Todd Scully made two trips from Virginia to New York's Madison Square Garden in February and returned to the hog farm with two American records plus a National title. First, he won the Ron Zinn Memorial 1500 meter at the U.S. Olympic Invitational on February 12. In that one he beat both Dave Romansky and Dave Romansky's record. He had an easier time with Dave than with the record. His brilliant 5:48.6 was 1.2 seconds under the record but left Dave nearly 23 seconds back in second place. Todd's pace, if maintained, would produce a 6:14.1 mile. For the American record effort, co-sponsor Vitalis gave $1000 to the U.S. Olympic fund and $500 to Todd's club, the Shore AC.

Two weeks later for the National 2 Mile title, Todd back on the scene, had a real tussle with fast-rising Neal Fyke but pulled well clear in the final quarter for the win. His 13:02.5 obliterated Larry Walker's American and Championship record of 13:24 set 3 years ago. Fyke, and Walker himself, were also well under the old mark and Dan O'Connor was close in a truly great race. The only missing element was Ron Laird, back in California nursing his foot. Much to his credit, he passed up the preferred expense money to defend his title, realizing he was not fit. Well that he did. Even his winning time last year of 13:37 would have left him a badly beaten fifth.

Scully went out to decide the issue early with a 1:27 quarter. But even though he passed the mile in a blazing 6:16, the audacious Fyke was still hanging close. The newcomer then closed on Todd and actually went into the lead at about a mile and a quarter. Todd's strong finish was a bit more than he could handle but his 13:02.5 is a fantastic effort in itself. Unfortunately, I can't tell you much about Neal at this point. He just started walking last year and shot into prominence last spring with some very good 20 km races. He did not have a good race in the Olympic Trials but obviously has not let that discourage him. He competes in the San Francisco area and represents the Florida Track Club. I can tell you no more at this point. Scully and Fyke qualify to race against the Soviets in Canada on March 4 and if they can duplicate this effort should make that 3 miler a highly competitive race.

The field was one of the smallest ever with only 9 starters but they produced the best race ever. In any other year, Larry Walker's 13:15 effort would be worthy of rave notices and who can sneer at the 13:27 of Dan O'Connor. The old men were even pretty tough with Ron Daniel and Dave Romansky both shading 1:14.

Earlier in the day, Sue Brock put on her own show beating her own American record and world's best with a great 7:05.9. Sue Liers continues to improve and chased her home with 7:19. The field here was
very disappointing with only four on the starting line. Laurie Tucholski, second last year, had been unable to get indoors until week before all the meet and was really untrained for a mile. Although she had managed a 7:53 a week earlier, she never got going in this one and finished way back in 8:09. Ahead of her was another Californian, Traci Trisco in a very impressive 7:33. Where were all the other girls?

Thanks to Henry Laskau for results and details.


Judges: Joe Tigerman (Head), Bruce McDonald, Henry Laskau, Attila Nangovin

OTHER RESULTS

**February 1977**

**SCHEDULE OF FORTHCOMING RACES**

**Sat. Mar. 25—20 Km, Albuquerque (BB)**

**Sat. Mar. 26—FW 20 Km, Washington, D.C., noon (B)**

**Sun. Mar. 27—1 Mile, Rochester, NY (G)**

**Sun. Mar. 28—5 Mile, New York City, 10 a.m. (J)**

**Sun. Apr. 2—1 Hour, Columbia, Mo., 9 a.m. (D)**

**Sun. Apr. 3—National AAU Senior and Masters 35 Km, San Francisco, 9 a.m. (H)**

**Fri, May 1—Old Bridge, N.J. (K)**

**Sun. May 2—Wisconsin Relays 5 Mile, Kenosha, 1 p.m. (P)**

**Sun. Apr. 17—National AAU Senior, B, and Masters 75 Km, Old Bridge, N.J. (K)**

**Sun. Apr. 23—Walk-Bun Pentathlon, Columbus, 9 a.m. (D)**

**Sat. Apr. 24—5 Km, Lakeland, Fla., 9 a.m. (T)**

**Sat. Apr. 29—20 Mile, Baltimore, Md., 11:30 a.m. (U)**

**Sat. May 1—10 Km, Hudson, N.Y., 10 a.m. (K)**

**Mon. Mar. 21—International Walking Marathon, Albuquerque, 10 a.m. (BB)**

**Tue. Mar. 22—24 Hour and 12 Hour Striding Championship, Albuquerque (BB)**

**Note:** The 10 Km race in Kenosha on May 14 is no longer the USATF Championship. That will now be held with their track meet in Wichita on May 28. Contact Carl Cooper, Executive Director, USATF, 1225 North 10th Ave., Tuscon, AZ 85705.
Yardley race walk on a course at Lehigh University. It will also be included in the State Winter High School Championship and the spring state championship meet.

