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 stormed 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 into 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. Darman)—Steve DiBernardo, a 23-year-old Army PPC from Snohomish, Wash., battled his way through a torrential rain storm to win the NAAC 40 km race walking championship with a clocking of 3:36:26. DiBernardo, a member of the All-Army track team, was up for the International Military Championships in two weeks in Rio de Janeiro, was the only walker in the 84-man field to clock a faster second 20 km than his first.

"The rain was a help to me, a welcome relief," said DiBernardo after clocking off a 1:44 second 20 km to beat out Dr. John Knifton, a NAAC 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 NAAC to a repeat team championship. Ron Kulik was sixth and Ron Daniel seventh to complete the NAAC 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 Falcinella were next with O'Sullivan even with DiBernardo. By 10 km, these two had passed Falcinella 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 hid 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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14. Kurt Engel, USMC (5th B) 4:20:33
15. San Dole ado Santos, SAC (6th B) 4:21:11
17. Wes Nethers, CW (8th B) 4:24:45
18. Cliff Mims, SAC and Mark Kauscher, SAC (9th B) 4:25:20
19. Lou Stallmen, SAC (11th B) 4:26:15
20. George Lattarulo, North Bedford 4:26:43
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25. Bob Sage, Hunter Col. (15th B) 4:41:40
26. Alan Wood (5th Masters) 5:00:53
27. Tom McCarthy, North Bedford 4:52:06
28. Steve Ericksen, Hunter Col. (17th B) 5:06:29

Columbus, Aug, Aug. 15—After overcoming early leader Dan O'Connor at about 20 Km, Larry Young owned to a victory in the 1st Senior 50K Walk today with an outstanding time of 4 hours, 10 minutes, a little better than 10 minutes over his time in the Munich Olympic, when he finished 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 in super fit for 50 and should offer a strong challenge to the Europeans in the World Championship race in Sweden in September.

O'Connor led at 20 Km and went off in a split 1:39:51. Larry caught him around 25 Km and was 2:04:52 at that point. He then went on to walk the second half slightly faster. Meanwhile, his teammate, Augie Hirt, a good Ohio native, moved from fourth in the second half of the race and finished in a superb 4:19:14, about 11 minutes under his previous best. Augie has maintained a rather consistent pace this year but was pointing for this race and was certainly ready on day 1. O'Connor faded at 15 Km but held off Floyd Godwin for third and was also within his personal best with 4:23:13. Floyd, after fading to take 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 muddy heat it cooled for this day. At the 5:30 a.m. start at the half the heat 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.

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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 Mims were somewhat suspicious of their fast clockings when they entered the field the first day and after the 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. Godwin 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 4:12:44
4. Floyd Godwin, Colorado TC 4:15:45
6. Paul Ide, Columbia TC 4:25:01
7. Randy Mims, Columbia TC 4:25:32
8. Alan Price, Capitol Walkers 4:25:42
9. Tom Knatt, NBC 5:05:52
10. Jim Kishche, LIAC 5:06:58
11. Bob Chapin, Missouri 5:26:33
14. Bob F. Iss, Columbia TC 5:40:06
15. Leonard Sine, Columbia TC 6:25:15

SIMA, SWEDEN WHOSE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL

Copenhagen, Aug. 14—Margareta Sima of Sweden led all the way to easily win the Women's International 5 Km walk today in 23:44.2. Sima's victory 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 received 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 entrants.)

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. Sila Gustavsson won this one in 50:24.4. 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 Sima at all. At the mile Sima was 7:24.6 to Fawkes 7:29.1. Third at this point was Jacqueline Delassus of France in 7:35.3, with Sue Brodock in fourth at 7:43.1. By 3 Km, Sima 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 Thompson 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 further 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 (15:16). Gustavsson's 14:56 then dropped to third (26:51) at 5 and fourth finally. Helen 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 Championship and Brodock and Thompson went 1-2 in 24:42 and 25:22, a personal
giving 28 for first end so on. With only our teams competing, first the cut came. Apparently they scored as if there were still 9 teams.

S. Smith, USA 58:17.4 11. Gerda Broders, WG 57:47.8 9. Eileen Lesserli, Switz. 29:51.4 33. Astrid Schiller, F/G 29:52.6


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


The race was part of the annual USA-Soviet dual track meet. 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 K tightly bunched at 23:00, Ron Laird appeared to be laboring somewhat. As they entered the hills, 3 seconds behind the lead group that was again bunched at 45:50 for 10 K. The time of the race picked up noticeably during the next 3 K, but his character remained the same, Scully cut front, with the smooth-striding Golubnichiy and the somewhat more roughshod Furtos right behind him. Then, very suddenly as Scully slowed for a few steps just before 15 K, the Soviets took command. A step in front at 15 K in.

SLATTERY GOES THIRD STRAIGHT JUNIOR 20 KM TITLE

West Long Branch, N.J., Aug. 1—By virtue of a strong consistent pace, Dennis Slattery overpowered half of the field to win the Junior National 20 K Walk for the third straight year. Slattery, a seemingly in command, fell victim to the high temperatures of New Jersey (85°F) 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 was the day’s story. Susan’s 1:53:14 rates her fourth fastest woman in the world for the distance of 20 K. Eileen Lesserli, Switz.

Miss Lesserli has the all-time best at 1:47:09. Susan was about 5 minutes ahead of Eileen Bochi’s previous American best.


