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A LAIRD MONTH

Ron Laird, long a dominant force on the U.S. race-walking scene, has never been more so than in the last two months. Over a period of six weekends in June and July he stormed to three National Senior titles and had two American record races on the off weekends. The titles were at 2 miles, 20 Km, and 35 Km. The records came at 3 km in one race and at a variety of distances and One Hour in the other. He topped this off with a fine, although not winning, performance in the USSR-British Commonwealth triangular in Los Angeles on July 18. In that one he went against the two premier walkers in the world at middle distances and evidently gave them a good run for their money. Unfortunately, I have no details other than the results at this point, but they indicate a really fine competitive race. Bob Kitchen also gave a good account of himself although a bit over his head at this time. Bob got the call when Tom Dooley took off for England for the summer and returned a better time than any American ever has before in a USSR match, and yet he was still nearly five minutes behind the next man in this extremely classy field. Laird became the first American to beat a Russian in a dual match and the man he beat was the Olympic bronze medalist and the 1967 Lugano gold medalist. Nihill is walking fanastically well this year and with this victory is certainly a heavy favorite for the European title in the fall. The results were: 1. Paul Nihill, EC (Great Britain) 1:31:49.8 2. Vladimir Golubnichiy, USSR 1:32:11 3. Ron Laird, USA 1:32:27 4. Nikolay Smaga, USSR 1:32:51.4 5. Frank Clark, EC (Australia) 1:33:14.6 6. Bob Kitchen, USA 1:38:08.2.

Following is a summary of Laird's other great races mentioned above.

Senior 20 Kilometer, Pomona, California, July 14--In his hometown smog, Laird was unbeatable and walked unchallenged from the start. Not that he really needed this advantage. With his leading challenger, Dave Romansky, apparently nursing a sciatic condition back in New Jersey, Ron blasted out with a 22:10 for the first 5 km and already had 40 seconds on second place Tom Dooley. Bob Kitchen had established himself in third by this time another 15 seconds back, and these three stayed right there to the finish. Laird opened up to over 2 minutes on Dooley by 15 km but then slowed way down in the last 5 and finally won with 1:33:40.4 to 1:35:07.8 for Tom. Dooley, in his best condition ever, drew steadily away from the gutty Kitchen throughout the race. Tom and Goetz Klopfer are spending in England but he will join the U.S. team for meets in Germany and England. Kitchen's third place won him his first International competition, as noted above. With his American 50 Km record under his belt, Bob indicated he is about ready to challenge anyone at all distances.

A surprising fourth was Bob Bowman, who has never shone this well at 20 Km before, and from whom little had been heard earlier this year. Bob was engaged in a tight battle with Larry Walker and Martin Rudow at the 15 km mark, having come from slightly behind them at 10, when both got the heave-ho from the very alert judges. John Knifton was also tossed in the last 5 km, after being seventh at 15, Ron Daniel got it in the first 10, and Larry Green was out before the first 5.

Coming in fifth was Goetz Klopfer, who had been sick, which accounts for his slightly below par form. It didn't hurt his impeccable style, however, as he picked up his second ORW Style Prize of the year. John Kelly, another guy we haven't heard

much of this year, captured the sixth spot. From there, the level of performance fell off and the depth of performance was pretty disappointing. Of course, four top men were do'd and Romansky and Young weren't there. (Larry is in semi-retirement but will be back next year.) Rudy Haluza, never able to really get in shape this year, was seventh and Bill Ranney eighth, both well off their capabilities. The smog was reportedly quite bad, which is one reason for the generally poor performances, but it didn't seem to hurt the leaders. The team prize went to the Athens A.C. with Dooley, Klppfer, and Ranney. And here are the results, with 5 km splits for the leaders:

1. Ron Laird, NYAC 1:33:40.4 (22:10, 44:55, 68:12)
2. Tom Dooley, Athens AC 1:35:07.8 (22:50, 46:16, 70:22)
3. Bob Kitchen 1:36:27.8 (23:05, 47:01, 71:17)
4. Bob Bowman, Striders 1:38:29 (23:26, 48:09, 73:18)
5. Goetz Klopfer 1:40:51.4 (23:25, 48:54, 74:50)
6. John Kelly, Santa Monica AA 1:41:13.4 (23:55, 49:07, 74:57)
7. Rudy Haluza, Striders (25:04, 50:06, 76:19) 1:43:13.8
8. Bill Ranney, Athens 1:44:04.4 (24:45, 50:37, 77:19)
9. Bryon Overton, Striders 1:44:37.2
10. Jim Hanley, Striders 1:46:45.6
11. Gerry Willwerth, Phil. AC 1:54:14.4
12. Bob Brewer, Striders 1:55:29.8
13. Bruce Adair, US Army 1:55:30
14. Geroge Mercure, Un, Gardena, Cal. 2:00:59.6
15. Chris Clegg, Striders 2:01:31.6
16. Paul Chelson, Striders 2:03:47.6
17. Bob Long, Striders 2:05:05
18. Justin Gershury, Westside JCC 2:05:38.2
19. Jack Crutchfield, un., Van Nuys, Cal. 2:07:33.8
20. Harold McWilliams, Striders 2:08:45.2
21. Paul Roosevelt, Striders 2:16:58.2
22. Doug Klann, Culver City AC 2:17:11.6
23. David Yanez, Striders 2:20:39
24. Brad Frishman, un. Long Beach 2:31:37

