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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.

AND HOHNE!

Berlin, April 11--Christoph Hohne, the world's premier distance walker, added another world's record to his list of honors with a startling performance on the track today. In an amazing display of speed and endurance he took 2 minutes off Anatoliy Egorov's 1959 30 Km record with a startling 2:15:16.0. But then nothing this man does should be startling. He did not do it without opposition: teammate Peter Frenkel, world-record holder at 20 kms also added to his laurels with a new world standard at 2 hours before succumbing to Hohne's withering finish. Well back of these two, but still under the old world record was Siegfried Zschiegner. Hohne's record represents 7:15 mile pace, or three back-to-back 45 minute 10 kms. The results: 1. Christoph Hohne 2:15:16.0 2. Peter Frenkel 2:15:57.2 3. Siegfried Zschiegner 2:17:05 4. Burkhard Leuschke 2:18:23.4 5. Peter Selzer 2:18:27.6 6. Hans-Georg Reinmann 2:20:58.8 (All East Germany)--Frenkel's mark at 2 hours was 26,658 meters, which is over 16½ miles.

KNIFTON IN FORM

John Knifton is picking up where he left off last year, and then some. In a 50 Km on the road in Westbury, L.I. on April 4, John turned in a ~~new~~ U.S. Best ever 50 km with a world-class 4:10:42. All I can say about the accuracy of the course is that the results indicated that it was going to be remeasured to verify the performance. I haven't heard anything about the remeasurement yet, but Ron Daniel has expressed the opinion that it was perhaps 600 yards short. In any case, both Knifton and Ron Kulik turned in outstanding performances as Ron came second in 4:15:31. These two, plus Ron Daniel, were together at 5 miles in 40:30 and 15 in 2:03:03. Daniel dropped well off after that, suffering with a cold, but Kulik still trailed by only 10 seconds as Knifton passed 25 miles in 3:23:30. However, John's strong finish was much more than Ron could live with. If the course is accurate, John was well under 49 for his last 10 km. The results: 1. John Knifton, NYAC 4:10:42 2. Ron Kulik 4:15:31 3. Ron Daniel, NYAC 4:31:20 4. Howie Jacobsen, LIAC 4:54:48 5. Larry Newman 4:58:30 6. Don Johnson, Shore AC 5:04:46 7. George Braceland, Phil AC 5:09:42 8. Joe Joyner, LIAC 5:10:18 9. Rich Pleffner, LIAC 5:28:25 10. Vin Davy 5:30:40.

Six days later, John was on the track at Trenton, N.J. for a 20 km, and after a very tough tussle with Ron Daniel came home first in 1:35:19.2. Daniel led through a quick 4 mile in 29:49 and then the pace dropped off to the area of 7:50's. Knifton finally got away with a 7:42 on the 11th and 7:48 on the 12th miles. Dave Romansky, having been missing some training, was well back in third, but still in quite respectable time by most people's standards. Ray Somers, another one coming back off a long spate of injuries and reportedly still plagued with some problems, nonetheless turned in a good 1:37:43 in fifth. And Greg Diebold had his best time in fifth. Ron Kulik was well back in sixth but had worked out 26 miles the day before as he trains through races pointing for bigger things. The results of this one: 1. John Knifton 1:35:19.2 2. Ron Daniel 1:35:39.6 3. Dave Romansky 1:36:56 4. Ray Somers, Fern. AC 1:37:43 5. Greg Diebold, Shore AC 1:38:05.4 6. Ron Kulik 1:45:03.6 7. Bob Mimm Phil. AC 1:45:34.4 8. Larry Newman, LIAC 1:46:09.6 9. Howie Jacobsen, LIAC 1:52:58.6 10. Elliott Derman, Shore AC 1:53:58.6 11. Don Johnson, Shore AC 1:58:00 12. Randy Mimm, Phil. AC 1:59:21 13. Vin Davy, LIAC 2:02:54 14. Spector 2:11:54.

Then on the 18th, John participated in the 50 km track walk held in conjunction with the 50 miler at Morrmouth, N.J.. Unfortunately, I don't have the results on that but only know that he passed 20 miles in 2:43 and then slowed somewhat with no competition and a stiff breeze to contend with. Ron Daniel was kind enough to send me that information assuming I had the results. Unofficial results of the 50 miler are found on the following page. Elliott, who is usually very prompt with results, won and is probably too modest to send me the scoop. What I have comes via Jack Blackburn through his father, the Doc.

