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SENIOR NATIONAL TITLES TO DIBERNARDO, YOUNG

August saw National Senior titles decided at 40 and 50 km with a surprising result in one and the expected outcome in the other. In the 40 at Long Branch, Steve DiBernardo stomped through a sub 49 minute final 10 km to leave John Knifton panting in his wake. Steve is a former 4:07 miler who has shown promise in the past but really came in to his own in this one. A week later in Columbia, Larry Young once again proved his superiority at 50 Km, clocking his second best time ever to easily win his sixth title at the distance. Summaries of the two races follow.

Long Branch, N.J., Aug. 8 (From E. Derman)—Steve DiBernardo, a 23-year-old Army PFC from Snohomish, Wash., battled his way through a torrential rain storm to win the NAAU 40 Km race walking championship with a clocking of 3:38:26. DiBernardo, a member of the All-Army track team warming up for the International Military Championships in two weeks in Rio DiJaniero, was the only walker in the 34-man field to clock a faster second 20 kms than his first.

"The rain was a help to me, a welcome relief," said DiBernardo after clicking off a 1:44 second 20 Km to beat out Dr. John Knifton, a NYAC walker who now resides in Austin, Texas, by a quarter-mile. The water was more than ankle deep in some places, but it hardly mattered to DiBernardo who has been an active walker for 3 years.

Dr. Knifton, the 1973 champion, finished second for a third straight year with a 3:37:14 performance but led the NYAC to a repeat team championship. Ron Kulik was sixth and Ron Daniel seventh to complete the AC team.

Ray Floriani claimed third place and led the Shore AC to second place in the team standings. Vince O'Sullivan, a 19-year-old sophomore at Hunter College, won the Class B title while placing fourth and Canadian Max Gould, 59, took the Masters title.

DiBernardo started cautiously and was in seventh place at 5 km in 28:09 as Alan Price led in 26:22, one second ahead of Knifton. Kulik, Daniel, Floriani, and Bob Falciola were next with O'Sullivan even with DiBernardo. By 10 Km, these two had passed Falciola and were gaining on Daniel and Kulik as they increased their pace to 55:38. Knifton and Price were together in front in 53:47. At 20, the same pair led in 1:48:02 but DiBernardo was closing in fourth, just 2 seconds back of Floriani with 1:49:35. O'Sullivan had been dropped 5 km earlier.

Steve bided his time the next 10 and at 30 Knifton had nearly a four minute lead, 2:42:45 to 2:46:35. Floriani still clung to DiBernardo, just 3 seconds back. Then DiBernardo started his tremendous drive through the puddles, which carried him to a nearly 2-minute victory. Knifton maintained his lead over Floriani, who finished well clear of the rest.

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Results: 1. Steve DiBernardo, US Army and Snohomish TC 3:35:26
 2. John Knifton, NYAC 3:37:14 3. Ray Floriani, Shore AC 3:41:12 4. Vince
 O'Sullivan, Hunter College (1st B) 3:47:25 5. Alan Price, Capitol
 Walkers 3:48:05 6. Ron Kulik, NYAC 3:53:22 7. Ron Daniel, NYAC 3:59:14
 8. Bob Falciola, Shore AC 3:59:17 9. Max Gould, Toronto (1st Master)
 4:06:21 10. Bob Mimm, Shore AC (2nd Master) 4:10:33 11. Gary Bywaters,
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 (3rd B) 4:17:51 13. Paul Robertson, CW (4th B) 4:19:00 14. Kurt Engel,
 USPMA (5th B) 4:20:33 15. Sam DeLosSantos, SAC (6th B) 4:21:11 16.
 Rich Olson, CW (7th B) 4:22:03 17. Wes Mathews, CW (8th B) 4:24:45
 18. Cliff Mimm, SAC and Mark Rauscher, SAC (9th B) 4:25:28 20. Lou
 Stallesner, SAC (11th B) 4:26:42 21. George Lattarulo, North Medford
 4:26:43 22. Roger Froats, Burg. (12th B) 4:30:20 23. Ed Skolsky, Burg
 (13th B) 4:30:53 24. Bruce Douglas 4:36:52 25. Mike Renchik, Burg. and
 Roger Froats, Burg. (14th B) 4:40:00 27. Ray Floriani, Sr. and Ben Ott-
 mer, both SAC 4:42:21 (3rd Masters) 29. Bob Segal, Hunter Col.
 (16th B) 4:44:20 30. Alan Wood (5th Masters) 4:50:53 31. Tom McGrath, N
 North Medford 4:52:06 32. Steve Erechtman, Hunter Col. (17th B) 5:06:29.

Columbia, Mo., Aug. 15—After overcoming early leader Dan O'Connor at
 about 25 Km, Larry Young moved to an easy victory in the National Sen-
 ior 50 Km Walk today with an outstanding time of 4:11:08. Although
 better than 10 minutes over his time in the Munich Olympics, when he fin-
 ished third, this is Larry's second best ever and about 2 minutes ahead
 of his time in the Trials for that Munich race. Although he wasn't
 quite ready for 20 Km in June it appears he is super fit for 50 and
 should offer a strong challenge to the Europeans in the World Champi-
 onship race in Sweden in September.

O'Connor led at 20 Km in a swift 1:39:51. Larry caught him around
 25 Km and was 2:05:42 at that point. He then went on to walk the second
 half slightly faster without opposition. Meanwhile, his teammate, Augie
 Hirt, a good Ohio native, moved from fourth in the second half of the
 race and finished in a superb 4:19:44, about 11 minutes under his pre-
 vious best. Augie has maintained a rather low profile this year but was
 pointing for this race and was certainly ready on the day. O'Connor
 faded the second half of the race but held off Floyd Godwin for third
 and was also well under his personal best with 4:23:13. Floyd, after
 failing to make the Olympic qualifying standard at 20, concentrated his
 training at 50 and was rewarded with his best race in a good while and
 only 2 minutes off his 1973 Lugano Cup performance.

The weather assisted with the fast times for the leaders. After
 a couple weeks of muggy heat it cooled for this day. At the 5:30 a.m.
 start (designed to beat the heat) it was only 60 and it never got over
 70. Further, the sun stayed under for the first 4 hours. It was a
 flat course on a 1 mile 62 yard 2 foot lap (3 laps equal 5 Km). The
 course was accurately measured and then remeasured after the race by
 Young and Hirt who were somewhat suspicious of their fast clockings.

Following Godwin, Bob Rosencrantz also turned in a personal best by
 a considerable margin as he walked in fifth all the way. Paul Ide and
 Randy Mimm moved through the field the second half of the race to take
 the next two spots as Alan Price and Tom Knatt faded. As Tom gets tough
 at the shorter races he seems to be losing his earlier skills at the
 long ones.