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2 Mile, Miami, July 28--In this one Laird set a meet record of 13:31.4 and won the ORW Style Prize in the process. Laird's only meaningful competition came from Mexican Jose Oliveros who had 13:38 but was D'd in the last 100 meters ~~for~~ when he got overexuberant for no good reason. This gave second to Jim Hanley, who looked very good in walking 14:13. Steve Hayden captured third and Ron Kulik was fourth. Larry Green, a major in the Air Force, finished a second ahead of Ron, but was also disqualified as he had been in the 20. Larry has been walking in the San Francisco area and is reportedly very strong but with a very loose style. He has trouble staying down now, but will be very tough if he licks this before he gets discouraged. Again, the over level of performance was not as high as expected, with the heat and humidity slowing things down somewhat. The results:

1. Ron Laird, NYAC 13:31.4
2. Jim Hanley, Striders 14:13
3. Steve Hayden, LIAC 14:21.8
4. Ron Kulik, NYAC 14:27
5. Ron Daniel, NYAC 14:46
6. Bob Bowman, Striders 14:49
7. Greg Diebold, Shore AC 15:09 est.
8. Gary Westerfield, LIAC 15:30 est
9. Bruce Adair, US Army 15:42 est
10. Bob Pollack, The Citadel 15:50 est
11. Bryon Overton, Striders 16:30 est.

35 Km, McKeesport, Pa., July 12 -- (We had this one covered by a real, live reporter, Cyril Lukas, a student of John Harwick's in a summer course in sports reporting at Point Park College in Pittsburgh. His report follows, lending a little class to the ORW for a change)--Ron Laird--despite finishing two minutes short of Larry Young's course record--easily won the National 35 Km in 2:55:56.7 at the Eastland Shopping Center. It was Laird's 47th national crown. Laird and 23 other starters (19 finished) were encouraged by a persistent display of snickers, sneers, and shouts of "hey Mabel, get a load of dese guys."

Even Laird, the 30-year-old Pomona, Calif. draftsman, who has competed in three Olympic Games, could see the humor in his brilliant athletic display in the 90-degree heat at the shopping center. "Yeah, people always laugh at these race walkers" he deadpanned after leading from wire-to-wire in the prestigious race. "When they laugh, it's both good and bad. At least we get exposure when they laugh. You hear people saying 'we say' this stuff on television! But it's bad because it discourages young walkers. They get laughed at and suddenly they all want to be Jim Ryuns."

Many shoppers took a break to watch Laird roar way from the pack and make a run (or walk) for the course record that belongs to Young. Laird did each of the first dozen of his 23 laps in under eight minutes, but was over the eight-minute mark in all but three of the final 11 laps. Each lap was 5000 feet.

Perhaps Young's absence--which surprised AA officials since he was an early entry cost Laird the "push" he would have needed in the latter stages of the race to lower his time. Laird's first lap was his fastest (6:11) while his last lap was his slowest (8:58). This gave him a 2:47 split between his fastest and slowest lap. (Ed. According to the 5000 foot lap, the first lap was probably about 57 yards short of the others, or at least should have been to make 35 km. Even at that, Laird's first lap is under 7 minute pace.)

Runnerup Karl Merschenz, who was in fifth place after 16 laps, turned in the best pace race. His 23 laps varied only 1:45. He slowed to 9:10 on his next-to-last lap for his slowest, but then sprinted his fastest lap with 7:25 on the final go around. Laird, who picked up about 30 seconds each lap, finished nearly 10 minutes ahead of Merschenz (3:05:21.2). Mexican Pascual Ramirez finished third, as his teammate Pedro Ramirez failed to finish. Another notable non-finisher was Bob Bowman, who was in fourth place late in the race. Gary Westerfield walked a strong race for fourth, pulling away from Ron Daniel in the last 15 km. Ron Kulik, who started slowly, also caught Daniel with four laps to go and beat him.

The bizarre setting--akin to holding the national fencing championship in a laundromat--accounted for much of the interest, and then many of the 200 or so spectators enjoyed watching the walkers try to escape the mesmerized motorists who turned the one-mile track into something of an obstacle course. The discourteous drivers didn't phase Laird. (Wow, I'm just reading through this thing. I think I am setting a new ORW record for transpositions, etc., and the old record must have been something.)

The only real battle of the day came in the geriatric set, where 68-year-old John Abatte of Philadelphia, who spent three hours yesterday morning "trying to find this place," resumed his long-running duel with 62-year-old Art Keay, a Toronto policeman. "Art has lost of speed, but I'll catch him on the last few laps if I'm feeling right," said Abatte, a wizened, gnome-like hard-rock who won "nine AAU 40-kilometer titles and two 50 kilometer crowns when I was younger."

Abatte proved himself a poor prophet as he finished more than six minutes behind Keay--and when Pittsburgh's Jim Johnson dropped out with stomach cramps with 500 yards to go and teammate Steve Sendek left the field with a number of laps remaining, abatte wound up in last place.

Laird, Kulik, and Daniel finished 1-2-3 in the team race to give their New York Athletic Club a perfect six-point score. Runnerup honors went to the Shore Athletic Club. Pittsburgh Walkers Association could only finish two of its five starters so race officials had a box of bronze medals remaining. Fred Timcoe, besides pacing the Shore AC to runnerup honors, copped the National Junior crown in 3:25:40. He was eighth overall. (Ed. This was a mistake on the officials part since Fred was in the 1959 USSR dual meet.) John Harwick won his 17th Allegheny Mountain Association title in 20 starts by finishing 13th in 3:49:57. The summary:

1. Ron Laird, NYAC 2:55:56.8
2. Karl Merschenz, Gladstone AC 3:05:21.2
3. Pascual Ramirez, Mexico 3:06:20
4. Gary Westerfield, LIAC 3:07:58.2
5. Ron Kulik, NYAC 3:14:43.3
6. Ron Daniel, NYAC 3:16:33
7. John Knifton, NYAC 3:20:17
8. Fred Timcoe, Shore AC 3:25:41
9. Jack Blackburn, Ohio TC 3:33:50
10. Greg Diebold, Shore AC 3:40.00
11. Elliott Derman, Shore AC 3:42:37
12. Todd Scully, Shore AC 3:47:38
13. John Harwick, Pitt. Walkers 3:49:57
14. Don Johnson, Shore AC 3:51:45
15. Richard Airey, Shore AC 3:57:00
16. William Prather, PWA 4:06:42
17. John Lusardi, Shore AC 4:20:17
18. Art Keay, Tor. Police AC 4:23:15
19. John Abatte, Phil. AC 4:29:53.