Monmouth, N.J., April 18--Elliott Derman, impresario of the Eastern 50 Mile for the last 5 years finally won one in a very respectable 8 hrs 47 min. (I don't have the seconds). This is well off Shaul Ladany's 7:52:04 record of last year but I believe, faster than anyone other than Shaul has done. Elliott was evidently pushed by 57-year-old George Braceland, a veteran of these races, who recorded easily his best ever of 8:58. Jack Blackburn, in his first try at the ultra-long stuff struggled through in third with a 9:46, not too bad off once and twice a week training. The 62-year-old machine, Larry O'Neil, from way back in Montana, was rapidly catching Jack at the finish and had 9:49. He was probably just warmed up for the second 50 at this point. The only other finisher was another veteran of these races on the long side of 50, Don Johnson, who had 10:20. This is obviously not a young man's race. Either Jack, at 35, or Elliott, somewhere around there, was the youngster among the finishers.

Other results from the East: N.J. AAU 1 Mile, Princeton, March 27--1. Greg Diebold 7:17.1 2. Rich Airey 7:33.8 3. Terry Anderson 8:00.6 4. Don Johnson 8:01.5
 1 Mile, Shore AC vs United AA, W. Long Branch, March 21--1. Rich Airey 7:43.0 2. Don Johnson 9:00.0 3. Jim Borden 9:05
 20 Mile (Track), Lawrence Township, N.J., March 20--1. John Knifton 2:42:17.8 10 Mile, Asbury Park, N.J. (Boardwalk), March 27--1. Ron Daniel 1:17:47.6 2. Greg Diebold 1:17:50 3. Gary Westerfield 1:20:08 4. Ron Kulik 1:23:33 5. Bob Mimm 1:23:35 6. Paul Schell 1:26:42 7. Dr. George Shilling 1:20:37 8. Larry Newmann 1:26:50 9. Dr. John Shilling 1:27:43 10. Randy Mimm 1:27:47 11. Joe Joyner 1:29:36 12. Don Johnson 1:32:02 13. Elliott Derman 1:32:21 14. Bob Carlson 1:32:29 15. Pete Warren 1:33:19 16. Vin Davy 1:34:02 17. George Braceland 1:34:11 18. Bruce Truog 1:35:19 19. Vince Strebe 1:36:08 20. John Skislak 1:37:26 21. Rich Pleffner 1:38:04 22. Paul Walkovic 1:40:04 23. Frank Waltzer 1:40:38 24. Tony Coviello 1:41:06 25. Ray Leach 1:42:26 26. Alan Wood 1:45:10 (40 finishers) 5 Mile (Handicap), Lowell Mass., April 11 (actual times shown)--1. Kevin Ryan 50:25 2. Joseph Cooper 51:34 3. Ken McGilvery 54:18 4. Tony Medeiros 46:36 5. Fred Brown Sr. 51:47 6 Mile, Adamsdale, Mass., April 17--1. Robert Hersey 50:14 2. Paul Schell 50:43 3. Roger Pike 56:27 4. Steve Ross 59:33 5. John Counihan 59:33 6. Dennis Childs 63:54 7. Sig Podlozny 64:00 8. Fred Brown Sr. 64:06 9. Steve Reiman 73:45 ? 3.8 Mile, Olney, Pa., April 18--1. Bob Mimm 29:29 2. Howie Palamarchuk 30:14 3. Mike Conn 31:29 4. Larry Simms 34:32 5. Don Muhlers 34:55 6. George Lieberman 46:23 7. Tom Spencer 46:39
 Women's 880, Wilmington, Del., April 18--1. Stella Palamarchuk 4:06.7 2. Sharon Fortune (age 14) 4:59.2 3. Patsy Kearny (age 12) 5:02.8

Results From the Great Midlands: 8 1/2 Mile, Van Wert, Ohio (3 laps of 2 3/4 mile course), April 4--1. Jack Mortland 66:32 2. Dale Arnold 75:25 (Dale had walked a 10 Mile in Toronto the day before, driving from Dayton to Toronto on Friday night and then back to Van Wert after that race so he may have been dragging a bit. And he gave me the results of the Toronto race, which I seem to have lost. I recall that Pat Farrelly beat Marcel Jobin in just under or just over 1:17 on what Dale described as a rather murderous course. It was a short lap with one tough hill and one stretch at which the walker was completely at the mercy of heavy pedestrian traffic. So Farrelly appears to be in pretty tough condition right now. Frank Johnson was third, just over 1:20 I believe. Dale had about 1:31, but I forget his place. Fifth, sixth, or seventh. Now in what other publication can you find a full description of one race stuck parenthetically within the results of another.) 3. Dr. John Blackburn 78:23 4. Bob Smith 79:36 (Smith improved better than 6 minutes over his time on the same course 6 weeks earlier. Doc, amazingly enough returned the same time to the second) 5. Clair Duckham 86:50 DNF--Pete Van Handel--this protege of Bruce Adair, a private at Ft. Campbell after being jerked out of his doctoral program at Kent State, was in his first race over 2 miles and had 51:15 for 2 laps (5 1/2 miles). A 40 Km race was also scheduled, but Jack Blackburn was the only one interested. He was walking before I arrived and still going when I left and I ~~xxxx~~ never have learned what his time was. He was an easy winner, if walking that far is ever easy.

