Toulon, France, Oct. 11-12—Following four successive East German triumphs, the Soviet Union captured the Lugano Cup, emblematic of world dominance in race walking. Led by Karl-Heinz Stadtmüller, East Germany was 7 points in the lead following the first day's 20 Km. However, things took a dramatic change in Sunday's 50 Km. First, Matthias Kroel of East Germany was disqualified after 25 km while in seventh. Then young Olaf Pilarski, walking fifth, hit the wall at 35 km and was all the way back to 12th after another 5. With the Soviets occupying three of the first five spots it seemed to be all over. Then, just as quickly, Benjamin Soldateno, just behind teammate Tevgeniy Lyungin in second, was tossed by the judges after 40 km. With the fourth USSR man apparently having dropped out already, the Soviets were down to two men and East Germany's Ralf Knuttor had moved up the second half of the race and was now second. The Cup was practically back in the hands of East Germany.

Then at 45 km, with Knuttor less than a minute back of Lyungin and 5 minutes clear of third place, he too was requested to remove the bêche from the course by virtue of his unacceptable mode of progression and the ball game was all over. In the most competitive meet ever, the USSR finished 10 points ahead with West Germany and Great Britain only three points back of East Germany and Italy just another 2 points back.

The races, unfortunately, were a near disaster for our own heroes. Things were off to a bad start when Wayne Glusker got caught on the can and missed the start of the 20 by a minute and a half. Then Jerry Brown and John Knifton both got the heave-ho, and I am not sure at what point or what their place was at the time. Bob Kitchen walked at his best, but his 1:34:13 was good for only 26th in a highly competitive race. Glusker walked very well off his handicap and finished ahead of two people in a highly respectable 1:38:07. Nonetheless, we had only 8 points, 20 behind the next to last team. Three years ago, we had been lying third just three points back of the Soviets.

The 50 was a little better a little better for us, as we at last finished a team. Angie Hirt just missed his personal best and got 21st in 4:31:19. Tom Knaat, gave it a good try but were in over their heads. At 25 km they were both at personal record pace but occupied the last two places, which was where they stayed as they struggled the last half. Ray Somers went out a bit too fast and passed 25 km in 2:08, 4 minutes ahead of Hirt. He folded after that and dropped out at 30 km. (Although he was not listed as a finisher, I am told he did get back in and finish the distance.)

In the 20 km, a pack of some 13 hopefuls went through the first 5 km in 2:13:55. At this point, Stadtmüller was biding his time some 12 seconds back accompanied by Bernd Rannenberg and Otto Hartoch, more noted as a 50 km specialist. 22:07 must be like a Sunday stroll to a man who has done 19:26, and Stadtmüller accelerated to 21:35 for his next 5, taking Rannenberg and Hartoch with him as they joined the leading pack, which still numbered 12 as they went through 10 km in 43:12.
The hot pace continued through the next 5 and at 13, Stadtmuller, Kannenberg, and Peter Frenkel were together in 1:05:12. However, they were far from clear of the field. Oil Flynn was just 5 seconds back, Bartsch, Vittorio Visini, and Brian Adams another 3 seconds behind and a Soviet trio only 5 seconds back of them. Hans-Georg Kemna was surprisingly dropping off the pace, 4 seconds behind the Soviets. Stadtmuller used his amazing speed to good advantage over the last 5 as he blistered it in 20:46:8. Only the strength of Kreutzberg could live with this and he succumbed by 8 seconds. Frenkel was better than a half-minute back of him at the finish and everyone else was left well over a minute back of the fleeing Stadtmuller. The biggest surprise was Adams in sixth in his best time as he easily outkicked his compatriot Flynn who has been his consistent. The British made a strong showing overall and were in third after the first day.

The next day's 50 seemed to indicate the effect that its elimination from the K1ntreal program has. After the extremely high standard in the 20, which featured several men who might have been expected to go at 50 (particularly Kannenberg, Bartsch, and Visini), the 50 was rather disappointing from the standpoint of times as well as close competition. Yungin and Saatdenko were able to break away rather easy and remained unchallenged until Kratter made a fateful move. Yungin was then left 6 minutes ahead at the finish in a good, but not sensational, 4:03:11. In retrospect, it would have been interesting to have seen Larry Young in this race. As things worked out in Mexico, it would have been for him.

