We keep saying it like a broken record but it keeps becoming ever more apparent—American race walking is definitely in a new era and the way things are going we could have a team right in the thick of things at next fall's Lugano Cup. As a matter of fact the British purveyor of the race-walking scene, Colin Young, has reportedly expressed the opinion that we will be a very strong contender for second. I am sure that this month's evidence can't help but reinforce that opinion. Items: Dave Romansky American record times of 1:12:38.6, 1:31:10.2, 1:55:44.2, 2:18:15, 1:58:08.9 (10 miles, 20 Km, 15 miles, and 25 Km), and 15 miles 14:13 yards in one race and an American record 50 km of 4:15:23 on the track a week later; Tom Dooley with record times of 1:54:40, 1:59:20 (15 miles and 25 km), and 15 miles 1093 yards and 43:50 on the road in another race; Ron Laird 1:53:35 on the track and an Indoor 3 km of 12:21.6; Greg Diebold a 15:28.6 2 mile; plus some performances that indicate Rudy Haluza is coming back very strong and reports that Larry Young will be ready for the 50. To the above you can add an American record 50 mile by Shaul Ladany, but he being a Israeli this doesn't count in the evidence. Now, on to some recollections of the above goodies.

ROMANSKY RAMBLES

Trenton, N.J., April 11—In a combined 20 km-25km race on the Lawrenceville High School Track, Dave Romansky stormed to five American records, but will probably get credit for only four. Mathematician Ray Somers serving as head timer was overwhelmed with all the records and watches and had the three official watches for 25 km stopped one lap too soon. So Dave's 1:58:07.8 at 25 was timed with only one watch and can't be submitted for a record. The plan was to submit 2 hrs. for the record since this was still under the old one but unknown to them the sneaky Dooley had knocked that down a week earlier.

With a more sensible pace, Dave would probably have brought the records at 15 km, 25 km, and 2 hours down even further. However, since he was going for the 10 mile and 20 km records as well he hustled out a la Ken Matthews with a 6:51 first mile and then slowed gradually from there. Successive miles were 7:09, 7:10, 7:11, 7:17, 7:23, 7:25, 7:21, 7:30, 7:37, 7:43, 8:00, 8:10, and 8:35. Intermediate time of interest besides the records listed above were 44:35 at 10 kms, 1:07:32 at 15, and 8 miles 535 yards in an hour. The records he bettered were Ron Laird's 1:13:10.2 set in 1964 and 1:31:39.8 set in 1967, and Bill Ranney's 1:56:20.2 in 1968. As it turns out, Dave's earlier record 20 km (1:30:11.8) came on an uncurbed track and will not be submitted. However, if he can go within a minute of that and then go on to 2 hrs, it looks pretty legitimate.

There were other good performances in this race, although overshadowed by that of Romansky. John Knifton walked a strong, even-paced race to take second at 25 km with 2:04:53.2. He started easily with 16:01 at 2 miles and then gradually picked up and was down to 1:18:59
by 10. He was also closing in on a tiring Ron Daniel who had been 1:26 ahead of him at 7 miles. Knifton was in second by 12 and finally wound up 3 minutes ahead of Daniel, who turned in a strong performance in his own right. Gary Westerfield is still recovering from a leg injury and finished another 6 minutes back.

Steve Hayden settled for 20 kilometers xxx this one, and while not up to what he had done 3 weeks earlier turned in a fine 1:36:58.8. After starting with a 7:28 he walked a fairly even pace at 7:40 to 7:50 until slowing to 8's for the last 2 miles. Greg Diebold turned in his finest performance to date over a longer distance with 1:38:17.4. Greg started out with a 7:32, slowed to 8's, picked up again in the middle of the race and then finished out at an 8-minute pace for the last few miles. He was right with Knifton at 10 miles and then pulled away as John was probably thinking about those additional 3 miles. For an old, old man Bob Kimm didn't do badly either with 2:22:40 for the 25.

