Eugene, Ore., June 19--Todd (or Clark, as you prefer) Scully, after a limited season of racing from his isolated farm home in Virginia, moved decisively to the top of the pack in the U.S. Olympic Trials 20 Km Race Walk today. (Well, more like 18.5 Km, but more on that later.) Scully, after missing the 1972 team by a scant 15 seconds, moved in front at about 12 kms and then pulled clear of a laboring Ron Laird to cinch his first Olympic berth.

Laird overcame stomach cramps in the latter stages, which in turn brought on style difficulties that had the judges eying him closely, to hang on to second and make his fourth Olympic team. And in third, Larry Walker pulled well clear of two-time Olympian Larry Young in the final stages to surprise many, including your editor. (A pleasant surprise, I might add.) Young, who has been beset with illness and injuries as he tried to recapture his brilliant 1972 form gave it a good go and was satisfied with his performance if not his position.

Not far back of this foursome was the man to watch in 1980, Jim Heiring. Having made the qualifying standard only 13 days before, he found himself in the lead in the early stages and then hung on very well to finish less than 2 minutes back of Scully and well ahead of a host of better known walkers. Having walked his first serious (if not first period) 20 only 7 weeks before when he also finished fifth in the National, Jim's future is ahead of him, as Curt Gowdy would say.

Young's teammates on the 1972 Olympic 20 Km squad came out no better than Larry in this highly competitive race. Geeta Kloepfer in 6th and Tom Dooley in 8th were split by Dan O'Connor, who was in contention early, but dropped back after receiving a caution. Certainly Dan is going to be in contention for a few years as well as Heiring. Others who figured to vie for the top spots were further back with Bob Henderson 9th, Jerry Brown 10th, John Knifton 16th, and Ebb Kitchen 20th in the 22-man field.

Unfortunately, the race, marked by the brilliance of the performances, was marred by the bungling of officials. We haven't mentioned times (Scully had 1:25:28.6) because they aren't too meaningful, other than to show relative positions of the finishes. When an errant official directed the walkers back to the Stadium when they actually had an additional lap of about 7/8 of a mile to go, the race was shortened by that much. From our view it appears to have had little effect on the outcome, other than that Walker may have caught the struggling Laird. Larry was better than 40 seconds ahead of the other Larry and pulling away. Undoubtedly, the three best men on the day made the team. Not without controversy, however, and here is how Martin Radow describes what transpired from start to finish and for several hours after the race.

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The course seemed acceptable—a lap on the track, a loop through nearby hills, and several flat laps of approximately 1500 meters in front of the Stadium, and back onto the track for another to the finish. Experienced Oregon Track Club personnel were manning the aid stations and timing stands, apparently assuring a well-handled race.

But by the time early leaders Jim Heiring, Dan O'Connor, and Bob Henderson passed the 5000 meter mark, it was becoming obvious that all was not well. Ridiculous internal times were being given—17 minutes for 5000 meters, for example. The aid stations were being handled poorly. Traffic was not being monitored properly. To compound these problems, the sun came out and the temperature began rising dramatically. Still, the form sheet was being followed, with the top contenders bunched together at the head of the pack—with Young, Laird, Walker, Scully, Brown, and Larry Lansing all walking close behind the aforementioned Henderson, O'Connor, and Heiring.

At around 12,000 meters, Scully, Laird, and Young began pulling away to assume the top three spots. Warnings handed out to O'Connor, Brown, and Lansing helped to slow their progress. "There's your Olympic team," remarked at least one knowledgeable observer.

But times not to be. To the surprise of all, especially, one imagines himself, Larry Young began to fall off the pace. And Larry Walker, the only one of the early leading bunch to stay near the leading trio, began to slowly close the distance. At the same time, Laird began drawing the attention of the judges with increasingly choppy and bouncy strides.

At that point, the timers informed everyone that they had only one lap to go—about 1500 meters plus 400 yards in the Stadium. Walker was still gaining on Young and Laird received a caution. Then, with the leading Scully about to turn into the Stadium, the timers informed referee Bruce MacDonald that something was obviously amiss—Scully would have a final time of sub 1:20. An error in lap-counting was discovered, and the decision was made to send the field arcing again for another lap.

Young and Walker were informed of this simultaneously, about 500 yards with Young about 10 yards ahead. Just wait, affect this had on the final outcome is hard to judge. Certainly it was a boost for the closing Walker and a blow to Young. But Larry W. was closing anyway and might well have made a pass before the finish in any case.

At any rate, Walker moved into third shortly into the final lap, and pulled away steadily thereafter, to finally build a 45-second lead. As Scully turned into the Stadium to the finish, it was obvious that still another lap had been missed, and another 1500 meter lap should be walked. However, the decision was made to send them in this time.

