Having already questioned the validity of Gennady Agapov’s 1:26:45.8 world record 20 km of last year, what is this cynic to say upon learning of the fantastic performance of East German, Peter Frenkel at Erfurt on July 4. On that date, the 30-year-old Frenkel covered 20 kilometers on the track in 1:25:50--6:54.4 per mile! And only 17.8 seconds back was countryman Hans-Georg Reimann. Gerhard Sperling, probably the most consistent of the strong East German 20-km crew, followed in 1:27:04.4. World 50-km record holder, Christoph Hohne, suffered the humiliation of being lapped nearly three times while recording a fine 1:31:08.6 in fifth.

Peter Frenkel first came into prominence in 1967 when he finished fifth in the Lugano Cup 20 Km. However, he was only 10th in Mexico City and did not compete in last year’s European championship. Even before the Erfurt race he was in the midst of his finest season with several fast 10 kms and a smashing victory over Agapov (1:27:22.6 to 1:34:13.2) on the track in East Berlin on May 1. That was an East German record and the race upheld Agapov’s reputation for flaking out when the chips are down. At this point, I might return to my lead sentence. I find it much easier to accept the Frenkel performance, incredible as it is, and, in fact have little doubt of its authenticity, which must indicate some deep-seated irrational prejudice. I just have this suspicion of old Gennady turning in those fantastic times on some secluded track back in the woods in the USSR. Be that as it may, Frenkel will certainly have the chance to prove himself come the Lugano Cup this October, a race for which he must now be considered the favorite. That is a race I would very dearly like to see.

Hans-Georg Reimann, who apparently gave Frenkel such a tussle in this race, has a long career near the top. At age 23, he had the fastest time in the world in 1964, but could only manage 12th place in the Tokyo Olympics. He was then 7th in Mexico City and 5th in last year’s European Championships. Sperling has a more impressive record with 9th in Tokyo, 4th in the 1967 Lugano Cup, 5th in Mexico City and 4th in the 1969 European Championships. The results of this outstanding race:


**OUR MEN ABROAD**

After successes in Paris and Stuttgart, both the U.S. track team and our two stout race walking representatives fell on bad times in Leningrad. In a dual meet with the USSR, we found that Dave Romansky, tough as he is, still wasn’t quite ready to beat the Soviets on their homeground. Unfortunately, I have no detail other that the final times yet, so I can’t tell you where Dave faltered, if you can say he faltered when walking his fastest race to date. But despite his fine 1:29:50 effort, he could still count three of those Russians in front of him at the finish, albeit not far in front. Tom Dooley also turned in a career best with 1:32:31.
to cap a very impressive, if not wholly successful, trip from our walkers.

To start at the start, we go to Paris on July 8. This was a 20 km walk on the tartan track, which was not scored as part of the track meet. Romansky won easily in 1:31:56,8, despite slowing appreciably in the second half (45:02 at 10). Tom Dooley was fairly close at 10 (45:47), but slowed even more and wound up with a creditable 1:34:54.4, well clear of the first Frenchman, Jean-Claude Decesse in 1:40:06.8. The great young French hope, 17-year-old Olly Caviglioli, was sick with dysentery for a week before the race and struggled home in 1:42:07.2. Of course this isn't bad for a youngster in his first International, but well below his potential and what we will see from him in the near future. The Tartan surface may have been at least partly responsible for the slowed pace in the second half of the race. Tom, at least, found it too soft, not having been on it since 1968. Dave apparently ran into a little trouble with the judges and was told he would have been DQ'd had it been a scoring event.

Attention to style between meets paid off with a new American record for 10 km in Stuttgart a week later. In this one, Dave turned in 43:03.8, after an apparent hard fight with Peter Schuster, who came across in 43:21.2. In another even closer battle, the German veteran Bernhard Bernerich nosed out Tom Dooley 44:25 to 44:28.6, a time bettered only by Romansky and Ron Laird among U.S. walkers.