DOOLEY'S RECORD BINGE

Seattle, April 5--A week earlier, Tom Dooley had assulted some of the same records successfully and after the New Jersey watch snafu will probably get his name in the books at 25 km. This was a combined 2 hr-50 km race, with Dooley after the shorter records and Goetz after the long ones. However, a rock-hard all-weather track at the U. of Washington, plus a cold rainy, froze everyone up in the latter stages of the races and Goetz didn't close to any records. The track caused everyone to experience leg and foot problems.

Dooley started out with a comfortable 7:30 mile and continued to walk at just over 7:30 through 20 km (1:33:56). He was 46:55 at 10 km and 1:10:17 at 15, with a 1:15:27 at 10 miles. The track got to his legs over the last three miles, which took 7:49, 8:05, and 8:14. His time at 15 miles was 1:54:47 and at 25 km 1:59:20. Steve Tyrer put in a good 20 km (1:40:38) and then struggled through for a 2:14:45 25 km. Roger Duran was third with 2:18:35.

In the 50, Klopfen held a steady, record tempo through 20 km (1:42) but then started to falter. He took 52 minutes on the next 10 (2:34:04) over 57 minutes from there to 40 (3:31:29) and then went through an agonizing last 10 for a final time of 4:55:40. Bill Ranney's race followed much the same pattern, only at a slower clip, and he recorded a 4:47:53 for the full 50. Bob Bowman had an early lead on Bill but even at 20 km and then folded up and dropped out at 13 miles (1:53:56).


The Ohio Race Walker is edited and published monthly by Jack Mortland at 3184 Summit St., Columbus, Ohio 43202. Subscription rate is $2.00 per year. The little numbers under your address indicate the month and year your subscription expires.
The first ever walking race in beautiful downtown Burbank was a quarter-mile affair starting and finishing in front of the courthouse on the courthouse square. In a thrilling finish as has ever been seen in a walking race, Raquel Welch scored the narrowest of wins over local favorite Paul Burkle. With a last-minute rush, Miss Welch closed to within a yard of the tiring Burkle at the finish, at which point a highly stressed strap broke loose allowing her to "breast" the tape with an inch to spare. Burkle claimed she lifted in the last stride, but head judge, Mickey Rooney, was not watching her feet at that time, or at any other time during the race for that matter. Burkle tired badly during the last half of the race showing the effects of his frequent trips to the Frank Farbke home.

Many, Many more results, in no particular order:

**HANLEY CAPTURES TITLE**

In the NAU Jr. 20 km, 24-year-old school teacher and race-walking statistician, Jim Hanley flashed flashed to victory with a strong finish. The race was held on the Occidental College track and Hanley's time of 1:46:34.0 will be entered in the ORW Postal competition. Ron Laird, not eligible for a Junior championship, covered the same 20 km in 1:33:55, the leading time entered in the Post-1 competition to date. (We will have results next month.) Thus, it appears Laird is regaining his strength over the longer grind and will be ready to do battle with all the other quick ones in the Ficaesport 20 km.

In the Junior race, Hanley started slowly and was in fourth or fifth place most of the race before his even pacing paid off. The winning time was the fastest ever for a Junior National Championship. The results:

1. Jim Hanley, Striders 1:46:34.0
2. Bruce Adair, U.S. Army 1:49:06
4. Steve Cherilles, Striders 1:51:36
5. Manuel Adriano, SCYV 1:52:56
6. Paul Chelson, Striders 1:56:19
7. Jack Crutchfield, Striders 2:01:58
8. Mark Price, SCYV 2:08:20
9. Hal McWilliams, Striders 2:16:29
11. Joe Wehrly, Striders 2:26:52
12. Howard Barnes, Seniors TC 2:33:56


SC Striders 10 km Track Walk, April 16, Valley College—1. Larry Walker 45:22:8
2. Rudy Haluza (listed as 45:07.6, which doesn't figure)
4. Bob Bowman 49:51:8
5. Bryon Overton 49:53:8
7. Paul Chelson 55:50
9. Brenda Whitman 51:51.7

Brenda Bocci broke 2 hours for 20 in our postal race last year, so she had to do 6 in under an hour. But then we didn't record the 6 mile time. Brenda's time is 8th fastest in the world for 1970, per J. Hanley) 10. Ed Soza 68:38.

And while Mrs. Bocci is on our minds: Michigan Women's AAU Indoor 880 Walk, April 1.