10 Km, Worthington, Ohio, April 25--Jerry Brown, not seen around these parts since some time last summer, motored up from Louisville in the best shape of his life and

and blasted away from Jack Mortland in the last 5 laps of this track race to score an easy win in a good 49:06.4. Mortland led through the first quarter in 1:52 and was about 7:45 at the mile. The pace stayed at, or just under, 2 minute laps through 3 miles and then started to deteriorate with Brown biding his time and paying little attention to Mortland's pitiful spurts. These would start at the middle of the home straight and quickly stop when we turned into a fierce wind on the first curve. Finally, at 20 laps, Brown moved confidently out and did 1:55's the rest of the way for the win. The race also marked the return to action, after 5 years away, of the UCTC's Phil McDonald. On only about 4 weeks of walking, Phil did a 51:31.4, which is certainly a good start back. Actually, Phil, who is now doing graduate work at the Cleveland clinic, was never out of condition as he was running during the interim. With very limited time he had found this to be the best way to maintain conditioning. New faces abounded in the race, which also saw the debut of Radmilo Petkovic, a student at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea near Cleveland. This Yugoslavian, who has been in this country 3 years, has been walking on his own for 3 or 4 months and in his first racing effort turned in a 58:35.4. And let us not forget to mention the ever-improving Bob Smith who finished in 58:05. He says it is his newly grown sideburns that are doing it. The results: 1. Gerry Brown, Louisville 49:06.4 2. Jack Mortland 49:40.0 3. Phil McDonald, UCTC 51:31.4 4. Dale Arnold, OTC 54:53 (one of Dale's best races in some time) 5. Bob Smith 58:05 6. Radmilo Petkovic 58:35.4 7. Wayne Yarcho 58:51.2 (no running race today, so Wayne dropped over) 8. Dr. John Elackburn 59:19.4 9. Clair Duckham 66:09

Michigan AAU 1/2 Mile, Detroit, April 11--
 1. Jerry Bocci 32:11 (7:57, 15:47, 23:58) 2. Bill Walker 33:44 3. Tony Polisena 40:11

Women's 2 Mile, Detroit, April 11--
 1. Lynn Olson 17:58 (8:38) 2. Jeanne Bocci 18:25 (pregnant) 3. Sally Walker 30:43

50 Km, Detroit, April 25--
 1. Jerry Bocci 5:08:32 2. Bill Walker 5:29:40 DNF Tony Polisena (5:33:54 at 45), Leon Jasionowski (2:29:55 at 25)

Wisconsin AAU 1 Mile (Indoor), April 3, Milwaukee--
 1. Michael DeWitt, UW-Parkside 7:47.9 (record) 2. Larry Larson, Mil. TC 7:56.2 3. Brian Murphy, Mil. TC 8:24.0 4. Tom Boehm, U.-Milwaukee 10:08.1 (Gerardo Valcarenghi, Green & Gold AC, walked 8:31.6 as guest. There were 8 finishers and 3 disqualifications. The last five, all novices, walked in a separate heat.)

Mo. Valley AAU 1 Hour, Columbia, April 8--
 1. Larry Young, MATC 7 mi 1648 yds (7:13, 14:41, 22:30, 30:07, 37:48, 45:24, 53:00) 2. Darrell Palmer, MATC 6 mi 1344 yds 3. Fred Young, MATC 6 mi 836 yds 4. Aubrey Anderson, MATC 6 mi 813 yds. 5. Ary Fleming, un. 6 mi 721 yds 6. Joyce Schulte, CTC 4 mi 1586 yds 7. Phyllis Sapp, CTC 4 mi 384 yds (Paul Ide did 6 mi 1678 yds but was D'd on last lap)

7 Mile, Columbia, March 28--
 1. Darrell Palmer 64:28 2. Art Fleming 64:45 3. Joyce Schulte 91:30

RM AAU 1 Hour, Boulder, March 27--
 1. Karl Merschenz 7 mi 610 yds 2. Floyd Godwin 7 mi 473 yds 3. Ned Amstutz 7 mi 311 yds 4. Bob Penland 6 mi 1218 yds 5. Bill Weigle 6 mi 81 yds 6. George Lundmark 5 mi 1691 yds 7. Rick Colson 5 mi 1169 yds.