Results of the races:

20 KM:
figured to have little chance in this one. (I, for one, would have much preferred to see him in France at either 20 or 30.) However, whatever chance he might have had was effectively taken by rowdy Mexican students who impeded the progress of both he and Todd Scully after the Mexican duo had passed. Apparently there was no crowd control at all and the walkers had to make their own way through the crowds. Besides this, both Larry and Todd were evidently deliberately held back and spot-up. The Games were conducted in a complete anti-American atmosphere and when politics is allowed to completely over as they did here, one wonders if we really need international sport. Some ways things have to get back into the proper perspective. Anyway, the results:


HINT WINS 100 KM HUNTER 100 MILE

Columbia, Mo., Oct. 4-5—Columbia's annual track 100-mile extravaganza was combined this year with the NAU Senior 100 Km championship. In the latter, Augie Hirt pushed hard for 50 miles to get Bill Walker's American record in 2:32:19 (1:45:30, 3:36:40, 5:32:40, 7:33:10, 9:34:14, 11:42:00, 13:52:30, 16:04:40, 18:18:17) and then strolled in for an easy win in 1:16:19. Augie took it easy the last 12 miles because he was "saving" himself for the Lugano 50 km a week later. Dave Leuthold was second in the race in 1:37:37. In the 100-mile, there were four finishers and Chuck Hunter made it for the third time in 2:30:29. As for his previous best. Rob Spier, who had gone 83 and 84 miles in his last two tries, made it all the way this time to become US centurion 16. Leonard Rummelhart made it for the second year in a third and Bob Grag became #17 in fourth place. He had done 80 miles last year. The king of US miles, Larry O'Neill, had to call it a day at 51 miles this time.


OTHER RESULTS:


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The first six finishers in the Women's National 5 km at Boulder in September. Sue Brodock is on top but you will have to identify the rest for yourself since I have never gotten any results, just the picture.

The Swedes have great enthusiasm for race walking and tremendous participation in the sport. Witness this picture from Gangsport, their national race walking magazine. It is captioned "Varvintertraning i Nederhogen."
could be next August or September... The conflict in dates for the National 30 and 35, both set for November 2, was resolved, but apparently without communication. Columbia moved the 30 km up to Oct. 26 and Pittsburgh the 35 back to Nov. 2. It's good they didn't both decide to move the same direction anyway.

LARRY YOUNG WINS THAT 30 KM

Columbia, Mo., Oct. 26—Larry Young easily won the NAAU Sr. 30 km race walk today in a course record 2:25:26. With no competition after the first mile (when Jerry Brown dropped off suffering from a bit of tourists' trots picked up in Europe) Larry moved through the 5 km marks in 23:54, 47:31, 1:11:22, 1:35:34, and 1:59:55. Brown made it to about 5 miles and Paul Ide wound up with an isolated second as Augie Hirt, with a sore hip, dropped well back the second half. In the accompanying Masters race, Chris Amoroso, sixth overall, took the title from Leonard Biren. Temperature was in the low 40s at the start and mid 50s at the finish. All this comes from a quick phone call to Joe Duncan. I also asked Joe about Larry's reaction to the Mexico City experience and apparently reports from there were somewhat exaggerated. He was not actually touched at any time but the crowd did move in very close on the race and was constantly jeering, practically right in his ear, and certainly not helping his progress. The protest that was filed was largely at the expense of the French, who were considered to have won the gold medal. The protest was of course disallowed. Larry walked up the hill to the Mexican Embassy and there was a crowd of mostly Mexicans outside. Larry walked in and the protest was filed that the French had won the gold medal. He was not actually touched by any of the French, but the crowd did move in very close on the race and was constantly jeering, practically right in his ear, and certainly not helping his progress.