The first three qualified for the World 50 Km. Young and Hirt are
 definitely going. Dan O'Connor, however, is just starting a new teaching
 position and did not feel he would be able to take the time off. God-
 win was uncertain if he could afford the trip so Rosencrantz could be
 the third man. Whichever of the three goes, it will be a good team if
 all members can duplicate their performances. One would hope that in
 his present form, Larry Young will be quite a bit faster in a competitive
 situation. The results:

1. Larry Young, Columbia TC 4:11:08 2. Augie Hirt, Columbia TC 4:19:44
 3. Dan O'Connor, NYAC 4:23:13 4. Floyd Godwin, Colorado TC 4:25:45 5.
 Bob Rosencrantz, U. Of Washington 4:31:36 6. Paul Ide, Columbia TC
 4:45:14 7. Randy Mimm, Columbia, TC 4:46:32 8. Alan Price, Capitol
 Walkers 4:49:42 9. Tom Knatt, NYC 5:05:54 10. Jim Murchie, LIAC
 5:06:58 11. Bob Chapin 5:25:09 12. Chuck Hunter, Colorado TC 5:26:33
 13. Bob Falciola, Shore AC 5:27:33 14. Jim Breitenbacher, Columbia TC
 5:31:08 15. Rob Spier, Columbia TC 5:46:06 16. Leonard Eisen, Colum-
 bia TC 6:25:15

SIMU, SWEDEN WIN WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL

Copenhagen, Aug. 14—Margareta Simu of Sweden led all the way to easily
 win the Women's International 5 Km walk today in 23:48.2. Simu's vic-
 tory also gave the Swedes the narrowest of wins in the team race as
 they were even with Great Britain on points. (Lugano Cup scoring was
 used. With 9 teams and three women scoring for each, the winner re-
 ceived 28 points, second 26, third 25, and so on down to 1 for 27th.
 Actually, there was no 27th in team scoring as Canada had only two en-
 trants.)

In an accompanying 10 Km race, the Swedes won much more easily with
 only young Susan Liers of the U.S. breaking up their first four. Siv
 Gustavsson won this one in 50:50.4. Her 25:15 split at 5 Km would have
 placed her 8th in that race. Both races were on the track. In total
 scoring for the two races, the U.S. placed second as only four of the
 nine teams competed at 10 km.

In the 5, only Marion Fawkes of Great Britain challenged Simu at all.
 At the mile Simu was 7:24.6 to Fawkes 7:29.1. Third at this point was
 Jaqueline Delassaus of France in 7:35.3, with Sue Brodock in fourth at
 7:43.1. By 3 Km, Simu had stretched her lead to 22 seconds as she went
 through in 14:08.6. It was not a good day for Sue Brodock, as she had
 faded to 9th by this time in 15:16. Laurie Tucholski was also having
 her troubles as she dropped from 12th at the mile (8:03.2) to 16th at
 3 Km (15:33). Laurie, however, held her pace to the finish and got back
 up to 11th in 25:59.6, just a few seconds off her best as Sue faded fur-
 ther to 12th at the finish.

At 10 Km, Susan Liers gave it all she had from the start. Gustavsson
 was off by herself all the way, but Susan led the rest for the first 3
 Km (15:55 to Gustavsson's 14:56) then dropped to third (26:51) at 5 and
 fourth finally. Eileen Smith also walked well, hanging in ninth and
 tenth all the way.

A week later, the U.S. team was able to compete in the Danish Champi-
 onship and Brodock and Tucholski went 1-2 in 24:42 and 25:22, a personal

best for Laurie by about half a minute. This race was also on the track in Odense. Unfortunately, I don't have the full results yet. I was vacationing when Laurie got back and have only had a chance to talk a few minutes on the phone with her before she left for Toledo for the weekend. Here are the results of the International races, though:

5 Km—1. Margareta Simu, Swed. 23:48.2 2. Marian Fawkes, GB 24:24 3. Thorild Gylder, Norway 24:28 4. Jacqueline Delassaux, France 24:38 5. Carol Tyson, GB 24:53 6. Elisabeth Olsson, Swed. 24:56.2 7. Judy Farr, GB 25:07 8. Margareta Olsson, Swed. 25:18 9. Maria Hellestrom, Swed. 25:38 10. Frygdis Hilsen, Norway 25:47 11. Laurie Tucholski, USA 25:59.6 12. Susan Erodock, USA 25:08.8 13. Monica Elockler, WG 26:11 14. Mia Kjelberg, Norway 26:18 15. Sylvia Saunder, GB 26:31 16. Margot Vetterli, Switz. 26:33 17. Jeanine, Piroux, France 26:45 18. Jacinthe Theberge, Canada 26:50 19. Gerd Gylder, Norway 27:05.2 20. Dominique Terraz, France 27:13 21. Cindy Johnson, USA 27:21.4 22. Sylvie Fortin, Can. 27:22 23. Mary Beth Lang, USA 28:05.8 24. Charlotte Hansen, Den. 28:16.2 25. Tina Thomsen, Den. 28:19.4 26. Laila Nielsen, Den. 28:21 27. Renate Handschke, WG 28:58.4 28. Nicole Beauriox, Fr. 29:14 29. Edith Hapt, Switz. 29:24.4 30. Lore Luxemburger, WG 29:47.2 31. Angele Staffoni, Switz. 29:51.0 32. Hanni Messerli, Switz. 29:51.4 33. Astrid Schiller, WG 29:52.6

Teams: 1. Sweden—70 2. Great Britain—70 3. Norway—59 4. France—48 5. USA—45 6. Germany—24 7. Canada—21 8. Denmark—21 9. Switzerland—20

10 Km—1. Siv Gustavsson, Swed. 50:50.4 2. Monica Karlsson, Swed. 52:42.6 3. Ann Jansson, Swed. 53:36.4 4. Susan Liers, USA 54:12.2 5. Berit Karlsson, Swed. 54:39.2 6. Karin Moller, Denmark 56:59.8 7. Heike Penner, WG 57:14.2 8. Regine Broders, WG 57:47.6 9. Eileen Smith, USA 58:17.4 10. Gerda Bornwasser, WG 58:47.8 11. Ulla Kristiansen, Den. 59:58.2 12. Chris Borsoman, USA 62:23.8 13. Marianns Voigt, Den. 64:42.4. Teams: 1. Sweden—79 (34) 2. Germany—62 (17) 3. USA—61 (16) 4. Denmark—57 (12) (The numbers in parenthesis represent what I feel the scoring should have been, which of course doesn't alter the outcome. Apparently they scored as if there were still 9 teams, giving 28 for first and so on. With only four teams competing, first should have been worth 13)

SOVIET ACES DEFEAT SCULLY AND LAIRD

College Park, Md., Aug. 6 (From Paul Robertson)—Soviet race walking stars Vladimir Golubnichiy and Otto Bartsch gave their U.S. counterparts, Todd Scully and Ron Laird, a lesson in pacing today as they walked side by side for 20 kilometers to a photofinish in an electronically timed 1:30:40.51. Golubnichiy was given the nod over his teammate "by a shoulder" according to the chief judge. Scully, who had stayed with the USSR duo for three quarters of the race was about 150 meters behind in 1:31:21.33. A fast-closing Laird was only slightly further back in 1:31:24.02. The event was part of the annual US-Soviet dual trackmeet.

The Soviets appeared to be content to let Scully set the opening pace on the flat course on the Maryland campus as they went through 5 Km tightly bunched at 23:00. Ron Laird appeared to be laboring somewhat as he fell 3 seconds behind the rest, who were again bunched at 45:50 for 10 Km. The tempo of the race picked up noticeably during the next 3 Km, but its character remained the same, Scully out front, with the smooth-striding Golubnichiy and the somewhat more roughshod Bartsch a step behind. Then, very suddenly as Scully slowed for a few steps just before 15 Km, the Soviets took command. A step in front at 15 Km in

68:05 they gradually drew away to their maximum lead with about 2 Km to go. All four walkers had strong finishes as Scully posted his personal best. Following the halfway point, Laird nearly caught up then fell nearly 20 seconds back at 15 Km, but was driving at the end, looking as if he would have had third place given another lap to do it.

