Belvedere, Cal., Sept. 7 (from Harry Silvonen)--1980 U.S. Olympic team member Dan O'Connor had an easy time of it at the National Athletics Congress 35 Km race walking championship today. He won the event in 3:00:31 with Dennis Reilly in second at 3:11:28. Bill Ranney snared the first Master's Division Spot in 3:13:01 and was third overall.

There was a dramatic contest for fourth place between Lake Tahoe's Walt Jaquith, an old race walker who has reactivated himself this year, and Leonard Jansen, of Shore AC in New Jersey, just fresh from a stretch at the 1980 Squaw Valley National Race Walkers Training Camp. These two lads were battling it out neck and neck about a half mile from the finish, with Walt finally pulling it out.

Santa Clar's Diane Mendosa was the only women's finisher in her first try at this distance with a fine 4:02:15. Diane just began race walking late last year with the Golden Gate Racewalkers and in Wayne Glunker's De Anza College classes. She has not previously raced in anything longer than 10 Km.

The West Valley Track Club, with a formidable trio of Ranney, Jaquith, and Glenn Parker, took the national 35 Km team title for 1980


DNF: Beth Sibley, GGRW, 20 Km in 2:03:39; BI Bouldin, BSW, 9 laps (2 miles, 15 ft each) 2:43:29; Charles Marut, GGRW, 7 laps in 2:10:26; Mickey Blakesley, San Diego TC, 6 laps in 2:22:41; Trish Mccurdy, GGRW, 1 lap in 26:54.

Judges: Bob Downan, Tom Dooley, and Sonny Maynard

A NEW COLUN ON THE SCENES

Sudbury, Ontario—Marcelino Colin, younger brother of Mexican ace Domingo, won a tight race with Canada's Guillaume Leblanc to take the Pan-Am Junior 10 Km race walking title. Colin's time was an outstanding 43:32.2. Tim Lewis walked well for the U.S. in fifth, but not ready for the caliber of competition he faced. In the Women's 3 Km race, Canada's Ann Peel was an easy winner over her compatriot Helene Daviau in an excellent 14:39.5. Susan Ruiz walked well for the U.S. in third.


PRICE WINS INAUGURAL DOC BLACKBURN 75 KM

Springfield, Ohio, Aug. 31—Alan Price traveled from Washington, D.C., and overcame a 10-minute handicap he imposed on himself by arriving late to win the First Annual Doc Blackburn 75 km race on the North High School track. Price actually completed the distance only a couple of miles ahead of Jack Blackburn, but was generously credited with his actual elapsed time, that being 5:31:41.

With Price not around at the start, the early leader was Jack Mortland, who retired no one. They all knew he was not trained for the distance, and he seemed to finish a 50 km, and was just out for a pleasant little Sunday stroll. Right they were, as he departed the scene at 22 miles still well in the lead (that is, if you don't deduct Price's late start). At that point, Chris Knotts was well ahead of the rest and looking strong. Jack Blackburn and Rich Myers had been together the whole race, and Price was gaining steadily on everyone.

Knotts continued well through 50 km (5:33:36) but at 61 3/4 miles ran out of steam, got going again, and then collapsed completely at 4:32 miles, with his temperature recorded at 102. Myers, meanwhile, had tried to blow Blackburn away short after halfway, only to do himself in, allowing Jack to edge an easy second in the fleet. Price overtook about a 28-minute handicap he imposed on himself by arriving late, but was generously credited with his actual elapsed time, that being 5:31:41.


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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Sat. Oct. 11:** NATIONAL ATHLETICS CONGRESS 100 KM, LONGMONT, CO (11:30 a.m.)

**Sun. Oct. 12:**
- 5 KM, DETROIT (W)

**Sun. Oct. 19:**
- 1 Hour and 2 Hours, Westwood, CA (9 a.m.)
- New York City Marathon Walker's Division (J)

**Sun. Oct. 26:**
- 2 Hours, Ottumwa, IA (9 a.m.)
- 5 KM, DETROIT (W)
- 2 Men 10 KM Relay, Gatlinburg, TN (8 a.m.)

**Thu. Oct. 31:**
- 10 KM, Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m. (D) (Also Halloween party)

**Sat. Nov. 1:**
- NATIONAL ATHLETICS CONGRESS 40KM, LONG BRANCH, NJ (L)
- NATIONAL ATHLETICS CONGRESS 100 MILE, CHULA VISTA, CAL, NOON (V)