The joy of making the Olympic team was short-lived for Scully, Laird, and especially Larry Walker. Several versions of what happened next may be submitted; here's how I saw it, and I was very closely connected with the whole affair.

Larry Young was encouraged by judges Dean Ingram and Bob Bowman to file a protest over the handling of the race. The original intent of the protest was not to have the race held again, or to move himself onto the team, but merely to record the poor conduct of the race in hopes of making sure such conditions would not occur again.

To everyone's surprise (Ed. Including Young's according to a column provided from the Columbia paper by Joe Duncan; Larry definitely expected the protest to be disregarded), a decision was made by Bruce MacDonald (he was pressured into a quick decision by other meet officials) to uphold the protest. A walk-off for third would be held on Sunday June 27 between Walker, Young, O'Connor, Heiring, and Klopfer. (Ed. This decision was what most of us saw in our Sunday morning papers in this part of the country and when one looked at the results, Walker closer to first than Young was to him, seemed incomprehensible. I was doing a lot of fighting for Larry in my mind. Either the race was valid or you walk the whole thing over; but why the race for third. But back to Marty's account of what transpired)

This decision aroused more controversy, as might be expected. Immediately several of the walkers, still at the track in their racing gear, circulated a petition to let the original results stand. Under pressure, Young declared his intention to withdraw the protest and give up thoughts of a rematch. But other forces were at work.

Some other walkers, themselves desirous of another shot at making the team, convinced Young that majority indeed did want a walk-off. Some of these individuals, not being included in the original rematch group, felt that everyone should walk over. In effect, the race should be held over to five all competitors another crack at the first three places.

Emotions and tempers were rising at this point, and a decision was made to hold a meeting that evening, and arrive at a consensus opinion. Larry Young announced that he would not withdraw his protest at this time, but wait until the result was known. He indicated his willingness to go along with what a majority of the other walkers wanted.

The meeting saw more emotional and occasionally heated discussion. Finally the recommendation was voted 18-1 to let the original results stand. The Jury of Appeals made it official the next day. By then, course, the thrill of making the Olympic Team was perhaps for all time, especially to Larry Walker. Unfortunately in the extreme; even more so when, in the opinion of almost all observers, the three best men that day did indeed make the team.

I also have a brief report from Ron Daniel which seems to agree with what Martini has said. It is unfortunate that the race should have been so poorly managed but one certainly hopes that the squabble has not tainted the thrill that goes with making an Olympic team for these three
Certainly, the bungling of a few should in no way detract from their very convincing performances on this day.

As noted earlier, Todd Scully had missed the 1972 Olympic by only the 15 seconds he finished behind Tom Dooley in that year's Trial. He was also 7th in the 50 km trial that year. He really came to the fore the following year with a brilliant and gutty 7th place in the Lugano 20 Km. Shortly thereafter he turned to teaching, coaching, and hiking in Big Island, Virginia, about 300 miles from the nearest competition. He has maintained a rather low profile since but has emerged to do much as well as qualify for the Pan-Am Games and a trip to Leningrad last winter--walking very well when ever he was seen. And while doing the teaching-coaching-hiking thing, together with a 100 miles or so a week of training, he has found time to pull down a master's degree and make it as the Bedford County Jaycees Man of the Year. He may surprise a few people in Montreal.

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Larry Walker's name first came to our intention in 1965 when he and his brother John walked some very good 20s in the Midwest and did well at just the right time. He was 6th in the 1968 Trials and 9th in 1972. This time, he got it altogether at just the right time and finally surpassed the other Larry in the process.

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There were apparently several disqualifications in the race, including last year's 1500 meter list, Lisa Metheny. She was tossed at about half time in the first lap. Turn the page for results of the two races.
VANDERBRANDT WINS CLASS B RACE; HEIRING CLOCKS Q TIME

Kenosha, Wis., June 6—John VanderBrandt, 19-year-old University of Wisconsin-Parkside student, easily defeated a field of six others to win the NAAC Class B 20 K E Race Walk today. VanderBrandt clocked a 1:48:18.4 on the Parkside track leaving second place Dennis Zielinski better than 2 minutes behind. VanderBrandt was challenged by Parkside teammate Chris Hansen for 10 K, covered in 23:59. Hansen dropped well back over the next 5 K, however, and then dropped out.

In an open race held at the same time, Jim Heiring walked 1:36:57.2 to qualify for the Olympic Trials. After covering the first 5 K in a swift 23:38, Heiring continued at an even pace with 24:25.2, 24:20.8, 24:25.2, and 24:33.2 for the last three 5 K splits. Finally, in an accompanying women's race, Elizabeth Bentley went 1:23:42.3.