Race conditions were those of a typical Washington evening in August—terrible for distance competition. The 5:30 p.m. temperature of 85 F had cooled only a couple of degrees by the end of the race and was accompanied by about 50 percent humidity and an air quality index of about 100, the level at which the atmosphere is declared hazardous to health and those with respiratory problems are told to stay home. Scully's hesitation at 14.7 Km was accompanied by a coughing spell, which may or may not have been related to the high concentration of photochemical oxidants.

SLATTERY COPS THIRD STRAIGHT JUNIOR 20 KM TITLE

West Long Branch, N.J., Aug. 1—By virtue of a strong consistent pace, Dennis Slattery overhauled leader Herman Beaulieu of Canada with about 2 miles to go and went on to win the Junior National 20 Km Walk for the third straight year. Beaulieu, seemingly in command, fell victim to the warmer temperatures of New Jersey (85F) and faded badly in the last quarter of the race but hung on to second spot. Tim McCoy, a newcomer, checked in with an impressive third while the performance of fourth place (officially given first place in women's division) Susan Liers was the news of the day. Susan's 1:53:40 rates her fourth fastest woman in the world for the roads and best American ever. Margaret Simu has the all-time best at 1:47:09. Susan was about 5 minutes ahead of Jeanne Bocci's previous American best.

Miss Liers was also the cause of some controversy following the race. Her fourth place finish, if she was accepted as a bonafide competitor, led the Long Island AC to the team title. She had been declared as a member of the LIAC team on the starting line but it was not until it became apparent that the team was on its way to the title that someone protested her official presence. It was not until Elliott Denman returned from Montreal to make an official ruling that the final results were known, with Miss Liers, not surprisingly, classified as a woman and the Burgettstown Sports Club given the team title. Official results: 1. Dennis Slattery, Lowell Boys Club 1:48:43.3 2. Herman Beaulieu, Can. 1:51:33 3. Tim McCoy, un. 1:52:03 4. Tim Good, Capitol Walkers 1:55:50 5. Ron Day, LIAC 1:57:46 6. Sam DeLosSantos, Shore AC 1:58:47 7. Roger Froats, Burg. SC 2:02:51 8. John McKeegan, LIAC 2:04:09 9. Mike Renheck, ESC 2:06:33 10. Mike Danko, Middleton, Conn. TC 2:07:40 11. Ron Froats, ESC 2:09:30 12. Ed Skulski, ESC 2:11:07 13. Cliff Minna, Shore AC 2:15:56 14. Thomas McGrath, North Bedford Club 2:18:08 15. Gary Powell, SAC 2:27:38 16. Andy Sedlak, ESC 2:28:54 17. Jay Elehi, ESC 2:29:01 18. Angel Ayala, SAC 2:42:25 (Leaders splits: Beaulieu 27:06, 53:30, 1:20:51; Slattery 27:20, 54:22, 1:21:29; McCoy 27:41, 55:22, 1:23:49; Liers 28:24, 56:19, 1:25:00)

OTHER RESULTS:

WOMEN'S NAAU 10 KM, Smithtown, NY, Aug. 7—1. Susan Liers, LIAC 54:07.4 (8:39, 17:19, 25:58, 34:45, 43:38, 52:23) 2. Eileen Smith, NYC PAL 58:22.2 (8:47, 18:05, 27:30, 37:13, 46:56, 56:27) 3. Chris Borsoman, Woodside Striders (Cal.) 62:53 4. Mary Beth Lange 64:17.6 5. Laureon DeSotel, Woodside Striders 68:57.4 6. Mary Harrison, Woodside Striders

69:04 7. Denise Romansky, Dusterette TC (Dave's daughter, no less)
 72:52 8. Justine Endres, Dusterette TC 74:55 9. Claudia Silva, NYC PAL
 77:24--Actually a girl's race as Liers and Lange were the oldest at 17.
 Interesting how close the first three came to exactly duplicating their
 times a week later in Copenhagen.
10 Km (track), Smithtown, NY, July 23--1. John Shilling 55:15 2. Susan
Liers 55:40 (just coming off injuries at that time) 3. Gary Westerfield
55:40 4. Ron Day 56:40 5. Mary Beth Lange 65:08 1 Mile, Centereach, N.Y.
July 6--1. Ron Day 7:32 2. Some guy with wild shorts who never came
back 3. George Graf 8:59 1 Mile, Centereach, July 13--1. Gary Wester-
field 7:15.1 2. Ron Day 7:35 3. George Graf 7:46 4. Mary Beth Lange
9:10 1 Mile, Centereach, July 20--1. Westerfield 7:14 2. Graf 7:39 3.
Day 7:42 4. Lange 8:59 5. Liers 8:59 1 Mile, Centereach, July 27--1.
Liers 7:37 2. Westerfield 7:38 3. Day 7:42 4. Graf 7:49
5 Km Hden, West Long Branch, N.J., July 19 (actual times shown)--1. Ray
Floriani Sr. 29:55 2. Ray Floriani Jr. 29:32 (fast time) 3. Ben Ottmer
26:33 4. Bob Falciola 25:43 5. Cliff Mimm 29:31 6. Steve Eackles 36:26
5 Km, West Long Branch, July 26--1. Ray Floriani 24:04 2. Bob Mimm 25:43
3. Ben Ottmer 26:33 4. Sam DeLosSantos 27:01 5. Cliff Mimm 32:10
1 Mile, Ocean Twp., N.J., July 28--1. Ray Floriani 7:02 5 Km Hden, West
Long Branch, Aug. 2--1. Larry Wolfe 31:00 (first ever race) 2. Dr. Dan
Marzano 32:03 3. Mark Rauscher 28:03 4. Ray Floriani 29:21 (fast time)
5. Bob Mimm 25:18 2 Mile, Lakewood, N.J., Aug. 3--1. Ray Floriani 14:31
2. Bob Mimm 16:06 3. Ben Ottmer 16:21 4. Sam De Los Santos 16:32 5.
Cliff Mimm 17:17 6. Fred Spector 17:32 2 Mile, Lakewood, Aug. 17--1.
Ray Floriani 14:24.5 2. Bob and Cliff Mimm 17:02 4. Ben Ottmer 17:24
10 Km, Hazlet, N.J., Aug. 22--1. Bob Mimm 55:03 2. Mike Angrove 58:00
(British Junior 5 Mile winner in 1975, apparently suffered more than
somewhat in the high heat and humidity) 3. Ben Ottmer 60:00 5 Km, West
Long Branch, Aug. 23--1. Ray Floriani 24:11 2. Bob Falciola 25:57 3.
Bob Mimm 26:47 4. Ben Ottmer 27:30 5. Ben Brown 28:32 6. Ben Davison
28:34 7. Cliff Mimm 29:02 8. Verdell Ivory 29:27 9. Lou Stallworth
29:42 10. Ray Floriani Sr. 30:30 2 Mile, Lakewood, N.J., Aug. 24--1.
Ray Floriani 14:32 2. Bob Mimm 16:10 3. Ben Ottmer 16:19 4. Cliff Mimm
17:39 5. Egon Glass 19:29 3 Mile, Fredonia, N.Y., Aug. 21--1. Ray
Floriani 22:28 2. Larry Naukum 23:01 3. Sal Corrallo 24:26 4. Alan
Wilson 25:01 5. Peter Timmons 26:33 6. Gary Bywaters 26:41 7. Dan
Stanek 26:45 8. Will Lederer 26:56 9. Jim Jonas 27:05 10. Rick Merr-
ian 28:11 11. Dan Lawrence 28:39 12. Vera Newman (age 11) 32:07 13.
Doug Merrian 32:09 14. Dr. Ed Doran 43:01 (age 80 and a long-time ORW
subscriber) USTFF Master's 1 Mile, California, Pa., June--1. Sal Corrallo
7:27 6 Mile, same place--1. Sal Corrallo 48:48 2. Jim Johnson
50 Mile, Ft. Neade, Md., Aug. 14-15--1. Tom Hamilton 9:51:36 2. Wes Math-
ews 10:20:10 3. Paul Robertson 10:28:30 4. Bruce Douglas 11:34--The
first three were in their first try at anything over 40 Km, which they had
done just 2 weeks earlier and went out a bit faster than necessary but
hung on to finish 24 Hour, same time and place--Capital Racewalkers Team
155 miles 1181 yards--Steve DiBernardo 7:30.2 average, Carl Schueler 7:55
ave., Sal Corrallo 8:13.9, Tim Good 8:14.4, Ruth Hamilton 10:35.9, Gwen
Good 11:29.7, Joan Threadgill 11:49.7--The first four did 24 miles, Ham-
ilton 1181 yards of her 24th, Threadgill 23, and Good 13. The performance
is less than 6 1/2 miles off the listed record by 9 Colorado TC men. However,
the race was stopped for about an hour after 5:47 because of a severe
thunderstorm, which, I suppose, would negate it for record purposes.
DiBernardo's impressive performance showed miles of 7:30, 7:26, 7:29, 7:47,