1. Jeanne Bocci 3:46:8 (only 3 months after birth of Jerry Jr., who already weighed 16 pounds) (at 3 months, not birth--she'd never walk again if the latter were true.)
2. Mary Refalos 3:52:6
3. Lynn Olsen 4:09:3
4. Cheryl Gall 4:19
5. Linda Simon 5:12
6. Ruby Ennis, Medford Club 5:23
7. Joan LeBlanc, NLC 5:42
8. Susan S pregue, NLC 5:21 (10 years old)
9. Bonnie Huff, WP 5:35
10. Diane Miller, NLC 5:55
11. Esther Smith, NLC 5:53 (age 56)

12. Cathy Miller, NLC 5:59. (15 finishers). And while with the women,
Stella Palarchuk, Howard's 14-year-old sister, has walked a 38:54 for 3.8 miles and 1:49 or so (I can't find that result right now) for 10. Our women are coming right along with the men. 50 km and 50 mile (track), Point Pleasant, N.J., April 15--50 K. 1. Dave Romasney, Del. T&F 4:15:23 (breaks Larry Young's American record of 4:21:01--8:13.2 average) 2. Ron Kulik, NYAC 4:39:43 3. Ron Daniel, NYAC 4:48:06.

50 mile--1. Sheila Ladan, Israel 7:52:04 (9:26:5 ave., breaks own American record of 8:05:18)--no more details yet. 2 Mile, Boston Col. Relays, April 15--1. Greg Diebold, B.C. 1:32:50 but not Larry Walker's pending 1:32:2, but it was on a 472 yard track so can't be submitted in any case. Greg started with a 1:34 quarter was 6:34 at the mile and managed 1:44's over the last 3 1/2s.) 2. Phil McGaw, Springield Col. 1:55:43 3. Mike Conn, U. of Pa. 1:56:26.