RESULTS FROM AROUND THE U.S. AND CANADA:


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Janousek 23:51.4 1. Carolynn LaVone 30:05.4 2. Miles, Modesto, Cal.,
May 22 - 1. Mark Randles 11:45.8 2. Bill Ryman 11:03.3 3. Nell Pidko
29:30.4 4. Brian Conroy 30:15.7 2. Domingo Collin, Mex. 30:34.8
Johnson 3:30 7. Don Jacobo 3:34.4 (been started late and had an actual
2:15) Oregon Junior Olympics, June 5 - 1. Mile - Age 16-17 - Walt Rainey
7:44 2. Don Ellisworth 7:56.1 1 Mile, age 14-15 - Scot Raino
Boh 7:57.1 2. Lisa Wintner 8:11.5 3. Lorrie Greene 8:14.1
1 Mile, age 12-13 - Jarred Wates 9:42.9 2. Tricia Kver 9:45.7
10 Km, Cortez, May 30 - 1. Alex Oakley 47:40 2. Helm Ock 47:12
53:29.4 7. Guillame Leblanc 54:57.8 Women 1500 meters, same place
7:48 4. Claire Martel 7:59

EUROPEAN GAMES:
Lots of interesting results here but none that give a real good clue as to
who to pick for Montreal.
20 Km, Parzyn, Poland, May 12 - 1. Paul Gonzalez, Mex. 1:25:06.2 2:41:48
7. Yair Haywood, 2:05:57 8. Yair Haywood, 2:05:57
2:16:23
50 Km, Stockholm, Sweden, June 11 - 1. Armando Zambaldo 2:31:06.6 2. Armando Zambaldo 2:31:06.6
100 Km, Stockholm, Sweden, June 11 - 1. Alex Oakley 4:23:17 2. Alex Oakley 4:23:17

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eone, Italy 6:05.3 (World Best Performance) 2. Armando Zambaldo 6:21.0
CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wed, July 7—1 Hour, Haverhill, Mass., 7 p.m. (T)
Sun, July 10—10 Km, Columbia, Mo., 9 a.m. (D)
Sun, July 11—Midwest Masters 5 & 10 Km (except the 5 is on Saturday)
Chicago, Ill. (L) (10 is NAAU Master's Championship)
Mon, July 12—5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., (B)
Wed, July 14—1 Hour, Haverhill, Mass., 7 p.m. (T)
Sat, July 16—20 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (B)
Sun, July 18—NAAU & Open 25 Km, South Bend, Ind., 2 p.m. (T)
Mon, July 19—5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., (B)
Wed, July 21—1 Hour, Haverhill, Mass., 7 p.m. (T)
Mon, July 25—5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (B)
Wed, July 28—1 Mile, Ocean Twp., N.J., 6 p.m. (B)
Sat, July 31—20 Km, Columbia, Mo., 9 a.m. (D)
Sun, Aug. 8—NAAU Seniors 100 Mile, South Bend, Ind., 9 a.m. (D)
Fri, Aug. 10—5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (B)
Mon, Aug. 15—NAAU Junior 20 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (B)
Fri, Aug. 21—5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (B)
Mon, Aug. 21—5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (B)
Fri, Aug. 28—USA-JSOA 20 Km, Deerfield, Mass., 9 a.m. (D)
Mon, Aug. 31—5 Miles, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 9 a.m. (D)
Sun, Sept. 6—NAAU Seniors 50 Mile, Columbus, Ohio, 9 a.m. (D)
Sun, Sept. 13—5 Miles, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 9 a.m. (D)
Sun, Sept. 20—5 Miles, Midlothian, Va., 9 a.m. (D)
Thu, Sept. 25—5 Mile Relay, Rock Hill, S.C., 9 a.m. (D)
Sun, Sept. 27—5 Mile, Long Branch, N.J., 9 a.m. (D)
Sat, Oct. 3—10 Mile, Washington, D.C., 9 a.m. (D)
it. But as Todd said, "... when I was sent in early while in the lead it was alright by me." Bob agrees that another lap would have had no effect on the first three places with the leaders pretty well cooling it and securing their positions by that time. Bob points out that those who were at the front of the pack after the 20 km were not as part of the outdoor championships might consider how well this race was handled by those outside of walking. He also says, "I was proud of those walkers who fought hard during the race, especially the younger fellows, but even more proud of their selfless sportsmanship following the race. I doubt if any other group of athletes could have pulled together as the walkers did while trying conditions. It is because of this selflessness that our walking officials are willing to offer their services at their own expense in behalf of the sport."... On the other hand, Bob Katz provides the following passage from a recent letter from his sister, who is an administrative assistant at Georgetown University in Washington. Last weekend there was a US-Canada track meet in Virginia. The walkers all stayed in one of the dorms here. The chaperones brought their own towels and sheets and then spent the whole weekend complaining because the university didn't provide buckets and ice for their aching tendons, muscles and other assorted ailments.... Apparently the delivery situation improved considerably with the last issue, although I still have a few reports of delivery times up to 3 weeks. However, issues reached Nebraska and Canada in a matter of 4 or 5 days and most reports showed delivery within a week. I also attempted to copy my own report and if I accept the handling on that I might ask what anyone could be kicking about.