7:31, 7:28, 7:39, 7:25, 7:22, 7:22, 7:24, 7:21, 7:14, 7:10, 7:19, 7:43,
 7:25, 5:57*, 9:34*, 7:30, 8:00, 7:26, 7:46, 7:26--*lap counting error,
 went only 3 laps on one so did 5 the next. 2.5 Mile, Takoma Park, MD.,
 July 4--1. Rich Olson 22:02 2. Wes Mathews 22:45 3. Paul Robertson
 23:02 2 Mile, Langley, Va., July 8--1. Rich Olson 17:55 2. Paul Robert-
 son 18:20 3. Wes Mathews 18:40 FLASH!--A result my wife just rescued
 from the floor that should have appeared earlier, since I go in some
 sort of arbitrary geographic progression. 10 Km, Lewiston, Maine, July
 31--1. Randy Easter 52:23 2. Steve Vaitones 52:33 3. Bruce Douglas
 54:17 4. Mike Cooper 60:37 5. Steve Ross 60:38 1 Mile, Washington,
 July 25--1. Alan Price 6:59.5 2. Tim Good 7:32.5 5 Km, Lakeland, Fla.,
 July 31--1. Joe Sherman 25:17 2. John Scimone 28:28 3. Norman Knott
 28:47 4. H.C. Stephenson 29:41 5. Mike Sherman 31:53 6. Missy Bullers
 (12) 34:45 7. Sandi Kiernan (8) 35:41 8. Debbie Slapa (11) 35:44
 1 Hour, Florida, Aug. 1--1. Ruck Ehrgood, Shore AC 6 mi 595 yds 2. John
 Scimone 6 mi 30 yds 3. Norman Knott 5 mi 1672 yds 10 Km, Columbus, Ohio,
 Aug. 6--1. Steve Pecinovskiy 50:09 2. Jack Mortland 50:18 3. Laurie
 Tucholski 51:36 4. Jim Lewis 68:35 5. Dr. George Knox 69:30 6 Mile,
 Maplewood, Ohio, Aug. 13--1. Steve Pecinovskiy 50:45 2. Jack Mortland
 51:50 3. Bob Smith 58:45--Okay, I agree. One course, or both, must be
 a little off. The weather was about the same for both races (relatively
 cool) and Steve and I agreed the effort was comparable, so it shouldn't
 have taken longer to walk 6 miles than 10 Km. (Except in my case because
 I forgot to change from my heavy, cloddish tennis shoes into my walking
 shoes before the race. Legs were heavy at a quarter mile at which time
 I looked down and realized my error. The proper shoes were in the car,
 which was better than 3 weeks earlier when I forgot even to take them
 with me and walked in Laurie's spares. Nonetheless, that explains why
 I was so much further back than a week earlier. Anyway, it appears to
 me that Steve's 10 Km course may be slightly short but probably over 6
 miles and Bob's 6 mile could be a little long.) 15 Km, Columbus, Aug.
 20--1. Steve Pecinovskiy 1:19:10 2. Jack Mortland 1:19:34 3. Bill
 Emmerton 1:29:30 4. Jim Lewis 1:59--same 5 Km loop as used for the Aug.
 6 10 Km. Steve did 26:00 and 52:08 before slowing somewhat the last
 lap in a very hot sun. Mortland had 26:18, 52:34 and then closed to
 about 12 seconds with a mile to go before Steve rallied to pull away
 once more.) Michigan AAU, July 10--Girl's 10-11 1 Mile: 1. Kelly Walker
 10:26 Girl's 14-15 1 Mile: 1. Myra Shannon 9:26 2. Jenny Dropshaw
 9:50 1 Mile, Ann Arbor, July 27--1. Bill Walker 7:30 (also 5:00 for 1
 Mile run) Women's 1 Mile, same place--1. Jenny Dropshaw 9:43 4 Mile,
 Detroit, July 29--1. Jerry Bocci 33:42 2. Martin Kraft 34:19 5 Km,
 Detroit, Aug. 12--1. Bill Walker 24:27 2. Martin Kraft 25:30 3. Leon
 Jasiewicz 27:42 4. Dave Shaw 30:50 Women's Division: 1. Jenny Drop-
 shaw 32:01 2 Mile, Boulder, Colo., Aug. 3--1. Floyd Godwin 15:24.5 2.
 Greg McGuire 15:57.9 3. Bob Carlson 19:20.3 2 Mile, Boulder, Aug. 10--
 1. Floyd Godwin 14:50.8 2. Marco Evoniuk 16:30.5 3. Paul Lightsey
 17:11.4 4. Pete Van Arsdale 17:45.6 10 Km, Procmfield, Colo., Aug. 21--
 1. Greg McGuire 51:29.8 2. Marco Evoniuk 51:32 3. John Tarin 52:58
 4. Paul Lightsey 54:46 5. Pete Van Arsdale 55:19 6. Bob Carlson 56:09
 7. Randy Blum 65:00 Women's 5 Km, same place--1. Norma Howett 30:50
 2. Lynn Udick 32:10 1 Mile, Woodland Hills, Cal., July 23--1. Dave
 Hall 7:44 Women: 1. Chirs Ramirez 8:12 2. Sharlene McGinley 8:29
 3. Trisha Ramirez 9:33 1 Mile, Woodland Hills, June 30--1. Ray Parker
 7:33 Women: 1. Vicki Cook 7:33 (World Age 12 record) 1 Mile, Seattle,
 June 8--1. Steve Geiver 7:21 2. Phil Millard 8:00 3. Paul Kaald 8:02
 4. Dick Arkley 8:06 5 Km, Seattle, June 15--1. Steve Geiver 24:35

