KLOPFER, YOUNG CAPTURE PAN AMERICAN TITLES; SOVIETS UPSET EAST GERMAN ACES IN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HELSINKI

Two major international championships highlight the month's news. At Cali, Columbia, Larry Young won his second Pan Am 50 Km title, repeating his 1967 win at Winnipeg, by edging the Mexican, Hernandez. At 20 Km, Goetz Klopfer upset his U.S. teammate, Tom Dooley to capture the gold medal. A few days later in Helsinki the top Europeans had it in Helsinki and Russian walkers pulled a surprise in both races. In the 20, veteran Nikolai Sotinblasted the final 5 Km to break open a highly competitive race and at 50 the gutty Benjamin Soldatenko walked a fantastic second half to leave the seemingly unbeatable Christoph Hohne in his wake.

The Pan American games opened at Cali on July 31 and the 20 Km walk went off at 4:30 that day. The U.S. walkers were not in the best of health, Goetz having a touch of dysentery and Tom Dooley suffering with a tendon strain that had allowed him only 3 hours of training in the previous 10 days. However, Cali was apparently not a place full of healthy people, so they were not alone. Dooley actually had offered to let an alternate replace him before leaving Miami but had been told to go on.

The first 5 Km of the race found Klopfer, the Cuban Lara, who had walked a good 10 in the Carribean Games, Marcel Jobin of Canada, Jose Oliveros of Mexico and Dooley in a pack at about 23:25. In the next 5, Klopfer and Lara started to pull out and at 10, Dooley left Oliveros and Jobin, the latter dropping rapidly away, having also been sick. At 14 Km, the Cuban was DQ'd by a Peruvian IAAF Judge, having had six calls and looked terrible all the way according to Jerry Hausleber, the Mexican coach from Poland.

Larry Young and John Knifton. From there Goetz had the race easily won to shouts of "Yankee Bastard", "Gringos", and "Viva Cuba". Dooley held his pace well and was an easy second but never challenged Klopfer for the lead. Oliveros was well clear of Jobin for third and the next three finishers were unknowns, reportedly displaying rotten form. Frank Johnson walked on a sprained ankle and finished a distant last. In good health, he could have been a factor in the race.

Two days later the 50 Km men set off at 1:30 in a hot 90 degree sun. The 3200 foot altitude was another factor against the walkers. Nonetheless, Larry Young and John Knifton moved through the first 10 Km in 47:50 and at 20, Larry was just 15 seconds clear of John in 1:41:10 (good for fourth in the 20). From there the conditions started to tell and the pace slowed markedly with Larry nearly 3 minutes ahead with a 2:37:45.1 30 Km. At this point, a 20-year old Mexican, Gabriel Hernandez started to come through strongly from 5 or 6 minutes back. Young passed 40 Km in 3:37:05 with the Mexican still gaining. With a mile-and-a-half to go the lead was down to 10 yards but Larry was able to pull something out from somewhere, as he usually is, and met the challenge to win by 15 seconds. Knifton was far in front of anyone else in third as the U.S. just missed a sweep of the two races.
As stated, Larry Young scored his second Pan American victory to go with his third place in the Mexico Olympics. Although he was about 12 minutes slower than in Winnipeg, the conditions had a good deal to do with that and he is making good progress in his comeback for 1972. Tom Dooley were also in their second Pan Am Games, Tom having been fourth in the 20 and Goetz third in the 50 at Winnipeg.

Apparently anything you have read about the conditions in Cali is true. There were indeed rats in the showers, fleas, and things like that, according to Tom Dooley.


The European elite gathered at Helsinki for their championships with the 20 Km going on August 10. Hans Tenggren of Sweden took the early lead passing 5 Km in 22:03, but no one took him seriously. This had to be a race between the East German triumvirate of Reimann, Frenkel, and Sperling, Russia's Nikolai Smaga, and England's Paul Nihiill. Smaga led this group with 22:15, with the other three at 22:19. At this point, several others were still in this group, including Wilf Wesch, Pasquale Busca, Phil Embleton, Boris Yakovlyev, and Levgeniy Ivtechenko.
thing himself at this stage of a race. The eighth lap was covered in a seemingly impossible 23:16 and Hohne dropped 2 seconds back. Soldatenko then really applied the cruncher with a 23:06 lap, better than 7:30 miling, and had the race sewed up with a 34 second lead. He let up only slightly on the final lap (23:58 and crossed the line more than 2 minutes ahead of his nemesis. Evidently, the man has been doing some training since last fall’s Lugano Cup. His second 25 Km was covered in 1:57:51, world class time by itself.