In the Leningrad meet, the venerable duo of Vladimir Golubnichiy and Nikolai Smaga proved too much for Romansky, but by only 15.6 seconds. This is the closest we have ever come to beating the Russians. (Ron Laird was 16 seconds back of Golubnichiy in Los Angeles while beating Smaga. Paul Whill won that race.) This Soviet twosome finished 1-2 in the 1966 Lugano Cup, 1-3 in Mexico City, and Smaga was third in last year's European Championship. Golubnichiy, of course, has a gold medal from the 1960 Olympics and a bronze from Tokyo. A pair obviously capable of providing worthy opposition, as indeed they did. A third Russian, Yakovlev competed as a non-scoring competitor and finished just back of the other two. He was seventh in last year's European meet. So the results read: 1. Golubnichiy and Smaga, USSR 1:29:34.6 2. Yakovlev, US R 1:29:37 3. Romansky, USA 1:29:50 4. Dooley, USA 1:32:31. Perhaps we will have more detail on this race next month.

DOOLEY IN TWO MILE


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San Diego, July 4-5—John Kelly, 40-year-old SC Strider, dominated the walking events at the 3rd Annual U.S. Master's Championships. No one was close to John in either Saturday's 1 Mile or Sunday's 20 km as he recorded excellent times of 7:12.5 and 1:42.55.

The meet is divided into three divisions (I for 40-49 year olds, II for 50-59, and III for 60 and over. Division II provided the best competition. Henry Laskau, who has won more national titles than anyone other than Ron Laird, with through a 7:36.3 mile on Saturday to take second overall. However, in Sunday's longer haul he succumbed to Shore AC veteran, Don Johnson in the last two miles. Both these men are 53. It marked Henry's first competitive appearance in some years.

In Division III, Larry O'Neil dropped down from Montana to win as usual. The results, with ages in parenthesis, were:


Junior Champs

Two more walkers gave up their eligibility to compete in Junior National races by annexing titles during July. On July 5, the Army's Bruce Adair journeyed to Miles City, Mont, to take the 1 Hour and on the 12th, Steve Geiver, of Seattle, captured the 15 Km in Spokane, Wash. The latter race featured the debut in championship walking of one Gerry Lindgren, a hometown boy of some repute in the running world.

In the 1 Hour, Adair led from the start, with a well-traveled Mark Achen in close pursuit. In the final half-mile, Achen was passed by the Denver TC's Red Amstutz for second place. Not far back of these two was another well-traveled young competitor, 14-year-old James Bentley, Jr., up from Oxford, Miss. This fellow looks like a real prospect, with an enthusiastic father backing him. Results of the two races:


And the monthly potpourri of results:


FOREIGN:

12:57:3 3 Km, Sydney, Austr. 1. Frank Clark 12:26:8 Hungarian 20 Km Championship

THE OHIO SCENE

Three races in the Second Annual Tour of Ohio series since our last issue.

On July 12, a field of seven was at the starting line for a 15 Km. in Dayton.

Ten minutes and 33 seconds after these seven started, latecomer Paul Reback took off, Paul took off at a blistering pace, particularly considering the very hot and sticky weather and by 3½ miles was 51 seconds up on leader Jack Hortland's time. From there, Paul slowed gradually and Hortland went a bit faster on each of the just-under-two-mile laps. But at the finish, it was still Reback by 7 seconds on time, and in third place overall despite his handicap. No real decision was made at the time as to who was the official winner, but I'll concede to Paul who probably walked his best race ever in his last Ohio effort. It's back to Florida for the Rebacks. Jerry Brown went with Hortland for the first 1½ miles but was forced to slow way down by the end. Dale Arnold, getting in some training now, led Doc Blackburn in the early going but had to concede to the tough old man in the second half. Clar Duckurn did an unheard of thing for him—dropped out. He sort of panicked when he looked down and saw blood all over his leg—thought he was sweating blood, or something. After stopping and investigating the situation closely he found that his wrist watch had rubbed his wrist raw and that he was throwing blood on his leg as he swung his arm. The hazards of walking. Results:


Two outlanders showed up for this one, Bill Walker from Detroit and the nomadic Mark Achen, taking summer classes at the U. of Michigan. Bill just made it to the starting line, but no one needed a warmup on this day. The race was on a 2 3/4 mile road lap, which seemed to be quite accurate. However, 3 laps of this make 9K, leaving 1 3/4, which was walked at the start. I covered this in 12:43 with Walker close behind and no I wasn't going a sub 14:40 2-mile pace. Thus, Jack old boy, I am going to submit that your course was about 220 short. Nonetheless, Bill Walker
put in a very strong race in the steamy conditions and had things all to himself
after your old Mort decided it wasn't worth it at 4½ miles. Hill has been training
with Bocci, putting in good mileage and it is really starting to pay off. Blackburn
surprised himself with his second place time, but just held off a fast-charging
Mark Achen, who went faster on each lap. Dale Arnold continued to improve and
went faster than for 15 km. two weeks earlier. However, the good doctor still had
too much for him in the last two miles. Blackburn had three local novices in the
race, one of whom did quite well for his first try. This was Don Johnson with
1:54:25. Larry Jo, of course, came through with a tremendous feed after the race.
Smith, and Max Gamble.

Finally, this afternoon (Aug. 2) it was 7½ km. at a Larry James course in a
new park on the Eastside of Columbus. A rather nice, but picky as I am, methinks
Larry made this a bit long. A broiling hot sun for this one, but the humidity
seemed to be down from its norm so it wasn't too bad. The real race was for secod,
where Wayne Yarcho and Doc Blackburn went in tandem for the last 2½ miles before
Wayne lengthened out in the final 100 yards for a 5 yard victory. The results

MORE RESULTS JUST IN (It's now Monday 8/3, four days after I started this)
British Com onwealth Games 20 Mile Walk, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 18 (They went
metric in all other events this year but left this at 20 miles for some reason)--

In US-USSR meet, Svechinik of the USSR was fifth in 3:31:42 and Dooley 6th.
10 Km, W. Long Branch, N.J., July 12—1. Ron Daniel 51:10 2. Bob

In 30 an d even t s, Fred Timcoe won the 440 run in 58.5 with Bob liJ.lmn second and Sandy
Kalb third. Mimm won the mile in 5:26.7 with Don Johnson third in 6:13)
5 Km Handicap, Long Branch—1. Dave Proven, Leavittown, Pa. 34:47 2. Don Johnson 35:21
Johnson 26:54 (Bob Mimm won Easter's mile in 5:32:4) Age Group walks to: 16-17 3
Mile—Eric Haltzman 30:21; 14-15 3 Mile—Bill Dikun 29:04.5; 12-13 2 Mile—Todd
Carson 22:10; 10-11 440—Clifford Mimm 2:26:3; 9 and under 440—Richard Ceuster
Dix 32:01, fast time Bob Mimm 27:17 2 Mile, Ocean Twp., July 26—1. Ron Daniel
Mimm 16:34 6. Don Johnson 16:54 (Mimm third in 30 and over 440 with 62.5 and won
31:58, fast time Bob Mimm 27:34 5 Mile Handicap, Denver, July 26—(actual times

All things come to he who waits (and who fiddles around). And in today's mail
came a letter from Tom Dooley, posted in Moscow two day's after the Leningrad
meet. Tom wrote before he had a chance to read Sports Illustrated and find out
what a lousy time he had. He thought he had a good trip. Anyway, he provides
more detail on both the German and Russian races.

In Stuttgart, the race was on Tartan on a cool rainy evening. A frantic start,
with Nermerich holding back as he generally does. The other three hit the mile
(1600 meters, rather) in 6:53 and 3200 in 13:53. At that point Dooley was dropping
Fermerich, despite a warning, passed Dooley just after 12 laps in 21:00. Romansky stepped up the pace the second half to get clear of Schuster, who is very good at just 19. Fermerich just held on to beat Tom with very questionable style indeed, according to other people than Tom, including Bill Granby. No disqualification, however.

In Leningrad, Yakovlev and Svechinikov got things going with a 1:43 lap on the track before starting on a double out-and-back course. The pace stayed hot and Romansky got a white flag at 2 km and had to drop off a bit. At 5 km, the four Russians were together in 21:45 with Romansky at 22:07 and Dooley 22:15. Dooley lost contact with Dave shortly thereafter and as they went through the Stadium at 10 km the Russians were about 44:00, Romansky 44:27, and Dooley 45:17. The Russians allooked very smooth. Svech, dropped back after leaving the Stadium and Dave caught him at 12 km. At 15, the other three Russians were together in 1:06's, Dave was 1:07:07, and Tom 1:08:52. Both Dave and Tom were very much impressed with the style and power of the Russians and agreed that more races of this type would be most beneficial. Tom spent quite a bit of time with the Russian contingent, also meeting Yevgeniy Lungin, a top 50 man, and Gregory Klimov, a former 50 man (4:01 supposedly) and now a trainer. This included a training session the day after the race and a sauna bath that afternoon, which is an integral part of their training. (As is vodka, beer, and wine, a great deal of which was consumed the right after the race. I could have warned Tom to beware of the drunken Russians.) He found these fellows to be a friendly and accommodating group and that Mr. Golubnichiy is very much the kingpin and evidently much admired and respected by all the athletes.