RM AAU 1 Mile, Boulder, March 28--
 1. Ned Amstutz 7:53.1 2. Bob Penland 8:14.8 3. Rick Colson 8:59.8

RM AAU Women's 880, Boulder, March 28--
 1. Ingrid Martin 4:37.4 2. Joanne Amoroso 5:03.8 3. Cindy Wood 5:14.4 4. Sophie Echeverria 5:41.8

7 Mile (handicap) Boulder, April 3--
 1. Karl Merschenz 55:14 2. Floyd Godwin 55:21 3. Ned Amstutz 59:35 4. Bob Penland 64:29 5. Bill Weigle 68:09 6. George Lundmark 75:11

Jr. 2 1/2 miles--
 1. Shawn Penland 27:40 2. Kteve Alfree 28:01 3. Tom Lemira 32:13

2 Mile, Colorado Relays, Boulder, April 24--
 1. Ned Amstutz 14:59.8 2. Karl Merschenz 14:59.8 3. Floyd Godwin 15:05.6 4. Bill Weigle 17:08

Pacific Coast Stuff: 20 Km, Hancock Relays, April 3--(Track, soft)--1. Ron Laird, NYAC 1:36:44 2. John Kelly, Striders 1:42:20 3. Bob Bowman, Striders 1:43:50 4. Jim Hanley, Striders 1:45:19 5. Todd Scully, US Army 1:49:16 6. Steve Tyrer, Striders 1:51:34 7. Bryon Overton, Striders 1:54:50 8. Larry Miller 2:49:32 (Olympic Training Camp Tryout and SPAAU Championship. Laird and Scully not eligible for latter, so Kelly is champion. Laird went through 7:22 and 15:03 with only Bowman and Kelly close at 15:08 and 15:09. Laird was never challenged after that as he continued in the 7:42 to 7:47 range through 7 miles before slowing slightly over the last 5.)

Women's 1 Mile, Long Beach, April 10--
 1. Kati McIntyre, Santa Monica AA 8:54 2. Brenda Whitman 9:10.3 3. Ester Marquez 9:51.8 (age 15, had already run 3 km and 1 mile.) 4. Michelle Cowan 10:11.8 5. Cherrie Gehn 10:13.6

SPAAU 50 Km (Track), Pierce College, April 17--
 1. Bob Bowman, Striders 4:37:11.0 2. Gary Westerfield, US Army

4:45:02 3. Todd Scully, US Army 5:16:06 4. John Walker, Striders 5:23:59.8
 5. Chris Clegg, Striders 5:51:00 6. Barry Carlson, Cal Poly 5:56:41.6—very windy conditions. Bowman walked steady pace, slowing somewhat at finish. At 10 miles he was 84:40 with Westerfield, Jim Hanley, and John Kelly together at 85:20. At 15 it was 2:07:30 with Kelly and Westerfield at 2:08:30 and Hanley now well back. Jim dropped out a mile later. At 20, Bowman had 2:51:35 and Westerfield was still challenging at 2:52:53. Kelly, having taken over 4 minutes on his 80th lap for some reason was 2:54:53. He called it a day after 23 miles. By 25, Bob was well clear with 2:37:42 to Gary's 2:44:58. Ron Laird started with no plans to finish and did only 7 miles in 54:29. Rac. Mt. AAU 50 Km (Track), April 17--1. Goetz Klopfer, Athens AC 4:23:01 2. Steve Geiver 4:56:15 D.G. Sperry DNF. Goetz is back in the San Francisco area now, having gone down the drain at Boeing along with the SST contract.
2 Mile, Mt. Hood Relays, April 17--1. Roger Duran 15:13 2. Don Jacobs 19:17.5
2 Mile, Portland, April 24--1. Roger Duran 15:17.0 2. Don Jacobs 18:55.8 Jr. 2500 Meter, Tigard, Ore., April 25--1. Dave Edwards (age 12) 18:17

