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FURRINERS DOMINATE

Worthington, Ohio, November 15 & 16—With the largest invasion of outlanders in the history of the event, and with a few of the locals missing, all but two of the trophies in race walking events at the 12th Annual Ohio Track Club Distance Carnival went out of the state. And those two left the friendly confines of Franklin County. Gary Westerfield, now an affluent school teacher on Long Island, was back to defend the 7 mile and 15 miles titles and at the last minute persuaded equally affluent Long Island school teacher, Steve Hayden, to come along. These two classy internationalists added considerable lustre to the event. Down from Detroit, and ready to challenge the Eastern invasion, was the Detroit Dervish, Gerry Bocci. Gordon Follett came down from Toronto to lend an international flavor. Karl Merschenz, the Canadian Olympian, now living in Cleveland, was also on hand, but forsook the heel-and-toe events for the 10 and 20 mile runs. And he did very well with a 59:02 for third on Saturday and a 2:03:38 for second on Sunday. Finally, besides the above, we had Mike Conn in from Philadelphia and Jim Tomayko from Pittsburgh. The local contingent was a bit scanty with Jack Blackburn hibernating in Van Wert, his father nursing bursitis in his heels, and Paul Reback doing something or other (probably studying) in Cincinnati.

So with all that introductory gibberish, I imagine someone is interested in the outcome of the races. For the 7 Mile on Saturday, a field of 11 was greeted by temperature in the low 20's, a fairly strong wind, a few snow flurries, and a course that was very slippery in spots from earlier snows. The race was held on the road course at Worthington High School used for this year's Senior National 15 Km. This is a 1 mile 1014 yard loop with one long hill on each lap. For this race, four laps of this loop were preceded by a shorter loop of 887 yards plus 337 yards. (Check that out you mathematicians) Gary Westerfield went into the lead early, after Jim Tomayko had bolted out at the start. Gary was after his meet record of 55:02, set last year, which was also the official course record. (Ron Laird and Dave Romansky were probably just over 50:00 on the way to 15 km last spring). Gary hit the first small lap (887 yds) in 3:46 with Steve Hayden and Gerry Bocci right on his tail. Eight seconds further back were your faithful editor and Mike Conn. After one full big lap (2 miles 518 yards), the race was still very tight with Westerfield 17:15, Hayden 17:17, and Bocci 17:19. Gerry was surprising everyone, maybe even himself, with his speed. Mortland was exactly 1 minute back at this point and nearly a minute ahead of the fading Mike Conn. The OTC's Barry Richardson and Wayne Yarcho were locked in their usual titanic struggle as they went by in 20:55. Wayne had a trophy sewed up however, as he was the only contestant to show up for the U.S. Senior's (50 and over) part of the race. Pride was definitely at stake, nonetheless.

On the second lap, Westerfield continued to pour the coals and managed to open up 9 seconds on Hayden, who had only 7 on the still battling Bocci. In the other big battle, Richardson could open up only 2 seconds on Yarcho. On the final two laps, Westerfield slowed slightly, but continued to leave his Long Island teammate and easily bettered his course record with a 53:58.2—excellent under the far from ideal conditions. Hayden never was able to really shake Bocci, but by the same token, Gerry never made any inroads on Steve's lead, and they both finished under the old record. Mortland finished a distant and lonely fourth and Conn a distant and lonelier fifth. Barry Richardson got away from tough old Wayne Yarcho on the final two laps, but not by much. The results:

1. Gary Westerfield, Long Island AC 53:58.2
2. Steve Hayden, LIAC 54:40
3. Gerry Bocci, Motor City Striders 54:51
4. Jack Mortland, OTC 56:38
5. Mike Conn, Phil. AC

64:23 6. Barry Richardson 65:44 7. (1st in U.S. Senior's Championship) Wayne Yarcho, Dayt on AC 66:00 8. Gordon Follett, Gladstone AC 68:46 9. Jim Tomayko, Monangahela Valley TC 71:27 10. Larry James, OTC 72:52 11. Dale Arnold, OTC 81:54

Sunday dawned sunny and the temperature climbed into the high 30's by the time of the 15 miler. Westerfield was out with the idea of getting under 2 hours and to at least break Ron Laird's record of 2:02:02, set in 1963. With these goals in mind he went out at virtually the same pace as the day before. At 887, he was 3:48, and already 10 seconds clear of Hayden and Bocci. After his first big lap, at which point he had gone 200 yards further than at the same point the day before (because the starting line was necessarily in a different place) he was only 53 seconds slower. Bocci and Hayden were right together, 32 seconds back. Gary then settled down to a steady 8 minute pace for the next 3 laps and the other two stayed in tandem. Times at 7 miles plus 200 yards were 56:03 and 56:39. Mortland was 58:19 in fourth at this point and decided this was a good workout for the day and that he was more urgently needed for administrative duties as meet manager. This left Mike Conn a solid fourth and when Jim Tomayko dropped out as well, Gordon Follett and Wayne Yarcho battling for fifth.