2. Evan Shull 24:39 3. Phil Millard 26:57 4. Paul Perkins 27:50 5. Paul Kaald 28:18 1 Mile, Seattle, June 22—1. Steve DiBernardo 7:21
 2. Perkins 7:52 3. Kaald 7:55 5 Km, Seattle, June 29—1. DiBernardo 23:39 2. Millard 27:29 3. Dick Arkeley 27:54 4. Kaald 28:06 5. George Edwards 28:21 3 Km, Seattle, July 6—1. DiBernardo 13:38 2. Kaald 16:18
 3. Edwards 16:41 4. Claude Wrathall 17:16 MW Jr. Olympics, Cheney, Wash., July 31: Boy's 1 Mile—1. Greg Hack 7:29.7 2. Walt Rainey 7:35
 3. Phil Millard 7:47 Girl's 1 Mile—1. Julie Partridge 8:59.8 2. Stacy Hoel 9:08

ORW FLOWS IT!

In probably the most infamous journalistic faux pas since the Chicago Tribune gave Thomas Dewey the 1948 presidential election, the Ohio Race-walker called Vladimir Golubnichiy out of the Olympic 20 Km. ORW—you were wrong. He finished seventh, as flat on the ground and legal as ever. However, it was an honest mistake. It seems that Domingo Colin, who was disqualified, was wearing number 7. When this information went to the official scorers they took it as seventh place and the original results on the scoreboard showed Golubnichiy disqualified. This was the information that our correspondent, Pete Van Arsdale, was operating on. No news accounts showed places beyond seventh, other than placings of the U.S. walkers, so neither Pete nor I had any way to know that the scoreboard was wrong. I got the complete, official results from Tom Knatt the day before the ORW came from the printer—too late to correct the error. I thought about writing a brief note like "Gol. 7th, not DQ'd" at the bottom of each, but decided it wasn't worth the bother. As it turns out, perhaps Bautista should have been disqualified. At any rate, the Aug. 21 issue of Athletics Weekly has a photo of him near the finish and as clearly off the ground as you will ever see anyone in a still photo. Interesting, because everyone seems agreed that he is a beautiful stylist. In any case, here are the full results, with 5 Km splits, followed by Bob Bowman's commentary on the race.

1. Daniel Bautista, Mex.	21:12.4	42:24.2	1:03:45	1:24:40.6
2. Hans-Georg Reimann, EG	21:22.1	42:28.0	1:03:46	1:25:13.8
3. Peter Frenkel, EG	21:12.0	42:23.6	1:03:45	1:25:29.4
4. K.H. Stadtmuller, EG	21:22.2	42:25.8	1:03:56	1:26:50.6
5. Raul Gonzalez, Mex.	21:13.1	42:54.5	1:05:59	1:28:18.2
6. Armando Zambaldo, Italy	21:46.8	43:44.1	1:06:04	1:28:25.2
7. Vladimir Golubnichiy, USSR	21:29.9	43:31.9	1:06:05	1:29:24.6
8. Vittorio Visini, Italy	22:02.5	44:25.3	1:07:16	1:29:31.6
9. Gerard Lelievre, France	22:13.6	44:39.3	1:07:16	1:29:53.6
10. Roberto Baccione, Italy	22:14.3	44:43.5	1:07:49	1:30:40.0
11. Brian Adams, GB	22:13.1	44:41.5	1:07:23	1:30:48.2
12. Ross Haywood, Australia	22:50.7	45:31.1	1:08:05	1:30:59.2
13. Otto Hartsch, USSR	21:48.0	43:44.9	1:06:49	1:31:12.4
14. Olly Flynn, GB	22:02.4	45:31.8	1:08:57	1:31:42.4
15. Viktor Semenov, USSR	22:03.3	44:33.1	1:07:29	1:31:59.0
16. Imre Stankovics, Hung.	22:34.3	45:22.4	1:09:00	1:32:06.6
17. Jan Cernoch, Poland	22:20.0	44:54.0	1:08:23	1:32:19.2
18. Gerhard Weidner, WG	23:00.1	46:04.0	1:09:34	1:32:56.8
19. Ernesto Alfaro, Columbia	22:26.5	45:14.9	1:09:30	1:32:56.8
20. Ron Laird, USA	22:50.0	46:02.1	1:09:02	1:33:27.6
21. Boguslaw Duda, Poland	22:37.6	45:40.5	1:09:31	1:33:53.4
22. Larry Walker, USA	22:36.9	45:58.8	1:10:08	1:34:19.4

23. Marcel Jobin, Canada	22:04.3	45:24.8	1:09:37	1:34:33.4
24. Vinko Galusic, Yug.	22:20.9	46:10.8	1:10:56	1:34:46.8
25. Godfried Dejonckere, Bel.	22:31.6	46:47.9	1:09:53	1:35:03.8
26. Bengt Simonsen, Sweden	23:22.9	46:25.1	1:10:46	1:35:31.8
27. Santiago Fonseca, Honduras	22:53.9	47:40.3	1:11:14	1:36:07.0
28. Lucien Faber, Luxembourg	22:29.0	45:45.7	1:10:30	1:36:21.2
29. Todd Scully, USA	22:15.1	45:23.3	1:09:34	1:36:57.4
30. Paul Mhill, GB	23:00.7	46:45.0	1:10:12	1:36:40.4
31. Rafael Vega, Columbia	22:58.4	46:47.8	1:11:57	1:37:27.4
32. Khoo Chong Beng, Malaysia	24:50.0	49:57.0	1:15:01	1:40:16.8
33. Pat Farrelly, Canada	24:07.5	49:28.0	1:15:17	1:41:36.2
34. Yoshio Morikawa, Japan	23:03.5	46:49.5	1:12:53	1:42:20.6
35. Alex Oakley, Canada	24:49.0	50:51.3	1:17:11	1:44:08.8
36. Hank Klein, Virgin Islands	25:56.4	52:57.8	1:21:15	1:50:50.4
Bernd Kannenberg, WG	22:27.5	DNF		
Domingo Colin, Mex.	21:13.5	42:26.8	DQ	
Temperature 25.6 C, Humidity 58 percent				

Bob's comments: It was a large, class field, as you can see, from 21 countries. The splits tell pretty much how things went; the Mexicans and East Germans breaking away at the start (1:27 at the quarter) to open up on the field. Gonzalez dropped back about 50 yards at 5 Km and was never able to get back with the leaders. Neither were any of the rest as the pace was so torrid. Colin was pulled just after 10 Km leaving the three East German's and Bautista in front with Gonzalez about 150 yards behind. By 15 Km Stadtmuller started to drop back slightly but Reimann and Frenkel were easily matching stride for stride with Bautista, who looked very relaxed and smooth and very legal. With a lap to go on the 8-lap course, Bautista took off and pulled away from his veteran challengers.