Compton-Coliseum Invitational 3000 meter walk, June 7 (the first of Laird's two record races)--1. Ron Laird 12:23 2. Larry Walker 13:03.2 3. Martin Rudow 13:08.6 4. Jim Hanley 13:10.6 5. Bob Bowman 13:20.8 6. John Kelly 13:29 7. Dan Totheroh 14:0

Oh! A third record, which I will mention before the second one, to fill this little space. 1 Km (a completely ridiculous distance), Upland, Calif., June 25--
1. Ron Laird 3:46.1 (1:27 at 440, 3:00 at 880)

Finally, in the Laird logbook, was a race at Mt. SAC in Walnut on June 19. In this one, Ron covered 8 miles 746 yards in the Hour for a new record. On the way he got the following records: 4 miles--28:21, 5 miles--35:22.8, 6 miles--42:27.0, 7 miles--49:38.6, 8 miles--56:57.8, 10 km--43:49.4. Also a meaningless record of 30:49.2 at 7 km. Splits for the first three miles were 7:04, 14:13, and 21:18. A very evenly paced effort through 6 miles and then only a slight slowdown. Goetz Klonfer was with Ron through 7 laps and went on to 10 km in 46:00. Bob Bowman also covered 10 km in 48:51.4. No other competitors listed on the results I have.

Before moving on to other matters, I now have a few details on the L.A. International 20 Km. The ~~first~~ early pace was quit^{ly} leisurely for a race of this nature with Kitchen in front at 5 km in 23:32 and everyone else given the same time. The pace slowed a little more during the next 5, with Clark in front at 10 in 47:11 to 47:15 for the next four and 47:24 for Kitchen. The pace then hotted up a bit with the leaders covering the next 5 in 22:53. There was still a blanket over the first five with four of them in 1:10:08 and Clark in 1:10:10. Bob Kitchen had found the acceleration too much and was back by ~~in~~ himself in 1:12:20. From that point it was a sprint to the finish and Clark and Smaga were dropped quickly. With 3/4 mile to go Nihill and Golubnichiy were right together with Laird 30 yards back but fading. Golubnichiy received a caution entering the Stadium for the finish and Nihill went on to win easily. It seems doubtful if Vladimir would have matched him to the tape in any case. Nihill's last 5 was in 21:41, just under 7 minute miles. Laird was not fully recovered from his 35 km in ~~the~~ Pittsburgh 6 days earlier and was simply unable to respond in the wild dash for the tape. For everyone but Kitchen and Clark, the last 5 km was the fastest of the race.

TOUR OF OHIO

Here in Ohio-land we are in the midst of the First Annual Tour of Ohio Series, said series consisting of a race in each of the cities in which we have active race walkers. We have had three races to date and have three to go. This being the Ohio Race Walker, originally devoted primarily to Ohio news, it seemed best to report this series before moving on to other mundane news from the wider world of race walking. Besides which, your editor has managed to win all three races and I thrive on this sort of publicity.

The first race was held on the Worthington High School track on June 8 and was a One Hour affair. As usual the weather was quite warm and extremely humid. Only four stalwarts made the scene and even the local cat, Doc Blackburn, couldn't make it, being laid up for the day with a virus infection, or something. Mortland (me) managed 8 minute miles through four (7:52, 15:53, 23:52, 32:57) at which point it hardly looked worth it with a three lap lead, so I forgot that madness and slowed it down. Immediately came a bad stitch in the side and a strolling recovery lap in 2:42. Thus, the fifth mile consumed 8:59. Then managed a couple of 8:11's and finally 7 miles 595 yards. Barry Richardson, constantly improving, moved out at 9:32, 19:03, and 28:40 and then hung on to 10 minute miles to cover 6 miles 251 yards, just short of his 6 1/2 mile goal, but good in the conditions. Dale Arnold, just starting to find a little time to train, trailed Larry James for the first mile but then pulled steadily away and covered 5 miles 1133 yards. Larry, on one of his rare walks, racing or training, went through 5 miles 858 yards.

Two weeks later, the field grew to six for a 10 km on the Princeton High School track in Cincinnati. Paul Reback was the host for this one and also offered Mortland a little more competition while setting up a personal best for the distance. Mortland led from the start but was able to open only about 10 seconds a mile to record a 48:41 to 49:40 victory. Paul had to accelerate the last mile to just get under 8 minute miles. Mortland's approximate pace was 7:50, 15:44, 23:36, 31:27, 39:17, 47:02. Meanwhile, two other exciting races were staged. In the first, Barry Richardson overcame a early Doc Blackburn of 60 or 70 yards and moved ahead with about

6 laps to go. Barry quickly opened a sizeable lead but the old Doc doesn't quit. He whittled it back down to 15 yards with a half mile to go and forced the Liney to push through the last two laps to preserve third place 56:33 to 56:39. This is by far Barry's best performance to date and, at something like age 57, is the best the good Doctor has done for sometime. It would have been good enough to ~~win~~ get second in the Master's 50 and over 6 mile. Another old codger who is somewhat unbelievable is Clair Duckham. At age 62, the Duck held off a fast finishing Larry James in recording 59:49. Larry showed vast improvement over the One Hour and just missed the hour with 60:03.

