Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 9—John Knifton proved too strong for Larry Young over the second half of the race and scored a decisive win in the NAAU Senior 35 Km walk today. Knifton covered the route in 2:53:04, to finish better than 2½ minutes ahead of the faltering Young, who held a lead of 1:38 at 10 miles. Knifton's win also spelled victory for the New York AC by one point over Larry's Columbia Track Club. Finishing a strong third was CTC's tough little Paul Ide. But without Augie Hirt, apparently at home nursing his sore hip, the Columbia boys weren't quite up to it as a pair of Ron Kulik and Daniel, took fifth and sixth for the AC.

Finishing fourth was young Ray Floriani, now a student at St. Bonaventure, who moved away from the two Ron's at the start and then really opened up on them the last 5 miles. Floriani's finish also brought him the National "B" title and led the Shore AC to the team title in that event.

The race was conducted on a 5 mile 16 yard loop in warm weather, with the temperature reaching 70 during the race. Knifton and Young moved away from the rest early, but at a rather leisurely pace, covering the first lap in 41:30. Larry then really let out and came through 2 laps in 1:18:52. John also accelerated but could not match Larry's sub 7:30 pace and was well back in 1:20:30. Ide was third at this point in 1:24:05 with Daniel and Floriani dueling another minute in arrears.

Young, apparently did him more harm than it did John as he slowed drastically the next 5 miles and saw his lead dwindle to 4½ seconds. Knifton then applied the cruncher making his fourth lap nearly as fast as his second and passing Larry at about 19 miles. John was well in control from there on in.

In the accompanying Women's Junior National AAU 10 Km, Burgettstown's Kathe Dvorsak upset favorite Beth Harwick to take the title in 1:05:07. However, Harwick's West Penn Track Club edged the Burgettstown bunch for the team title. Results of the two races:

**NAAU Sr. 35 Km**
1. John Knifton, NYAC 2:53:04 (41:30, 1:20:30, 2:00:15, 2:39:27) 
5. Ron Kulik, NYAC 3:22:30 
8. Jim Freitenbucker, CTC 3:35:10 
9. Alex Turner, Shore AC 3:36:16 
12. Russell Gill, Syracuse 3:56:17 
13. Ed Sulecki, BSC 4:03:28 
14. Fred Spector, Shore AC 4:08:26 
15. Bill Warnock, BSC 4:19:18 
16. Sam DeLosSantos, Shore AC 4:20:29 

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Daniel Bautista of Mexico and Bernd Kannenberg, at 20 and 50 km respectively, emerged as the World's top walkers for 1975 according to the IAWF's prestigious rankings. This is the third time at the top for Kannenberg, who was also numero uno in 1972 and 1973, but is the first time in the top ten for the young Bautista.

The Ohio Racewalker started ranking the world's walkers in the two premiere events in 1970 when Peter Frenkel and Christoph Hohne led the way. Kannenberg becomes the first walker to gain number one ranking three times. Frenkel, who also was tops in 1972, and Hohne, who led in 1974, are the only others with two titles. Other 20 km leaders have been Nikolai Sagan, USSR, 1971; Hans-Georg Reimann, E.G., 1973; and Vladimir Golubnichiy, USSR, 1974. The only walker to break the Kannenberg-Hohne grip at 50 km was Soviet Benjamin Soldatenko in 1971. Soldatenko, incidentally, is the only athlete ranked in the top ten at 50 for all six years, having been second, first, second, fifth, second, and fifth again this year. Frenkel is the only one ranked all six years at 20 finishing first, fourth, first, seventh, sixth, and sixth. Otto Bartsch, of the USSR, was ranked at 50 for five years (fifth, fourth, fourth, second, and second) and this year is seventh at 20. Kannenberg has been ranked four times at 20 in addition to his three firsts at 50.

This year's rankings (a completely subjective ranking by your editor and your editor alone) were difficult in both events. But here is the way they finally emerged at 20, followed by brief comments on how I arrived at my decisions, and a list of the top 25 performers for the year.