**Sun. Nov. 2:**
- 6 KM, ELMONT, NY (W)

**Sun. Nov. 9:**
- 5 KM, DETROIT (W)
- 2 Miles, Los Angeles, 3 p.m. (D)

**Sat. Nov. 15:**
- 20 KM, COLUMBIA, MO (8 a.m.)

**Sun. Nov. 16:**
- 5 MILE, BRIGHTON, CO (7 a.m.)
- 3 KM, ST. LOUIS, 8 a.m. (D)

**Thu. Nov. 27:**
- 7 MILES, Menomonie, 2 MILES, Menomonie, 9 a.m. (D)

**Sun. Nov. 30:**
- Coney Island 10 Mile Handicap, 5 a.m. (F)

**Sat. Dec. 6:**
- 5 KM, COLUMBIA, MO (D)

**Sun. Dec. 7:**
- 20 KM, DETROIT (W)
- 6 KM, REY, Iowa, 2 p.m. (D)
- 40 KM, DETROIT (W)

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10 Years Ago (From the Sept. 1970 ORW) -- John Knifton has recently discovered a U.S. citizen and better known for his exploits at shorter distances until now. The National 50 Mile race in Santa Barbara in 4:33:02. John Knifton arrived in the middle of the race and Bob Kitchen another minute behind. Running out the top six were Geets Kiepfler, Jim Lopez, and Bryan Overton. In the National 25 KM, event details were available at press time, but Dave Romanski survived a severe electrical storm to win in under 2 hours with Knifton second. Lee and Bob Rund dropped in from Indiana to take one-two in the Annual 6 MILE handicap in Worthington, Ohio with fast times honors going to Jack Martland in a new-fart event. The Canadian 50 MILE title went to Detroit's Gerald Beals in 4:14:07 ahead of Pat Fardetzky. John Beals won the first International American 10 MILE race against 29 runners in 1:33:27...

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FROM HEEL TO TOE

A step forward for women's walking is a decision at the IAAF meeting in Moscow to recognize World Records for the 5 and 10 KM walks. The 1981 Lugano Cup championships in Mexico will also include a Women's 5 KM as an official World's Championship for the first time... We mentioned the Western States 100 MILE endurance run over mountainous terrain in a recent issue. Third in that race this year in 201:56 was ex-walker Bill Veige... Bill was on the 1972 Olympic team at 50 KM and was second ranked in the U.S. in both 1972 and 1973... The interesting thing is that he retired at that time because of a hypoglycemia problem that wouldn't allow him to go the long distances. If he's going for 20 hours, he must have solved the problem... Congratulations Bill, still a loyal ORW subscriber. As you see in this
In September last for a stake of 200 pounds, he accomplished the remarkable feat of walking 6 miles inside the hour. 10,000 spectators.
Some seven or eight pedestrians opposed him. To each of these he conceded long starts, indeed, some of them were so far ahead before he toed the mark that it seemed to the non-professional impossible that he could ever approach them...

He walked very erect and with a spring that made some present think he was running as he came quite near it was evident that his method was quite legitimate.

The winner was loudly cheered not only when he finished his journey, but at every corner of the circuit.

Perkins walked for 50 pounds 1/2 miles inside 30 minutes --7:05, 16:37, 22:15, 29:17— and at the finish the spectators were so delighted with the performance that Perkins was seized and carried off the ground.

Scotland, May 2, 1876—Weston, the American pedestrian, commenced yesterday to walk at the Newhall Grounds, Sheffield 55 miles in 12 consecutive hours, including half a mile backwards. Weston walked very evenly at the rate of 5 miles an hour and few seconds, and completed half the distance in 5:13. The 40th mile was covered in 6:14:3. The feat was accomplished with 36 min. to spare, amidst loud applause. Weston took refreshments on the way in the shape of beef, tea, jellies, etc.

Scotland, May 5, 1876—Joseph Spencer has been 21 days at his task at Cirensome London and has walked 928 miles, a very credible performance when the weather he has had is taken into consideration. He has, in order to accomplish his intended feat to walk 1022 miles in 39 days, or average 51 3/4 miles per day.

Scotland, April 20, 1876—The rarely accomplished feat of walking 1000 miles in 1000 consecutive hours has been performed at Wrexham, John Watson, who styled himself a young novice ped, completing his 1000 mile walk at a quarter past eight on Sunday night, having commenced on March 27. He declared that he was quite fresh at the end and walked an extra mile carrying a child.