Finally, on July 20, the troupe journeyed to Van Wert for Jack Blackburn's production over 10 miles. Jack chose to put the race on his 320 yard asphalt track at Starr Commonwealth, which met with the hearty disapproval of all but him. Unfortunately, Jack takes such criticism of his efforts with complete disregard, so 55 laps it was. The temperature wasn't too bad, probably around 80, but the humidity was at least 250 percent and everyone suffered. The bearded host let your editor bear the brunt of pacemaking chores hanging a stride back through 5 miles at 8:15 to 8:20 pace. Then, just as Blackburn slowed to take liquid refreshment, the sneaky, Mortland tore off at a pace that would terrorize practically no one but ill-conditioned walkers such as himself and Blackburn. Neither felt they had any business going at this inhuman pace, but the Mort managed to put in a couple of 7:50's and Blackburn struggled through at about 8 minute pace. One more 8 minute mile by Mort cooked Blackburn's goose as well as his own and both staggered in from there. Final times-- 1:22:35 and 1:23:46. Meanwhile, Barry Richardson moved out at a very healthy clip and quickly had nearly a lap on the rest of the field with Wayne Yarcho leading Doc Blackburn and Clair Duckham for fourth. Dale Arnold was biding his time further back. By three miles, poor Barry was feeling the heat and his downfall began. By 9 miles Wayne was ahead of him and Doc Blackburn was right with them, but a lap behind. But the old Doc, not having walked this far for a couple of years, moved right out and caught Richardson on the last lap. Barry appeared in a semi-trance for this last mile and showed a lot of guts to finish. Final times for these three: Yarcho 1:39:05, Dock Blackburn 1:40:55, Richardson 1:41:11. Further back, Dale Arnold walked a steady race, caught the Duck with a mile to go and then edged away for a clear victory. Duckham, who does all his training running these days, finds the walking races a little difficult when he gets ~~into~~ in them, but he still looks as tough as nails. Times: Arnold 1:44:09, Duckham 1:44:40. Blackburn redeemed himself in the eyes of all following the race, or rather wife Mary Jo did it for him, by putting on a great feed, which was enjoyed along with the moon landing. All were back home in time that night to see some real dramatic walking.

The July 4th weekend was a great time for Junior Nationals, with three of them held--two in Milwaukee. On the 4th, Bill Walker, of the Motor City Striders, pulled away from Rich Godin of Chicago in the last two miles to annex his first national title and disqualify himself for the 2 mile the next day. Bill and Larry Larson, of the host Milwaukee TC, were out front at the mile in 8:31 with Godin 14 seconds back. By 2 miles Godin had caught up and in the next mile Larson dropped back a bit. However, at four miles the three were right together and it was from there that Walker made his winning move. In another tight race, Dave Eidahl from Iowa and Milwaukee's Brian Murphy right together until Eidahl managed to pull away in the last mile for fourth place. Our own Larry James couldn't duplicate his Cincinnati performance and settled for seventh behind Dan Patt of Chicago. The results:

1. Larry Walker, Motor City Striders 54:39
2. Rich Godin, UCTC 55:34
4. Larry Larson 56:35.2
4. Dave Eidahl, Iowa Achilles 58:31.8
5. Brian Murphy, Milwaukee TC 58:42.2
6. Dan Patt, Green & Gold AC 61:26.4
7. Larry James, Ohio TC 64:09.6
8. John Dick, Mil. TC 54:51.2
9. Bob Schmitz, Mil. TC 67:08.8
10. Leon Heindel, Mil TC 67:08.8
11. Sheldon Staubitz, Green & Gold 73:50.

The next evening, many of the same walkers gathered on the Tartan track at Nathan Hale High School for the National 2 Mile. With Walker out of the picture, Rich Godin won his Junior title beating teammate Bob Woods and Larson over the last 880. The first two passed the mile in 8:05, with Larson just 2 seconds back and the mile-and-a-half in 12:14 with Larson now 3 seconds back. At that point, Godin accelerated for laps of 2:01 and 1:59, which Woods could not hold, and the victory was his. Larson held on for third over an impressive looking newcomer, Richard Coon, a student at Carbondale (Ill.) State, representing the Philadelphia AC. The next three were the same as the day before, with Dan Patt again shutting out Larry James out of the medals. Dan Calef, who showed so much promise as a high school boy a few years ago, returned to the wars, only to be d'ed. Dan was right in the race and took the lead on the fifth lap, but did so a bit too quickly and was told to remove his carcass from the track. The results:

- 1. Rich Godin, UCTC 16:14 2. Bob Woods 16:24 3. Larry Larson, Mil. TC 16:27 4. Richard Conn, Phil. AC 16:33 5. Brian Murphy, Mil. TC 16:58.4 6. Dan Patt, WEX C&G AC 17:55 7. Larry James, OTC 18:05 8. Art McLendon, UCTC 18:34.6 9. Mike Leske, Fox Valley, TC 18:34.6. D'ed--Dan Calef and Dave Eidahl.