UPCOMING RACES

MAAU JR. 25 Km, LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION 25 Km, AND WORLD-WIDE OPEN 25 Km CHAMPIONSHIP
(Chuck Herman does things big.) --Miles, Ohio, Saturday, August 22, 12 noon, Eastwood Hall on Rt. 422 - Entries to C.A. Herman, 5001 Long Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15207 - That noted rabble rouser, Goetz Klopfer, is evidently responsible for the following statement appearing on the entry blank: "ALL WALKERS MUST WEAR THE NUMBER ASSIGNED on front and back of shirt so the Lap Recorder can check you coming or going. DO NOT DEFACE THE NUMBER. Use four (4) pins on front and back so all three numerals are visible. Violation of this order will disqualify the Contestant.

WE PREDICT (OR PREDICTION OF THE MONTH)--As we did before the International 25 Km. at Eastland Shopping Plaza in McKeesport in 1965, we boldly predict that Vladimir Golubnichiy will not show. We further predict that Goetz Klopfer, who demands the right to fold, bend, staple, or mutilate numbers, will not show.

On with the schedule:

Sun. Aug. 16--10 Km, Branford Rec. Center, Arleta, Cal., 4 p.m.
10 Km and Age Group Mile, Lewiston, Me., 2 p.m.
Zinn Memorial Walk, Sports Festival, Walnut California
Rocky Mt. AAU 50 Km, Washington Park, Denver, 7:30 a.m.

Sat. Aug. 22--10 Mile, Canadian Forces Borden, Ontario
10 Mile Men, 3 Mile Women, Ft. Osage H.S., Independence, Mo., 6 p.m.

Sun. Aug. 22--15 Km. Far Western Championship, Santa Monica, Cal.

Sun. Aug. 30--Tentative Tour of Ohio Walk, possibly in Kenton, Ohio--contact me
10 Km Metropolitan AAU Championship, Long Island
10 Km Michigan AAU Championship, Belle Isle, Detroit

Sat. Sep. 5--10 Mile, Oceanside, Calif. 4 p.m.
Sun. Sep. 6--5 Km, Santa Rosa, Calif.
6 mi. 532 yd. Labor Day Handicap, Worthington, Ohio, 1 p.m.
Rocky Mt. AAU 30 Km, Washington Park, Denver, 8:30 a.m.

Mon. Sep. 7--New England AAU & Open 20 Km, Lowell East.
A FREE RIDE

In the last issue we mentioned the possibility of race-walking scholarships at Colorado State. Well, Columbia College, in Columbia, Mo., has gotten the jump. The following release comes from Rose Williams, Director of Public Information at Columbia and has received very good play in papers out that way:

Columbia College (formerly Christian College) in Columbia, Mo., went 120 years without producing a single star athlete. Somehow it didn't seem important at a women's college.

Then last year, the school changed its image by accepting a handful of male students, and today the two-year liberal arts college has its first athlete. He is race-walker Paul Ide (pronounced E-Dee) a freshman from McCook, Neb., who will be one of 25 men enrolled with the 450 women at Columbia College this fall.

Ide holds the National Junior Olympic Record for the 3-mile walk and six Missouri Valley AAU records. Last year, at age 17, he "walked" away with first place in every Missouri Valley AAU race he entered. The 18-year-old mathematics major plans to compete for several national championships this year—wearing Columbia College colors. And if past performance is any indicator, Columbia College will be well represented.

The 5 foot, 7 inch, 130-pound son of a Lutheran minister is walking his way through college this year on what is believed to be the first athletic scholarship given a race walker in the United States.