The 24 hour walking competition for which a prize of 100 pounds was offered terminated last night at the Agricultural Hall, London in the presence of many thousands of spectators. . . Vaughan of Chester won the 100 pounds. He having performed the extraordinary feat of walking 120 miles in 24 hours. Weston and Watson both of 100 miles walked 1/2 miles of the distance forward and 117 miles less 150 yards. Grassland of Sheffield covered 113 miles 5 laps, while Newman of Bradford did 101 miles 5 laps.

Scotland, May 13, 1876—Weston the ped, has failed in an attempt at Brighton to walk 100 miles without rest, but he completed the 25 1/2 miles in 28 hours, and when his 30 hour allowance was up he had walked 130 miles, 5 more than he had proposed and 28 miles of which were walked backwards.

March 16, 1859—Joseph Spencer has failed in his attempt at Bemore to walk 3000 miles in 60 days. In 29 days he had walked 1326 miles when he became 111 and being 126 miles behind in his estimate of 50 miles per day, he gave up the attempt. Spencer is 37 years of age and it is but fair to state that the weather was very unfavorable.

May 26, 1859, Scotland—The noted long distance walker, Edward Payton Weston, said his report on the north side of the Tweed by appearing at the Springfield fields on Saturday. It was assured that the feat he undertook was that of walking 55 miles in 12 hours. Accordingly at 8 o'clock on the morning Weston made his appearance in his accustomed costume of boots and leggings, velvet pats, white shirt, and light linen hat and at 8:15 commenced his task.

So well did he get over the ground that he completed his distance of 55 miles in 37 min. less than the time allotted. In order to fill out the 12 hours, and to show his fresh condition, he walked 1/2 miles backward and another 1/2 miles playing the cornet at the head of the band.

Having introduced you to Edward Payson Weston in those bits of history from Tom Dooley, here is a bit more on him from the book The Sport of Race Walking, published by the Race Walking Association in England in 1962.

In 1879, Edward Payson Weston, an American, attempted the tremendous task of walking 2,000 miles in 1,000 hours on turnpike roads, undertaking at the same time to give fifty lectures on his walking experiences at certain towns. Weston accepted a wager of 500 pounds to 100 pounds laid by Sir John Astley who, however, with infinite cunning not only stipulated that Weston should not walk on Sundays but that the time spent in resting should not be deducted from the 1,000 hours, leaving only 250 hours walking time. Sir John was obviously one of the original villainous barons of melodrama. However, Weston started from the Royal Exchange on January 18, his first day's walk being to Folkestone, 8½ miles, on terrible roads and in a snow storm. On February 14 he had fallen 17½ miles behind his average but during the next 11 days pegged it back 120 miles. As he approached the end of his walk, Weston made almost superhuman efforts; and after delivering a lecture would start off at midnight walking 30 miles before breakfast! In this way, 8½ miles were covered on the last day but one. With 31 hours left to cover 105 miles, Weston had an outside chance of success, but

with 12 hours to go, sleep claimed him and he lost three hours making two unwavering attempts to get started. When time was called at 4 p.m. he had completed all but 2½ miles of his attempt total; but he carried through and reached the Royal Exchange just before midnight. A stupendous effort over the ghastly roads of the period.

And from the same book:

On Boxing Day, 1815, Josiah Eston completed a walk of 1,100 miles in 1,100 successive hours. In July of the following year he repeated the performance handicapping himself by commencing each mile within 20 minutes after hour. On December 3, 1816, he completed 1,998½ miles in a like number of successive half-hours, on Brixton Causeway at 46 years of age. In 1817, Eston contested a match of walking 2,000 miles in 42 days on Worwood's track against an opponent named Baker. Baker led by 13 miles on the 24th day, but Eston recovered to win his match. Later in the year, Eston walked from Colchester to London in one day (51 miles) returning to Colchester the next day and so on for 20 successive days—a total of 1021 miles. They certainly liked to do the distance in those days!

The performances of Richard Monks (1,000 miles in 1,000 successive half-hours in 1851), William Coke (1,500 miles in 1,000 successive hours in 1877) and William Buckler in June 1898 (4,000 quarter miles in 4,000 successive periods of 9½ minutes) and of many others that have followed, have not succeeded in attracting a hundredth part of the attention that was accorded to the gallant Captain Barclay in his day (we'll tell you about him some time), or capturing the public imagination as did Weston 70 years later.