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NATIONAL TITLES TO HENDRICKS, O'CONNOR

The first weekend in November saw two National Athletics Congress race-walking titles decided. In San Deigo, Paul Hendricks not only hosted the 100 mile championship, he walked off with the title in American record time-- 18:49:52. On the other side of the country--Long Branch, New Jersey, to be exact--Dan O'Connor withstood a strong challenge from Ray Sharp to take the 40 Km race in 3:24:21.

Hendricks, coming back from semi-retirement following last year's 100 miler in Columbia, was unphased by hot weather (high 80's at the start) and the presence of Allen Price, known for his fast early pace. Paul went out faster than even Allen cares to travel, hitting 5 miles in 44:59 and 10 in 1:31:18. Price was only 2:21 back at that point, but the lead grew quickly from there and Hendricks was never seriously challenged.

The real surprise in the race was Jonathan Rem, walking for only 9 months. Starting slowly, he passed Price just before 25 miles. At that point, he was 29 minutes behind Hendricks, still blazing along with a 4:00:26. The lead grew only slightly over the next 25 miles, with Paul going through 50 in 8:30:12 and Rem in 9:06:40. Price had 9:32:52 and was being challenged by the tough veteran, Leonard Busen, just 5 minutes back.

Rem started to close on Hendricks, feeling the effects of his fast early pace, and closed the gap to less than 21 minutes by 80 miles. Price was now an isolated third, with Dave Hugener having passed Busen. Rem then ran into difficulties of his own, losing about 12 minutes over the next 10 miles before coming on again to get the final margin down to a half hour. Rem's time has been bettered only by Hendricks and Price among U.S. walkers. (Note: Larry Young walked 18:07:12 in 1971 on a 220-yard indoor track when floodlike conditions hit Columbia. Not being on a quarter-mile track, it is not recognized as a record, but is obviously a more significant accomplishment than the recognized performances.) Hugener had no trouble holding off Busen for fourth with Dale Sutton, Robert Marshall, and Elsie McCarvey also going the distance. It was the second time for Elsie and she remains the only female U.S. Centurion. Rem, Sutton, and Marshall joined the Centurion ranks. It was number eight for Busen, moving him ahead of Chuck Hunter, and number six for Price. More significantly, it was Allen's third 100-miler in less than 4 months, with a 100 and a 75 Km race in the same period. Hendricks finished his third 100 miler, improving his best time from 19:10:37 and Hugener did his second.

1. Paul Hendricks 18:49:52 (American record. Former record 18:57:01 by Allen Price, Columbia, Mo., Sept. 23-24, 1978) (1:31:18, 3:09:28, 4:57:05, 6:42:01, 8:30:12, 10:26:05, 12:27:30, 14:35:35, 16:41:50) 2. Jonathan Rem 19:19:46 (1:47:41, 3:36:16, 5:23:25, 7:12:35, 9:06:40, 10:59:45, 13:01:33, 14:56:28, 17:14:41) 3. Allen Price 19:55:22 (1:33:39, 3:28:46, 5:27:00, 7:30:08, 9:32:52, 11:37:45, 13:33:35, 15:40:05, 17:48:55) 4. Dave Hugener 20:34:39 (1:53:47, 3:52:20, 5:50:57, 7:46:22, 9:41:45, 11:43:25, 13:49:30,

(Hey, typewriter, why you do that?)

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16:04:29, 18:17:48) 5. Leonard Busen 21:11:06 (1:51:41, 3:45:21, 5:39:10, 7:36:55, 9:37:45, 11:44:00, 14:19:09, 16:44:32, 18:55:56) 6. Dale Sutton 22:03:45 (1:51:49, 3:52:18, 6:08:50, 8:19:49, 10:20:12, 12:30:55, 14:51:45, 17:17:35, 19:43:50) 7. Robert Marshall 22:39:34 (1:58:37, 4:00:45, 6:05:00, 8:18:00, 10:35:00, 12:57:05, 15:15:10, 17:40:58, 20:12:27) 8. Elsie McCarvey 23:46:17 (2:09:46, 4:24:56, 6:31:40, 8:40:00, 11:06:10, 13:24:04, 15:59:39, 18:24:07) 21:06:18) DNF: Coralie Cooper 90 miles in 22:42:59, Lean Ransom 85½ in 23:59, George Iattarulo 77 in 18:36, Doug Reeves 67½ in 14:50:35, Jim Seeley 53 in 14:10:05, Mike Weede 53 in 11:23:04, Kathy Foster 50 in 12:26:18.

In Long Branch, Ray Sharp went out after his fifth title of the year and blitzed the first 5 kilometers in 22:17. This spread the field very quickly. O'Connor was second, but over a minute back in 23:21. Randy Mimm trailed by another 35 seconds and everyone else was well over 25 minutes.