On his fifth lap, Westerfield suddenly froze up, saw his lead dwindle to 12 seconds and called it a day shortly thereafter, seeing his goals out of reach. This left a battle between Bocci and Hayden, with Gerry somewhat more in his element than in the 7 miler on Saturday. Actually, it was a question of who slowed the least and this was the stronger Bocci as he turned in a fine 2:03:18, second best ever. Steve slowed way down the last 2 laps and was over two minutes back at the finish but still had a good two day's work (yes the apostrophe should be outside of the "s".) Mike Conn, at one point about 4½ minutes clear of Follett, also hit a wall in the latter stages and had to rely on a kick in the final 440 to salvage third. The game Wayne Yarcho came home fifth. The results:

- 1. Gerry Bocci, MCS 2:03:18 2. Steve Hayden 2:05:32 3. Mike Conn 2:38:37 4. Gordon Follett 2:38:46 5. Wayne Yarcho 2:44:24

In the Women's 5 Mile, Jeanne Bocci, better than 7 months great-with-child now, was talked out of defending, which left the field open for her Wolverine Parkettes teammate, Mary Kefalos. Mary, with excellent style, moved away from the start and easily beat another teammate, Cheryl Gall, with a good 53:11.5. The revelation of the race was 12-year-old Margaret Hammond in third. This somewhat-chubby little rascal, who comes from a running family, had never walked before, but did on this day in very fine form and finished in 65:54.5.

- 1. Mary Kefalos, Wolverine Parkettes 53:11.5 2. Cheryl Gall, WP 58:04.2 3. Margaret Hammond, OTC 65:54.5 4. Margaret Bivens and Kim Koch, OTC 72:40.

One other note on the meet: the Outstanding Performer trophy, which usually goes to some double winner, of which there were none this year, went to a guy who finished no better than 7th. This was Kerry Wrag, a New Zealander studying at Ohio U., who was defending titlist in the 20 mile run. Kerry arrived late and started out 26:42 in arrears. He finally got up to 7th, which was the best position he could officially be given. However, his actual time of 1:48:33.8 was nearly 10 minutes better than the winner and well under his own course record of 1:55:17. And he ran his second 10 miles faster than the first.

Sad to report, there will be no New Year's Eve 6 Mile Handicap this year. Not so sad I guess, from my standpoint anyway, since I am primarily responsible, having opted for tennis instead. My wife is a tennis nut, just as I am a track nut, and a bunch of oddball couples are renting the Columbus Indoor Tennis Club for the night. This seems like nearly as goofy of a New Year's Eve activity as walking, so why not give it a shot. In the meantime, there will be a race of some sort in late December on Doc's new Sharon Woods course and a 5000 meter on the track on January 4. Barry Richardson is putting on the latter and it will be held on one of the worst cinder tracks in the country. Should be a real thriller, particularly if we get about 6 inches of snow. No final details on these yet, but we will notify Ohio type people and if anyone else is interested, write me.

QUICK RUNS

Two ultra-fast 10 milers have been turned in during the late season on opposite sides of the country. On November, Tom Dooley blistered the Northgate Shopping Center course in San Rafael, California with a 72:17. Tom was never opposed as he opened with a 6:59 mile and kept the pace high through a 50:00 7 mile. Although slowing slightly from there, he never got over 7:30's and had over 6 minutes on Bill Ranney at the finish. Bill went through 5 miles in 38:51 and then held a fairly steady pace with good acceleration on the final mile. The results: 1. Tom Dooley 72:17 (6:59, 14:04, 21:14, 28:18, 35:29, 42:44, 50:00, 57:27, 64:50) 2. Bill Ranney 78:32 3. Steve Lund 86:12 4. Manny Adriano 88:56 (Phil Mooers had 89:21 at 9 miles and then stopped out of deference to the officials.)

