The indefatigable Larry Young continues to dominate the U.S. race walking scene as no one ever has before. Even Ron Laird at his best has never had a string of races to match Larry's over the past 6 weeks. Following up his two national titles and two ultra-fast track races reported last month, Larry tackled 20 K on the track in Columbia on May 7 and emerged with a new national record of 1:30:10 (reported as 1:30:09.9 but records at distances over 1 Mile are recognized only to the nearest fifth.) This bettered Tom Dooley's 1:30:39.8 set a year earlier.

Although there were seven in the race, Larry walked without competition as he had more than 9 laps on the nearest opposition at the finish. After covering the first 312 yards in 1:15, he went through miles of 7:00, 7:00, 7:10, 7:10, and 7:19 and passed 10 K in 44:15.8. He then hit a bad patch and took 7:37 on the next mile but recovered to stay under 7:30 the rest of the way and hit 7:15 and 7:17 on his last two miles. His 15 K time was 1:07:32, so after taking 23:16 on his third 5 K he came home with a 22:38. Knowing that Larry is primarily a competitor there seems to be little doubt he could be well under the 1:30 mark with someone to oppose him. Which isn't bad for someone noted as a 50 K man. The results of the race:

Just six days later Young was in Sharon, Pa. for the first Western Hemisphere 20 Km Championship. Unfortunately, this turned out to be a U.S.-Canada dual meet, with the Mexican Jose Oliveros as the only other competitor. A full Mexican team and at least partial teams from five other Central American countries had been expected but did not show. This was unfortunate because Sharon was ready for bigger things and did a good job with the races and with taking care of those that did come. Besides the Western Hemisphere race, the days program also included a Women's 10 Km and an Open 20 Km.

The race was all Larry Young. Oliveros and Marcel Jobin tried to stay with him but by the half mile mark he was off on his own and the only question was how fast he would go. The answer was 1:31:59 on a very tough and apparently somewhat long course. At least the times in both races would so indicate as most competitors were 3 to 4 minutes off recent performances. In any case, it was another outstanding performance.

In second, Ron Daniel just held off Floyd Godwin for the second time in three weeks. These two passed Jobin and then Oliveros fairly early, and, as in the National 20, Daniel opened up a rather substantial lead.
Israel's Shaul Ladany on his way to world's best ever 50 Mile of 7:23:10 on Ocean Township, N. J. track, April 16.

Frank Johnson was not given the benefit of the doubt by the judges and was asked to retire while leading the Canadian contingent at about 9 miles. Marcel Jobin did not have a good race and dropped steadily back through the field after the first mile. Pat Farrelly was also off his best and faded badly over the second half after losing contact. Thus, the team contest was no contest, with the U.S. sweeping the first four places as your editor made his coaching debut a successful one. Of course, I'm still not sure what a coach is supposed to do in a meet like this.

In the Women's race, Jeanne Bocci led from the start and looked like a runaway (whoops, walkaway) winner until Toledo's Laurie Tucholski came on strongly in the last 2 miles to close the gap to 6 seconds at the end. Laurie is a very deceptive walker with a long fluid stride and was really eating up the ground at the end while appearing to be going quite easily. In third, Jeanne's teammate, Lynn Olson, just held off the Kettering Striders ever-blooming Carol Mahone. Carol's cullmate, Mary Hevoy, captured fifth.

Results of the races:


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Don't forget the big contest, announced last month, to pick the U.S. Olympic Team. He who comes closest to picking the right three in each of the events (200 and 5000 km) wins a year's subscription to The Ohio Racewalkers Bulletin. Ties will be decided by the one coming closest to picking the winning time in the Final Trials 20 Kms. One complicating factor—there are a select few, Larry Young at the forefront, who have the potential to qualify in both events and who would then have the option of racing either, or both, in Munich. This is a hazard with which you will have to contend. I could make it easier by saying the first three in each race, but the contest is to pick the three that actually go to Munich. (However, if someone has to scratch from the team because of injury after qualifying these picks that individual will be considered correct.) Good luck.

RACE WALKING RESULTS, OF ALL THINGS — — —


20 Mile Walk, 2:27:2 for 880 run, 7:18 for 1 mile Walk, 11:00 for 2 mile Run, and 12:30 for 3 miles, completed in 15-20 minutes between events. Dr. Trip Memorial Race, Brushfield, Ohio, April 30:

BELOW RETIRES FROM RANKS OF JUNIORS


HANK RETIRES FROM RANKS OF JUNIORS


Team Title—Colorado Christian College—10, Colorado Track Club—11 (Brown, Anorozo, and Lenore did not count in team scoring. Steve Christian of CTC was DQM while in seventh place, costing Colorado the team title. Jerry Brown won the style prize as well as the race.)
BENTLEY S DOMINATE JUNIOR 15