Sharp continued to open his lead as he passed 10 km in 46:33, with O'Connor now 2:11 back and Mimm closing the gap on him (49:02). By 20 km, Dan was closing up as Sharp slowed to 1:38:09 to Dan's 1:39:29. The unpredictable Mimm was hanging close with 1:39:35.

Over the next 5, Mimm spurred and closed to within 36 seconds of Sharp, who passed 25 in 2:04:43. O'Connor seemed to be struggling, and was in danger of dropping out of contention, as he went by in 2:06:27. Apparently he was only gathering himself for the final effort. He accelerated sharply, catching Mimm before 30 km and closing within a half-minute of the fading Sharp. From there, it was all O'Connor--he came home with better than 4 minutes in hand, with Mimm another 5 minutes back. Still, it was a great race for Randy from who not much had been seen this year. In fourth, Mike Rummelhart refused to follow the fast early pace but walked very steadily and was within 5 minutes of the lead at 30 km. He then hit the wall and barely held onto the 6 minute lead he had held on the fast-closing Bob Falciola. The results, with 10 km splits for the leaders:

1. Dan O'Connor, un. 3:24:21 (43:44, 1:39:29, 2:32:00) 2. Ray Sharp, U. of Wis.-Parkside 3:28:40 (46:33, 1:38:09, 2:31:30) 3. Randy Mimm, Shore AC 3:33:24 (49:02, 1:39:35, 2:32:32) 4. Mike Rummelhart, un. 3:38:01 (52:01, 1:43:56, 2:36:36) 5. Bob Falciola, Shore AC 3:38:28 (53:39, 1:47:57, 2:42:26) 6. Brian Savilonis, Charlottesville TC 3:41:47 (53:30, 1:48:05, 2:42:43) 7. Bob Kitchen, Potomac Valley Srs. 3:42:58 (53:16, 1:47:57, 2:45:51) 8. Steve Vaitones, un. 3:43:27 (54:27, 1:50:04, 2:45:57) 9. Ray Floriani, Shore AC 3:43:48 (58:24, 1:54:09, 2:47:53) 9. Len Jansen 3:43:50 (54:27, 1:50:04, 2:46:04) 11. Bob Maffucci, Island TC 3:46:47 12. Bob Keating, Greater Derry TC 3:47:55 13. Ron Kulik, Shore AC 3:48:01 (1st Master) 14. Sal Corrallo, Pot. Val. Srs 3:51:15 (2nd Master) 15. Peter Doyle, ITC 3:54:00 16. Jerry Katz, ITC 3:54:38 16. Tim McCoy, Manhattan Col. 4:00:03 17. Max Gould, Can. 4:02:22 (3rd Master) 19. Bruce Harland, ITC 4:06:33 20. Tom Knatt, un. 4:08:06 21. Bob Mimm, Shore AC 4:08:14 22. Lon Wilson, East Side TC 4:11:36 23. Ova Wilson, ESTC 4:18:32 24. Dave Staebler, Shore AC 4:21:06 25. Dot Kelly, un. 4:21:29 26. Bob Timmons, ITC 4:21:47 27. Paul Robertson, PVS

4:33:02 28. Don Johnson, Shore AC 4:35:07 29. Andrew Briggs, PVS 4:35:44 30. Tim Dyas, N. Jersey Masters 4:40:57 31. Robert Gallanty, un. 4:41:22 32. Joe Arnold, Shore AC 4:46:04 33. Bill Hackulich, Shore AC 4:55:29 34. Bernard Kaufman, ITC 5:05:05 (All but the Wilson from 20 on are Masters) DNF--Howard Jacobsen, ESTC 2:57:35 at 30, John Knifton, NYAC 2:39:30 at 30 (DQd), Cliff Mimm, Shore AC 2:19:31 at 25 (DQd), Carl Schueler, PVS 2:09:50 at 25 (DQd), Jim Bentley, PVS 2:30:45 at 25, Sam DeLosSantos, Shore AC, 1:51 at 20, Ron Vallente, un. 2:11:31 at 20, John Fredericks, Shore AC 58:32 at 10. Team Standings: 1. Shore AC 10:55:40 2. Island TC 11:35:25 3. Potomac Valley Srs. 12:07:55 4. Shore AC "B" 13:15:24. Master's Teams: 1. Shore AC--12:17:21 2. Potomac Valley Srs. 13:00:41.