1. Daniel Bautista, Mexico
   1:30:14.2 (1) Rotterdam 6/8
   1:31:05.0 (1) ex-Mexico City 10/15
   1:29:29.0 (1) Rome 11/4

2. Domingo Colín, Mexico
   1:31:07.6 (3) Toronto 5/25
   1:32:49.0 (2) Athens 8/9
   1:38:37.0 (1) ex-Mexico City 9/21
   1:31:58.0 (2) Mexico City 10/15
   1:30:50.0 (2) Rome 11/4

3. Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller, E.G.
   1:27:19.6 (2) Naumburg 5/31
   1:27:19.6 (2) Dresden 6/26
   1:26:22.6 (2) Dresden 6/26
   1:27:26.0 (3) Lug. Cup 10/11
   1:26:50.8 (1) Lugano Cup 10/11

4. Bernd Kannenberg, W.G.
   1:30:55.0 (2) Budapest 6/1
   1:30:46.0 (1) Nancy 6/21

5. Hans-Georg Reimann, E.G.
   1:30:46.0 (1) W.G. Ch. 6/28
   1:34:22.8 (1) Minsk 6/15
   1:35:44.2 (1) Montreal 8/3

6. Peter Frenkel, E.G.
   1:28:15.2 (3) Naumburg 5/31
   1:29:05.0 (11) Lug. Cup 10/11
   1:26:54.0 (3) Lug. Cup 10/11

7. Otto Bartsch, USSR
   1:30:55.0 (1) Ches. 5/29
   1:27:12.0 (4) Lug. Cup 10/11

8. Jan Ornoch, Poland
   1:31:52.0 (3) Bia&arest 5/25
   1:34:12.0 (2) Warsaw 5/29
   1:28:37.0 (1) Gdynia 6/15
   1:26:46.0 (3) Bydgoszcz 6/27
   1:31:22.0 (1) Warsaw 8/2
   1:29:48.8 (1) 46/26
   1:26:37.6 (1) Gdynia 8/31
   1:29:48.6 (1) Lug. SP 9/20

9. Vittorio Visini, Italy
   1:30:14.6 (1) Florence 10/20
   1:29:05.0 (4) vs. E.G., Swed 6/8
   1:31:10.0 (1) Pescara 7/6

Bautista had the year's fastest time, lost only to Colín, and beat Colín on four other occasions. Colín lost only to other Mexicans (Coneles and Aronin in Toronto, Bautista and Aronin in Rotterdam, plus the three others to Bautista), beat Kannenberg convincingly on the track in London, beat Bautista once, and had the year's second fastest time. Stadtmuller walked well, but was beaten three times by Reimann in early races but his fast race in the Lugano Cup competition earns him the third spot. Kannenberg had two bad races but came through well in the Lugano Cup and had the fast track race behind Bautista in London. Reimann appeared headed for top ranking again early in the year but then collapsed in the heat in London and perhaps never recovered as he faded badly in the Lugano race. Still his early wins over both Stadtmuller and Frenkel earn him fifth. Frenkel, except for his failure to finish in Bia&arest, lost only to countrymen until Kannenberg finished ahead of him in the Lugano race and is a solid sixth. Bartsch is seventh off his strong Lugano race and USSR Championship... Ornoch did not get to race in the Lugano Cup as Poland did not qualify but was impressive in beating Adams in the semi-final, had a series of fast times, and gave the Mexicans a good race in fast time. Visini and Adams sewed up their spots with fine Lugano races... Adams had a very spotty record but raced well against the Mexicans and West Germans and in the Lugano semi.