Foreign Stuff: 10 Mile, Road, Isle-of-Man, Feb. 27--1. Paul Nihill 1:09:00 (This is a World's best performance on the road bettering a 1:09:38 by Ken Matthews. Nihill was 47:51! at 7 miles and 1:04:19 at 15 km, also World's bests.) 2. Allan Callow 1:14:50 British 10 Mile Championship, Redditch (road), March 20--1. Phil Embleton 1:09:29 2. Paul Nihill 1:11:42 3. Ronald Wallwork 1:12:49 3. Shaun Lightman 1:12:59 5. Wilf Wesch 1:14:04 6. John Webb 1:14:22 7. Peter Marlow 1:14:28 8. Bob Hughes 1:14:45 9. Bill Sutherland 1:15:01 10. Don Cox 1:15:09 11. Roy Hart 1:15:49 12. A. Smallwood 1:15:49 (Embleton had established himself as a threat with a 69:35 earlier and a 42:15 10 Km on the track in training and was apparently much more than Nihill could handle when it came to a showdown. Only 22, Embleton had won the British 1 Hour last fall with 13, 368 meters and had gone as fast as 92:03 for 20 Km, but was not on the British Lugano Cup team. He has shown remarkable improvement already this year and, as young as he is, is certainly one to watch for Munich next year. He reaffirmed his form 2 weeks after the above race, as the following result indicates.) 20 Km (road), London, April 3--1. Phil Embleton 1:27:59 2. Shaun Lightman 1:31:25 3. Wilf Wesch 1:31:33 4. Peter Schuster, WG 1:34:09 5. Horst-Rudiger Magnor, WG 1:34:09 6. John Webb 1:34:45 (Bernhard Nermerich D'd in last 400 meters while in second place. Embleton had splits of 42:57 and 65:07) 10 Mile, Southend, Feb. 27--1. Phil Embleton 69:35 2. Peter Marlow 73:30 3. John Webb 74:31 4. Olly Flynn 76:06 5. Don Cox 76:24 6. Bob Dobson 77:08 7. B. Armstrong 77:52 8. Colin Young 78:03 10 Mile, Luton, Eng., Feb. 27--1. Ian Brooks 72:00 2. Les Dick 75:49 10 Mile, Dunfield, Feb. 27--1. Shaun Lightman 73:45 2. Bill Sutherland 74:03 3. Bill Goff 77:34 4. B. Ingarfield 77:43 5. G. Robinson 79:46 10 Mile, Steyning, Feb. 27--1. Dennis Read 78:25 2. Bryan Hawkins 78:35 10 Mile, Redditch, Feb. 27--1. Bob Hughes 75:38 2. Alan Smallwood 76:25 (these races were all County Championships) 6 Mile, London, March 6--1. Carl Lawton 44:02 2. Alan Callow 44:26 3. Don Cox 44:43 4. Les Dick 45:03 5. Alex Buchanan 45:41 6. G. Robinson 45:46 7. Ken Carter 45:52 8. Alec Banyard 45:55 9. B. Ingarfield 46:07 10. Ray Middleton 46:08 10 Mile, Lindholme, Eng., ~~xxxxxx~~ Feb. 13--1. John Warhurst 73:47 2. P. Etches 76:27 3. Roy Hart 77:28 4. P. Rice 77:48 R.A.F. 7 Mile, Linholme, Feb. 20--1. Roy Hart 50:30 2. P. Etches 50:44 3. P. Rice 52:15 New Zealand 20 Km Champ., Inglewood, Feb. 27--1. Warner 1:36:08.8 2. Taylor 1:36:51.2 3. Trowell 1:49:46.4 50 Km, Montjuich, Spain, March 28--1. Agustin Jorba Argenti 4:49:22.8 (Spanish record) 2. Manuel Garces Rodriques 4:59:06.4 15 Km, Copenhagen, April 17--1. Ole David Janssen 1:13:03 Women's 5 Km, Copenhagen, April 17--1. Karin Koller 27:35.4 2. Solveig Kristensen 28:26.2 3. Benthe Thomsen 28:44.8 10 Km, Olomouc, Czech., April 11--1. Evzen Bednik 44:00.0 2. Marin Perzinaru, Rum. 44:20.6 20 Km (road), Norderstedt, W.G., April 4--1. Gerd Schuth 1:33:30.6 2. Manfred Kolvenbach 1:33:54.2 10 Km (track), Steinbach, W.G., April 11--1. Bernd Kannenberg 45:28.4 2. Gerhard Weidner 45:54.2 3. Gerd Schuth 46:52. 10 Km Indoor), Moscow, Feb. 9--1. Gennadiy Agapov 43:03.6 20 Km, Ahmedabad, India, Jan. 24 (Road)--1. Kishan Singh 1:37:04.2
 AHA!! I just found some missing results, including those from that partially described race in Toronto, so here we go: 10 Mile, Toronto, April 3--1. Pat Farrelly 76:39
 2. Marcel Jobin 77:42 3. Frank Johnson 80:21 4. Bill Purves 83:51 5. Max Gould

84:17 6. Neville Corway 87:23 7. Dale Arnold 91:58 8. Jim Dunn 107:44 9. Ron Wanbolt 107:44 10. Art Keay 113:26 11. Graham Salisbury 117:27 Women's 5 Km, same place--1. Jocelyn Richard 30:13.2 2. Nicole Jobin 34:10 Women's 880, Fort Washington, Pa., March 28--1. Stella Palamarchuk 3:58.8 2. Sharon Fortune 4:47.3 3. Terry Brown 5:13.9 4. Patty Sisk 5:18 5. Missy Brown 5:56 (last two ages 10 and 9) 20 Mile, Lawrence, N.J. (Track), March 20 (Winner was reported above)--1. John Knifton, NYAC 2:42:17.8 (79:08 at 10) 2. Ray Somers 2:46:08.2 (1:19:07 at 10 and still only 2 seconds back at 16 in 2:07:49 from where he hit the wall in longest race of career) 3. Paul Schell, N. Medford Club 3:01:51 (1:28:31 at 10) 4. Bob Mimm, Phil AC 3:09:30 (est) (walked one lap short in 3:07:15.2) 5. Larry Newman LIAC 3:13:36.8 6. Don Johnson, Shore AC 3:16:10 7. Elliott Denman, Shore AC 3:16:30 8. John Markon, LIAC 3:22:36 9. Vin Davy, LIAC 3:29:09 10. John Killinger IAC 3:39:51.8