OTHER RESULTS

1 Hour, Arlington, Va., Nov. 16--1. Jim Bentley 7 mi 329 yds 2. Sal Corrallo 7 mi 215 3. Bob Mimm 6 mi 1580 4. Joel Holman 6 mi 711 5. Carl Groneberg 6 mi 650 6. Dan Krause (14) 5 mi 1044 TFA/USA National 20 Km, Wichita, Kan. May 31 (better late than never with these results)--1. Jerry Young, un. 1:41:23 2. Mike DeWitt, UW-Parkside TC 1:42:01 3. Steve Hoyer, Concordia Col. 1:42:32 4. Jeff Ellis, UW Stevens Point 1:46:46 5. Earl Garner-Holman, un. 1:57:25 6. Howard Miekal, un. 2:19:49 DNF--Jay Dyora 8 Hour, Austin, Tex., Nov. 16--1. Grim Reaper (aka Neal Picken) 13 mi 4 yds 2. Mark Stein 11 mi 1005 3. Bob Lievitz 9 m 132 1 Hour, same place--1. John Knifton 7 mi 1698 2. Alan Price 7 mi 226 3. Larry Mack 6 mi 874 4. Rick Kent 6 mi 321 1 Hour, Lafayette, Col., Nov.--1. Greg McGuire 7 mi 435 2. Floyd Godwin 7 mi 355 3. Terry Femmer 6 mi 419 4. E.J. Rivet 5 mi 1685 25 Km, Cataline Island, Cal., Oct. 26--1. Roger Brandwein 2:13:35 2. John Kealy 2:22:46 3. Ron Daniel 2:32:46 4. Jerry Willwerth 2:41:57 Women--1. Paula Kash 2:47:06 2. Sheila Smith and Vicki Jones 3:02:21 Half Marathon, Santa Monica, Cal.--1. John Kelly 1:56:08 2. Terry Matthews 2:07:09 3. Milt Creange 2:15:15 4. Bill Emmerton 2:29:01 Women--1. Sheila Smith 2:20:05 Santa Monica Marathon--1. John Kim 4:18:06 2. Paul Hendricks 4:18:06 3. Roger Brandwein 4:30:53 Belgium 100 Km Championship, Villerot, Oct. 4--1. Christian Halloy 9:50:09 2. Fred Schwickert, Luxembourg 9:59:09 3. Robert Schoukens 10:28:38 2 Mile, Catania, Italy, Sept. 9--1. Maurizio DaMilano 12:21 2. Reima Salonen, Fin. 12:51.7 3. Alessandro Pezzatini 12:51.7 Italian 50 Km Championship, Cascina, Oct. 5--1. Domenico Carpentieri 4:06:31 2. Sandro Bellucci 4:14:14 Women's 5 Km, Blackhearth, Eng., Sept. 14--1. Jill Barrett 25:37 Women's 5 Km, Morecambe, Eng., Sept. 13--1. B. Lupton 25:46 Additional finishers in Moscow 50 Km of May 23, which has apparently been verified as correct distance--9. Aleksandr Cymbalyuk 3:45:19 . . . 17. Viktor Grodotsuk 3:48:17 18. Leonid Tumanov 3:51:29 19. Ivan Glavitski 3:51:29 20. Aleksei Trifilov 3:51:42, and so on 38 under 4 hours, 50th place 4:10:44! Still looks a mite suspicious to me. Soviet 20 Km Championship, Donetsk, Sept. 6--1. Nikolai Vinnetschenko 1:21:47 2. Yevgeniy Yevsyukov 1:21:56 3. Anatoli Solomin 1:22:23 4. Andrei Perlov 1:22:52 5. Ivan Sankovski 1:23:00 6. Maris Petersons 1:23:14 7. Aivars Rumbenieks 1:24:31 8. Aleksandr Trefilov 1:24:54 9. Gerogi Mironov 1:24:57 10. Aleksandr Startshenko 1:25:00 11. Aleksandr Udalov 1:25:10 12. Aleksandr Potasov 1:25:45 13. Vladimir Miakotnykh 1:25:53 14. Vladimir Kunitski 1:26:05 15. Yevgeniy Seikin 1:27:15 (20th place 1:28:32) 20 Km, Bryansk, USSR, Sept. 19--1. Aleksandr Udalov 1:25:36 2. Viktor Semenov 1:20:09 3. Andrei Perlov 1:26:23 4. Aleksandr Trefilov 1:26:45 Women's 5 Km (road), same place--1. Tatyana Krivochina 24:27.2 2. Tatyana Sarypova 24:55.4 3. Valentia Filana 25:07.5 4. Galina Echarova 25:27 5. Yelena Dementyeva 25:41.4 6. Tatyana Kobsar 25:41.6 7. Svetlana Krassavteeva 25:48 20 Km, Magnitogorsk, USSR, Sept. 21--1. Aleksandr Startshenko 1:21:43 2. V. Griyanov 1:25:43 Women's 5 Km, Minsk, USSR, Aug. 31 (track)--1. Svetlana Kirpitsenko 24:38.8 2. Polina Biznya 25:07.4 (the 22:28.4 reported earlier for Tatyana Krivochina was on a short road course and can be ignored) 20 Km (track), Vitebsk, USSR, Aug.