TOP 25 PERFORMERS 1975

1:26:03.0 (1) Daniel Bautista, Mexico, Bydgoszcz, Poland 6/27
1:26:11.0 (2) Domingo Colín, Mexico, Bydgoszcz, Poland 6/27
1:26:11.8 (3) Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller, Grand Queville, Fr. 10/11
1:26:20.0 (4) Bernd Kannenberg, West Germany, Grand Queville 10/11
1:26:24.0 (3) Angel Flores, Mexico, Bydgoszcz, Poland 6/27
1:26:30.0 (1) Hans-Georg Reimann, East Germany, Naumburg, E.G. 5/1
1:26:30.0 (4) Jan Ornoch, Poland, Bydgoszcz 6/27
1:26:30.0 (5) Enrique Vera, Mexico, Bydgoszcz 6/27
1:26:30.0 (8) Milan Vila, Czechoslovakia, Podolin 9/6
1:26:30.0 (2) Peter Frenkel, East Germany, Grand Queville 10/11
1:27:10.0 (1) Peter Frenkel, East Germany, Grand Queville 10/11
1:27:10.0 (2) Vittorio Visini, Italy, Lugano Cup 10/11
1:27:12.0 (1) Otto Bartsch, USSR, Moscow 7/29
1:27:23.0 (1) Benjamín Soldatenko, USSR, Moscow 6/17
1:27:25.0 (1) Vitaliy Semenyov, USSR, Uszgorod 4/19
1:27:29.0 (2) Piotr Postenok, USSR, Elyorussia, 6/26
1:27:30.0 (2) Alexei Troitski, USSR, Uszgorod, 4/19
1:27:38.0 (3) Nikolai Sagan, USSR, Uszgorod 6/19
1:27:38.0 (5) Vittorio Visini, Italy, Grand Queville 10/11
50 KM RANKINGS

1. Bernd Kannenberg, W.G.
2. Vittorio Visini, Italy
3. Benjamin Soldatenko, USSR
4. Raul Gonzalez, Mexico
5. John Knifton, NYAC

50 KM RESULTS

1. Larry Young, Columbia TC 1:37:15.0 (1) Columbia 8/2
2. Todd Scully, Shore AC 1:37:53.0 (1) Eugene 8/16
3. John Knifton, NYAC 1:38:38.0 (5) Eugene 8/16
4. Tom Dooley 1:39:55.0 (1) San Fran 6/8
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50 KM WOMEN

1. Ruth Strickland 1:41:27.0 (4) Moscow 7/5
2. Tom Dooley 1:41:27.0 (4) Moscow 7/5
3. Donna Laing 1:41:27.0 (4) Eugene 8/16
4. Becky Smith 1:41:27.0 (4) Eugene 8/16
5. Susan Jones 1:41:27.0 (4) Eugene 8/16

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**TOP 11 PERFORMERS 50 KM, 1975**

Another bad year at 50 and there is no sense going beyond 11 because that is already over 5 hours. Rankings would be in the same order, except Klein moves ahead of Walker because he beat him in the National 1.