On the same weekend, the Junior 25 was held in Miles City, Montana with the following result: 1. Dick Baker, Spokane, Wash. 2:37:44 2. Chuck Hauber, Spokane 2:54:44 3. Jack Plummer, Miles City 3:00:40 4. Don NoRunner (that's correct and even a better name than Walker for a walker) 3:00:42 5. Conny Newmann, Miles City 3:06:10 6. Tony Ellis, Miles City 3:15:00 7. Al Meirhofer, Miles City 3:21:00 8. Ed Swanson, Miles City 3:21:01

One more Junior--15 Kilometer, Portland, Oregon, June 1--1. Walt Jaquith, Santa Clara Village Race Walkers 1:29:41 2. Manuel Adriano, SCVRW 1:31:27 3. Edward Austin, Glacier Sports Club (Mont.) 1:31:36 4. Phil Mooers, SCVRW 1:34:37 5. Wes Edwards, Portland 1:37:37 6. Paul Kaald, ~~Seaside~~ Seattle Olympic Club 1:41:55 7. Dean Ingram, SOC 1:43:44 8. Chick Dhulst, Portland 1:45:03 9. Don Jacobs, Port. TC 1:47:03 10. Chuck Walgraeve, Glackamas, Ore. 1:47:47 11. Ken Fowler, Beaverton, Ore. 1:48:54 12. Brad Frishman, Long Beach, Cal. 2:02:34---In the Northwest Invitational run concurrently Karl Johnsen won in 1:21:22 with Wes Edwards second in 1:39:39

BIG JOHN DOUBLES

San Diego, July 4 & 5--In the Second Annual Master's (40 and over) Track and Field Meet, the Long Island AC's John Markon comped both the 3 mile and 6 mile walks-- and had plenty to spare in both. Don Johnson also journeyed from the East and followed the lanky Markon across the line both days to take the first place medal for 50-59 year old cats. Another traveler, Larry O'Neill, from Montana, was a dual-wictor in the 60 and over category, with excellent times for that age bracket.

- the 3 mile was held the first day and the six the second. The results: 3 Mile -- 1. John Markon, Long Island AC 24:24 2. Don Johnson, Shore AC 26:11 3. Bob Long, LA Striders 26:39 4. Jim Selby 26:49 5. Phil Mooers, SCVRW 26:55 6. Larry O'Neil 27:53 7. Joe Wehrly 29:03 8. Don Jacobs, Portland TC 31:14 9. Ed Soza 32:14. 6 Mile--1. Markon 50:36.6 2. Johnson 54:11.8 3. Long 54:37.4 4. Chris Clegg 54:43.6 5. O'Neil 56:37.3 7. Mooers 56:39.8 7. Harold McWilliams 57:02.2 8. Selby 57:04 9. Dan Sawyer 61:03.2 10. Wehrly 61:35.6 11. Soza 63:48.6 12. Jacobs 66:43.2. Markon's times beat Bruce MacDonald's records of 24:55 and 51:45.

***** Other results from around the U.S. of A. and other spots on earth (no results from the moon yet as both competitors were disqualified for lifting): 1 Mile, Farmingdale, N.Y., July 15--1. Gary Westerfield 6:44.0 2. Larry Newman 7:16 Montane 2 Mile--1. Dick Baker 18:55 2. Loren Mann 18:56 3. Don NoRunner 18:57 Wisconsin AAU 3000 Meters, June 14--1. Brian Murphy 15:26 2. Larry Larson 15:31.4 Fox Valley TC 2 Mile, June 28--1. Larson 16:26.4. 1 Mile, Los Angeles, June 25-- 1. Jim Hanley 6:43.3 2. Larry Walker 6:49 3. Ray Parker 7:21 4. Gerry Willwerth 7:47