The Association has sanctioned the racewalk in the high school competitions for the first time. It will also be included in the spring state championship meet.

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Walking in New York State High Schools

You will often notice results of high school meets in our pages but we have never given the outstanding program they have going. New York has the finest program going on the high school level. (Wisconsin is also developing a strong high school program but I do not have the facts I know does not yet have the event on their high school program as does New York this year). As Bruce MacDonald points out, the most surprising thing about the position of race walking in the New York high schools is that the state has generally been backward in their track and field program. They added the high hurdles only about 12 years ago and in the recent past a boy could not run more than one event in a meet if he ran anything over 220. All of which should indicate it can be done in any state if they did it in New York.

Bruce is probably the one most responsible for this coming about as he started pushing the program on Long Island several years ago and has kept it. The following report from Bob Primrose in Poughkeepsie gives a good overview of what is happening in New York.

For the past 6 years, the New York State Public School Athletic Association has sanctioned the racewalk in high school competitions on an experimental basis. Several sections in the state included the 1 mile walk in the order of events for both winter and spring track seasons. These sections first included the event on a non-scoring basis and then later as a regular scoring event. The sections that picked up the event and encouraged the walk surrounding New York City, Nassau, Westchester, and the mid-Hudson counties all now have many fine high school walkers.

On March 12 at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, the New York State Winter High School Championship will include for the first time a 1 mile race walk on a scoring basis. It will also be included in the spring state championship meet.

A strange development of this high school surge is that it is becoming a dead end for many of these walkers. If these trackmen had been sprinters or middle distance runners who accomplished the same level of national record breaking they would have been approached by now to interested college coaches. Walkers Primrose, Morris, and Greer are all seniors and are anxious to find a college that will promote their specialty. Not only have they received no inquiries but they have been told by some college track coaches that they would not be included on the track team even if they came to the college at their own expense. It seems that colleges have a long way to go in comparison to the New York state schools in the racewalking department.

From Heel to Toe

We are very sorry to report that you will no longer read of the exploits of Sig Podolsky in these pages. Let this be a note to our readers that Sig was a man who knew how to handle a run. The time we last saw Sig was at the 1975 New York State Winter High School Championship where he walked 1 mile in 6:56.5. Sig Podolsky was the first in the spring meet to break the 7 minute barrier for the 1 mile walk. He won with a time of 6:56.5 and went on to win the 2 mile walk in 13:43.3. Sig Podolsky was a true gentleman and a true athlete. He was not only a great walker but also a great boy's friend. Sig Podolsky is a true inspiration to all of us who knew him.

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see him during his 3 months in the hospital and made his funeral and wake... A couple of items regarding the women's program from Bruce MacDonald. First, two National postal walks, or rather four. A 1 mile and a 3.5 km for those 13 and younger and both a 5 and 10 km for those 14 and older. The 1 mile and 5 km are to be walked anywhere during April and the other two during May. The races must be on a 400 track. There will be medals for the first 15 in each event plus awards for the first three teams. Entry fee will be $1.00 per individual and $2.00 for teams. For further information write Bruce at 39 Fairview Avenue, Rockville, NY 1050. The other item concerns this year's Women's World Championship. It will be held in Bora, Sweden on August 20. We assume there will be both a 5 and a 10 km race again... The International Training Week we mentioned last month is in Mexico, not Canada. There will be 20 and 5 km races for men, 3 and 5 km for women, and 5 and 7 km for Junior Men. This is the week of April 17-24. But that is all I know about it. If you are interested write either Doug Walker in Ontario (it appeared on their schedule) or Dean Ingersoll to see if they know any more. Their addresses are under contacts in the schedule section... It's a boy, Matthew Steven, for Steve and Lynn Hayden born on January and checking in at 7 lb 1 oz.... Does anyone out there have listings, rankings, etc. on the women's walks? We have been sadly neglective in this area and should have been called for pilgimage before. It pays in my mind to did publish a list of the all-time leaders at 5 km at one time but beyond that nothing. Now your editor should go to Ontario and start digging but first I will put out a call for help. Incidentally, to date, my plea for similar help on collegiate statistics has not been answered... By mail vote, the Executive Board of the race walking committee decided to award both Steve and Lynn Hayden the 1976 Junior 3 km Championship since both were under the impression that they were racing for the championship. The decision was to act in behalf of the athlete, something not always done by our various governing bodies.