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The Ohio Roadrider is published monthly (most of the time) from plush offices high atop an attractive frame dwelling at 3184 Summit St., Columbus, Ohio 43202. Your editor, publisher, reporter, etc., is Jack Mortland. Subscription rate for some time has been $3.00 per year. However, as you all know, at the end of the month the U.S. Postal Service is raising the old rates. So up go our rates, too. If we were just covering the postage increase, $5.00 would be a good figure. However, other costs keep rising as well, the paper now has a fancy wrapper, and $5.00 is an awkward figure anyway. So starting with the next issue, the rate will be $4.00 per year. The rate increase is also the main reason this is a two-in-one issue. I'm sure you have been receiving your mail box for the last 2 weeks for the November issue. I wanted to get it out before the increase on the 28th and since there would be little more news at the end of December as opposed to the end of November, I decided to put them together. No objections I hope, other than irritation with the wait.
Some text here...
20 Km, Havana, Sept. 11 - 1. Paul Gonzales, Mex. 1:32:12.8 (Fastest)
2. Armando Zambalel, Italy 1:32:20.6
3. Janko Gallic, Italy 1:32:31
4. Jose Marin, Spain 1:32:35.8
5. Vittorio Visini, Italy 1:32:35.6 (Note: I missed this race in my world ranking considerations but one rotten race won’t change his position)
7.0 Km (track)
Mile, Czechoslovakia, Oct. 4 - 1. Pavol Sikora 4:42:25.2. 10 Km, Trabeka, Czechoslovakia, Sept. 18 - 1. Pavol Sikora 4:42:25.2. 10 Km (track)
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and clipboard on the 15-mile run... Dave Romansky beat Ron Daniel in a short 15 mile in Long Branch, 1:55:55 to 1:58:33.... In Los Angeles, Larry Walker turned in a super-fast 6:13 for 3 miles, with Jim Hanley just 8 seconds back. The Century Island race went to Bill Mackilloch in 1:32:13, who broke the 3-hour mark to John Knoblock in 1:33:15.... Christoph Hohne walked a great 9:26:31 for 100 km in Lugano, but missed his own course record by more than 10 minutes. Saul Ladany was fifth behind two other East Germans and Gerhard Weidner... Ray Middleton won the International Postmen's 15 km in 73:03 but an era passed when it was announced that this was the last time they would have to wear their uniforms, including mailbag... In a 25-by-race in Luxembourg, Louis Lecoeur, of France, covered 207 km (Beter than 150 miles)... Mark Achen won the All-Junior 35 km in 3:20:56. In December, Goetz Klopfer was announced as the recipient of the award... Peter Frenkel and Chris Hohne were on top in the OW's First Annual Rankings of the world's walkers. In the 20, it was an all-Eastern Europe affair as East Germany's Selman and Sparling were second and sixth with three Soviets, Kolchakoi, Stone and Agapov, sandwiched between. Even more so at 50 with Soledadano, USPR, Leuschke, E.G., Selzer, R.G., Bortz, USF, Skotchnik, E.J., and Langer, USF following Hohne. Dave Romansky was 10th at 20 km.

WALKER'S HIS AWARD GAME

(Stolen from the October 5 Detroit Free Press, courtesy of Larry Larson via his mother-in-law, at least I think it was Larry.)

Bill Walker is a man in motion.

Every evening he can be seen striding intently down east-side streets. His arms are bent stiffly at his side, pumping back and forth like a child's imitation of a choo-choo. His legs are straight and he rolls on the balls of his feet. His head is steady and his hips click from side to side. Heads turn. Dogs bark. Kids on bicycles chase. People see him and say: "Wow there is a man in a hurry." Bill Walker is one of this country's top race walkers.

Earlier this year the 38-year-old Detroit truck driver, a 135-pound blade of a man with a wispy mustache, set a new American record for the 50-mile race walk.

At an age at which many men are content to sit back in their recliners with a can of beer and watch helplessly as their bellies swell into hills and then mountains, Walker is out challenging the world for new records. There is no limit for Bill Walker. He walks in 20, 30, 50, and even 60 mile races. He calls them his "ultra races". Last summer in steamy Iowa, he raced in a 64-mile walk which began at 5:50 in the morning and did not end until 11 p.m.

"I stopped once and sat on a tree stump because I thought I had something in my shoe. But I looked and it was a big blister the size of the ball of my foot." He put the shoe back on and continued.

Race walking, also known as heel and toe racing, dates to 19th Century England. The central requirements of race walking is that the athlete must keep one foot in contact with the ground at all times.

This rule creates a strange waddle when the walker moves. Of all the Olympic sports, walking is perhaps the strangest looking. "Sometimes I will be walking out at Belle Isle and people who see me actually break out in uncontrollable laughter," Walker confides soberly.

The walker in top form resembles a bustling waiter or a quick-stepping bus driver out to infect the world with his enthusiasm. Walking is what children do when the lifeguard tells them not to run.

The sport elicits strange reactions. "I was walking down East Warren one time in front of Koptiks restaurant when a man got out of his car and waved his keys. He thought I was the parking lot attendant coming up to get his car."