A week later, in Long Branch, Montreal's Marcel Jobin charged through a 10-mile handicap in 72:29.6 and won by 3½ minutes, which sort of destroys the handicappers. Finishing second was fast-improving high-schooler, Howard Palamarchuk, who had an actual 1:34:53 and a 19-minute handicap. Ron Daniel was close behind with a 1:16:33 from scratch, for second-fast time honors. Ron Kulik had 1:17:13 for 6th overall, and third fast time. Finishing ahead of him were Dr. George Shilling in 1:21:53 and Sandy Kalb in 1:51:53 (For the cynics among you, Ron Daniel speculates that the course could be 300-400 yards short, judging from his own performance and his level of effort, but notes that in two previous races on the course, no one had broken 80:00. In any case, an impressive by the Canadian, who has been walking only two years.)

Our Fickle-Finger-of-Fate Award for this month goes to Ohio Race Walker Editor Jack Mortland. After a stinging editorial a few months back, in which he espoused a belief that we must leave judging to the judges and place our confidence in their decisions, he had the nerve to take exception, in the last issue, to a decision in a race he hadn't even seen. Based purely on hearsay, he commented in a supposedly factual account of the National Sr. 30 km, something to the effect that Ron Kulik's disqualification was questionable. This sort of statement does nothing to boost the sport and the hypocritical Mortland would be well advised to apologize. Let's leave editorial comment to the editorial columns and let's leave needless picking at our judges out altogether. There jobs is tough enough without a prestigious (ahem) publication like the Ohio Race Walker making it tougher. So here, Jack Mortland, take this and put it where it will do the most good. Next month, the famed, feared forefinger will go to Jack Blackburn, the bearded pinko, and will be presented by the honorable General Bullright.

Meanwhile, speaking of judging, I had speculated about judging at a road relay, such as Airolò-Chiasso, in the last issue. The system used there is that cautions mean time penalties, which seems an equitable system and perhaps the only workable one is such a situation. In reality, however, I learn that judging at this particular relay is practically nonexistent and the winning scheme seems to be to get away with as much as you can, particular on downhill sections and through tunnels, and like that. Our walkers were somewhat taken aback at this attitude, thinking that in Europe they were in a citadel of tough judging. Therefore they didn't adjust too well, which seems okay from my naive, sportsmanlike viewpoint, and did not take full advantage of the conditions. At the same time, they received many compliments on their fine style after the race (probably while being laughed at out of the other side of the mouth for their naivety.) I must add that these remarks are not meant to disparage all of the other walkers in the race--there were other good stylists, including at least most of the top internationalists. If you are good enough, there is no need to cheat, I guess. This report of chicanery, incidentally, comes from just two members of the team, Messrs. Hayden and Westerfield. If the others have different views, I will be glad to publish them in future issues.

Incidentally, a few additions and corrections to my earlier report on that race. The distance of Steve Hayden's, which I neglected to mention, was 19 kilometers. On the final leg, which has been reported as both 24 and 25 km, Ingvarsson's time was 1:59:59, not 1:59:22. Bielek did have 1:59:22, as reported. If this leg is 25, then the total distance becomes 115 not 114 kilometers.

POTENTIAL OF RESULTS

Christoph Hohne, like the Ohio State football team, is human after all. The Lugano 100 km, held a week after the Airola-Chiasso Relay showed the following result: 1. Peter Selzer, EG 9:29:32 2. Kurt Sakowski, EG 9:39:42 3. Bernhard Nermerich, WG 9:51:54 4. Hohne 9:59:38. Two years ago, Hohne set a fantastic record of 9:15:57.4 in this one but apparently wasn't up to that this time. The old man of the East German contingent, Kurt Sakowski, was about 10 minutes slower than in '67. Selzer, at 23, certainly has a promising future.

Second Annual Collegiate Postal 2 Mile--1. Todd Scully, Lynchburg 14:00.0 (Todd proves his performances in England last summer were no fluke) 2. Steve Tyrer, Mt. Hood Com. Col. 14:23 3. Clarence Buschert, Kings Point (USM A) 14:55.1 4. Manny Adriano, San Jose 14:57.6 5. Mike Conn, U. of Pa. 15:58.5 6. Bill Hornstrul, Kings Point 16:31.5 7. Charlie Cashman, Kings Point 16:52.5 8. Ron Spohnholz, Kings Point 17:53.0 9. Dave Hessiting, Kings Point 17:59.6 10. Roy Berry, Mt. Hood 18:39 11. Dave Bogan, Mt. Hood 19:18 12. Larry James, Ohio Dominican 19:24 13. John Forrest, Lynchburg 19:45.5 14. Scott Summers, Kings Point 19:53.0 15. Ron Bowden, Lynchburg 20:14.2 16. Marshal Franklin, Mt. Hood 20:57. Kings Point A--12, Mt. Hood CC--19, Lynchburg--23, Kings Point B--24.

