BAUTISTA WINS OLYMPICS AS EXPECTED
EAST GERMAN CONTINGENT IN STRONG TEAM DISPLAY

Montreal, July 23—Mexico's Daniel Bautista, ranked No. 1 in the world last year and fantastic so far this year, was a decisive winner in the Olympic 20 Km walk, just as the experts predicted. In the process he established a new Olympic record of 1:24:40.6 and decisively beat one of the strongest 20 Km fields ever assembled.

Those experts (nearly so adroit in picking the other medalists) were not nearly so adroit in picking the other medalists. Bowman said it was to be a Mexican holiday and Mortland looked for super-vet Golubnichy and 50-Ka ace Kamenberg, to occupy the next spots. Not so in either case; the always tough East Germans, in the persons of Hans-Gerold Reimann, Peter Frenkel (defending gold-medalist), and Karl-Heinz Stadtmauller occupied the next three places and were well clear of the rest of the field. Even Bautista could not lose Reimann and Frenkel until the last two km. (One of the more gratifying scenes of the Olympics was to see Reimann carrying the East German flag in the opening ceremony, an honor perhaps never granted a race walker before.) As to the other favorites of our "experts", Gonzales did get fifth for Mexico, but Colin and Golubnichy were apparently disqualified, and we don't yet know where Kammernberg finished. At this point we have only the first six plus the Americans. Our showing was not quite as good as hoped for, but the competition was very stiff. Ron Laird was 20th in 1:33:27.6, Larry Walker 22nd in 1:34:19.1, and Todd Scully 29th in 1:36:37.1. Todd tried to go with the early pace and eventually cracked. The following description of the race is provided by Pete VanArsdale, who was there, in person, on the course, and in the stadium. (He has a reel of Super 8 film of the race and will gladly send prints to those interested at cost--$5 will do it, he says. Write Pete Van Arsdale, 2975 S. Jackson, Denver, CO 80210.)

Most of the race was on a 2-Km loop just outside the Stadium. This was a flat, asphalt surface. Skies were overcast with the temperature at about 70°F--ideal. Colin, Bautista, Stadtmauller, Reimann, and Frenkel were all in a rather tight group, in no particular order, during the first few kilometers of the race. By about 4 km the leaders had 40 seconds on Scully, 55 on Walker, and 65 on Laird.

By 6 Kms. Bautista had established himself as the man to beat with Frenkel and Reimann already making an effort to stay with him. Stadtmauller, Zamboldo, Gonzales, Colin, Vianini, and Golubnichy, in no clear-cut, unchanging order were within striking distance but slowly losing ground. Even though he was later DQ'd, I feel that Golubnichy's style and form, along with Bautista, was the best of any of the top 10 men at this point. (Continued on page 8)
RESULTS ROUNDUP:


1 Mile, Ocean City, N.J., July 24—1. John Fredericks, 6:52.1. 2. Ray Floriani, 6:53.2. 3. Mark Raechus, 6:54.3. 4. Fred Spector, 6:55.4. 5. Ray Floriani, 6:56.5. 


Cavender 33:28 9. Andrew Burns (3) 35:00 10. Norman Cain (4) 39:02

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Steve was in his first ever race after a bout 4 weeks of training. Considering he is starting completely from scratch, with no running background, he is coming along very well. Mich. AAU 6 mile, June 26-1. Bill Walk was in third place for Martin Kraft 5:45 3. Don Finney 5:49.2 4. Jim Maganas 6:1. Mike also took third in the Michigan Sub-Fasters Mile Run in 4:56 and won in a double marathons event over 1 Mile in 5:12 1. Ron Koss 2:02:12 2. Jay Evers 2:15:57 3. Kevin Geoghegan 2:16:07
The University of Wisconsin-Parkside's outstanding walking team. From left: Jim Heiring, Chris Hansen, Al Halbur, and John VanDenBrandt who finished first, second, sixth, and fourth in the NAIA 10 Km race this spring.

Jim Heiring leading Ron Laird during the Zinn Memorial 10 Km at Chicago's Riis Park in May. Laird went on to win this race but Heiring is fast developing as one of the nation's leading 20 Km walkers.
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Looking back

10 Years Ago (From the July 1966 ORW)—In what might be termed the Columbia death march, Ron Nihill went off the 20 km in 1:30:21 on 2/27/67. With the team heat in the shade, and practically no shade on the course as well as no clouds in the sky, and a tough, hilly course to conquer, survival, not performance, was the keynote. Daniel and the fast rising newcomer to the sport, Larry Young, were locked in battle for 20 km. Ron then dug down and managed to accelerate the next 5 km to 26:48, laughable under other conditions) to gain a 2-minute edge and the race. Young finished 3:01:12 ahead of Jack Nihill (3:02:43) and Bob Bowman 3:06:13. Ron Laird, the early leader and favorite, strolled in 13th in over 4 hours. It was so hot that two walkers, including our own Jack Blackburn (6th), walked right out of the melted tar on the road... Someone by the name of Spencer Yates won the National Junior 20 km in Montana in 1:59:58 beating Larry O'Neill by 2 minutes. (Junior in those days was the same as "SP now)... Rudy Halusa easily beat Ron Laird, Norm Read, Larry Walker, and Don DeNoon in an international 20 km in LA. in 1:37:02. Read, the 1966 Olympic 50 km champion from New Zealand, had earlier been fourth in British National behind Paul Mihill in 1:33:45.