Again the East Germans had a strong team effort with Selzer third and Skotnicki fifth. Abdan Pamich, 1964 Olympic champion and once retired, walked a strong race to capture eighth. Only two men doubled in the two races, with Luxembourg veteran Charlie Sowa getting 12th and 10th and old hand Antal Kiss, of Hungary finishing 11th and 18th.


**KNATT TOPS JUNIOR 40 KM**

Long Branch, Aug. 8 (Special from Ellidt Dernman)--As a student at Letchworth, N.Y. High School 13 years ago, Tom Knatt's big sport was table tennis. As an undergraduate at MIT, Knatt joined the ranks of the non-athletes.

Three and a half years ago, Knatt, now 31 and a guitar maker in Concord, Mass. felt he was "getting out of shape" and decided to do something about it. He joined the ranks of the road runners and became a capable marathoner with a best clocking of 2:39:23 over the classic Boston course.

A year ago, after New England AAU race walking chairman Fred Brown said it would be a good idea, Knatt took up the heel-and-toe sport as a sideline to his running. It paid off today as he moved to a gold-medal performance in the National AAU Junior 40 Kilometer Championship.

Despite temperatures in the high 90's and high humidity, Knatt covered the course in a brisk 3:53:17, second best winning time in the race's history. The victory was scored by an overwhelming margin over second-place John Skisiek of the Shore AC. Bill Quayle of Buffalo, N.Y., just back from 3 weeks at the US Olympic Committee Training Camp in Boulder, Colo., held second place for nearly 23 miles before wilting down the homestretch.
Knatt led the race throughout and walked a steady pace, faltering only in the third 10 kms, as the splits given below show. The team title went to the host Shore Athletic Club by one point over Knatt's North Medford Club. The results:


RESULTS OF OTHER RACING-TYPE ACTIVITY

(And do we have results of racing-type activity. From all over the world we have results—good, bad, and indifferent.)


2½ mile, Cambridge, Mass., July 29—


NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY AREA:

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17:27.4 2. Mark Berger Age 12-13 880—
1. Jon Gray 4:36.6 3.4 Mile, Long Branch
3. Fred Stratton 30:00 4. Carl Yahara, 30:30
3 Mile (14-15) 1. Ron Brooks 27:47.8
Cliff Mimm 2 Mile, Ocean Twp., July 25—
27:03 3.4 Mile Hcp, Long Branch, July
26—(actual time shown) 1. Fred Timcoe
Mile, Long Branch, Aug. 1—1. Todd Scully
31:46 3.4 Mile Hcp, Long Branch, Aug.
16—1. Larry Bova 31:56 2. Todd Scully
24:02 3. Ernie Johnston 30:54...6. Don Johnson 29:46
OHIo:
Phil McDonald 55:27 4. Wayne Tarchko
8. Larry James 73:32 9. Jerry Hutchinson 80:06.8—One of the more thrilling
races in our history as the first three walked step and step for six miles.
Jack Blackburn never seems to amaze one
with his performances on limited training.
Supposedly just hanging on each mile
to try and get a decent time, he
stepped up the pace at the start of the
final mile soon dropping Ronald off.
He had enough left to put in an
additional spurt going up the final 4/40
and left Mortland about 15 yards in
ears. The course is actually something
near 300 yards short of 7 miles. We all
got well over our heads on the first
lap (83 yards short of 2 miles) with a
15:12 and then wound down with laps of
15:40 and 16:09 before Jack's big finish
won the day. Steve Pecinovski had won
the Columbus Recreation Department Mile
a week earlier and was in his first try
at anything longer. Looks like a good
prospect, but unfortunately he moved to
Oregon 2 weeks later. Larry James was
in his first race since recovering from
a split achilles and Jerry Hutchinson is
an ailing runner having a go at the heel-
7—1. Carol Mohanco, Kettering Striders
19:06 (This girl has excellent style and
looks like a great prospect) 2. Terry
10 Mile, Columbus, Aug. 21 (10 miles 460
yards to be precise)—1. Jack Blackburn
McQuade 107:34 4. Clair Duckham 89:00 for 8, 368.
DNF—Jack Mortland and Phil McDonald. This race shows
what the humidity can do. It was probably
no hotter than in Dayton 2 weeks earlier
but the humidity was sky high and everyone
was essentially finished after the first
relatively slow lap. It was just a matter of slogging through from there, which
your editor and Phil McDonald chose not to
do at three and five laps respectively (5
lap race). Doc should actually have been
declared the winner since we agreed at the
start to spot he and Duck a lap and he
finished his 4 before Jack made his 5 (laps
that is). But despite my arguments to the
contrary, the prizes were given out as
above. I don't know about guys that steal
handsome prizes from their own fathers.
MISSOURI:
26:22 2. David Leuthold 30:06 (Janet
Leuthold 35:43) 2 Mile, July 30—1. Roman
Columbus, Aug. 7—1. Darrell Palmer 2:14:00
Leuthold 3:05:00
COLORADO:
Boulder-to-"ederland 17½ Mile, Aug. 21
(all uphill going from 5200 to 8200 ft.
altitude. 90 degrees and sunny)—1. Gary
Westerfield 2:47:45 2. Ron Kulik 2:53:45
5. Bill Walker and Bill Weigle 3:03:25