High School Postal 2 Mile--1. Steve Robinson, West Linn, Oregon 16:14 2. Wes Edwards, 16:53 3. Paul Kline, Indianola, Iowa 15:58.9 (Whoops! Edwards is from Portland (Ore.) Central Catholic) 4. Fred Schack, E. Orange, N.J. 17:02.0 5. Larry Lancing, San Rafael, Calif. 17:10.0 6. Chuck Dhulst, Portland Central Catholic 18:10.0 7. John Mulheorn, Springfield, Pa. 18:11.0 8. James Bentley, Jr., Oxford, Miss. 18:13.0 9. Mike Dinnebill, Central Regional, N.J. 18:15.8 10. Carl Alarcon, San Rafael, Cal. 18:22 11. Tom Weindel, San Rafael 18:30.0 12. Dave Godbey, Indianola, Ia. 18:31.0 13. Forry Ratliff, San Rafael 18:43.0 14. Howard Palamarchuk, Bensalem, Pa. 18:53.3 (40 in the race) San Rafael, Calif. --18 (Bill Ranney's bunch), Indianola, Iowa--28 (Butch Hammer's bunch) Portland West Linn, Ore.--29, Springfield, Pa.--32, Central Regional, N.J.--39 (total of 10 teams, including two more from both San Rafael and Indianola. Real enthusiasm on the part of Bill and Butch.)

Jr. NAAU 50 Km, Missouri State Penitentiary, Nov. 16--1. Dave Eidahl, Richland, Ia. 5:16:43 (Bob Young won open and Mo. Valley AAU titles in 5:12:40.7 but was not eligible for Junior. Eidahl started slowly at 10:18 and then worked down to about 4 minutes ahead of 10 minute pace by 13 miles. He held 10's for another 5 miles and then gradually slowed. Young had Dan Patt, of Chicago, close for 8 miles but from there was by himself.) 2. Mark Achen, Columbia Track Club 5:17:32 (Nearly 7 minutes down at 26 miles, Mark started doing about 9:30's and nearly caught Eidahl) 3. Fred Young, Kansas City Pacers 5:19:40 4. Bob Chapin, KC Pacers 5:39:25 5. Dan Patt, Green & Gold AC 6:06:24 6. Aubrey Anderson, KC Pacers 6:14:47 7. Roger Smith, Chicago G & G AC 6:17:10 for 26 when course was closed. 8. Mike Riban, G&G AC 5:23:35 for 22 3/4 Don Johnson out at 11 miles.

Northwest Regional 15 Km, Portland, Oregon, Nov. 23--1. Goetz Klopfer, Athens AC 1:10:44 (23:07, 46:43) 2. Don Derbyshire, Portland CC 1:15:35 (must be a very promising newcomer, least I don't know the name) 3. Roger Duran, Forest Grove, Ore. 1:16:06 (24:41 for last 5 after slow start) 4. Ed Glander, Seattle O.C. 1:17:18 5. Larry O'Neil, Kalispell, Mont. 1:31:09. Northwest Jr. 5 Km, Portland, Nov. 23--1. Wes Edwards, Portland 26:37 2. Chuck Dhulst, Portland 27:05 3. Steve Robinson, West Linn 28:29 4. Ron Schauer, West Linn 29:09 (all high school boys) New Jersey AAU 20 Mile, Long Branch, Nov. 9--1. Ron Kulik, NYAC 3:00:10.5 2. Ron Daniel, NYAC 3:01:52 3. Bob Mimm, Phil. AC 3:09:27 4. Don Johnson, Shore AC 3:17:49 5. George Braceland,