The results of the 30:

FUTURE RACING DATES
Sat. Nov. 8—15 Km, Toronto, 9 a.m. (G)
NEAU 30 km, Kaukauna, Wis. (W)
Sun. Nov. 9—NAAU Sr 35 km, Pittsburgh, Pa. 10 a.m. (G)
NJ AAU 20 Mile, Long Branch, 1:15 p.m. (H)
3 Mile and 6.5 Mile, Women's 2 Mile, Arlington, Va. (A)
Sat. Nov. 15—NAAU 30 km, Longmont, Colo. 9 a.m. (X)
JUNIOR NAAU Women's 10 km, Pittsburgh (G)
3.5 and 7 Miles, Women's 1.5 Mile, Arlington, Va. (A)
Sun., Nov. 16—6 Mile and Women's 3 Mile, Lake Delton, Wis. 2 p.m. (P)
NJ AAU 10 Mile, Long Branch, 1:15 p.m. (H)
10 km, Lakeland, Fla. 9 a.m. (W)
10 Mile, Philadelphia, Pa. 12 noon (L)
NEAAU 40 km, Cambridge, Mass. (W)
Sat. Nov. 22—10 km, Columbus, Mo. 9 a.m. (F)
PVAU 1 Mile, Jr. and Masters 5 km, Senior 10 km, Washington, D.C. (A)
Sun. Nov. 23—NAAU 50 km, Chicago (H)
10 km, Hop, Long Branch, N.J. (H)
Sat. Nov. 29—6 Mile, Women's 2 Mile, Kaukauna, Wis. 11 a.m. (P)
Sun. Nov. 30—Coney Island 10 Mile Hop, Women's 2 Mile, 10 a.m. (R)
Sun. Dec. 7—6 Mile boy-girl walk relay, Newton, Ia., 2 p.m. (P)
5 Mile, Philadelphia, 12 noon (L)
Sun. Dec. 14—10 km, Long Branch, N.J. (H)

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Sat. Dec. 20—10 Mile, Columbia, Mo., 9 a.m. (F)
Sun. Dec. 21—4 Mile, Women's 2 Mile, Newton, Ia., 2 p.m. (P)
20 km, Lakeland, Fla., 9 a.m. (2)
Polar Bear 10 Mile, Asbury Park, N.J. (H)
8 Mile, Philadelphia, 12 noon (L)
Sat. Dec. 28—1 and 2 Mile, Morvouth College, N.J. (H)

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LOOKING BACK

10 Years Ago (From the Oct. 1965 OR):—Ron Laird walked away with the NAAU Sr. 15 km in Atlantic City in 1:13:24.8. Well back in second and just ahead of Ron Daniel was your trusty editor...Laird also won the 25 in about 2:21, which was so much like a 10K as we had at that point...Chris Hohen set a world 50 km record of 4:10:51.8 on the track in Potsdam, He also won the East German championship by 5 minutes over Hans-Georg Reimann, who is the only time I know of Reimann trying that distance...In separate 1 hour races Henri Delerue of France went 8 miles 606 yards and Dieter Lindner of East Germany 8 miles 256 yards...As noted in last month's run down of Lugano results, East Germany started their string of triumphs as Dieter Lindner and Chris Hohen won the individual races

5 Years Ago (From the Oct. 1970 OR):—This time Basil Reimann won their third Lugano Trophy. Hans-Georg Reimann was too strong for Vitali Tarasenko in the final 5 km and won the 20 km in 1:25:34.6. With 5 men still in it at 15 km, Reimann spread them out by just maintaining the pace he had held throughout. Chris Hohen also walked even pace in the 50 and left Tarasenko better than 5 minutes back with a 4:04:15...Larry Walker won his first National title covering 7 miles 1644 yards in an hour at Walnut, Cal. Ron Laird was left well off the pace behind and Bill Renney beat John Kelly for third...Laird came back a week later to beat Renney by 3 minutes in the 30 km at Atlantic City in 2:37:17.4. They were followed by Ray Scorsa and Jerry Rocho...On Long Island, Steve Hayden negotiated a 1:36:31.6 for 20 km on the track...Larry O'Neill walked his third 100 miles in Columbia in 20:42:42. For the first time, there was a second finisher, Canada's John Argue...Ted Allsopp won the Australian 50 km in 4:21:05 at age 43

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