WEST COAST:


PAAU Walker's Letter

Editor, Steve Lund, could identify the date. He has just taken over this position and put together a very entertaining first issue...in the style he refers to as three-dot journalism...Why use one dot when three are thrice as good.)


2. Barry Carlsen 7:39 1 Mile, Venice HS
July 13—1. Gary Finchum 7:18 1 Mile, Pierce College, July 14—1. Larry Walker
Pierce Col., July 7—1. Ray Parker 6:48
2. Mike Ryan 7:08 3. Dennis Reilly 7:22
4. Paul Roosevelt 7:35 5. Richard Quist
7:53 1 Mile, Pierce Col., June 30—1.
Larry Walker 6:32 2. Ray Parker 6:53
3. Dennis Reilly 7:31.2

FOREIGN:
Strasbourg-to-Paris 525 km (323 miles)—
R. Schoukens, Be. 478 km — This annual exercise in insanity resulted in an
amazingly close finish with all three
finishers still in contention with 15
kms to go. There are three compulsory
stops during the grind — 1 hour at 174 km
1½ hrs at 304 km, and 1½ hrs at 427 km.
Other than that they just keep plugging
along through dark of night, rain, wind,
hail, and all those other legendary
things that keep neither postmen nor mad-
men from their appointed rounds. Simon
chose to take an extra 25 minutes at the
final stop but had a large lead at that
time and still left that stop with a 7
minute lead. This extra rest may have been what carried him through. That and
his 18 attendants comprising doctors,
masseurs, drivers, walkers, cyclists,
cooks, and timekeepers! A considerable
amount of money had been donated by
large firms and radio and television in
Luxembourg to ensure that Simon had at-
tention and expert advice for every min-
ute of the long, long trek.

Colin Young, on the other hand, had three attendants and one car. Colin re-}ported that at the end he was in excel-
ent shape both physically and mentally,
7 pounds lighter, with no blisters, and
just some inflammation around knee. On
his feeling, he reports that the thought
of not reaching Paris never entered his
mind, even during the worst periods.
"One must expect several rough times
when your pace is down to a crawl and
everything seems rather pointless and
everybody tiresome. It is the ability
to come through these stages and then
force your mind and body to regain your
previous pace that hallmarks a regular
S to P finisher. In 1970, sleep did not
cause trouble, but this year it did and
the 35 km stretch through Epernay to Dor-
mans cost me the race. My vision went
haywire and for a long period of time
every crack in the road looked like a
solid block and I was attempting to sttep
over them! In my feature on this classic
last year I stated: To anyone thinking of
competing in a future Strasbourg to Paris
I would advise a long spell of serious
thinking, a sit down, and a decision to
forget the whole thing... I shall cer-
tainly do the first two things in 1972!"

Women's 3 km, Basildon, Eng., June 19—
4. Janette
Pye 16:42 50 km, Essex, Eng., June 26—
6. Colin Young 4:51:50 (6 days after fin-
ish of above) British 10 km, Leicester,
July 3—1. Phil mbleton 45:26.2 2. Carl
Lawton 46:31.4 3. A. Smallwood 48:04.6
6 (only 6 starters) 25 Mile, Birmingham,
100 Mile (road), Ewhurst, Eng., June 25—
1. John Moullin 16:55:44 (Just 1:29.0
off Frank O'Reilly's best on record)
2. Van T'Hoff, Holland 17:45:31
5. Van Den Hyden, Holland 19:20:30
Miezen, Holland 19:56:59 10. F. Saunders
20:02:13 (Emile Alomine, 16, of Belgian
finished 13th in 20:18:14, 12 days after
a fourth in the Strasbourg to Paris and
after four 24 hour races in April and May,
including a first and third place. That
is somewhere between 800 and 900 miles
of racing in less than 3 months.) British
50 km, Redditch, July 17—1. Paul Mill
Lawton 4:19:00 4. Ron Wallwork 4:21:02
5. Ray Middleton 4:26:46 6. John War-
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8. Ken Harding 4:36:00 9. H. Timms