RACING SCHEDULE

- Saturday, May 8--10 Km Handicap, 2 Mile Senior and Womens, Denver
- Sunday, May 9----NAAU JUNIOR 20 KM, PORTLAND, OREGON
Bert Life Memorial 5 Mile, Toronto, Can. 10 a.m.
- Saturday, May 15--NAAU JUNIOR 25 KM, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, 10 a.m.
20 Km, Attleboro, Mass. (Training Camp Tryout) 2 p.m.
- Sunday, May 16---10 Mile and 40 Km, Van Wert, Ohio, 12 noon
- Saturday, May 22--2 Mile, Ft. Campbell, Ky--free lodging and meals available; write Sports Office, Ft. Campbell, Ky., 42223
Northeast AAU 10 Km, Newburyport, Mass., 2 p.m.
- Sunday, May 23---NATIONAL AAU SENIOR 20 KM & PAN AM TRIALS, SAN FRANCISCO
- Saturday, May 29--SPA AU 5 Km, Eagle Rock, Calif. (or May 30)
Met. AAU 10 Mile, Westbury, L.I.
- Saturday, May 29--NAAU SENIOR 10 KM, CHICAGO
- Sunday, May 30---Canadian 20 Km Championship, Toronto, 10 a.m.
NE AAU 2 Mile, Adamsdale, Mass.
Zinn Memorial 10 Km, Chicago
- Saturday June 5--3 Km Invitational, Compton-Coliseum Relays, Los Angeles
RM AAU 10 Km, Denver
- Sunday, June 6---1 Hour and 3 Hour (track), Worthington, Ohio, 12 noon
2 Mile, JFK Memorial Games, Fairfax HS., Calif.
- Saturday June 12--NAAU SENIOR 50 KM & PAN-AM TRIAL, NUTLEY, N.J.
Ohio AAU 1 Mile, Dayton, Ohio

NOTE: The National Junior 30 Km in McKeesport, Pa. has been moved from June 5 to June 19.

Whoops! Open the mail box--and behold--more results. Mt. SAC Relays, Walnut, Calif. April 24--1. Tom Dooley, Athens AC 21:53.8 2. Ron Laird, NYAC 22:17.8 3. Steve Tyrer, Striders 23:11.2 4. Ray Parker, Striders 23:15.2. 10 Km--1. Laird 44:58.4 2. Larry Walker, Striders 45:22.8 3. Tyrer 47:20.4 4. John Kelly, Striders 47:42.4 5. Jim Hanley, Striders 49:01.6 6. Bob Bowman, Striders 49:12 1 Mile, Penn Relays, April 22--1. Dave Romansky 6:23.2 2. Greg Diebold 6:25.8 3. Ron Daniel 6:29.7 4. Ron Kulik 6:41.5.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

Effective immediately, rates for the Ohio Race Walker go up to \$2.50 per year. This is necessitated by the increase in postal rates the middle of May plus other rising costs. Those of you who have just renewed or subscribed lucked out. To those of you whose subscriptions are now falling do--tough bannanas, but I hope it won't prevent you from signing on for another thrilling year of disorganized, poorly edited, but highly informative items from the great, wide world of race walking. To those of you who want to beat the next raise to \$3.00, which of course will be inevitable sometime in the future, send me about 10 bucks now to cover the next 4 years. Your friendly Ohio Race Walker is thrown together is compiled, composted, or something in a musty garret high atop 3184 Summit St., Columbus, Ohio 43202 by Editor Jack Mortland. All correspondence to that address, please.

VARIOUS NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM HERE AND THERE:

We have just learned (within the past 45 minutes actually, so this is really a hot item) that Pete Van Handel, the Ft. Campbell flash mentioned earlier in this issue, is now in residence at Fort MacArthur, Calif as the third walker on the US Army Track Team, joining Gary Westerfield and Todd Scully. A good break for a guy just getting started, but probably not received with a great deal of rejoicing by Gerry Willwerth somewhere in the boonies of VN.

Brenda Whitman has asked that all results of women's races be sent to her as she is compiling and publication such. This will probably be done with the men's annual statistics put out by Jim Hanley and company. And now, so that you may do as directed above, I must run out of my lonely garret to procure the address of said Mrs. Whitman. (Puff! Puff!) Back again, and the address is: Mrs. Brenda Whitman, 1351 W. 9th St., San Pedro, Calif. 90732.

Hans Aune, of Anchorage, Alaska and Alask AAU Race-Walking Chairman, met an unfortunate death in an airplane crash on February 24. Hans had competed for the Finnish-American AC in Los Angeles before moving to Anchorage and had national placings of fifth in the 1960 30 km and third in the 1961 40 km (both Senior).

