false quiz.

As an answer to the test, one of its critics has developed the North Dakota Null-Hypothetical Brain Inventory, which the reader is invited to take right now. True or false:

1. I salivate at the sight of mittens.
2. If I go into the street, I'm apt to be bitten by a horse.
3. Some people never look at me.
4. Spinach makes me feel alone.
5. My sex life is A-okay.
6. When I look down from a high spot, I want to spit.
7. I like to kill mosquitoes.
8. Cousins are not to be trusted.
9. It makes me embarrassed to fall down.
10. I get nauseous from too much roller skating.
11. I think most people would cry to gain a point.
12. I cannot read or write.
13. I am bored by thoughts of death.
14. I become homicidal when people try to reason with me.
15. I would enjoy the work of a chicken picker.
16. I am never startled by a fish.
17. My mother's uncle was a good man.
18. I don't like it when somebody is rotten.
19. People who break the law are nice guys.
20. I have never gone to pieces over the weekend.
21. I think beaters work too hard.
22. I use shoe polish to excess.
23. God is love.
24. I like mannish children.
25. I have always been disturbed by the size of Lincoln's ears.
26. I always let people get ahead of me at swimming pools.

**NOT FOR THE SOFTHEARTED.** If you have answered more questions true than false, you should work for the labor department.

If you have answered more questions false than true, you should try for the Peace Corps.

If you answered 13 true and 13 false, you should apply for work with Voice of America.

If you refused to answer some of the questions, you might work for the White House.

If you held your hand over the questions while you answered them, you should go into the FBI.

If you talk about this test to anybody else, then you could never get a security clearance and you'd better stay where you are.