2 Mile, Sacramento, June 21--1. Don Laird 14:01.8 2. Larry Green 14:29.4. 1 Mile, L.A., June 26--1. Willwerth 7:44.5 1 Mile, L.A., July 1--1. Willwerth 7:42.7
 1 Mile, L.A., July 2--1. Ray Parker 7:16.1 2. Mike Ryan 7:33.4 3. Dick Ortiz 7:47.5
 5 km, L.A., July 2--1. Ortiz 26:17.6 2. Willwerth 26:47.8 3.4 Mile, Long Branch, N.J. June 16--1. Ron Daniel 25:19 2. Greg Diebold 27:09 3.4 Mile, L.B., June 23--1. Diebold 26:43 2. Todd Scully 27:11 3. Bob Mimm 27:40 4. Elliott Derman 30:46.
 3.4 Mile, June 30--1. Scully 26:50 2. Mimm 28:15 3. Bob Petruski 28:33. 3 Mile, Ocean Twp., N.J., June 29-- 1. Scully 24:45 2. Mimm 26:00 3. Petruski 26:14 4. Fred Shack 26:55 (on track). N.J. AAU 2 Mile, June 15--1. Diebold 15:39.5 2. Fred Timcoe 16:20 1 Mile, Long Branch, June 11--1. Petruski 7:39 2 Mile, June 8--1. Larry Walker 13:53 (Laird 13:41 D'd) 2. Martin Rudow 14:28 3. Jim Hanley 15:07 4. Bryon Overton 15:09 5. Ray Parker 16:07 6. Mike Ryan 16:08 Metropolitan 10 Km, June 10-- 1. Ron Daniel 45:22 2. Steve Hayden 45:38.4 3. John Knifton 45:41.2 4. Gary Westerfield 46:22 5. Ron Kulik 46:51 6. John Markon 49:05 7. Dr. George Shilling 49:35 8. Larry Newman 49:45 9. Howie Jacobsen 49:50 10. Dr. John Shilling 50:30 11. Bruce MacDonald 57:00 (on road, 300-400 yds short. 2 Mile Elizabeth, N.J., June 3-- 1. Ron Daniel 13:45 2. Greg Diebold 14:05.6 3. Don Johnson 16 plus. 2 Mile, Paramus, N.J. June 4--1. Ron Kulik 14:32.8 2. Fred Timcoe 15:31.8 1 Mile, Elizabeth, June 24--1. Daniel 6:53 2. Kulik 7:04 3. Marcus Atkins 7:40. Maccabiah Games Trials 3000 meter, Wantagh, L.I., June 7--1. Howie Jacobsen 14:33.6 2. Dr. George Shilling 14:51.2 3. Dr. John Shilling 15:31.1, 10 Km, June 8--1. Jacobsen 53:10.6 2. George 53:45.2 3. John 56:39.2. 5 Km, Hayward, Cal.--1. Bill Ranney 24:02 2. Steve Lund 26:04 3. Manny Adriano 27:09. 3.4 Mile, Long Branch, July 14--1. Ron Daniel 24:38 2. Todd Scully 26:02 3. Stan Smith 27:34 5 Mile, Lakewood, N.J., July 13-- (track) 1. Bob Mimm 41:51 1 Mile (same meet)--1. Mimm 7:53.4 15 Km, Frisco, June 22-- 1. Goetz Klopfer 1:10:00 2. Bob Kitchen 1:11:39 3. Bill Ranney 1:12:00 4. Manny Adriano 1:21:29 (Splits: Goetz 23:23, 46:30, Bob 23:35, 47:25, Bill 24:15, 48:05) 2 Mile, San Mateo, July 11-- 1. Bill Ranney 14:26.6 2. Phil Mooers 17:26.8 ADRIANO had 16:19 in this handicap race. 10 Mile, Frisco, July 12 (hot)-- 1. Ranney 78:38 (38:57 at 5) 2. Adriano 89:25 3. Alarcon 92:38 1 Mile, Farmingdale, N.Y., July 8-- 1. Gary Westerfield 6:40.3 2. Larry Newmann 7:24.4 3. Steve Fortunato 7:53 20 Km, Taunton, Mass., July 20-- 1. John Knifton, NYAC 1:31:32 2. Gary Westerfield, LIAC 1:32:36 3. Bob Hercey, North Medford 1:41:53 4. Bill Purves, Montreal 1:43:25 5. Paul Schell, North Medford 1:44:45 6. John Gray, NM 1:48:54 1 Mile, Farmingdale, July 22--1. Westerfield 6:53.0 2. Newman 7:34 3. Dan O'Connor, LIAC 8:05 (1st race) 1 Mile, L.A., July 9-- 1. Larry Walker 6:49.7 2. Ray Parker 7:05.5 3. Dick Ortiz 7:15.6 4. Mike Ryan 7:25. Women's 1 Mile, Michigan--1. Jeanne Bocci 8:21 2. Mary Kefalos 9:20.5 3. Cindy Wright, Fairfield, Pa. 9:34.1 4. Janet Luppino 9:44 5. Lynn Olson 9:50 2 Mile, Oregon AAU, June 14--1. Steve Yrer 15:53.8 (7:42) 2. Lynn Roumagoux 17:30.4 1 Mile, L.A., July 16--1. Ray Parker 7:13.2 5 Km, L.A., July 16-- 1. Larry Walker 23:16 2. Dick Ortiz 25:55 Junior Olympic 1 Mile, Reading, Pa., 1. Bob Romansky (17) 7:17.9 (Dave's nephew).

Before turning to the foreign scene, a brief report on missing walkers. As stated earlier, the word I get is that Dave Romansky has some sciatic trouble, which could be bad. Ray Somers has been troubled with a bad knee since last summer and underwent surgery to correct the situation about a month ago. Hopefully he will be back next year. Might also report that his wife presented him with a daughter, Debbie, on May 28. Jerry Bocci underwent minor surgery in late April and is now back in training, but building up slowly. Larry Young is concentrating on a new job but plans a full season for next year. Now on with the results, these foreign.
 3 Km, London, late June--1. Goetz Klopfer 12:50 (6:45 mile) 2. Tom Dooley 13:09 (Tom and Goetz are competing for the Belgrave Harriers this summer.) British 50 Km, July 19--1. Brian Eley 4:19:13 2. Shaun Lightman 3. Ray Middleton (Klopfer, competing unofficially as a guest, was third. No times other than first available.) Women's 2500 meters, England, July 19--1. Julie Farr 12:45.8 (8:13 pace) 2. B. Jenkins 12:53.4 3. B. Fish 13:02.4 4. H. Lewis 13:13.2 5. J. Peck 13:36.8 British National 20 Km, May 10--1. Paul Nihill 90:07 2. Peter Fullager 90:58 3. John Webb 91:42 4. Shaun Lightman 93:27 5. Bill Sutherland 93:35 6. Jake Warhurst 94:25 7. Bob Hughes 94:35 8. Phil Embleton 94:38 9. Ray Middleton 94:41 10. R. Thorpe 94:55 11. Goerge Chaplin 95:08 12. Ron Wallwork 95:15 13. Mal Tolley 96:14 14. R. Mills 97:18 15. D. Vickers 97:33 (28 under 1:40) 5 Mile, S. Croydon, May 7--