10. Fred Young, KCP 56:37 11. Darrell Palmer, CIC 57:42 (17 finishers)
12. Reggie Young, KC; 56:37 13. John Rose 57:42 (17 finishers)
6 mi 10:38 yds 6. Bob Chapin 6 mi 9:72 7. Aubrey Anderson 6 mi 8:56 yds
8. Fred Young 6 mi 7:83 yds (21 finishers) 7 1/2 mile (track), Columbus,
6:03.
\[BEGIN\]
FOREIGN:
West German Indoor 10 km, Stuttgart, Mar. 1--1. Julius Lueller 45:20.8
Junior 10 km--1. Hour 46:03.2 2. Tyrankowski 46:30. 3. Junior 5 km--
72:41 2. Jake Warhurst 73:11--Other International notes: Paul Nihill is re-
portedly out for at least 3 months with jaundice--Gennadiy Agapov's
1:26:45.8 at Simferopol, USSR last April 6 has been accepted by the
IAAF as a new world's 20 km record. I have to rate the performance as
a bit suspect myself and Colin Young has expressed the same opinion in
Athletics Weekly. As a matter of fact, I was always a bit suspect of
Golubnic'yi's old record. The Russians have admittedly dominated the
20 km competitively for many years, but even with this dominance their
times in International meets have never compared to their homegrown
performances. And even this dominance has not been nearly complete
since Ken Matthews was top in the early 60's and Paul Nihill won the
European Championship last year. Agapov has walked numerous fast times
at home and usually wins but has not been successful internationally
and has usually been selected for 50 rather than 20. Last year he was
DQ'd in the European meet while finishing a badly beaten fifth. The
times would indicate that Nihill would finish over a lap down to Agapov
but I certainly wouldn't bet against Paul winning were they matched in
a track race.
THE LOCAL SCENE:
We have had a few races here, too, with few competitors but good
companionship. On March 29 it was an 8 mile plus handicap at the
Sharon Woods course (now officially measured at 2 miles 92 yards per
lap). On a cold (high 20's), very windy day, Barry Richardson took
full advantage of a too generous handicapper and crossed the line first
in 79:06 (72:06 actual). Doc Blackburn just held off scratch man Jack
Lortland 80:30 to 80:32 (80:30 and 65:32 actual). Actually, it was a
fine race for Barry, who continues to improve.
A week later Dale Arnold joined the above three for a 4 mile hand-
cicap on the Ohio School for Deaf track. It was still leave-the-sweats
on cold and still quite windy but the old cinder track was still quite
soft from earlier rains, making this a real resistance workout. In
addition, the weeds in lane 1 make it necessary to spend most of the
time in lane 2. Needless to say, this track is not often used. Why
then do we race on it with at least a dozen all-weather tracks available
in the Columbus area. Because it is there. And it makes good copy.
And walkers thrive on adversity. So, to the race. Once again Richardson
improved and prevailed over frustrated handicapper Jack Lortland.
Lortland didn't even come close to the Doc this time. Arnold was having
his first walk, training or otherwise, since last October and no one can
handicap for that. Results: 1. Richardson 38:07.6 (34:07.6) 2. Doc
Blackburn 38:37.2 (38:07.2) 3. Lortland 38:54 (30:54) 4. Arnold 45:22.8
Another week later (April 12) it was 20 km. on the track at Worthington High School. This was the regional qualifying race and the C&F Postal race locally. Again there were only four on the scene, with Larry James replacing Dale Arnold. Doc, not being much for long grinds, planned to go only 10 km, which we had promised to enter in the following week's Ohio 10 on the same track, at which time Doc would be vacationing in California. Barby Richardson was in the worse stages of a cold, scheduled for a talk in Detroit two days later for which he wanted to have a voice and was uncertain whether to walk at all or not. He wound up going one lap further than Doc. Larry James managed 10 miles and this left your editor to battle the full distance on his own. The best I can say about my race is that it was 3 seconds under my one-time American record (1961), and less than 10 minutes back of Romansky's new record. After an opening 312 yards in 1:22, I managed miles in 7:56, 7:59, 7:56, 7:59, 7:56, 7:57, 8:01, 8:03, 8:08, 8:10, 9:24, and 10:32. I could see by halfway I wasn't going to make my goal of 8 minute miles but felt sure of going under 1:40. Then the old wall socked me just after 10 miles and suddenly my 2:03 laps were 2:06 and 2:07. On the last lap I needed a 2:07 to break 1:40:30 so I picked up the effort, consequently slowing the pace it seems, and was rewarded with a 2:10. Once you hit the wall baby, forget it. The results: Jack Mortland 1:40:33.4, Larry James 1:51:51.2 for 20 miles, Barry Richardson 56:53 for 6 miles 752 yards, Dr. John Blackburn 59:08 for 10 km.

Finally, we had the Ohio 10 km championship on the same track April 19. A big field of three, plus the phantom Doc Blackburn, with Paul Reback joining Richardson and Mortland. A very strong wind was very annoying to Mortland and Reback but didn't seem to bother the overweight Richardson much. Barry walked easily his best race to date at any distance. Mortland got away from Reback just before two miles and pulled gradually away from there. 1. Jack Mortland, OTC 48:38.4 (7:40, 15:28, 23:12, 31:08, 39:03, 46:54) 2. Paul Reback, OTC 49:53.8 3. Barry Richardson, OTC 53:00.2 4. Doc Blackburn, OTC 59:08

SUMMER TRAINING CAMP

As mentioned last issue, the USOC has established summer training camps for all track and field events, including race walking. The walking camp will be held from July 15 to August 7 at the U. of Colorado in Boulder. Decathlon athletes will also be there. All expenses including transportation, room, and board will be paid for 20 race walkers. The 20 will be selected from regional qualifying races at 20 and 50 km held throughout the country in April, May, and June. Athletes qualifying for summer foreign trips will not be considered. Those who wish to be considered can obtain an application blank from the USOC and must return it by June 7. Evidently you don't need to have completed a regional race before submitting the blank since the last three are scheduled for June 6, 7, and 13. For further information write Bruce MacDonald, 39 Fairview Road, Port Washington, N.Y. 11050. The races still to be held are:

Sat. May 2 -- 20 Km Road, Carron Park, Attleboro, Mass., 2 pm
Sat. May 2 -- 20 km Road, Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Ia. 10 am
Sat. May 2 -- 20 km Road, Swope Park Lagoon, Kansas City Mo.
Sat. May 2 -- 50 Km Road, "" "" "" "" "" ""
Sat. May 9 -- 50 Km Track, SF State College, San Francisco, 9 am
Sat. May 23 -- 20 km Road, Eastland Shopping Ctr., McKeesport, Pa.
Sun. May 31 -- 20 Km Track, Hanson Stadium, Chicago, Ill, 10 am
Sat. June 6 -- 50 Km Road, Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Ia. 8 am
Sat. June 7 -- 50 Km Road, Westbury HS, Westbury LI, NY
Sat. June 13 -- 50 Km Track, Pierce Col., Woodland Hills, Calif.
OTHER RACE INFORMATION:
Sat. May 9--NAAU JUNIOR 30 KI. CHAMPIONSHIP, Newburyport, Mass.
2 mile, Willimette meet, Salem, Ore.
2 mile, Broomfield, Colo.
5 mile, Fullerton, Calif. 10 am

Sun. May 10--NAAU Sr. 15 KI, WYTHE, N.J.
5 mile, Locoe Park, Des Moines, Ia. 9 am
6 mile Handicap, Washington Park, Denver, Colo. 9 am

Sat. May 16--Phil. AC 30 KI, Philadelphia
Rock Mountain 1 Hr., Boulder, Colo. 9 am
2 mile, North HS, Des Moines, 10 am

Sun. June 17--1 or 2 mile, Martin Luther King Games, Villanoe, Ra.
So. Pac. AAU 15 KI, Long Beach
10 KI, Arleta, Calif., 1 pm
10 MILE HANDICAP, SHARON WOODS, COLUMBUS, OHIO 1 pm
5 mile, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, 10 am

Sat. May 23--NAAU Sr. 20 KI, EASTLAND SHOPPING CENTER, MCKEESPORT, PA
2 mile, McPherson, Kan. 2 pm

Sun. May 24--10 mile Handicap, Washington, Park, Denver, Colo. 9 am
Sat. May 30--1 or 2 mile, Penn AC meet, Philadelphia
7 mile Memorial Day Handicap, Lakewood, N.J.
NAAU Sr. 10 KI CHAMPIONSHIP, U. CF CHICAGO, 1:30 pm
So. Pac. AAU 2 mile, Los Angeles
Iowa AAU 2 mile, Loras Col., Dubuque, Iowa
10 Km Road Walk, Kennedy Games, Berkeley, Cal.

Canadian and Open 20 KI, Montreal, Canada 9 am
Capt. Ron Zinn Memorial 10 KI, Hansen Stadium, Chicago 10 a.

Also, Bruce MacDonald is promoting a second annual high school and college-club postal 2 mile. The walks must be held on a 440 track on or before May 15. Three man teams must attend the same school. (The college-club nomenclature is used to avoid any trouble with the NCAA. All competitors must be either in high school or college.) Results must be to Bruce (see address earlier) before May 30 and should include name, time, school, and address of each competitor. Entry fee is 50 cents per man. There will be 10 individual medals in each of the two events and team medals for the winning team in each.

Some more foreign results I forgot, and good ones:
East German Indoor 10 KI--1. Peter Frenkel 42:49 (21:25 at 5). British
10 KI Championship, March 21--1. Wilf Vesch 1:12:07 2. Ron Wallwork
10 KI, Leicester, March 14--1. Geoff Toone 45:29.6 2. George Chaplin
1:31:05.2 5. Karl-Heinz Pape 1:33:55.2 (Weidner 43:52 at 10) 3 KI,
Sydney, Australia, Feb. 14--1. Frenk Clark 12:26.0 Women's 3 KI. in
Sweden--Elisabeth Olson 15:41 on Feb. 1 and 15:08 on Feb. 15; Livi
Johansson 15:29 on Feb. 1 and 15:10 on Feb. 15.

Look for another issue in two or three weeks, but don't hold your breath.
I better do it though, since there will be too much news in May to cover
at one time plus a lot of other stuff I have cluttering up the place.
All of this other stuff is too much for a half page, though, and I don't
feel up to going for another 2½ pages tonight so you'll have to settle
for this for now. Big issues in May and June.