MISSING SUBSCRIBERS: Who knows the current whereabouts of the following esteemed individuals: Chris McCarthy, Murray Rosenstein, and Tom Carroll? The March issues of all three came back and all three, coincidentally, have until September on their current subscriptions. Anyone knowing to whence they have moved, please report, as I want to give them what is theirs, and more importantly get some more money from them in the future.

Don't forget the big, exciting contest announced last month. Correctly pick the US representatives in the Pan American Games Walks (2 in each the 20 and 50 Km) and win a year's free subscription. In case of a tie, the person coming nearest to guessing the winning time in the 20 Km Trial in San Francisco (May 23) will win. Entries must be postmarked no later than May 22. Only three entries in to date, so at this point, the contest is neither big, nor exciting.

As might be guessed, I have received more than the usual letters to the editor since the last issue. I hope there will be room here for some part of the comments of all who wrote. From Gary Flinchum: "I believe a great deal of Dave Romansky's letter was a bit out of place; if a person is thrown out of a race by a judge, especially a qualified judge, then that's the way it is. I guess one reason there is no sympathy in such a statement is that I am highly suspicious of anyone walking under a 6:30 for a mile....About the comment Dave made on the 2 mile in Bakersfield, I wish to point out that Laird, Klopfer, and Haluza are all "West Coast walkers" more or less anyway. If anyone has any further complaints on that subject, I understand Jim Hanley has some very good movies of the event which verify the judges' decisions."

From John Shilling: "I feel the conflicts felt by Dave are inherent in the sport, because not only must a competitor be fast but a prescribed form must be adhered to, which in many cases can and does slow you down. Those that like to train for a demanding sport can let that sport and its discipline rule their lives to the point of obsession. Ron Daniel's plea to "cool it" is understandable in this light because the Pan Am Games, European trips, and Olympics are the main reason behind this obsession. Since the judges are an obstacle to hurdle towards the goal, an athlete will have conflict with them. To complicate matters, judging is very subjective, as you know....Obviously the top men cannot enjoy fraternizing because they are so busy "psyching" each other before and during the race. So I can feel sorry for Dave and tell him not to quit, but maybe not to take the sport so seriously. He may not walk as fast (but maybe he would for he is a good athlete nevertheless), but he would enjoy the sport."

From Bob Steadman: "Do walkers disqualified for lifting ever consider the possibility that the (a) were in fact lifting, (b) may in other races have gained an

unfair advantage over their opponents without being disqualified? Dave Romansky's outburst may provoke correspondence but will probably cause more good judges than good walkers to quit the sport."

From Bob Bowman: "I would like to point out several facts: (1) Bill Chisholm is one of the very best judges and officials and has always been known for his impartiality and the highest integrity...(2) Of the 6 walkers D'd in the 2 Mile, four were from the west coast and two from the east. (Again mentions the films) (3) Dave received cautions in the 1 Mile from both and east coast and west coast judge. (4) 1 and 2 mile walks are always subject to many D's and must be strictly controlled, least they be reduced to the level of ridicule. In summary, I feel Dave should either (a) forget entering 1 and 2 mile walks to avoid possible future embarrassment--other well-known walkers have done this, as they feel that they gain very little from them and risk their reputation as a good stylist in longer Olympic distances, (b) bite his tongue and be prepared for the consequences upon entering 1 and 2 milers, or (c) work on correcting his form faults and walk sensible 1 and 2 mile races. And if D'd, ask the judge(s) where he went wrong for corrective action in the future. I recommend (c), (a), (b) in that order."

Now finally, a letter on this and a few other matters that have been aired recently, which is lengthy enough to take up the rest of this issue but which does offer a possible course of positive action and an opportunity for you to react. I think in the future I am going to have to get away from devoting so much space to the bickering side of our sport, but having opened up this can of worms we may as well give it a good airing. I have refrained from commenting on much of this myself, mainly because there hasn't been space, but it is probably just as well to let others have their say without any editorial influence. Well, on to the letter, which offers the comments and suggestions of Jim Hanley:

I just read Dave Romansky's letter and recalled similar I Have Had It letters by DeNoon, Ortiz, and Hanley about the same problem of inconsistent judging.

Because inconsistent judging tends to creat hard feeling, (don't most of us get involved in Race Walking to make friends?) and because it tends to make a farce of our sport, I say LET'S END IT NOW. Here's how.

The following legislation would do the trick:

1) Eliminate the warning or caution (as in England where Race Walking is respected by all. (Ed. I must insert here that I have knowledgeable comment from England to the contrary.)

2) Take videotape or polaroid pictures of important National Championships. (Don't give me any garbage about the high cost. One videotape is all is needed and, if need be, I'll take the responsibility of getting one and have Laird bring it to all races.)