3:20:15 6. Howard Palamarchuk, Bensalem, Pa. 3:35:20. 5 Km, Portland, Sept. 27--
 1. Roger Duran 23:16 2. Steve Robinson 29:01 2 Mile, Denver, Nov. 18-- 1. Floyd
 Godwin 14:07 (indoor with 7:01 first mile) 3 Mile, Denver, Nov. 23-- 1. Godwin 22:37
 15 Km. Run, Denver, Oct. 26-- Godwin walked the race in 75:04, and beat one man.
 Two weeks later he did a 31:35 during a 4 mile run. 5 Mile, Columbus, Mo., Nov. 2--
 1. Darrell Palmer 43:29 2. Mark Achen 44:38 3. Joe Duncan 44:48 5. Mirth Maddon
 52:28. 2 Mile, Columbia, Oct. 19-- 1. Palmer 16:54 2. Achen 17:07 3. Duncan 18:26
 5 Mile walk, Fairfax, Cal., Sept. 19-- (partial results last month)-- 1. Hon Laird
 33:58 2. Tom Dooley 34:08 3. Goetz Klopfer 35:45 4. Bill Ranney 36:24 5. Larry
 Green 36:27 6. Jim Lopes 38:09 7. Jerry Lansing 42:04 8. Carl Alarcon 42:35
 9. Manny Adriano 43:50 10. Forvey Ratliff 44:58. 5 Km, Oct. 12-- 1. Bill Ranney
 22:04 2. Larry Green 22:41 3. Manny Adriano 24:18 4. Phil Mooers 27:41 10 Mile,
 Long Beach, Oct. 26-- 1. Hon Laird 1:24:54.2 2. John Kelly 1:25:09.1 3. Eryon
 Overton 1:30:11 4. Merrilees 1:33:40.7 5. Jim Hanley 1:35:19.4 10 Km, Lewiston,
 Me., Aug. 10-- 1. Larry Pelletier, LRAC 51:50.8 2. Paul Schell, NMC 53:45 3. Phil
 McGrav, NMC 55:22.7 4. Kevin McDonald, NMC 57:11.9. 1 Mile for Larry Walker's cross
 country team-- 1. Dennis Reilly 9:22 2. John Opperman 9:23 3. Chuck Zigler 9:57
 4. Dwayne Wolfer 9:58 (He had 11 boys walking. Should have had them in the HS
 Postal 2 Mile)

Foreign: Jr. 5 Km, Sept. 13-- 1. Lennart Lundgren, Sweden 23:44 2. Jorgen Helgesson,
 Sweden 25:03.6 3. Kjell Martinsen, Norway 25:43 (Junior is an age designation in
 Europe, under 20 I believe) Teams: Sweden--24, Norway--16, Denmark--6. Jr. 10 Km.,
 Sept. 13-- 1. Hans Tengren, Swed. 48:51.0 2. Ove Hemmingsson, Swed. 49:08 3. Christ-
 er Forsstrom, Swed 50:16.6. Sweden--25, Norway--11, Denmark--10. Jr. Women's 5 Km,
 Sept. 13-- 1. Lene Ankersen, Denmark 26:49.0 2. Siv Thuresson, Swed. 26:54.6 3.
 Forhild Sarnebakken, Norway 27:01.8 4. Elisabeth Olsson, Swed. 27:24.2. Sweden--19,
 Denmark--17, Norway--10. Women's 10 Km, Sept. 28-- 1. Karin Moller, Denmark 56:45.6
 26:43.0 5 Km the day before) 2. Ellen Thomsen, Den. 59:13 3. Hanne Moller, Den.
 59:44.8. Women's 5 Km, Sept. 14-- 1. Irma Hansson, Swed. 25:57.6 2. Karin Moller,
 Den. 27:00.0 Womens Jr. 5 Km, Sept. 14-- 1. Elisabeth Olsson, Swed. 26:00.0 2.
 Berit Jonsson, Swed 26:39.2 3. Margareta Olsson, Swed. 27:00.4 Jr. 5 Km, Sept. 14--
 1. Lennart Lundgren, Swed. 22:49.2 2. Gunnar Lundholm, Swed. 23:03.3 Women's 20 Km,
 Oct. 12-- 1. Irma Hansson, Swed. 1:51:04.8 (This chick is very tough indeed) 2. Karin
 Moller, Den. 2:03:04.8