16--1. Ivan Sakovitch 1:26:05 2. Anatoli Iazovskiy 1:30:31 20 Km (track),
Jurmala, USSR, Aug. 20--1. Aivars Rumbenieks 1:28:22 20 Km (track), Lenin-
grad, Aug. 14 (Soviet Army Champ.)--1. Pyotr Potschenchuk 1:21:30 (USSR
record--20:18, 40:37, 1:00:57) 2. Nikolai Matveyev 1:22:53 3. Maris Peter-
sons 1:23:37 4. Boris Yakovlyev 1:24:50 5. Nikolai Turzinev 1:24:54
6. Valeri Nefyedov 1:25:55 7. Sergei Bantikov 1:28:02 Soviet Army 50 Km,
Leningrad, Aug. 16--1. Vladimir Nefyedov 3:51:26 2. W. Jarez 3:52:49 3.
Petro Melnik 3:52:49 4. Viktor Dorovski 3:57:39 5. M. Semyanikov 4:01:17
6. Sergei Yung 4:01:38 30 Km, Riga, Latvia, Oct. 4--1. Aivars Rumbenieks
2:10:40 20 Km, Riga, Oct. 11--1. Rumbenieks 1:22:08 20 Km (track), Uzhgorod,
USSR, Oct. 3--1. V. Pisko 1:28:20 50 Km (track), same place--1. Nikolai
Udovenko 3:46:11 2. Petro Melnik 3:59:03 3. V. Grodovitsuk 4:04:05 50 Km,
Riga, USSR, July 12--1. Aivars Rumbenieks 3:54:14 Women's 5 Km (track),
Kiev, USSR, Oct. 13--1. Tatyana Krivochina 2:4:20 20 Km (track), same place--
1. Viktor Semyenov 1:26:28 Women's 5 Km, Gothenburg, Swed., Sept. 7--1. Mon-
karlsson 24:05 2. Eva Gustafsson 24:54 35 Km, same place--1. Bengt Simonson
2:40:36.8 Swedish 50 Km Championship, Nalden, Sept. 20--1. Bengt Simonson
4:06:12 Jr. 20 Km Champ., same place--1. Torbjorn Jansse 1:29:29
Women's 10 Km Champ. (track), same place--1. Ann Jansson 49:31.4 2. Britt
Holmquist 49:35.6 3. Monika Karlsson 49:41.5 4. Elisabeth Olsson 50:02
5. Britt-Marie Karlsson 51:51.6 6. Margareta Olsson 52:07.4 7. Berit Karlsson
53:27.5 8. Monica Gunnarsson 53:27.9 Women's 5 Km (road), Boras, Swed., Oct.
4--1. Ann Jansson 24:20 2. Monica Karlsson 24:26 3. Mia Kjolberg, Nor.
24:36 4. Britt Holmquist 24:48 Jr. Women's 5 Km, same place--1. Lena Olof-
sson 25:17 2. Berit Karlsson 25:21 Jr. B 5 Km, same place--1. Monica Gunn-
arsson 25:00 2. Lisbeth Aalvik, Nor. 25:14 3. Line Viken, Nor. 25:20
20 Km, Holic, Czech., Aug. 9--1. Lubomir Mackanic 1:26:39 20 Km, Secky Brod,
Czech., July 22--1. Jan Dzurak 1:27:30 2. Vladimir Podrouzek 1:29:21 3.
Juraj Malik 1:29:40 20 Km, Ostrava, Czech., Aug. 24--1. Stefan Petrik 1:27:35
2. Jeromir Vanous 1:27:47 3. Zimka 1:28:15 Balkan Games 20 Km, Sofia, Bulg.
June 14--1. Constantin Staicu, Rom. 1:28:35 (track) 2. Christos Karageorgos,
Greece 1:28:59 3. Liodor Pescaru, Rom. 1:29:53 Hungarian 20 Km, Veszprem,
Aug. 2--1. Laszlo Sator 1:27:52 2. Janos Azalas 1:29:29 10 Km, Santiago,
Cuba, Aug. 17--1. Ralph Kowalsky, E.G. 40:21.7 20 Km, Puck, Poland, July 9--
1. Bohdan Bulakowski 1:24:58 2. Stanislaw Ruda 1:25:38 Polish 20 Km Champ-
ionship, Lodz, Aug. 29--1. Bohdan Bulakowski 1:28:13 2. Grzegorz Ledzcion
1:30:16 50 Km, Lassing, Austria, Oct. 25--1. Marcel Jobin, Canada 4:00:55
2. Francois LaPointe, Can. (age 19) 4:06:46 3. Hans Michalski, WG 4:07:13
4. Max Sjolholm, Swed. 4:12:00 Women's 10 Km, same place--1. Ann Jansson,
Swed. 51:19 and Monica Karlsson, Swed. Tour de Romandie, Switzerland, Aug.
29--Sept. 6 (289.7 Km in 9 stages)--1. Boris Yakovlyev, USSR 25:28:27 2.
Vyatcheslav Fursov, USSR 25:33:22 3. Yevgeniy Ivchenko, USSR 25:47:11
4. W. Chungtang, China 26:04:04 5. Bernd Ockelman, WG 26:49:25 6. Z. Zhenyu,
China 26:56:15 (This race marks the first appearance of the Chinese in race
walking, at least to my knowledge) 7. Th. Gunter, WG 27:23:16 8. Michael
Vallotin, Switz. 27:25:41 7.5 Km. Aug. 29--1. Fursov 35:30 2. Yakovlyev
35:35 3. Ivchenko 25:36 22Km, Aug. 30--1. Ivchenko 1:48:02 2. Yakovlyev
1:48:05 3. Fursov 1:48:09 24 Km, Aug. 30 --1. Yakovlyev 2:20:04 2. Chun-
tang 2:20:12 3. Fursov 2:20:16 41 Km, Aug. 31--1. Yakovlyev 3:41:11 2. Fur-
sov 3:42:09 3. Chungtang 3:48:11 38.8Km, Sept. 1--1. Yakovlyev 3:25:14 2.
Fursov 3:25:14 3. Ivchenko 3:26:13 41 Km, Sept. 2--1. Ivchenko 3:41:56
2. Fursov 3:41:58 3. Yakovlyev 3:41:58 48 Km, Sept. 4--1. Fursov 4:24:10
2. Yakovlyev 4:24:12 3. Ivchenko 4:25:11 44 Km, Sept. 5--1. Ivchenko 3:46:03
2. Yakovlyev 3:46:04 3. Fursov 3:47:35 23.4 Km, Sept. 6--1. Yakovlyev
1:46:04 2. Fursov 1:48:21 3. Chungtang 1:49:39 Women's 5 Km (track), Schwan-
erwerde, WG, Oct 11--1. Regina Broders 25:51.6 20 Km, Schwaigern-Massenbach,
WG, Sept. 14--1. Alfons Schwarz 1:26:53 Women's 5 Km (track), Leverkusen,