OTHER RESULTS:

**WOMEN’S 10 KM**


- Jeanne Bochi, Woodside Striders 68:57.4

- Mary Harrison, Woodside Striders


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In the 1976 Olympics, the most infamous journalistic faux pas was committed by Chicago Tribune reporter Thomas Dewey, who, during the 1976 Olympic Games, wrongly reported that Pete Rose had been disqualified. In reality, Pete Rose had finished seventh. The Tribune's mistake, known as the Chicago Tribune flap, was quickly corrected, but the damage had been done.
before the Games. Times were 39:40 for Rutista, 39:45 for Colin, and 40:02 for Gonzales. In the 20 Rutista felt so good he said he could have gone another 10 or 15 km and that he only pushed hard in the last lap. Frenkel indicated that he and Reimann will retire and he will be a sports photographer. Colubnichy and Bertz 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 watching movies and perhaps we will be able to tell more later. The consensus of knowledgeable observers on the course was that Colin was solid and that Stadlbauer was his usual bouncy self. Reimann was always close. Rutista and Frenkel were very good always walking a control. Colubnichy 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, Lelieve. 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 came into the same problem our guys did despite great performances. Ormone was creeping and should have been pulled as should have several lesser names. The big disappointment had to be Kamenberg though. He never got it going and was laboring throughout. 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 re-introduce the 50 will not be made until early next year. According to Rosamond, a Hungarian who is in charge of the Olympic Program for the IAAF does not like events which depend on the human eye. (They had to cut out gymnastics and diving there, as well as figure skating and perhaps ski jumping from the Winter Games.)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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 a celebrity might drop in on your race because he happens to be in the area—so if you publicize it in the past of the OWB. 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.
Dean Ingram asks me to mention again his willingness to match any contributions to the race walking travel fund especially for something like the AAU is not providing funds. Dean’s address is 507 Cobb Building, Seattle, WA 98101.

In the New York City seems to be anywhere from 3 weeks to a month. Yet Don Jacobs in remote-sounding Tigard, Oregon got his latest 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 Shaun Isidore in the April issue has him winning the Senior 100km title in record time. Shaun notes that the 7:13:46 he did in that race would indeed be excellent time for 100km. It should have been 75km... Mike DeWitt is now in Arizona, divorced by distance from competition, and keeping himself going with solo efforts. He says the only delay he regretted not going to races was on the day of the Olympic Trials so he planned a solo effort out of the heat, he found it was still 88f in the shade and by the time he finished it was 91f. He managed a 1:55:40 after 55:30 at 10km. 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 Don Fitzpatrick in March before an Arizona-Eastern New Mexico track meet. He had 49:25 for 10km to Dan’s 51:50 in that one. Mike is coaching a girls’ high school track and cross country team and has a state record in the triple jump. He also he has been helping coach the Scottsdale TC girls and has one 15-year-old daughter entitled to walk...Regarding the comment in the June OW 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 event, have written to vindicate the walkers. Neither was certain for when 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 note 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 (Long a teapots) we find listed; Dec. 29-29, 1976—Ed Jago sets a new world non-stop walk record of 309 miles in approximately 108 hours; April 24-25, 1976—Dan Poore of Alburquerque, NM covered 118 miles Free Stanging in 24 hours. This is a world record for the time lapse. (Whatever all that means.) Under competitive events is a World Championship 26 Hour in Birmingham, 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 20km Race Walk, 24-Hour Free Standing (again, whatever that means), and Endurance Walk. 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, 6000 Wyoming Blvd. N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87109. Further information on just what this is all about you might write the editor of Walk Talk: Cpl. Russ Phillips, Box 369, Russell Park, Saskatchewan, Canada.

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WALKERS WITH PROBLEMS
With our small circulation, the OW 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 this happens, we try to do all 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 born forth by two fellow athletes who feel they have been wronged by AAU officials.
Problem No. 1: Steve O'Brien, who thought he won the Junior National 3K Championship in Pittsburgh in June, has recently been informed by National Chairman Jack Bittano that the race was not sanctioned by the Allegheny Mountains Association, and will now be contested again on October 7.

There was gross negligence in the handling of this national. Steve O'Brien appears to be at fault for not informing the juniors, through the ORW, that the race should have been cancelled. Steve O'Brien asked me recently if I would be interested in the race, but I decided I wasn't going to conduct the national on 7 days before it was scheduled. However, I decided to conduct the race as scheduled. It appears that Mr. Bittano was using his authority to grant Mr. Harbor the necessary permission to conduct the race.

I wrote Mr. Bittano asking him to get a retroactive sanction in the interest of race walking. I hope it 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. Bittano appears to be at fault for not informing the juniors, through the ORW, that the race should have been cancelled. Steve O'Brien and Roger Young have very valid complaints having acted in good faith themselves and having been given no reason to believe they had not been one-two in the 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 Knott 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 behave much say in whether money is dispersed to a thief; Frank Rall says that they generally follow his rec...

commendations. He (Fred) prefers quantity to quality appraently and would prefer to hold many walking races of little consequence. We have not had one National Walking Championship since 1973 in New England, despite my urging. I think you said that one of the inspirations for you to begin the AAU was spurred by a letter from a certain shoe company and as an amateur practitioner, we have to agree that any bearded hippy who makes guitars for a living is obviously going to eventually surface as something more incensed than he was when he wrote the original letter. In a letter to Bill Caswell at the AAU National Office, Tom said: "The issue as I see it, has become more than merely whether I am sufficiently accomplished to make it to another race. The decision 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 back, self-serving tactics. Freedom of speech is an important part of the 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 something 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 may not have a lot of choice and the American Athletic Union has been interested in having developments. Meanwhile, in the wacky world of amateur athletics, we hear from our spies that a certain Finnish distance runner was promoted to $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...