MORE BIBLIOGRAPHY

Lots of positive response to the racewalking bibliography last month and lots of material to expand it. At this point, I will just mention those items that have been added since last month. At some time in the future when we are long on space we will return the complete bib. First, the Saturday Evening Post article I alluded to. John Allen has sent me a copy. It was titled "Why Do They Knock Themselves Out?" and was written by Harry Faxon. It appeared Feb. 25, 1961. The article covered some of the lesser recognized sports—walking, cycling, gymnastics, canoe racing, and water polo. It led off with race walking and that part was based on coverage of the 15 km in Providence. I was there, a relative newcomer at that time, finished sixth and was waiting eagerly for the Post reporter to talk to me. I am still waiting. John won the race and got a lot of space in the article.

Larry Larson provides the following additions:


The Olympian System (Mens Sana in corpore sano), Chicago, 1919. This is a four volume series and one section of the first volume is entitled "Walking the Perfect Constitution Builder".


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Tom Dooley has provided many obscure and out of print British works that he culled from a book "Guide to British T/F Literature 1775-1968." These are:


Allen, George H. Land's End to John O'Groats, Being an Account of His Record Walk, Fauler, London, 1905


Compiled by members of the London Stock Exchange includes reminiscences on walking by Fred A. Cohen.

Shearman, Montague, Athletics and Football (The Badminton Library), Longmans Green, London, 1887.

Griffin, Hector H., Athletics (The All-England Series), Bell, London, 1889.

Watson, G.R.O., Hints for Pedestrians, Bell, London, 1862. Hints on walking—but mainly as a recreational exercise.


Pedestrian—or an Account of the Performances of Celebrated Pedestrians During the Last and Present Century; With a Full Narrative of Certain Barclay's Public and Private Matches, and an Essay on Training, Brown, Dood, 1873. (They liked descriptive titles in those days)

Pedestrian's Correct and Minute Journal of the Time Occupied by J. Stokes During His Walk of 50 Miles Per Day for 20 Days, Joseph Gilbert and Thomas Howell, Bristol, 1812.

Wilson, George, Memoirs of the Life and Exploits of G. Wilson, the Celebrated Pedestrian, Dean and Nusday, London, 1817

Wouldn't it be interesting to get ahold of some of those? The Belgian periodical I mentioned last month is Le Marcheur Belge and it is available from Roland Maury in Liege, B-7990—Sartel, Belgium, not Hector Mahan as I indicated last month. The November issue carried translations (in French, of course) of two articles from the August German publication "Der Leichtathlet," which are hereby added to the bibliography.

Orchot, Eugenio (Poland), "The Technique and Teaching of Race Walking," reprinted in Der Leichtathlet from Lekkosthet, No. 18/73 and printed in French in Le cherre Belge, No. 24, 15 November 1976.

Ray Leach came through, as I knew someone would, by pointing out that the Ohio Racewalker was not listed under periodicals. I thought of this as I was typing the list but figured those reading it would already be aware of that noted publication. Still, for the bibliography to be complete it no doubt needs to be included.

Ray suggests several other journals, some no longer published, including Track & Field News, Runners World, Chris McCarthy's various newsletters of the tape, World Sport (Brithish), Amateur Athlete, Der Schweizer Geher (Swiss), Distance Running Journal, Distance Running News. I tried to confuse the periodicals section, however, to those related solely to walking and those presently published. Articles of interest from other journals can be picked up in the other section of the bibliography. I should have included since they give results of all National championship races. Ray points out that there is a new edition of Henke's Encyclopedia of Sports, which also came out with the All Sports Record Book. That one, published by Barnes in 1950, is one I missed, since it has resided on my bookshelf for 25 years or so - and does include a section on walking. This includes drawings of the 6-day races in Gilmore Gardens in the last century and of Edward Payson Weston.

So, that's about it on the bibliography for this month. May have more next month-if any of you out there come up with more.

Incidentally, I have had the two German articles mentioned above translated from French. I plan to use these in future issues but need to do quite a bit of work with them to divide just what they say. Things can get a bit confused in several translations (one from Russian or Polish to German to French to English, the other German to French to English), particularly when the English translator was not familiar with the sport. It may be that I will come up with a condensed version of them since they are quite lengthy; the one would take up all of a normal size issue of the ORW. Anyway, this will be something for you to look forward to.