WG, Sept. 7--1. Ingrid Adam 25:46 20 Km, Kassel, WG, Oct. 5--1. Hans Michalski
1:27:02 2. Karl Degener 1:27:03 West German 50 Km Championship, Achern-
Onsbach, Sept. 21--1. Heinrich Schubert 4:07:02 2. Hans Binder 4:08:03 3.
Gerhard Weidner 4:10:58 4. Karl Degener 4:12:42 Women's 5 Km Championship,
same place (road)--1. Monica Glockler 24:47.4 2. Regine Broders 25:29 3.
Ingrid Adam 25:56.6 Women's 10 Km, Sopot, Poland, Oct. 4 (track)--1. Katar-
zyna Figurowska 57:57.4 (Polish record, first women's result we recall out of
Poland) 20 Km, Gdansk, Poland, Sept. 28--1. Stanislaw Rola 1:28:57.2 2.
Jan Pilczuk 1:29:10 Women's 5 Km, same place--1. Katarzyna Figurowska 27:09
2. Malgorzata Garbos 27:16 3. Celina Dabinska 27:28 7 Mile, Leicester, Eng.
Oct. 4--1. Alan King 48:55 2. Brian Adams 49:56 Airolo-Chiasso Road Relay
(114 Km), Switzerland, Oct. 12: 1. Lombardia, Italy 9:15:17 2. Metropolitan
Police, London 9:18:28 3. London Stock Exchange 9:22:15 4. Bavaria 9:24:37
5. Bad Kreuznach 9:28:39 6. Eintracht Frankfurt 9:34:09. Stage 1: 27 Km--
1. G. Morotti, Lombardia 2:07:36 2. P. Blagg, MP 2:15:12 3. Dave Stevens,
SE 2:19:40 Stage 2: 30 Km--1. Heinrich Schubert, BK 2:17:28 2. R. Cortinovia,
Lom. 2:21:39 3. P. Nordon, Eintracht 2:22:03 Stage 3: 14 Km--1. W. Weider-
mann, Bav. 1:08:34 2. R. Lancefield, SE 1:09:54 3. U. Vogt, Eintracht 1:11:15
Stage 4: 18 Km--1. D. Jarman, SE 1:26:40 2. F. Weber, BK 1:29:42 Stage 5:
25 Km--1. Alfons Schwarz, Bav. 1:51:34 2. Amos Seddon, MP 1:55:04 3. Hans
Michalski, Eintracht 1:56:28 British 100 Km, Sept. 27--1. Ian Richards
9:45:46 2. C. Berwick 9:54:00 3. John Eddershaw 10:02:20 4. Ken Halstead
10:08:52 5. G. Tranter 10:14:08 6. Peter Worth 10:36:52 7 Mile, York, Eng.
Oct. 19--1. Alan King 48:40 2. Dennis Jackson 48:50 3. Chris Harvey 49:35
4. Mick Holmes 50:10 7 Miles, Luton, Eng., Oct. 25--1. Alan King 48:36 2.
Brian Adams 49:32 3. Carl Lawton 50:12 4. Adrian James 50:20