As you can see from the results many big names were well back. The fast pace really hurt some of them, especially the Soviets, but then again, if you didn't stay close you were out of the medal hunt. Our guys walked well considering. Scully went out fairly hard, then came Larry, then Ron and this probably helps account for them finishing in reverse order of their 5 Km positions.

Ron and I talked to the Mexicans and their coach, Jerzy Hausleber, after the race. He felt this win will really help promote race walking in Mexico, especially among younger athletes. "Pedraza's medal brought individuals out, but this win will bring programs out." The race strategy was not to lose contact but Gonzales felt tight and started to fall back around 7 km. He was very nervous before the race. They depend on fluid and flexible strides, so by being tight and not relaxed his stride was too short.

Between now and the next Olympics they want all world records for Mexico. They hope to teach race walking in Mexico and keep the sport going. They do have money from the Mexican federation for promotion of the sport apparently. Hausleber is uncertain as to his future plans. Both Colin and Bautista were born on Aug. 4, 1952 and Gonzales on March 20, 1952. Bautista will be married on Aug. 9 in Monterey.

Three weeks before coming to Montreal, the Mexicans, including the second string of Aroche, Vera, and Flores, spent 3 weeks training in Bolivia at 4200 meters latitude. At 7 a.m. they did 25, 30, 35, or 40 Km and at 4 p.m. another 5-8 Km. Four days after they left La Paz they did a 10 Km "explosion" as they call it in Vera Cruz. This was 1 week

before the Games. Times were 39:40 for Bautista, 39:45 for Colin, and 40:02 for Gonzales! In the 20 Bautista felt so good he said he could have gone another 10 or 15 Km and that he only pushed hard the last lap. Frenkel indicated that he and Reimann will retire and he will be a sports photographer. Golubhichiy and Bartsch also plan to retire.

One last comment on the judging. It was weak although the standard of walking was generally good as far as I could see. Several of us were taking movies so perhaps we will be able to tell more later. The consensus of knowledgeable observers on the course was that Colin was solid and that Stadtmuller was his usual bouncy self. Reimann was always close. Bautista and Frenkel were very good always walking in control. Golubhichiy looked bad toward the end while trying to make up ground--appeared to be pushing off. The Italians walked a tough race as did little Frenchman, Lelievre. Several nights later I ran into Gerard in a cafe with a very attractive blond! Apparently he is also very fast off the course. The English ran into much the same problems our guys did despite gutty performances. Ornoch was creeping and should have been pulled as should have several lesser names. The big disappointment had to be Kammerberg though. He never really got going and was laboring throughout and finally dropped out after 15 Km while in around 28th place. I understand he has some injury problems. His form was way off as well.

A final note from your editor--Colin Young reports in Athletics Weekly that it was decided in Montreal to retain the 20 Km in the program for Moscow. However, any decision to reinstate the 50 will not be made until early next year. According to Bowman, a Hungarian who is in charge of the Olympic Program for the IOC does not like events which depend on judging with the human eye. (They had best throw out gymnastics and diving then, too, as well as figure skating and perhaps ski jumping from the Winter Games.)

Back to results:

30 Km, Sweden, June 20--1. Bengt Simonsen 2:19:32 10 Km, Helsinki, Aug. 11--1. Reina Salonen 41:19.6 UNITED KINGDOM-Poland 20 Km, London, July 3 (track--very hot) 1. Bohdan Bulakowski, Pol. 1:36:47 2. Roger Mills, GB 1:39:17 3. Amos Seddon 1:40:16 4. Stuart Elms, guest 1:40:20 (Mills 22:41 at 5, Bulakowski 46:57 and 1:11:46 at 10 and 15) 1 Mile, Edinburgh Aug. 6--1. Boguslaw Duda, Poland 6:06.4 (world best) 2. Roger Mills 6:10.1 (former world's best at 6:08.9) 3. Graham Saetter, NZ 6:35.0 4. Carl Lawton 6:35.0 5. Amos Seddon 6:36.4 6. Alan Buchanan 6:40.7 7. Mike Holmes 6:42.3 8. Steve Gower 6:54.8 (Mills led at 440 and 880 in 83.4 and 2:55.91) 3 Km, London, Aug. 13--1. Roger Mills 12:22.6 2. Graham Saetter 13:01.4 3. Ken Carter 13:06 BRITISH NATIONAL 50 Km, Birmingham, July 17--1. Roy Thorpe 4:23:43 (age 42) 2. Carl Lawton 4:26:01 3. Bob Dobson 4:26:27 4. Paul Selty 4:27:48 5. Charlie Fogg 4:29:20 6. Peter Hodgkinson 4:32:12 7. John Warhurst 4:35:50 8. Alec Banyard 4:35:35 9. Adrian James 4:39:22 10. Ian Richards 4:43:05--22 under 5 hours. Hot and humidity and the many dropouts included Roger Mills, Amos Seddon, and Shaun Lightman. International Match: Switzerland, Spain, France, and Belgium, June 20: 20 Km--1. Godfried Dojonckheere, Bel. 1:32:55 2. J. Marin, Spain 1:33:03 3. D. Guebey, Fr. 1:37:52 4. W. Poncio, Switz 1:38:54 5. J.P. Carrang, Fr. 1:39:14 6. S. Mercia y, Switz 1:39:44 7. A. Vanwittenberghe, Bel. 1:40:12--Belgium--23, France--23 Switz--19, Spain--14 50 Km: 1. L. Gauthier, Fr. 4:27:13 2. A. Jorba, Spain 4:32:09 3. M. Leveque, Fr. 4:33:10 4. M. Vallotton, Switz. 4:36:12 5. C. Halloy, Bel. 4:39:21 6. J.P. Daguesse, Fr. 4:40:42 France--30, Switz--18, Spain--16, Belgium--15. Overall: France--53, Belgium--38, Switzerland--37, Spain--30.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sat. Sept. 11--15 Km, Columbia, Mo., 9 a.m. (D)
30 Km, Ames, Ia., 8 a.m. (J)
10 Km, Womens 5 Km, Washington, D.C. (E)
- Sun. Sept. 12--RMAAU 1 Hour, Lafayette, Col., 1:30 p.m. (F)
- Sat. Sept. 18--10 Km, Columbia, Mo., 9 a.m. (D)
7 Mile, 3.8 Mile Women, Washington, D.C. (E)
- Sun. Sept. 19--10 Km, Bancroft, Ontario, 1 p.m. (Z)
- Wed. Sept. 22--Michigan AAU 10 Km, Detroit, 6:30 p.m. (X)
- Sat. Sept. 25--16.3 Mile, Columbia, Mo., 1 p.m. (D)
9 Mile, 4.8 Mile Women, Washington, D.C. (E)
- Sat. Oct. 2--8 Mile, Columbia, Mo., 9 a.m. (D)
9 Mile, Womens 4.8 Mile, Washington, D.C. (E)
- Sun. Oct. 3--6 Mile, Womens 3 Mile, Ollie, Ia., 1 p.m. (J)
- Sat. Oct. 9--10 Km, Washington D.C. (E)
- Sun. Oct. 10--30 Km, Lakeland, Fla., 8 a.m. (C)
Iowa 40 Km, Womens 15 Km, 7:30 a.m. (J)
- Wed. Oct. 6--1 Hour, Detroit, 6:30 p.m. (X)
- Wed. Oct. 13--4 Mile, Detroit, 6:30 p.m. (X)
- Sat. Oct. 16--12.8 Mile, Womens 6.4 Mile, Washington, D.C. 1 p.m. (E)
- Sun. Oct. 17--3 Mile, Des Moines, Ia., 1 p.m. (J)
- Sat. Oct. 23--NVAU & Open 30 Km, Columbia, Mo., 10 a.m. (D)
NAAU B AND MASTERS 30 KM, COLUMBIA, 10 a.m. (D)
- Sun. Oct. 24--14 Mile and Womens 7 Mile, Washington, D.C., 1 p.m. (E)
- Sat. Oct. 30--16 Mile and Womens 7 Mile, Washington, D.C., 1 p.m. (E)
- Sun. Oct. 31--Iowa AAU 50 Km, Cedar Rapids, 9 a.m. (J)
- Sat. Nov. 6--RMAAU 30 Km, Longmont, Col., 9 a.m. (F)
17.5 Mile and Womens 7.5 Mile, Alexandria, Va. 10a.m. (E)
- Sun. Nov. 7--10 Km, Lakeland, Fla., 8 a.m. (C)
NAAU SENIOR 35 KM, PITTSBURGH, PA. (V)
- Sun. Nov. 13--20 Km, Columbia, Mo., 9 a.m. (B)
- Sun. Nov. 14--4 Mile and Womens 2 Mile, Brighton, Ia., 2 p.m. (J)
20 Km and Womens 10 Km, Washington, D.C., 1 p.m. (E)