1. Nihill 34:35 20 Km, Wittenberg, E.G., April 13--1. Leuschke 1:29:08.8 20 Km, Karl-Marx Stadt, E.G., April 19--1. Leuschke 1:32:06 2. Reimann 1:32:12 3. Selzer 1:33:19.4 10 Km, Rome, March 30--1. Pamich 44:35.4 20 Mile, Bradford, England, May 17--1. Jake Warhurst 2:39:51 2. Ron Wallwork 2:41:36 3. Guy Goodair 2:45:23--
 20 Englishmen were inside 47:18 for track 10's as of May 24--5 Km, Crystal Palace, May 14--1. Nihill 20:44 (6:30.5, 13:16) 17.2 seconds off world best by Verner Hardmo
 2. Phil Embleton 21:28.6 3. Ray Mills 22:09.4 4. Shaun Lightman 22:09.4 5. Bill Sutherland 22:10.8 3 Km, Woodford Green, May 18--1. R. Mills 13:03.6 3 Km, Formia, May 10--Nigro 12:43.0 British Intercounties 3 Km, May 26--1. Bob Hughes 12:46.6
 2. L. Mills 13:02 3. A Ross 13:14.6 4. Bob Clark 13:19.4 5. Roy Thorpe 13:22
 6. Len Duquemin 13:23.6 7. B. Butler 13:24.4 8. Ray Middleton 13:25.8 9. J. Kirk 13:31.4 Intercounties 10 Km, May 25--1. Nihill 43:49.6 2. Phil Embleton 44:47.0
 3. Bob Hughes 45:15.8 4. Ron Wallwork 45:28.4 5. Bill Sutherland 45:42.2 6. Mal Tolley 46:34.2 7. Jake Warhurst 46:42.4 8. George Chaplin 46:50.2 9. Bob Clark 47:31.0 French 20 Km (Track), May 18--1. Henri Delerue 1:32:28.8 2. Decosse 1:33:33
 3. Riskiewicz (a good French name) 1:39:01.2 Italian 50 Km, May 15--1. Sante Mancini 4:14:33.6 (estimated 6 minutes short) 2. Pamich 4:21:50.6 (Pamich had 14 National 50's in a row) 3. W. Sgardello 4:26:35 3 Km, London, June 7--1. Nihill 12:09 (national Record) 6 Mile, Tooting, June 3--1. Nihill 41:54 20 Km, Bad Saarow, E.G., May 17--
 1. Gennadiy Agapov, USSR 1:27:26.4 2. Reimann, E.G. 1:27:56 3. Staps, E.G. 1:28:11 (Both Lindner and Pathus of E.G. have retired) 50 Km, same date and place--1. Christof Hohne, E.G. 4:05:19 2. Leuschke, E.G. 4:05:24 3. Selzer, E.G. 4:09:26 4. Sakowski E.G. 4:12:09 5. Skotnicki, E.G. 4:13:23 (Fantastic times if this was the same course used for the 1967 Lugano Cup) 10 Km, Sofia, Bulgaria, June 7--1. Staps, E.G. 43:10.2
 2. Reimann 43:42.4 20 Km, Prerov, Czech, May 31--1. Bilek 1:28:15.8 2. Nermerich, W.G. 1:32:02.8 50 Km--1. Weidner, W.G. 4:18:13.2 3 Km, Leicester, England, June 20--
 1. Geoff Toone 12:40.2 2. Roy Lodge 13:09 3. George Chaplin 13:10.6 3 Km, London, June 22--1. Nihill 12:22.0 2. Roy Mills 12:47.2 3. Phil Embleton 12:50.2 4. Shaun Lightman 13:00.4 5. Wilf Wesch 13:00.8 35 Km, Copenhagen, June 1--1. Abdon Pamich, Italy 2:49:57.6 2. Stefan Ingvarsson, Sweden 2:50:46.2 3. Visini, Italy 2:51:33.4
 4. Andersson, Sweden 2:51:57.4 5. Lindberg, Sweden 2:57:24.6 6. Zamboldo, Italy 2:58:55.2 5 Mile, Lambeth, England, June 10--1. Bill Sutherland 36:11 2. Len Duquemin 36:18 3. Colin Young 36:29 4. Roy Mills 37:42 5. Ray Middleton 37:46 20 Km, Mexico City, June 28--1. Colin 1:39:04.4 2. Ramirez 1:40:57.2 3. Avila 1:42:55.2
Spain vs Switzerland 20 Km--1. Rene Pfister, Sw 1:34:36 2. Manuel Cabrera, Sp. 1:36:21 3. Manfred Aberhard, Sw. 1:38:08 4. Manuel Garces, Sp. 1:38:47 5. Joaquin Rodo, Sp 1:39:55. Junior 10 Km--1. Luis Arnau, Sp 46:57 2. Jose Orriols, Sp. 46:57 3. Victor Campos, Sp. 47:07 Women's 5 Km--Ursula Patzer, Sw. 26:15. 20 Km, Switz--1. Rene Pfister 1:36:54 2. Manfred Aberhard 1:37:43 30 Km, Druskinikai, USSR--1. Reimann, E.G. 2:20:21.2 2. Zurnia, USSR 2:26:39.4 3. Gorbunov 2:28:46.2 4. Musonekkas 2:30:31.2 5. Leuschke, E.G. 2:31:50.6 20 Km, Denmark, April 20--1. Oerjan Anderson, Sw. 1:34:31.6 2. Stig Lindberg, Sw. 1:36:12 3. Karl Svensson, Sw. 1:37:45 15 Km, Sweden, April 13--1. Stefan Ingvarsson 1:09:34 10 Km, Bucharest, Rum., March 23--
Vasile Ilie 44:10.4 2. Nicolae Maxim 44:56.6 3. Marin Persinaru 45:31 20 Km, May 11--
 1. Ingvarsson, Sw. 1:34:29.4 2. Edmund Pasiewski, Poland 1:39:50.2 3. Eugene Rogowski Poland 1:40:15.4. That's all the results for this time and quite enough I believe.