FROM HEEL TO TOE

Chuck Hunter was missing from this year's 100 miler in Columbia after finish-
ing it for 7 years in a row. He had aimed to make it 10 in a row, but a
couple weeks before the race sent a letter to race director, Joe Duncan, in
which he said: "This is probably one of the toughest decisions I've made in
my life. I hate the thought of not being able to compete in the Missouri
100 mile race. Last year, as you well know, I had some difficulties after 50
miles. When I got home I thought I was recovering from a bad flu. After four
days, Dr. Amoroso thought I should have some blood tests. As it turned out,
my kidney was not working. I only have the one kidney, so I was in real
trouble. After several days in the hospital and medications, mostly blood
thinners, they were able to get it working again. The doctors surmised that
I had completely dehydrated in the 100 mile race. I had torn loose muscle
tissue in the body. This tissue was blocking the kidney and causing it to
clog up. I took liquid almost every lap and this was really a surprise to
me. They said I shouldn't chance doing another 100 miler as next time I
may not be able to get the kidney going again." So, the race went on without
Chuck and Len Busen tied his record of seven in a row. . . . While on the
subject of the 100 miler, the following poem was penned by Centurion Bob
Gragg, who made it six in a row this year:

NEVER AGAIN

(A Tribute To The Centurions)

Never again! I heard them say
When last they finished the 100th mile.
Never again! I heard them say
And yet they're back again with a smile.

What breed of people these Centurions,
What brings them back to begin
Another journey into the night
That never seems to end?

What breed of people these Centurions,
 What memories of heat and cold,
 And the chilling and the agony
 That makes you feel so old.

What breed of people these Centurions
 That endure the stress and pain
 Of many miles and countless steps
 And thoughts that enter the brain.

Like my right knee hurts,
 That blister is severe,
 Maybe I should stop and rest awhile--
 Or try again next year.

But when it's finally over
 And the Centurions have given their all,
 Never again! I heard them say
 - But they'll be back next fall.

From one who knows...Bob Gragg

And still on ultra-distance people, England's Ann Sayer, who has done so well over 100 miles, did the 837 mile 'Lands End to John O'Groats' in 13 days 17 hrs 40 min, beating the previous women's best by over three days. This is an average of over 60 miles a day for better than 2 weeks. . . Colin Young, in Athletics Weekly, has the following report on the current status of the Mexican race walking program: Following their almost complete demise in the Olympic walks, there have been varied opinions expressed regarding the future of Mexican walkers and their Polish coach, Jerzy Hausleber. According to Ron Laird, now living in Mexico City, Daniel Bautista has retired and is working in his home town of Monterrey as a policeman, but has opened a walking club and is coaching. Domingo Colin has recently married and is undecided about continuing in the sport, while Raul Gonzales is still on vacation! Following the Olympics, other members of the elite squad are training on in Monterrey, as are 20 or so Juniors, who are still putting in the , by now famous, murderous daily sessions. However, Hausleber, who has family illness problems, has stated that if he does not get the financial help he wants to continue his training program, he will seriously consider leaving the country. With the Lugano Final scheduled to be held in Mexico next September, one would assume that considerable pressure would be put on Hausleber, Bautista, Gonzales, and Co., to be available so that the host country will be firm favorites to retain the championship. It will be interesting to see how things will develop, in what has become the 'professional' walkers Mecca. . . Alan Wood reports in his newsletter, The Master Walker, that Gordon Wallace has volunteered to do World Masters walking records. He says, "I met with Palle Lassen, Chairman of the IAAF R.W. Committee, who agrees it would be appropriate and desirable" He proposed that we begin by contacting an appropriate representative from each nation being represented at the Championships (World Masters) at Christchurch." Gordon has further thoughts on how to get this going. It is a tremendous project, and hopefully we can all support him. Send pertinent foreign results and marks to Wallace at 102 Aztec St., Prescott, AZ 86301. And those old folks (Master, if you will) out there who might be interested in Alan's monthly sheet can write him at Regency House, Rm 255, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444. . . Paula Kash's letter of last month regarding the women's International in August, has brought some rebuttal, which in fairness, I must publish. Two letters follow.

From Bruce MacDonald:

This is an answer to the letter of Paula Kash about the Women's World Championship held at Syracuse, N.Y. To hold the competition required overcoming many problems. The first company that said they would sponsor the Championship backed out after 2 months of talks. The representative of the

company kept adding more and more frills so that the competition would have been the best ever. The only problem was that the owner of the company said it was too expensive. Three other companies were contacted and they said they would not do it. Then the greatest promoter of New York state was contacted and he said he thought he had one or two companies that would be interested in sponsoring the meet. They were until they received pressure from the Federal government because of the Olympic boycott. Because the competition was international they decided not to sponsor the meet. Therefore, New York State and the Women's subcommittee Chairman for race walking the meet. New York State also found a great sponsor for the prizes in Sasson along with T-shirts for each competitor.