Portland, May 14—The young Bentley boys, James Jr. and Brad, captured the first two places in a hot National AAU Junior 15 Mile today. With the temperature in the 80s and the sun beating down, asphalt 1200 meter loop everyone faded over the last 3 km but Jim Bentley, who had been racing in New York, had a commanding lead from the time his nearest competitor, Bob Frank of the Oregon College of Education, dropped out, held on for a clear cut win. His brother Brad overtook a struggling Dick Moody, suffering with salt cramps, at about 8 miles and then just held off Dennis McPherson at the finish. The team title went to Central Washington State College and combined with the victory of Oklahoma Christian in the 10 K this indicates the positive impact that the addition of race walking in the MAIA schools is having on the sport. The results:

1. James Bentley, Jr., Steeplechase Racers 1:31:24 2. Brad Bentley,
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5th in the Junior Division, and 1 mile in 6:26.9 by Bob Harwick, which would be 5th in the Intermediate Division. Those who qualify for the U.S. Olympic trials will be given various options on training sites between the trials and the Games, according to Bruce MacDona1. The track team will first assemble at Baldwin College, New Brunswick, NJ, July 17-20, and will train and be processed until July 29. Prior to that accommodations will be available at Eugene for those who want to stay there rather than returning home. However, attention will be up to the individual athlete, depending on his needs and priorities. On July 29 the team will depart for Oslo, Norway, remaining there until August 19 departure for Munich. The stay there includes one invitational track meet, which will be optional. Plans will be made for other competitions for those athletes who feel they need them. The whole CSM bit is still optional and the athlete can be processed in Washington, DC for an August 19 departure for Munich.

This seems a much more realistic attitude than has been shown in the past and will allow that rare bird, the working athlete, to continue to earn some bread if he prefers. As should have been recognized long ago, people that are disciplined enough to make the team are also disciplined enough to be ready when they get there. For those going to the Final Trials in Eugene, look for a drug test prior to the race. The Olympic Committee has decided to test all athletes, if not all competitors, and since the final walk it would see all entries would be checked. Addicted walkers beware.

SHITTY CO·MES THROUGH AGAIN

Our good OTC teammate, Bob Smith, from Dayton, and his company, Mailaway, Inc., have come through once again with a year's supply of paper containing our masthead and made it fit our new format. Looks nice and printed on a heavier stock gives you sort of an old edition feel. Hopefully it will last through my 18-year-old Underwood portable.

The Ohio Racewalker (I finally decided to spell that the way it is pronounced in our masthead, as opposed to Ohio Race Walker) is a monthly extra written and butchered every month by Jack Mortland and edited by me. Subscription rate is $2.50 per year, $5.00 for 2 years, $7.50 for 3, and so on up to $25.00 for 100 years. After that we might consider bigger rates. Address all correspondence to 3184 Summit St., Columbus, Ohio 43202. We are asked from time to time why we don't change our name which we have to cover the national and international scene and are the only going race walking publication in the U.S. We recall that the name Race Walker, for example, covers a little news outside of the city itself. And of course we now have a year's supply of paper planted with Ohio Racewalkers.

BIG IMPORTANT RACES, LITTLE NO COUNT RACES, AND THOSE BETWEEN:

Sat., May 27—California Relays 2 Mile, Modesto, Calif., 2 p.m. (A)

NAAU SENIOR 10 KM, WINNIE PARK TRACK, CHICAGO, 10 a.m. (B)

Canadian 20 Km and Olympic Trials (Americans Welcome), Kitchener, Ont. (K)

Sun. May 28—Steeplechase 1 Mile, Hills Park, Chicago, 10 a.m. (B)

9 Mile Handicap, Lakewood, N.J. (C)

20 Km, Wilmington, Calif. (N)

Tues., May 30—5 Mile, Boston, Mass., 7 p.m. (O)

Sat. June 6—Kennedy Games 5 Mile, Boston, Calif., 1 p.m. (A)

Iowa AAU 2 Mile, Des Moines, Iowa (R)

20 Km, 5 Km, Hesston, Greensch, Conn. (E)

NHAU 2 Hour, Boulder, Colo., 8 a.m. (F)

6 Mile, Clovis, Komomo, Calif., N.A. (G)

16 Km, Landrate, Pa., 11 a.m. (H)

Sun. June 4—2 Mile, Belle Isle, Detroit, Mich., 10 a.m. (I)

5 Km, Los Angeles Coliseum Relay (N)

Sun. June 10—Ohio A.U. 1 Mile, Dayton, probably about 7 p.m. (J)

3 Mile, Brockport, Ontario Track, Brockport, N.Y. (E)

SPA 5 Km, Irvine, Calif., (N)

Sun. June 17—7 Mile, Cleveland, Ohio (J)