THEN

3) Wait 20 minutes after each race before deciding on the official results. During this time, judges review the films and MUST D' any walker off the ground. Athletes could also review the films at this time and see exactly why they got the old heave-ho. (Don't give me any garbage about not being able to film every walker every step because judges don't watch every walker every step either!) Sure, the rule is new--almost revolutionary--and it would be tough on all of us for a while.

When it was first suggested that they use videotape instant replay on baseball and basketball TV games, everyone said it would make the umpires look like fools. But instead, it has showed wat a fine job they were doing.

I ask, who would be against such a rule? Poor judges and poor walkers (formwise).

By the way, I have movies of the Bakersfield 2 mile showing everyone who was D'd off the ground. In fact, two of the walkers who finished higher than me officially, clearly should have been disqualified.

At the time, I was very surprisced at the large number of D's. But, you know, the judges called them pretty good. The movies proved it.

My plan would make everyone happy--those who feel that the judges are "robbing them" and those who feel that the judges are "too lenient."

It would improve the quality of our judges FAST. It would improve the style of some walkers fast.

Most important, it would be OBJECTIVE and FAIR to all and they would know it. While in high school, I was cut from the basketball because the coach thought I was too slow. I switched to track and beat everyone. Ever since, I have liked the objectivity of track. (The first man to cross the line wins, not someone the coaches or judges like as in diving or gymnastics--or race walking?)

Our great sport deserves such objectivity. Without it, it is doomed to second-class status.

When I last proposed this rule, the judges at the controversial meet considered it a personal slap on their ability or integrity (it wasn't), got mad at me, and took no action enabling me to watch two more years of some movies showing runners walking. (Ed. I do believe I transposed those words. Would you believe walkers running.) And I've kept my mouth shut for two years.

I think it's time we athletes and officials insisted on this new rule, if only on a trial basis for a year. Our sport is at stake.

As long as we're solving all the problems of our sport, here's a good one-- women walkers in men's races. From a practical standpoint, it's much easier to have women in men's races. (How would you like to conduct two 50 Km walks back to back?) The girls say that they compete against each other and the clock and not against the men. And the officials benefit most by not having to run two races. Both very true.

Of course, International (I.A.A.F) and .A.A.U. rules forbid mixed competition. Our high A.A.U. Officials (especially the Race Walking Chairman) appear to be against women in men's races but actually are genuinely concerned about the eligibility of men and women in future international competition and the Olympic Games.

I didn't get involved in this sport to fight the National Chairman or the women walkers or anyone else (I'm a lover not a fighter--Ed. Right on, man) so let's all work together to change the stupid International and AAU rules FAST and make ev ry-one happy.

Women long distance walkers are not "on a lark". They are among the most dedicated, hard-working athletes in the world. For those who don't know it, Brenda Whitman and Kati McIntyre have helped me more with the SPA-AAU Men's Race Walking Program than all of the other athletes put together.

Also, the rule forbidding Senior walkers from working out or racing in Junior National Championships is just as stupid. (How would you like to conduct three 50 Km walks back to back?)

There is no logical reason Senior Walkers shouldn't be able to workout or race during a Jr. National except some sacred rule recommendation (NOT A RULE for it's not in the rule book!) Arguments that it cuts down on the publicity given the Junior Walkers hold no weight because when two separate races are held, the Junior race is almost completely ignored! (Notice newspaper coverage of the Stockton Race Walk Games, for example.)

Besides, most people who voted on this believed that they were voting that Jr. & Sr. Nationals not be held in the same race. (A good idea because it spreads around the Nationals.) But somehow the proposed recommendation evolved to eliminate all open, non-championship competition, too.

That concludes Jim's comments and suggestions. I can see some merit and some complications to his videotape idea. However, he wasn't seeking my opinion but our opinion and to solicit this he draw up the questionnaire which is reproduced on the next page and thoughtfully assigned me the duty of compiling the results, which I am glad to do.

Please note the modernization move the ORW has taken in finally getting our address list on addressograph plates. It only took us six years to achieve this advance and who knows what bold advance may come in the next six years. Incidentally, after the getting the plates made up, I was immediately besieged with six changes of address, which I am sure is more than the usual number for a month. Please refrain from moving in the future.

HOW DO YOU FEEL? (The Jim Hanley Questionnaire)

I feel that the videotape rule should be tried on a trial basis for a year.

I am against the videotape rule.

I recommend that our AAU leaders change existing AAU & International rules in regard to women competing in men's road races in RW & Long Distance Running.

Women should not be allowed to compete in any men's race.

The rule forbidding open competitors from walking in Jr. National Championships should be dropped. (Recommendation--not rule!)

Senior walkers should not be allowed in Jr. National Championships.

Mail this to the Ohio Race Walker, 3184 Summit St., Columbus, Ohio 43202
They will tabulate and publish the findings which should serve as a recommendation to our National Committee on directions and policies the athletes and officials would like to follow.

Please attach additional comments.

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