During his 20-year prime, Mihalo won over 20 National championship races. He was truly a world class athlete but throughout his career he shamed under the sport's portrayal as a kimage, somewhat esoteric, and unfulfilling image dates back to the days when Detroit was one of the race-walking capitals of the country. In the 1940s and 1950s the sport was dominated by a Detroit named Bill Mihalo, who like Bill Walker was a truck driver when he was not competing (Ed. Look back in your OWs of 5 years ago for some of Mihalo's questionable exploits as a professional walker.

In one desperate 1949 attempt to establish the sport's respectability, Mihalo challenged a speedy Detroit Tiger utility infielder named Frank Matha to a race around the bases at Briggs Stadium. Mihalo started walking from first base. Matha started running from home plate. Mihalo won. But the sport's image was not saved. (Ed. For the edification of foreign readers, it is 360 feet, or about 110 meters around the bases on a baseball field.) So Mihalo went 270 feet, while Matha went 360. However, it should also be pointed out that Mihalo had to make a very tight 90° turn at each of three bases, resulting in considerable extra distance.

Sometime later on Belle Isle a Detroit police officer, bewildered by the strange motion of a walker during a race on the island, gave him a ticket for walking on the street.

These kinds of reactions have limited the number of active American walkers to a mere 300. These are stalwart men, innured to the giggles and the criticism. Men who plod forth directly in the face of outrageous laughter and misunderstanding.

Men like Bill Walker.

Walker, who lives with his wife and three children in an attractive home filled with medals and trophies on the city's eastside, began competitive walking in 1955.

In the late 50s and early 60s, Walker was a top class rower, American lightweight double sculls champion in 1955-57 and 1957-60.

But in 1962 he gave up sports completely. "I was tired of getting up at 5:30 a.m. to row. I was 21-years old and I thought I was too old to compete anymore," he laughs. For 6 years, he sat on his rear, drank beer and observed passively as his stomach took on new proportions.

But in 1968, he says, he began to feel heavy and uncomfortable with his inactivity. He entered a 15-mile walk that year at Belle Isle and finished last. "It was a little embarrassing but just glad that I finished," he says. After that defeat he dove head first into competitive walking. He now walks at least 11 miles a day.

And this year when he set the new American 50-mile mark on the track at Grove Pointe North High School in April, he emerged as a world-class walker.
Haydon's Handy Alibi Checklist

From the 1963-1964 Edition of Haydon's Athletic Alibi List

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- Alibi too soon before race.
- No will to race.
- Not enough time to warmup.
- Warm up too much.
- No enough sleep.
- No leg power.
- Not too cold.
- Too cold.
- Too hot.
- Too windy.
- Course was too hot.
- Jock strap (slip) was too tight.
- Jock strap (slip) was too loose.
- Shoulder injury.
- Shoulder injury.
- Skin Splits.
- Skins rubbing.
- Skin chafing.
- Need more rest.
- Need more time.
- Need more water.
- Need more food.
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Nobody cared about my performance in this race. The club was depending on me so much that I choked up. I knew that I was overweight and lacking in strength. I felt great before the race and that is always a bad sign. I don't like organized race walking. I'll show you what I can do next Monday in practice. I don't want to tip my hand until I'm really ready. I only walk for exercise. I only walk for fun and winning spoils things. My form was great, but I just simply didn't feel like walking. I couldn't get excited over the race. I needed vaseline and couldn't get any. I no longer use that "greasy kid stuff." Those rubberized tracks are too soft for me. I'm allergic to pollen in the air out there in the country. I can't breathe in that foul city air. I knew that I didn't have a travel permit and if I won they'd ask to see it. I knew that if I didn't quit the hot water would be gone before I finished. I've been doing too much weight lifting and I'm muscle bound. My girl friend was unfriendly last night. My girl friend was too friendly last night.