NHAU 2 Mile, Normast College, N.J. (C)

Canadian 20 Km Champ. and Olympic Trials (Americans Welcome), Toronto (K)

Sat. June 17—NAAU SENIOR 5 KM, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

NHAU 15 Km, Adams County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. (F)

Sun. June 18—8 Mile, Belle Isle, Detroit, Mich., 10 a.m. (I)

NAAU Junior 1 Mile, Milford HS, N.J. (O)

Sat. June 20—26 1/2 Mile, USA National Jr. 26 1/2 Mile, Continental, Ohio (G)

Sun. June 25—3 Mile, Hickman Track, Columbia, Mo. 8 a.m. (O)

Sat. July 1—USA OLYMPIC TRIALS 20 KM, EUGENE, OREGON, 5:15 p.m. (P)

Thurs. July 4—USA OLYMPIC TRIALS 50 KM, EUGENE, OREGON, 4 p.m. (P)

4 or 5 Mile, Urbana, Ill., 10 a.m. (O)

Sat. July 8—2 Mile, Hiep, 800 Grade School, Longmont HS, Denver 1 p.m. (F)

8 Mile, Columbus, Ohio (tentative) (J)

Sat. July 15—NHAU SENIOR 15 KM, ADAMS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, COLUMBUS, O.G. (B)

Sun. July 16—10 KM, Belle Isle, Detroit, Mich., 10 a.m. (I)

Sun. July 23—5 Mile, Brockport, Ontario Track, Brockport, N.Y. (E)

PNW 30 Km, Brockport, N.Y., 7 a.m. (P)

Iowa A.A.U. 15 Km, Des Moines, Iowa, 6:30 p.m. (D)

NHAU 30 Km, Brockport, N.Y., 7 a.m. (P)

Ohio A.A.U. 30 Km and 8 Mile, Columbus, Ohio 5 p.m. (J)

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A nthology of the Cleveland, Ohio area, 1972
LOOKING BACK:

10 Years Ago (From the May 1962 American Race Walker) — Hurray! The Ohio University's Jack Halland journeyed west to capture the NACU 50 Km in Los Angeles in 2:36:02 some 3 minutes up on John Allen and 6 ahead of Ron Laid. Bob Rowan led the then very weak US Continental in 2:51:28. Ron Zinn edged his teammate Ake Saeckey by just 1 second in a New York 15 miler with 2:06:38. Bob Rowan won the Mt. SAC Relays 2 Mile in 16:27, covering the first lap in 1:41 and then slowly dicing. Brian Murphy walked at a speed of 3:25:4 half mile in Milwaukee leaving young Bill McDonald some 35 seconds back. Murphy also turned in a 7:11 mile. Pedestrians of the North vars our own Garin Blackburn, Jack Lanning, who had best times of 56:45 for 5 miles and 68:10 for 6 who reported a love for "the dirty old walkers", who he termed "a bunch of individualists" and "a vanishing breed." We ain't vanished yet Garin.

5 Years Ago (From the May 1967 Ohio Race Walker) — Ron Laid ignored a relentless sun on the boiling, shadeless blacktop of McKeeport's Eastland Shopping Plaza to capture the Senior 20 Km in 1:38:10.4. The fast-improving Larry Young was a distant second in 1:42:10, but still better than 3 minutes ahead of Tom Dooley and Larry Walker and 6 ahead of the stalwart Jack Halland who just edged Steve Hayden for fifth.

Back further in the pack were such household names as Bob Kitchen in 9th, Ron Donald in 10th, Ron Eubanks in 12th, Goetz Klupfer 15th, Bob Rowan 14th, Bill Hanning 15th, and Shaul Ladany 16th, a pace he now bettered for 50 miles. The heat did indeed extract a cruel toll and the stupid parade around the center behind a marching band prior to the race, a required event for all contestants, did not help. Three days later, Laird captured the Zinn 10 Km in Chicago in an American record 44:38:6 with Dooley second in 47:38 and Northland next in 47:50. Laird blasted a first mile in 7:01 and final 7:09. Dooley slipped away from Northland in the final 3 laps... Laird also picked up a National title in the 35 Km to round out a rather productive month... In the Canadian 50, Karl Meierhann took Shaul Ladany 4:47 to 4:50, with the OTC's Chuck Hewell in third... Shaul Ladany set his annual American 50 Mile record with an 8:11:41 breaking his mark of 8:19:32 set the year before. The race's record, Elliot Doan, captured second among 6 finishers in 9:11:50. Jack Blackman toyed with teammate Jack Halland for 2 laps of the Ohio AAU 2 Mile and then moved to an easy victory, 14:26 to 14:47, with a 7:11 second mile. Chuck raced through a 7:38 mile and then slowed to 16:11 for third.