10. Bill Sutherland 4:38:39

... 14. Colin Young 4:41:33... 22. John

Moulin 4:52:37 (84 finished, 29 under
5 hours, 48 under 5:20) 1 Hour, Paris
6:26--1, Olly Caviglioli 8 miles 313
yards 2 Hours, Blackburn, Eng., July 31-
1. Ron Wallwork 16 miles 315 Yds (1:50:
52 at 15 miles and 1:55:00, 8 at 25 km.
Successive miles were 6:55, 7:06, 7:12,
7:16, 7:15, 7:17, 7:22, 7:24, 7:26, 7:28,
7:31, &39, 7:36, 7:43, 7:42. He
celebrated his new U.K. record by sub-
scribing to the ORW, having been lead
astry by one Barry Richardson. 5 km
(roand), Aug., 2--D. Ward 23:55
2. One Barry Richardson 25:42
10 Km, Budapest, June 16--1. Anor antal
44:33:8 2. Grandpierre (in) 46:08:0
Italian 50 km, May 15--1, Vittorio
Visini 4:05:45 2. Walter Sgardello
Sante Mancini 4:18:28 5. Domenico Carpe-
ettieri 4:20:12 6. Luigi Ganazzi 4:30:
38 (probably short course) 10 km (track
Leipzig, EG June 16--1, Gerhard Sperli-
Stadtmuller 4:29:39 5. Lutz Lipkowski
43:15:2 (latter two are juniors. First
three were 21:01 at 5 km with the next
two 21:02 E.G. 20 km Champ., Leipzig.
June 25--1, Gerhard Sperling 1:27:08:6
(21:36, 43:02, 1:04:40) 2. Peter Frenk-
el 1:27:56 3. Hans-Georg Reimann 1:28:
59 4. Siegfried Zscheignier 1:30:34 5.
Lutz Lipkowski 1:33:56 E.G. 50 km, Leip-
zig, June 26--1. Christoph Rohne 4:07:25:8
Skotnicki 4:16:25:8 4. Joachim Schlecht-
44:8 6. Ralf Fluger 4:31:25:4 Hungra-
rian 20 km, Szeged, June 13--1 Ancor Ant-
al 1:30:40 2. Florian 1:31:45 3. "anos
Dalmati 1:32:40 20 km, Havana, Cuba,
May 25--1, Lucas Lara 1:33:34 Polish 20
km Champ., Warsaw, June 26--1, "an Orn-
och 1:34:04,2 2. Edmund Pasiekowski 1:37:
38:6 W.G. 20 km, Champ., Salzgitter,
July 4--1, Wilt Wesch 1:33:11:8 2. Bern-
hard Nenmerich 1:33:36:4 3. Bernhard Kan-
nenberg 1:35:11 W.G. 50 km, Onstach,
July 11--1, Bernhard Nenmerich 4:05:39:6
(1:59:06 at 25 km, at 40) 2.

Herbert Feier 4:15:51:4 3. Bernhard
4:22:00:2 5. Horst-Budigor Wagner
10 km (road), Marieborg, Swed., July 11--
Bjorkgren 4:51:25 5. Karl Eri Andersson
20 km (track), Gotemborg, Swed., July 24--
Kalle Moen 1:34:51 3. Jan Rolslid, Nor.
1:37:24 4. Tomas Glass, Norway 1:38:02
Junior Women's 5 km (track), Gotembor-
Anika filomberg 26:04 3. Siv Gustafsson
26:22 4. Iaila Jensen, Nor. 26:34 5.
Gerd Gulder, Nor. 27:21 6. Helen Norberg
27:25 (7:47 at mile) 2, Margareta Simu
26:15 3. Berit Jonsson 27:00 50 km,