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An addition for my lusty limericks from one Ray Somers:

A walker from old Mexico
 Quite surely deserved a heave-ho,
 The judges lacked guts,
 Feared the Natives'd go nuts,
 Which dealt the sport quite a blow.

Ray also comments, as a side note, "Who put a 220 walk in that walker's pentathlon in San Francisco? 42.0 indeed!" Whoops, he also sent some results I forgot to include above: 2 Mile, Baltimore, June 8--1. Ray Somers 15:29.7 (before surgery) 2. Joel Holman 17:40. 2 Mile, June 14--1. Somers 17:37.1 2. Holman 18:24

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 With all the space I devoted to the judging controversy, I ran out of room for a Willie Plant obituary and now I have lost the information. In any case, Willie, one of the great champions of the past, died recently. Willie won 13 Senior titles between 1919 and 1927 at 1 Mile, 3 Km, 5x3 Miles, and 7 Miles. He also held the following American records: 3 Km--12:49 (indoors), 5 Km--21:50.6 (indoors), 2 hrs.--14 miles 1115 yards, and 15 miles 2:02:57.6.

 We should also mention the fine job Chuck Herman did in putting on the 35 Km a couple of weeks ago despite a great deal of personal tribulation in recent months. Chuck had recently lost his home and about 99 percent of his possessions in a fire and the fact that he went ahead with this race and did his usual fine organizational job is a tribute to his dedication to our sport.

 Now, speaking of dedication to the sport, no one has been more dedicated to their sport ~~than~~ than has Browning Ross to long-distance running, and I consider long-distance runners as sort of soul brothers. Browning has published the Long Distance Log for the past 14 years, which has been a very time-consuming and less than profitable undertaking. He was instrumental in organizing the Road Runners Club and in making it an active, worthwhile organization. This organization has done much to boost the position of distance running in this country. He has conducted fund raising campaigns that have enabled U.S. cross country teams to participate in recent International championships. He has been an active official and race promoter in his own area. And all the while he has been an active and successful participant himself. The amount of time and money he has put into the sport is probably incalculable. And what has this gotten him from the AAU? Suspension as an amateur athlete by his district association because he has recently begun selling running shoes on the side to try and recoup some of his losses on the Log and other running-related activities. He has no idea of getting rich, or of capitalizing on his name, as if any road-runner could. He is only trying to make it financially possible to continue contributing to the sport as he has in the past. And for this he is to be deprived of the joy of competing. The hypocrisy of our governing body, who will allow athletes who are putting nothing back into the sport, to practically get rich offit and then banish a guy like this is enough to make one barf, if I may be so crude. They treat people in this manner and then wonder why athletes are dissatisfied with the administration and why something like the Federation could ever even spring up. The trouble is that the Federation is as hypocritical and as disinterested in the athlete as is the AAU so there is no salvation there. Reportedly, the National Office is reviewing the Ross affair. How there can be any question of their decision is beyond me but knowing the way the organization mind can operate I fear there is a very grave question of what their decision will be. This of course has nothing directly to do with us, except that we have always been in the poor-cousin category of this organization that can, at times, operate in such an ogrelike manner. Not that there is any apparent salvation for us if we want to continue to receive the few small "favors" the AAU can throw our way. But it all presents food for thought and discussion and we can at least take a stand in opposition to such irrational acts as the Browning Ross affair.

 Upcoming races: Sr. and Jr. 40 Km, Aug. 17, Long Branch, N.J., 10 a.m.
 Sr. 50 Km, Aug. 24, San Francisco, 10 a.m.
 I don't know when the Sr. 25 is now. Does anyone?

Having messed around with this so long, we now have the results of the fourth Tour of Ohio walk, held in Dayton this afternoon (July 27). Editor Mort managed to keep his clean slate going on the DeWeese Parkway course over 15 km., although he was 2 minutes slower than on the same course last April. As usual, the humidity was really something else and everyone looked like they had just come out of the pool at the finish. Mortland walked with Paul Reback on his heels for the first 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles and was still only about 18 seconds clear after 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Both slowed from that point but Reback at a faster rate as Mortland was about 2 seconds a mile slower than in last week's 10 miler and Reback was better than a minute off his April performance. The real race was for third with Wayne Yracho and distance-runner Bill Botting going stride for stride the whole way. Wayne finally prevailed in the last 220 yards for a 1 second victory and a time considerably faster than his 10-mile pace last week. Not far back, and gaining 20 seconds on these two in the last 2 mile lap was Doc Blackburn, making his second sojourn at distances longer than his usual six in two weeks. Doc usually takes 2 to 3 miles to get everything functioning and it was in that span that he lost third place. Yracho continues to look tough off his running training and had to muster all he had to hold off Botting in the final yards. Botting was in only his second walking race and showed much improved style. His first was in the April 15 km on this course, during which he had a tendency to creep. He is a fine prospect and if we can get him to a few more races maybe we can convince him to forget that silly running game. Well, the results: 1. Mortland 1:17:17 2. Reback 1:20:43 3. Yracho 1:31:10 4. Botting 1:31:11 5. Doc Blackburn 1:32:05 6. Larry James 1:39:55 7. Dale Arnold 1:44:35. If we can get Larry James to forget about running quarters and 22's and stuff like that, we might make a walker of him. Dale just pooded out today and was well off last week's performance.

Finally, I forgot to mention style prizes in the 2 and 35. Laird got it in the 2 and Karl Merschenz (although he doesn't know it) in the 35. I forgot to send that one over with Doc so now I have to get it to Karl. Was supposed to have more on the judging controversy this month, but there were too many results. I have quite a few comments, including Charlie's reply to Jim Hanley and Jim's reply to that.

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