I mailed on Friday, June 4 and received my copy on Saturday, June 5. One mistake I made was forgetting to put a second Class Postage Paid at Columbus, Ohio statement on the front to replace the former "pending" statement, which I had removed. A sympathetic manager at the Columbus Post Office Mail Room made up a stamp for me and I stood and hand stamped all copies. Pretty well shot my lunch hour...

LOOKING BACK

10 Years Ago (From the June 1966 OIA) Rudy Halusa was hot in the hot Midwest weather. First he toured the Stegg field track in Chicago in what we described as steamy, sultry weather in 6:51.6 to win the National 10 km. Don Deon was second in 6:52.1 after leading through the first mile in 6:52. Jack Blackburn edged teammate Jack Northland for the next spot with 6:53.9 to 6:54.8 with Ron Laird nearly a minute further back and Ron Daniel and Larry Young capturing the next two spots. Six days later it was the hot blacktop of Eastland Shopping Plaza in Northgate, Pa. for the National 20. Again Deon shot into the lead and was about 30 seconds ahead of Halusa by 2 miles. However, Deon hauled him in by 4 miles and went on to another victory in 1:26:16. Deon dropped out around 8 miles. Laird improved considerably in a week's time and was a clear second in 1:27:48. Portland was cooling it in for third in 1:28:14.8 only to see Larry Young pass him for second, who didn't know what he was doing. The race was decided by a measure of 3 strides past the finish. Bob Kitchen, was very impressive in fifth followed by Bob Goodman, Blackburn and Young. On the Ohio scene, Blackburn pulled away in the secondary to win the Ohio AAU mile over Portland 7:06.3 to 7:07.8. Chuck Newell walked his all-time best with 7:03 in third... Portland won the Ron Zimm 10 km on a dusty Chicago track in 1:23:36 with Matt Kuyum a minute behind. In California, Halusa blazed a 1:22:38 for 10 miles on the track...
track, with Laird better than 34 minutes back. However, Laird did win the AAU 2 mile in New York with a 13:52.6 followed by Danz (13:07) Daniel (14:29) and Young (14:53). The Junior 15 km went to Mill Vallyman (who I don't recall of ever hearing about before or after) by 1 second over Mark Asem in 1:25:01. And good old Martin Radow won both the Northwest 20 km (1:42:08) and 50 km (5:05:28).

5 Years Ago (From the June 1971 ORW) — The first sentence of the lead story reads: "Larry Young quickly disposed some of the doublers, such as your editor, who figured he might have a tough time getting back to his 1880 form...." The typos abound in those days, too. Anyways, Larry won a highly competitive national 50 km in Hatley, N.J. in 4:18:27. John Knifton, a newcomer to the longer distances at that point, was second in 4:19:23, Gary Westerfield third in 4:21:05, Goetz Klopfer fourth in 4:21:31, host Ron Kulik fifth in 4:28:29, and Bob Kitchen sixth in 4:30:17. In Rouen, France, England's Colin Young covered 50 miles 202 yards in 24 hours for a world's best performance, which qualified him as I said then) for the Paris-to-Strasbourg 520 km donkeytrack. Ron Daniel blasted a 1:13:15 for 10 miles on Long Island, but lost to Kulik in a Bristol, Pa. 1 Mile, 6:39 to 6:15. Larry Young proved his versatility by adding the 2 Mile crown to his 50 km win, only 2 weeks later. He did 13:49.5 to beat Ron Laird's 14:03.6. Jim Hanley had 14:10:6, Ray Parker 14:11:5, Bill Hanley 14:12:1 and Steve Tyrer 14:25 in a very competitive race. That doesn't include the Duos: Larry Walker in 13:57.5, Ron Daniel in 14:33.6, and Ted Scully in 14:30. Earlier, Tyrer and beaten Hanley and Parker in 14:06. Paul Mill's 12:19 for 3 km in London made these times look a bit paltry.

We also had some limericks in that issue, composed by none other than your very own editor, and at least some of them will help us to quickly fill some space here as is the ease and the clock moves inexorably along. Besides, they are clever and entertaining.

After taking five years on a spree
Of high living, debauchery, and glee
Larry Young came right back
And caught up to the pack
Using walking to get college free.

Devoting his life to the race
Training to keep up the pace
Adds to 100 gold
And memories untold
For Ron Laird who others still chase.

(Walkers from yore I recall
Allen, Deni, Karl Kurr, and John Wall
Omelchenko and Hawson
Hanke, Rasmussen
Weinacker, Neishloss, Casper, et al.)