Additional details on European Championships-- In the 20 Km., Paul Nihill was content
 to follow a rather casual pace and rely on his tremendous speed over the last 5.
 At 10 Km., Rumania's Leonida Caraiosifoglu led in 46:08 with Nihill and Sperling at
 46:09 and seven more within 5 seconds. Peter Fullager was only 11 seconds down in
 15th. At 15 km. the time was 68:10 with Nihill, Car... and Smaga together and
 Sperling now 12 seconds back. Gennadiy Agapov had 68:35, Hans Reimann 68:45, and
 everyone else was now over a minute back. Nihill then opened up and only the under-
 rated Rumanian was able to stay anyway close. Agapov finished in fifth, but was
 disqualified. Nihill covered his last 10 in 44:33. The complete results were in the
 September issue. In the 50, Hohne just walked away and left everyone with a very
 quick pace. This may have cost him some time at the end but it left little doubt as
 to who was to win. He hit the first 10 km. in 48:15 with the Russian Bondarenko trying
 to hang on with 48:33 and everyone else over 50. At 20, Hohne had 1:38:00, 3:10 ahead
 of Bondarenko and 4:30 ahead of the next two, also Russians. At 30 his lead had
 stretched to over 6 minutes over the second two Russians, Bondarenko having folded
 (he was eventually disqualified). At this point, Peter Selzer was fifth, nearly
 7 minutes back. The young East German started to move at this point and at 40 km was
 in second, 5:30 back of Hohne's 3:20:00. He cut this to ~~less~~ less than 3 minutes at
 the finish, covering his last 10 in 50:38.6 after a 49:50 on the 4th 10. One would
 have to term this a strong finish but not strong enough to overcome his countryman's
 swift early pace. Selzer generally seems to finish very swiftly and it would be
 interesting to see him stick with Hohne sometime. The performances of both East
 Germans were particular impressive considering the temperature, which was around 80.
 No one else was close to living with either Hohne's killing early pace or Selzer's
 devastating finish. Once again, complete results were in the September issue.

20 Km, Bucharest, Rumania-- 1. Ilie 90:09 2. Such 90:29.6 3. Bilek, Cz. 90:55.6
 USSR 50 Km, July 20-- 1. Soldatenko 4:12:10.4 2. Bartsch 4:13:48 3. Bondarenko 4:14:33

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IT'S LAIRD AGAIN

Boulder, Colorado, April 11--Ignoring the possible effects of Boulder's 5000 foot altitude, Ron Laird put in a strong mid-race spurt and covered 7 miles 1510 yards to capture the Senior National One Hour Title today. After walking even with Larry Young and Bob Henderson for the first 3 miles, Laird accelerated to go off on his own and score a 300 yard victory over runner-up Floyd Godwin, the co-meet director. It was Ron's second AAU title of the year and the 54th of his lengthy career. For Godwin, it marked a heartening return to form after a long bout with leg problems. If Floyd can stay healthy now, Laird may have considerably more trouble with him in the future. As impressive as Godwin was Bob Henderson in fourth, who has been at it just over a year now and continues to improve each time out.

After 7:25 first mile, Laird eased off to a 15:13 2 mile, which put Young and Henderson right with him, and a 23:02 at 3, with the other two still right there. At this point, Godwin and Karl Merschenz were still close in 23:15 and another comer, Jim Bean, was just a second behind them. Laird then proceeded to blow the race open with successive miles in 7:25 and 7:30, leaving him 55 seconds ahead of Henderson. Godwin had moved up to third, just a second back of Bob. Larry Young, making a very good comeback after 2 years off, blwe up, or something, on the fifth mile taking 8:40, and was now out of contention. Larry had covered 7 miles 1648 yards just a week before in Columbia, so it wasn't that the pace was too quick for his conditioning.

With the victory sewed up, Laird eased off a bit on his last 2 miles with 7:35 and 7:43, passing 7 in 53:15. Godwin moved well clear off the tiring Henderson on the sixth mile, but was not far ahead of a fast-closing Larry Young at the finish, as Larry recovered to put in a 7:39 seventh mile. Karl Merschenz, who had beaten Godwin in a 7-miler a week earlier, came on strong in the seventh to catch Henderson, only to have Bob fight back ahead in the closing stages. Jim Bean also came on to get into this struggle and finished just 7 yards back of Karl. Steve Tyrer also bettered 8 minute miles in 7th and Bob Bowman missed by just 10 yards in 8th. Three others got past 7 miles in a good quality race for a somewhat out-of-the-away location. The Colorado Track Club took the team title, with Ned Amstutz anchoring the Godwin-Merschenz combine in ninth place.

Incidentally, with reference to Laird's 54 national titles, we find that Stanislaw Walasiewicz, better known as Stella Walsh, won 57. However, 16 of them were Polish and the other 41 U.S., so Ron does hold the mark. The results:

1. Ron Laird, NYAC 7 mi 1510 yds (7:25, 15:13, 23:02, 30:27, 37:57, 45:32, 53:15)
2. Floyd Godwin, Colo TC 7 mi 1213 yds (7:29, 15:26, 23:15, 31:04, 38:53, 46:45, 54:40)
3. Larry Young MATC 7 mi 1157 yds (7:25, 15:13, 23:02, 30:45, 39:25, 47:19, 54:58)
4. Bob Henderson, Green & Gold AC 7 mi 1091 yds (7:29, 15:13, 23:03, 30:56, 38:52, 47:03, 55:18)
5. Karl Merschenz, CTC 7 mi 1075 yds (7:28, 15:26, 23:15, 31:14, 39:18, 47:22, 55:15)
6. Jim Bean, un. 7 mi 1068 yds (7:28, 15:16, 23:16, 31:13, 39:13, 47:14, 55:15)
7. Steve Tyrer, SC Striders 7 mi 1000 yds
8. Bob Bowman, SC Striders 7 mi 870 yds
9. Ned Amstutz, CTC 7 mi 635 yds
10. Gary Westerfield, US Army 7 mi 565 yds
11. Mark Achen, MAATC 7 mi 14 yds
12. Darell Palmer, MAATC 6 mi 1640 yds.
13. Paul Ide, CTC 6 mi. 1520 yds
14. Bob Penland, CTC 6 mi 1496 yds
15. Bill Weigle, CTC 6 mi. 1215 yds (1 month of walking)
16. Clark Scully, US Army 6 mi 890 yds
17. Charles Fleming, MATC 6 mi 731 yds
18. Bob Young, MATC 6 mi. 82 yds
19. Ed Mitchell, un. 6 mi 51 yds
20. Rick Colson, CTC 5 mi 1594 yds. Team--1. Colorado TC--8 pts., 2. Mid-American TC--14 pts.

time. Also, as you may have guessed, I reversed the figures in ⁿon Kulik's time in the N.J. 15 miler. He had 2:02, no 2:20. Gerry also comments on some of the old-time short distance records, which were comparatively fast when one regards running records of that era vs. those of today and then compares walking records. He offers as one explanation something he once read in an ICA 1915 Rulebook to the effect that 4 warnings were allowed before disqualification. As Gerry points out, this sounds like the Mexico Olympics.

For those who may be interested in such trivia, here are the results of past Ohio TC Distance Carnival Walks. We used to encourage real iron-men feats with four walks in the two days. Inflation on the cost of awards and finding officials to stick around for two cold days put an end to this. We had four running races in those days, too.

1958--10 Mile--1. Clair Duckham, Dayton AC 1:35:00 2. Doc Blackburn 1:35:01
3. Harry Teegarden 1:37:05 4. Wayne Yarcho, Dayton AC 1:43:40.4 (6 competitors.
Jack Blackburn won the 10 Mile Run in 57:29.3 and the other organizer, Jack Mortland, was in basic training at Fort Knox.)

1959--1. Jack Blackburn 1:22:00 2. Ron Laird, NY Pioneer Club 1:25:53 3. Jack Mortland 1:27:38 4. Clair Duckham 1:32:11. 5 Mile (track)--1. Laird 41:31.2 2. Blackburn 41:37.5 3. Bill Grandy 43:57.6. 2nd Day: 15 Mile--1. Laird 2:29:18.6 2. Grandy 2:32:33 3. Duckham 2:32:54.8 2 Mile (track)--1. Blackburn 14:26.3 2. Mortland 15:51.4 3. Laird 17:00.4 Women's 1 Mile--1. Mellissa Long, OTC 10:24.4 2. Corinn Blackburn 10:53.8

1960--Alas, the results are lost. John Allen was here, fresh from the Rome Olympics, but I don't remember how he did, except that I beat him in his third event, the 3 mile on the track. Blackburn blasted out in about 7:01 in this and went under 22. I went the first mile with him and then hung on for about 22:59. John, typically, accused me of running afterwards, which may well have been true on the last couple of laps when my legs were complete rubber.

1961--10 Mile--1. Mortland 1:27:28 2. Doc Blackburn 1:35:03 3. Earl Cline, OTC 1:45:28 4. Clair Duckham 1:48:57 5 Mile (track)--1. Rimas Vaicaitis, UCTC 38:55.4 (Rimas was only 19 or 20 at this time and a great prospect, but he gave it up shortly after) 2. Jack Blackburn 39:16 3. Jim Stattmiller, OTC 51:24 4. Francis Winner, OTC ? 5. Chris McCarthy, UCTC 51:29. 2nd Day--30 Km--1. Jack Blackburn 3:10:45 2. Jeff Loucks, OTC 3:13:58 3. McCarthy 3:38:03 (Chris improved the next couple of years)

1962--10 Mile--1. Ron Laird, NYAC 79:19 2. Mortland 1:23:52 3. Jeff Loucks 1:24:48 4. Phil McDonald, UCTC 91:27 5. Doc Blackburn 91:40 2. Mile--1. Laird 14:32.0 2. Jack Blackburn 14:45.5 3. Jim Stattmiller 18:08 4. Bill Stump, OTC 18:59 2nd Day: 20 Mile--1. Chris McCarthy 2:56:08 2. John Harwick 3:23:33 3. Jack Blackburn 3:31:30 4. Clair Duckham 3:58:26