Paul began walking three years ago after he became discouraged with long-distance running. He credits his sixth-grade school teacher at LaCrosse, Kan., John Rose, for getting him started. Rose, a noted walker in the Midwest, entered Paul in a race walk when he was fifteen.

"It came pretty natural," Paul said. "I worked at it a little bit and decided to enter the Junior Olympics. The rest is history." Ide believes his best chance for national acclaim is in longer races. "In a longer race, I think I can outlast most people," he said. "I'm getting stronger all the time. It's just a matter of training."

In the past, the handsome, dark-haired athlete has been able to race only in the summer. School and part-time jobs kept him from competing during the winter months. After his spectacular season last year, Paul, who is fourth oldest in a family of nine children, feared he would have to break training almost completely in order to work his way through college.

Then Columbia College entered the picture. President W. Merle Hill, an amateur race-walker himself, began hearing about Paul last summer through walking journals and the small talk of walkers who had seen him compete. Dr. Hill had walked with John Rose a time or two and asked Rose about Ide's college plans at a meet early last spring. Rose contacted Ide who was delighted at the chance to put himself through college—by walking.

Because race-walking experts are few and far between, Paul acts as his own coach. He does maintain close contact with Rose, who gives him pointers on his form, although Ide can now beat him in races. Ide's goal is to qualify for the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Germany. The Olympic races are long—20 and 50 kilometers—and Ide thinks he has a fair chance of qualifying for the team if he works out year around to build up his stamina. "I told a high-school foreign exchange student from Germany that I'd see him there in '72."

The walking camp of the US Olympic Committee in Boulder, Colo., is inhabited by the following grubby race walkers—Steve Hayden, Vincent Davy, Larry Newman, and Gary Westerfield, Long Island AC (Westerfield also US Army); Greg Disbeld, Shore AC; Bruce Adair and Gerry Villverth, US Army; Artch Hamner, Iowa; Randy Minn. Phil. AC; Jerry Lansing and Jim Lopez, Athens AC; Steve Herrlees and Broyon Overton, SC Striders; Ron Kulik and Ron Laird, NYAC; Steve Tyrer, Oregon; and Gerry Boci, Motor City Striders. If there are others, my apologies. Bruce MacDonald is
serving as coach, with assistance from Ron Laird. A lot of people who were eligible couldn’t make it because of jobs, but this seems good in a way since it gave a lot of the younger fellows a chance for this intense training and exposure to some of the top cats. (And one young guy I did miss who is there is Howie Palamarchuk, from Ambler, Pa., apparently accompanied by sister Stella.) This experience will be invaluable to these younger walkers and can’t help but strengthen our program.

In addition to his coaching chores out there, Bruce is also responsible for setting up the meet with Canada and for seeing that money was provided to get our team to Frankfurt for the Lugano Cup in October. The AAU and USOC have each kicked in $2500, which will allow us to send a full 8-man team plus a manager-coach and an International judge. The four 20 kilometer walkers will be Romansky, Dooley, Kulik, and Hayden, provided all can make it. The 50 kilometer men will be picked at the 50 in Carpenteria, Cal., on Sept. 12. The manager-coach and the judge have not yet been selected.

For those who were so pessimistic about the selection of John Deni as National Chairman, please not that we are as strong as ever and still moving forward. John apparently has been quite content to sit back and let Bruce MacDonald continue to do the work and, as illustrated above, Bruce has continued to do an outstanding job. About the only thing John could mess up now would be the Lugano Cup trip should he decide he is the man for the manager-coach position. Some of the walkers have indicated that they would not go if either John or Phil Jachelski were in the official party. This is a rather juvenile attitude, but at the same time wither of these men is quite capable of botching up the trip pretty well and things would be much better handled by someone like Bruce, Charlie Silcock, Elliott Denman, etc.

Which brings us to the point that Larry Walker has initiated a campaign to insure that John Deni is serving his final term. I imagine you are all aware of this, as Larry hit all known addresses with his letter. If not, the gist of Larry’s suggestions is that the Chairman be elected by a nationwide mail ballot. The hope is to make this effective this year by showing a strong voice in favor now. If you have not heard from Larry and care to express an opinion on this matter contact him at 13760 Beecamner, Van Nuys, Calif. 91401. He is also seeking opinions on top candidates for the Chairman’s job.

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