To answer the five statements of Paula Kash one by one:

1. Yes, there was a 5 and 10 kilometer women's walk and also a high school 3 km walk for girls being held as part of the N.Y. State Empire Games. Paula said that those in the Empire Games should have been interested in the International meet. Well, they were. All the lap counters and runners for the judges were those competing in the Empire Games. Some of the male walkers helped out also. Some of the people watching were female and male walkers. Paula did not know the competitors so therefore she did not recognize them.

Some of the girls were competing at 6 a.m. the next morning and had to get up at 4 to dress and eat so they did not stay that long to watch. One person who did watch was Pat Rico (former Women's AAU T&F chairperson and now U.S. Women's IAAF representative). Pat said she was impressed with the competition and that is important.

2. The uniform sizes were sent into AAU House, where TAC has its headquarters. Paula was on a previous National Team, so her size is on file and the right size was sent in. The sweatsuits the team members received are worth \$99.95 without the USA on the back. If the suit was too big, did Paula try to see if she could obtain another one her size by contacting AAU House or Eric Dennis, Women's National Chairperson, or anyone?

3. According to the girls from California, Paula was traveling with Vicki Jones and her husband to New York City and then driving with them to Syracuse. Therefore, no one knew when and where she would arrive.

4. Paula wrote that each girl received \$150 regardless of whether she was from the East or West coast. Enclosed you will find a copy of Sue Miers-Westerfield's check for \$25. (Ed. I did.) The checks were not the same. I don't know where she received her information.

5. If the judging was weird it follows the IAAF rules. When a person is involved in the sport, it is their responsibility to learn the rules, which will govern them. The rules that were used were explained to the girls before each race. The girls were nervous, so they may not have heard them. The (rules used) do not say anything about a warning unless the competitors mode of progression is in danger of ceasing to comply with the definition of walking. The Irish was DQ'd very close to the end of the competition and then she left right after she finished the race and therefore could not be told until later. . .

When people write letters to be published, they must gather the facts first so that can give a clear and correct picture.

From Leigh Pollet (in which he also addresses the ongoing lifting controversy)

I would like to add a few comments to the "lifting controversy": First, as human beings, we are not perfect. We make mistakes. In football, many times the "instant replay" shows that the officials made a "wrong" call. In basketball, the instant replay many times will show a foul that the officials

missed. And so on. . . In racewalking, many times judges will miss a call--and many times they will not.

I believe that just a straight leg rule will destroy the competitors intent to walk (i.e., maintain contact and walk, not run) and permanently change the sport--much to walking's detriment. I also feel that while videotaping provides an easy answer, it also provides a like amount of problems--and is not the solution (with the current technology).

Further, in regard to the letter from Paula Kash--I was one of the judges at the Women's International events held in conjunction with the Empire State Games in Syracuse. I take exception to two points in her letter.

First, at least half (10-15) of the women entered in the Empire Games (as well as a great many of the male competitors) watched the International race. True, they all could have, but Ms. Kash's assertion that only one or two girls from the Island TC came out to watch is a major understatement (and besides, this is a free country--we cannot demand that people attend an event).

The second point is in response to Ms. Kash's statement that the judging was "pretty weird". Rarely, if ever, can a competitor judge another competitor in the same race (only a judge can get down on the ground, block out the misguiding upper body motions, and concentrate on contact and knee lock)--is Ms. Kash special? Her comment, "Girls off the ground got home scot free." has no basis in fact--especially from her viewpoint.

Pertaining to her comments about the Irish competitor, it was not known if she had been disqualified until after the race and the head judges cards were tallied with the rest.

Finally, even though the race was sometime ago, I do remember Ms. Kash's participation. When first disqualified (and I believe she did have a white flag), she complained that it was because one of the judges had a personal grudge against her! When she was informed that all of the judges had caught proceeding illegally, she complained about the quality of the judging. With Ron Daniel, Bruce MacDonald, Bill Ometechenko, Gary Westerfield in addition to myself, judging, there was probably 100 years of cumulative experience between us on that track!