5 Years Ago (From the July 1971 ORW)—In the USA-USSR-British Commonwealth meet in San Francisco, Paul Mihill won a titanic 20 km dual with Nikolai Smaga as both recorded 2:02:36. The two greats were accompanied by Shaloshyk of the Soviet Union and Tom Dooley through a 4:14:10 km. However, when they applied the pressure with a 2:13:14 for the next 5, the two pretenders dropped away. They then did 22:06 for the last 5 and were actually settling for a tie when the judges gave the nod to Mihill. Shaloshyk got away from Dooley on the last 5 to take third with 1:33:27 to 1:33:59. Bob Gardiner, Australia, had 1:34:15 and Gosta Klopfer 1:36:21.

John Kelly raced to two fast wins in the National Masters meet with a 7:06:41 for 1 mile and 1:42:38.6 for 20 km. In the National Junior 10, Flora Coplin beat newcomer Bill Weigle in the 50 km. Bill Weigle, a second-year walker for just 4 months at that time, was destined to make the Olympic 50 km just 12 months later... In the Women's National Mile in Bakersfield (held for the first time and termed an exhibition) Lynn Olson won in 7:53.8 bettering the record of her coach, Jeanne Bocci, by .2 second. Esther Marques, Laurie Tuchalski, and Sue Brodock followed in a tight race for the NAIA indoor and outdoor 10 km... Paul Nihill still in the news with a 2:30:35 in the British 20 mile, then a World's Best Performance in the road... In that issue we looked back to 1961, via Chris McCarthy's Midnight Walker, and found Ron Zimm winning 3 National titles in 16 days—the 20 km in Buffalo in 1:31:35, the 2 Mile at Randall's Island in 14:16:8, and the 10 km in Pittsburgh in 14:34:3... How about it?... If last month's issue reached you a little late, it was because it mailed it a little late, plus, of course, some Second Class mailing problems. I still get my copy the next day, however. It appears that service in general is not too bad from what I hear—a week to 10 days to most parts of the country. But some have offered to pay extra for First Class service, so you will note that I have added a First Class subscription rate of $6.00. Again, I am running a little late with this issue, but hopefully I can get it in the mail on Friday, Aug. 6. If not, it will be Monday, since the Second Class weigh room is not open Saturdays. This month my problem has been a late start on the typing because I was watching some contests going on up in Canada. Last month I had a hold up at the printers and was out about 4 days later than intended... Attended a really nice affair last night. The wedding of close friend and deadly competitor Jack Blackburn to Joyce Lesage. They were joined in the service by their four children, his four and her two, and it made for a rather emotional affair—tears on my cheeks, and all that jazz. Of course, the important thing is that Jack now has his personal affairs settled and can turn his attention to serious matters like race walking. (Let anyone knows me so little that they think I really mean this well, they know me very little.) The beat to Jack, Joyce, and their big loving family... The finest race-walking going in our colleges and universities this spring, was the booted college 20 km. And first and foremost in that hothed of college 20 km is Wisconsin Parkside. In the NAIA outdoor 10 km championship, Parkside walkers, pictured on page 6, took 1, 2, 4, and 6. Jim Heiling, who won one in a record 1:37:27 on to place fifth in both the NAIA and Olympic Trials 20 km races. They got a lot of competition in the Wisconsin as they do on the national level. The Wisconsin State University conference, of which Parkside is not a member incidentally, includes race walking as a regular part of their program, both indoors and outdoors and in dual meets as well as championship meets... The outstanding walker in the Conference is Jeff Hargate of UW Parkside. Bill Hamilton of UW-Platteville was 7th in the indoor NAIA meet. Some of the schools also have walking events on their own schedule. In addition, Wisconsin is also developing a very strong race-walking program on the high school level and we can look for some more Jim Heilings in the future. The efforts of Larry Larson to promote the sport are in no small part responsible for Wisconsin's prominent position in race walking... Toom, Jack Blackburn did finish 10th in the 1972 OT in Eugene. I had a note from John Shilling early in the month about the effect that the Macabiah Games (the "Olympics") are trying to emulate the Olympic Games by doing away with the race-walking race. He went on to urge all race walkers to write to certain officials to plead the case for race walking. Before I had a chance to bring this to your attention another letter arrives from John noting that a revised schedule for the Games does include a 5000 meter walk. However, as John has pointed out to the U.S. Committee for Sports for Israel, the distance is much less appropriate than the 20 and 50 as well as no other reason than judging problems. Thus, it still might not hurt to write the appropriate people urging further reconsideration. However, it certainly should be done in a very diplomatic manner since too many letters carrying the wrong tone could cause them to turn the other way again. The addresses John suggests are: U.S. Committee for Sports for Israel, 130 East 91st St., New York, NY 10022, Attn: Ms. Rosenberg, Chairman and Attn: Mr. Michael I. Rand, Executive Director. Although many may not have a particular interest in the Macabiah Games, we are all interested in race walking and should do all possible to prevent further erosion of the sport... Brad Bentley, second of the walking Bentley brothers, has received a four-year, $2,500 per year, academic scholarship to Loyola University in Los Angeles. (I guess Los Angeles. There are also Loyola's in Chicago and New Orleans, the one in Chicago much better known to most because of their basketball prowess.) Brad will study chemistry and biology in anticipation of Dental school.

To from Hoe to Toe

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