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It strikes me that the schedule is sort of petering out with only a few areas represented. I can't list your races if you don't let me know about them. And you never know what celebrity might drop in on your race because he happens to be in the area--if you publicize it in the pages of the ORW. Also strikes me that I don't see any Ohio races in the schedule. I'm afraid that's because we don't have any schedule--plan the next race as we finish the previous race. But if you are going to be around these parts write me and we might even arrange one just for you.

FROM HEEL TO TOE

Dean Ingram asks me to mention again his willingness to match any contributions to the race walking travel fund especially for something like the Lugano Cup when the AAU is not providing funds. Dean's address is 507 Cobb Building, Seattle, WA 98101. Dean also notes that he will be showing films of both the 20 Km Olympic Trials and Olympics races at the AAU Convention in Phoenix, whenever it is. (I never seem to know about these things.)...Speaking of Olympic films, Pete Van Arsdale reports several takers on his offer to provide copies of his 20 Km Olympic film at cost (\$5.00). If you are interested, contact Pete at the address shown on the previous page....The Second Class Mail dilemma continues. It becomes apparent that the problem, if there is one, is on your end. Delivery in the New York City seems to take anywhere from 3 weeks to a month. Yet Don Jacobs in remote-sounding Tigard, Oregon got his last issue in 4 days, about as good as he would have done First Class. So, although it complicates my bookkeeping and I might make a few mistakes, I will gladly send your copies First Class for an extra two bucks if you feel the Second Class service is just too slow;...Another of our rare mistakes has been called to our attention. The caption on the picture of Shaul Ladary in the April issue has him winning the Senior 100 Km title in record time. Shaul notes that the 7:13:46 he did in that race would indeed be excellent time for 100 Km. It should have been 75 Km.... Mike DeWitt is now in Arizona, divorced by distance from competition, and keeping himself going with solo efforts. He says the only day he regretted not going to races was on the day of the Olympic Trials so he planned a solo 20 on the track. Going out at 7:30 a.m. to beat the heat, he found it was still 88F in the shade and by the time he finished it was 112. He managed a 1:56:40 after 55:30 at 10 Km. He had two exhibition walks at track meets managing 6:59 and 14:49 for 1 and 2 Miles and got in one race with Dan Fitzpatrick in March before an Arizona-Eastern New Mexico track meet. He had 49:25 for 10 Km to Dan's 51:50 in that one. Mike is coaching a girl's high school track and cross country team and had a state high jump champion this spring. He has also been helping coach the Scottsdale TC girls and has one 15-year old down to 8:24 for a mile walk...Regarding the comment in the June ORW from the administrative assistant at Georgetown who complained about the attitudes of the walkers at the US-Canada walks, both Paul Robertson and Sal Corrallo, who were managing the meet, have written to vindicate the walkers. Neither was certain for whom the criticism was intended or why it was given but felt that the walkers on both teams were patient, cooperative, and appreciative throughout the weekend....Recently received a newsletter entitled Walk Talk from a Cpl. Russ Phillips in Canada. Apparently has to do solely with endurance type events but in general the performance don't look that great in comparison to what competitive race walkers are doing over the long haul. For example, under Challenge Events (Lone attempts) we find listed: Dec. 19-25, 1975--Ed Jago set a new world non-stop walk record walking 308 miles in 143 hours at Vivary Park, Taunton, Somerset (The Strasbourg-to-Paris is longer and is regularly won in 70 hours or less); Mar. 1976--Tom Benson of Preston Lancashire bettered Jago's record with 309 miles in approximately 108 hours; April 24-25, 1976--Dan Poore of Albuquerque, N.M. covered 118 miles Free Standing in 24 hours. This is a world record for the time lapse. (Whatever all that means.) Under competitive events is a World Championship 24 Hour in Basington, England on May 22-23 won by J. Brooks with 101 miles followed by Phillips with

94 miles. Under Upcoming Events it is noted that Project International is scheduled for March 1977 in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico with three main events--a 20 Km Race Walk, 24-Hour Free Standing (again, whatever that means), and Endurance Walk. In conjunction with this event is the organization of a long-distance walkers Hall of Fame. It is not known how many will be inducted in the first meeting, but they do need information to complete their statistical work. Send your resume (you could be eligible if you have walked a minimum of 50 miles in a day) to: Mr. Jesse Castenada, 6400 Wyoming Blvd. N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87109. For further information on just what this is all about you might write the editor of Walk Talk: Cpl. Russ Phillips, Box 384, Bushell Park, Saskatchewan, Canada.

LOOKING BACK

10 Years Ago (From the Aug. 1966 ORW)--As now, it was national 40 Km month in Long Branch and Ron Laird prevailed in 3:31:14, some 7 minutes ahead of Ron Kulik. Jim Clinton was third and then came a couple of youngsters, Bob Kitchen and Steve Rehman. The OTC's Chuck Newell was a good 8th in 3:53:12....Chris McCarthy came briefly out of retirement in Chicago to take second in a 15 Km race to Bob Gray (6th in the above 40) in 1:23:01, nearly matching the pace he had carried for 50 Km in Tokyo 2 years before.. A featured article by Corinn Blackburn, Mary Jo Blackburn, and Marty Mortland gave the inside story on what it is really like to be married to an (ugh) race walker

5 Years Ago (From the Aug. 1971 ORW)--The Pan Am Games were held in Cali, Columbia and Goetz Klopfer and Larry Young came home with titles. At 20 Km, Goetz upset his teammate, Tom Dooley, 1:37:30 to 1:38:16 with Jose Oliveros, of Mexico, and Marcel Jobin trailing. At 50 Larry Young watched a huge lead dissolve to 10 yards with 1½ miles to go and then rallied to edge Mexico's Gabriel Hernandez 4:38:31 to 4:38:46. Larry took an unaccustomed 61 minutes over the last 10 Km as the heat and altitude took their toll. John Knifton captured third in 4:42:15...In the European Championships, Soviet Nikolai Smaga broke open a close race with a 21:30 for the final 5 Km to win in 1:27:20.2. Gerhard Sperling, Paul Mihill, and Peter Frenkel followed, all under 1:28. A Soviet also won at 50 as Benjamin Saldatenko upset Christoph Hohne 4:02:22 to 4:04:45. Peter Selzer and Otto Hartsch trailed....Newcomer Tom Knatt easily won the National Junior 40 Km in 3:53:17...The Strasbourg-to-Paris 525 Km race went to Luxembourg's Josy Simon in 73:10 with S. Gracq of France and Colin Young of Great Britain just 18 and 27 minutes back.