1963--10 Mile--1. Ron Laird 1:14:02 2. Chris McCarthy 1:19:27 3. Mortland 1:19:40 4. Phil McDonald 1:22:32 5. George Shilling 1:24:53. 2 Mile(track)(1 1/2 hrs later)-- 1. Laird 13:51.8 (6:52) 2. Jack Blackburn 14:00.0 3. George Shilling 15:38 4. Dan Calef, UCTC 16:00 5. Phil McDonald 16:14.2. 2nd day: 15 Mile--1. Laird 2:02:02 2. Jack Blackburn 2:08:43 3. McDonald 2:14:44 4. Shilling 2:24:59 5. George Harwick 2:37:18

1964--7 Mile--1. Jack Blackburn ? 2. Chris McCarthy 3. Phil McDonald 4. George shilling 5. Dale Arnold. 2 Mile--1. Blackburn 15:24 2. Dan Calef 3. Phil McDonald 4. George Shilling 5. Chuck Newell. 2nd day: 15 Mile--1. Blackburn 2:17:52 (McCarthy won in 2:11:17 but stopped just short of the line so someone else could have a trophy. This was about his first walk since the Tokyo 50 a month before.)

1965--7 Mile--1. Mortland 55:45 2. Chuck Newell 60:21 3. Wayne Yarcho 61:32 4. Doc Blackburn 66:23 5. Dale Arnold 69:25. 2 Mile--1. Jack Blackburn 14:12.3 (7:03) 2. Mortland 14:56 3. Newell 16:38 4. Bert Life 17:17 5. Wayne Yarcho 17:17 6. Dale Arnold 17:30 (13 walkers). 1 Mile Age Group--1. Charles Williams (11) 9:4' 2. Billy Werner (11) 9:51 3. Mike ^{pp} (10) 10:55 4. Tim McClain (9) 10:57 2nd day: 15 Mile--1. Mortland 2:09:10 2. Blackburn 2:24:57 3. Yarcho 2:26:44 4. Bert Life 2:30:35 5. Joe Casillo 2:36:53. Women's 5 Mile--1. Jeanne Bocci 48:38 2. Mary Maganas 53:42 3. Corinn Blackburn 57:48

1966--7 Mile--1. Mortland 55:57 2. Chuck Newell 61:20 3. Dave Staley, OTC 63:20

2 Mile--1. Jack Blackburn 14:16 2. Mortland 14:55 3. Chuck Newell 16:29 2nd day:
15 Mile--1. Blackburn 2:04:31 2. Mortland 2:07:28 3. Newell 2:18:40 Women's 5
Mile--1. Jeanne Bocci 43:54 2. Mary Maganas 51:33 3. Adrienne DeLong OTC 60:21
1967 (races moved to different course for this one year)--10 Mile--1. Jack Blackburn
1:23:40 2. Mortland 1:24:42 3. Newell 1:35:27 4. Larry James, OTC 1:40:36
5. Forrest Conrad 1:49:36. U.S. Senior 6 Mile--1. Wayne Yarcho 54:49 2. Don Johnson
Shore AC 56:09 3. Doc Blackburn 56:10. 2nd day--15 Mile--1. Blackburn 2:21:10
2. Gerry Bocci 2:30:08 3. Johnson 2:32 4. Stanley Ting 2:58. Women's 5 Mile--
1. Jeanner Bocci 47:30 2. Mary Maganas
1968--7 Mile--1. Gary Westerfield, LIAC 55:01 2. Jack Blackburn 55:06 3. Gerry
Bocci 58:34 4. Dan Patt 74:07 5. Dale Arnold 74:26. Senior's 7 Mile--1. Max
Gould, Gladstone AC 57:17 2. Doc Blackburn 63:40 3. Don Johnson 64:25 4. Clair
Duckham 67:16 2nd day: 15 Mile--1. Westerfield 2:06:13 2. Jack Mortland 2:11:15
3. Bocci 2:19:24 4. Don Johnson 2:29:03 Women's 5 Mile--1. Jeanne Bocci 47:24
2. Bonnie Huff 57:22.

So you see t he old Distance Carnival has drawn from near and far bringing in many of the greats, near greats, and not-so-greats. If you fit any of these categories, you better plan to attend next year.

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