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I was over anxious. I heard that we were not getting a meal after the race. My coach is a foreigner and doesn't understand Americans. My coach is an American and doesn't understand foreigners. My coach is a psychiatrist says that I'm determined to be a failure. My coach reminds me of my father and I hate them both. My coach reminds me of my mother and I hate them both. I felt that I was making perfect contact when he threw me out. I pulled something in my hip at about the 13 mile mark. I've been training on a tiny track where the curves are too sharp and I've ruined my legs. I was going great but a heel came in. I've beaten all those guys before so I really didn't try. (For the enterprising alibist, space is provided to fill in your own.)

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U.S. Olympic Race Walking Record:
1906, Athens
1500 Meters: George Bohnag, 1st, 7:12.6, no other U.S. Competitors in this or 3 Km
1908, London: no competitors in 3500 meter or 10 Mile
1912, Stockholm
10 Km: 1st Heat: Sam Schwartz, 6th 53:30.8
2nd Heat: Frank Kaiser 5th 53:30.8
2nd Heat: Thomas Varney 3rd
3rd Heat: William Roelker 7th
4th Heat: William Plant 4th
Final: Kaiser did not finish
1920, Antwerp
10 Km: 1st Heat: Joseph Peacock 2nd
2nd Heat: Thomas Varney 3rd
3rd Heat: Frank Kaiser 5th
4th Heat: Richard Reiser 3rd; Roelker 4th
Final: Remer 3rd, Varney 5th, Roelker 9th
1924, Paris
10 Km: 1st Heat: Harry Hinkel 3rd
Final: Harry Hinkel, 9th
1928---no walk
1932, Los Angeles
50 Km: Ernie Crosby, 8th, 5:28:02
Bill Chisholm, 9th 5:31:00
1936, Berlin
50 Km: Al Mangan, 21st, 5:12:00
Joseph Koehler, 23rd, 5:20:18.4
Ernie Crosby, 26th 5:31:14.2
1940, London
10 Km: 1st Heat: Ernest Weber, 8th; Fred Sharage, DQ
2nd Heat: Henry Laskau, 7th
50 Km: Ernie Crosbie, 12th, 5:15:16 (is this the same as Ernie Crosby, two spellings in AAU Handbook also)
John Deni, 15th 5:26:33
Adolf Weinacker, 16th 5:30:14
1948, Helsinki
10 Km: 1st Heat: Henry Laskau, DQ
2nd Heat: Price King 9th 5:10:8.6
50 Km: Adolph Weinacker, 22nd 5:01:00.4; Leo Sjogren and John Deni, dnf
1956, Melbourne
20 Km: Henry Laskau, 12th 1:38:46.6; Bruce MacDonald, 16th 1:43:25.6; Jim Mawson, 17th, 1:46:21.8
50 Km: Adolph Weinacker, 17th 5:00:16; Elliott Deman, 11th, 5:12:14; Leo Sjogren, 12th 5:12:34
1960, Rome
20 Km: Ron Zinn, 19th, 1:43:19.7; Rob Him, 23rd 1:45:07; Rudy Halusa, 26th 1:45:11
50 Km: Ron Laird, 19th 4:53:21.6; Bruce MacDonald, 23rd 5:00:47.6; John Allsop, 24th 5:03:15.2
1964, Tokyo: 20 Km: Ron Zinn, 6th 1:39:43.0; Jack Mortland 17th, 1:36:35; Ron Laird, DQ
50 Km: Chris McCarthy, 21st, 4:35:14.6; Bruce MacDonald, 26th 4:45:10.4; Jack Prodie, 29th 4:57:11
1968, Mexico City: 20 Km: Rudy Halusa, 4th, 1:35:00.2; Tom Dooley, 17th, 1:40:08; Ron Laird, 25th, 1:44:38
50 Km: Larry Young, 3rd, 4:31:55.8; Goetz Kloepfer, 10th 4:39:13.8; Dave Romansky, 26th, 5:38:03.4