WALKERS WITH PROBLEMS

With our small circulation, the ORW staff (namely me) is acquainted to some degree with most subscribers and thus we strive to be diplomatic in our approach to editorial matters. Don't want to offend any of our friends, you know. Or get slugged in the jaw at the next race. Occasionally, however, problems arise that we feel should be aired even though they may cast a shadow on some of our valued subscribers. When we do air such problems, it is always with the promise of future space to those who want to respond in any way. Thus we come to two problems that have been brought forth by two fellow athletes who feel they have been wronged by AAU officialdom.

Problem No. 1: Steve O'Brien, who thought he won the Junior National 3 Km Championship in Pittsburgh in June, has recently been informed by National Chairman Jack Boitano that the race was not sanctioned by the Allegheny Mountain Association, therefore was not a bonafide championship, and will now be contested again on October 7 in Pittsburgh. Steve, who had traveled from Chicago at his own expense to what he had every reason to believe was a National, is peeved to put it politely. That's no surprise. He explains the circumstances as follows:

"First, the race was listed in the ORW and everyone was led to believe that the race was indeed listed as a national. This is not your fault, but the person who wrote you and wanted the National Jr. 3 Km listed. I can't understand why Mr. Harwick didn't inform you that the race was not sanctioned. Second, when Mike Riban and I were in Pittsburgh, Mr. Harwick made no mention of the fact that the race was not sanctioned. He did say that he decided he wasn't going to conduct the national only 7 days before it was scheduled. However, he said he called up Mr. Boitano a few days before the race and was told to conduct the race as scheduled. It appears that Mr. Boitano was using his authority to grant Mr. Harwick the necessary permission to conduct the race.

"I wrote Mr. Harwick asking him to get a retroactive sanction in the best interest of race walking. I hope he persists and manages to get one.

"There was gross negligence in the handling of this national..... I am presently stripped of my first Junior National title. I am a victim of unusual circumstances. Mr. Harwick appears to be at fault for not informing the juniors, through the ORW, that the race should have been cancelled because it was unsanctioned. I made many sacrifices to get to that race because of my job. Mike Riban did, too. Roger Young (second place) even flew to Pittsburgh for the race. I will be very bitter towards the AAU if Roger Young's and my efforts are discarded due to incompetence."

Perhaps the ORW listed the race erroneously. If so, why weren't we told since it appeared in two issues (as well as the original National schedule published the first of the year)? Our information came from that original schedule which we received shortly after last year's convention. There was no subsequent notice of change. Since both Boitano and Harwick subscribe to the ORW it would seem that any change or any error on our part could have easily been brought forward in these pages. Wherever the fault may lie, Steve O'Brien and Roger Young have a very valid complaint having acted in good faith themselves and having been given no reason to believe they had not been one-two in a National until about 6 weeks after the race. We will be most interested in hearing how this one is resolved. (Incidentally, we have not heard anything about a rescheduled Junior 3K in October from anyone other than Steve O'Brien. We have not listed it on our schedule and if held, it may well be a private affair.)

Problem No. 2: Tom Knatt recently sent the following letter to the Yankee Runner, a New England running periodical, and it was duly published in their June 30, 1976 issue.

"Enclosed are copies of letters sent to the AAU today and previously, requesting funds for travel. I have sent other letters since 1974. Receipt is always acknowledged but no reply, affirmative or negative, is ever sent. These are the guys that are busily watching over non-sanctioned races like hawks, in support of running and walking, I suppose. It turns out that Fred Brown seems to have much say in whether money is dispersed to athletes; Frank Rull says that they generally follow his rec-

ommendations. He (Fred) prefers quantity to quality apparently and would prefer to hold many walking races of little consequence. We have had not one National Racewalking Championship since 1973 in New England, despite my urging. I think you said that one of the inspirations for you to begin running endeavors was that you hoped to run with the "good guys" like Amby Blyfoot. For any young person, to become as good as the best is an important reason for getting started. I believe that it is the AAU'S function to support the best. They say that they are but let's look at the facts.

"In the annual report, July 1, 1974-June 30, 1975, over \$27,000 was brought in by registrations alone. (Northeast AAU) For all 16 AAU sports, \$1517 was dispersed for Athletes expenses. The total income that year was \$37529 and the total outgo 28,520. More than \$9000 profit! Where did that money go? It is found in the Reserve Fund under the Milton Savings Bank. The money is not being used for the athletes at all. It is being saved for that rainy day. In fact, the Trustees reserve fund earned in interest almost twice what was sent to athletes for expenses.....

"I am not suggesting that we necessarily give up on the AAU as some have suggested. I think that greater participation by athletes in the administration of their sports is necessary not leaving it to one or two people. The first step is greater dissemination of information of what actually goes on with our money. Then if the majority wants to have one hell of a party with that \$9000 profit, it is OK by me. Or New England running week. Or send several men and women on trips to Championships. Or...?"

After sending the letter, Tom departed for the West Coast for the National 5 and Olympic Tryouts at his own expense. Upon return home, he was informed by Fred Brown that the New England AAU had voted to give him \$150 for the trip but because of the letter (a copy had gone to Fred) another vote was taken and the funds denied. Not surprisingly, Tom is somewhat more incensed than he was when he wrote the original letter. In a letter to Ollan Cassell at the AAU National Office, Tom says: "The issue as I see it, has become more than merely whether I am sufficiently accomplished to merit travel expenses. Travel money should be awarded on merit, not on whether an athlete keeps his mouth shut and doesn't criticize. Fred Brown suggested to me recently that I should have waited until I got the money and then sent the letter. I told the NEAAU that I sent the letter because I do not believe in, behind the back, self-serving tactics. Freedom of speech is an important part in the U.S. Constitution. I feel that if I cannot offer constructive criticism about an injustice without jeopardizing my future as an athlete, then I have lost this valuable right."

Of course, we at the ORW have long known that any bearded hippy who makes guitars for a living is obviously going to eventually surface as an undesirable, radical influence on our sport. Also, we don't want to offend Fred Brown, who supplies lots of results and some lively copy and has certainly done a lot for the sport in New England. But we have to agree with Tom's analysis and ask who is serving who? Again we will be interested in further developments. Meanwhile, in the wacky world of amateur athletics, we hear from our spies that a certain Finnish distance runner was promised \$10,000 per gold medal by a certain shoe company and assume that he collected his just reward. Further, the ITA (pro track) is floundering because they can't afford to pay the salaries amateur promoters are. Tennis finally saw the light several years ago after years of wallowing in hypocrisy. Why not track? All of which, I guess, is irrelevant to the walker who will remain an amateur in any case.