Praque-Podebrady, Czech., July 18--1.
Joachim Schlechtzwig, E.G. 4:15:05:2 2.
Stefan Ingvarsson, Swed. 4:15:10 3. Alex-
der Blik, Czech. 4:23:36 4. Orjan
Andersson, Swed. 4:24:34 5. Varin Nicola-
Rumania 4:25:04 6. Anatolly Andrianov,
USSR 4:27:52 7. Michael Sternberg, EG
4:29:16:4 British 3 km, London, July 23--
1. Paul Nihill 12:08:4 2. Phil Embleton
Smallwood 12:55:6 Women's 3 km, Birm-
ingham, Eng., July 3--1, Brenda Cook 15:39:8
Hindle 16:35 British Women's 2500 Met-
Championship, London, July 17--1. Brenda
20 km, London, July 31--1, Paul Nihill
1:30:07 2. Phil Embleton 1:30:49 3. Carl
5. Bill Sutherland 1:34:08 USSR 20 km
Championship, Moscow, July--1, Niko-
Noma 1:28:29:8 2. Ivachenko 1:28:33
3. Tolevsky 1:29:03:8 USSR 50 km, Moscow,
July--1, Benjamin Solodkine 4:04:27:2
2. Otto Bartsch 4:05:07 3. Igor Dell-
Rossa 4:05:12:6

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Ron Laird journeyed west to Seattle and despite falling completely apart the last 15 km won the NAAU Senior 35 km by better than 34 minutes from Bob Hendrickson. Laird finished in 3:26:05, taking 67:53 for his last 10 km. Don Jacobs was close to Hendrickson is third... Ron Daniel won the Metropolitan AAU 1 Mile Handicap with a 7:05.1 off a 40 yard start. Henry Laskau finished third with a 7:10 from scratch... Rimas Vaicaitis burned a 6:53.7 in Chicago to easily beat Norm Rothe (7:53) and editor McCarthy (8:05)... In West Chester, Bob Mimm upended Ron Laird in a short 6 mile with 44:17... In the NAAU Jr. 2 Mile it was Bill O'Neilchenko over John Shilling in 15:55.6... The Pedestrian of the Month was the still famous Jack Blackburn, who among other things, claimed to neither drink nor smoke. The profile concluded by stating that "It is common opinion throughout the "alking World that if Jack had a top-flight walking coach and would concentrate on technique for only a few short months he could soon become the best walker in the U.S., at least at 20 kilos; provided of course that everybody else didn't do the same— in which case the US would really be tough in walking... Okay, Blackburn, you've had 10 years to follow through on that potential—what's holding you back?

5 Years Ago (From the August 1966 ORW)

And again Ron Laird won one of his many National titles, this one the 40 km at Long Branch in 3:31.14. Ron Kulik was second and Jim Qainton third in one of his best races. The next three places were taken by promising youngsters Bob Kitchen, Steve Rehman, and Bob Gray. Only the first of these has gone on to better things. The OTC's Chuck Newell walked perhaps his best race to finish just back of Paul Schell in ninth...Corinne Blackburn, Mary Jo Blackburn, and Patty Mortland let us in on the trials and tribulations of the race-walking wife in a 2-page diatribe entitled "Slaving Slob's Stammerings..."
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sat. Sept. 11—5 Miles (track), Columbia, Mo., 2 p.m.
NAAU JUNIOR 35 KM, KALISPELL, MONTANA

Sun., Sept. 12—20 Km, Belle Isle, Mich., 9 a.m.
10 Mile, Contential, Ohio (that's where Jack Blackburn, ever
on the move lives now. We introduce race walking to another
unsuspecting community.)

Sat. Sept. 18—NAAU 40 Km, Northglenn, Colo., 9 a.m.

Sat. Sept. 19—Sun. Sept. 19—5th Annual 100 Miles (track), Columbia, Mo., 1 p.m.
Sun. Sept. 19—NAAU SENIOR 25 KM, WESTURY, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

Sat. Sept. 25—SPAAM 2 Hr., Sant Monica CC, Santa Monica, Cal. 5 a.m.
Sun. Sept. 26—6 Miles (track), Columbia, Mo., 2 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 3—7 Mile, Cleveland, Ohio—a new race on our Ohio schedule
Sun., Oct. 3—30 Km, Belle Isle, Detroit, Mich., 9 a.m.
Sun. Oct. 3—Nat Osk Memorial 10 Mile Hcap, Central Parf, New York City
Sun. Oct. 3—NAAU 20 Km, Independence, Mo., 2 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 10—Ohio AAU 20 Km, Dayton—also Women's 3 Mile, I think
Sat. Oct. 16—NAAU SENIOR 40 KM, KANSAS CITY, MO.

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