YOUR MONTHLY ORW LISTING OF POTENTIAL COMPETITIVE EXPERIENCES IN THE WORLD OF RACE WALKING (A rather brief list this month since we haven't received much in the way of schedules for 1981)

- Sun. Dec. 14--7 Mile Handicap, Valley College, Cal., 2 p.m. (D)
5 and 10 Km, Toronto, 10 a.m. (Q)
10 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 1 p.m. (L)
- Sat. Dec. 20--4 Mile Men, 2 Mile Women, Newton, Iowa, 2 p.m. (O)
10 Mile, Columbia, Mo., 8:30 a.m. (M)
- Sun. Dec. 21--50 Km, Houston, 8 a.m. (C)
- Sat. Dec. 27--5 Mile Men, 3 Mile Women, Brighton, Iowa, 2 p.m. (O)
- Sun. Dec. 28--10 Km, St. Louis, 9 a.m. (S)
- Wed. Dec. 31--6 Mile Handicap, Springfield, Ohio 7:30 p.m., or so (U)
4 Mile, Detroit (at least according to tradition) (W)
- Thu. Jan. 1--Hangover Classic 10 Km, Washington, D.C., 12 noon (N)
- Sun. Jan. 11--3 Km Men, 1.5 Km Women (Indoor), Toronto (Q)
- Sat. Jan. 17--25 Km, Miami, Fla. (P)
- Sun. Jan. 25--5 Km and 10 Km, Toronto, 11 a.m. (Q)

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LOOKING BACK (A feature we neglected last month, so we'll make it up this time)

10 Years Ago (From the Oct. and Nov. 1970 ORWs)--East Germany won their third Lugano Trophy. Hans-Georg Reimann was too strong for Soviet ace Vladimir Golubnichiy in the final 5 km and won the 20 in 1:26:54.6. With five men still in it at 15 km, Reimann spread them out by just maintaining the fast pace he had held throughout. Christoph Hohne also walked even pace in the 50 and left Venâamin Soldatenko of the USSR better than 5 minutes back with a 4:04:35. . . Larry Walker won his first National title covering 7 mi 1600 yds in an hour at Walnut, California. Ron Laird was left well over a lap behind and Bill Ranney beat John Kelly for third. . . Laird came back a week later to beat Ranney by 3 minutes in the 30 Km at Atlantic City in 2:37:17. They were followed by Ray Somers and Jerry Bocci. . . On Long Island, Steve Hayden negotiated a 1:36:31.6 for 20 km on the track. . . Larry O'Neil walked his third 100 miler in Columbia in 20:42:42. For the first time there was a second finisher, Canada's John Argo. . . Ted Allsopp won the Australian 50 km in 4:21:05 at age 43. . . In Seattle, Goetz Klopfer walked an American record 2:33:59.8 for 20 Miles, also garnering records at 15 miles (1:54:47), 25 Km (1:58:52), 2 Hours (15 mi 1192 yds), and 30 Km (2:23:14). . . In the Airolò-Chiasso relay, the U.S. team of John Knifton, Tom Dooley, Ron Kulik, Goetz Klopfer, and Dave Romansky won easily over Sweden and Italy with 8:58:39. . . On an indoor track in Los Angeles, Larry O'Neil walked his second 100 miler in just over a month with a time of 21:49:32. . . The Mortlands produced son number two on Nov. 6, name of Scott Allen. . . In the Cincinnati Thanksgiving Day Race (6 miles, but short), Wayne Yarcho edged Doc Blackburn 48:45 to 49:10 followed by Dale Arnold and Clair Duckham. . . Jerry Bocci won two races at the OTC Distance Carnival with 1:25:40 for 10 miles and 15:44 for 2, as your editor held a watch and clipboard on the 15 mile run. . . Dave Romansky beat Ron Daniel in a short 15 miler in Long Branch, 1:56:55 to 1:58:33. . . In Los Angeles, Larry Walker turned in a super-fast 6:18.3 for 1 Mile, with Jim Hanley just 8 seconds back. . . The Coney Island 10 Mile Handicap went to Bill Hackulich in 1:32:50 with fast time to John Knifton in 1:13:48. . . Christoph Hohne walked a great 9:26:31 for 100 Km in Lugano, but missed his own course record by more than 10 minutes. Shaul Ladany was fifth behind two other East Germans and Gerhard Weidner of West Germany. . . Ray Middleton, 1964 British Olympian, won the International Postmen's 15 Km in 73:03, but an era passed when it was announced that this was the last time they would have to wear their uniform, including mailbag. . . In a 28 Hour race in Luxembourg, Louis Bebacquer, of France, covered 247 km (better than 150 miles). . . Mark Achen won the AAU Junior 35 Km in 3:20:44. . . In December (we also cover December here, since in 1975 we had a combined Nov.-Dec. issue and we will be drawing from that below), Goetz Klopfer was announced as the recipient of the Dr. John Blackburn, given by the ORW for the single most outstanding performance of the year. Goetz had a fast 50 km that got him the award. . . Peter Frenkel and Chris Hohne were on top of the ORW's First Annual Rankings of the world's walkers. In the 20, it was an all Eastern Europe affair as East Germany's Reimann and Sperling were second and sixth with three Soviets, Golubnichiy, Smaga, and Agapov sandwiched between. Even more so at 50 with Soldatenko, USSR, Leuschke, EG, Selzer, EG, Bartsch, USSR, Skotnicki, EG, and Lungin, USSR following Hohne. Dave Romansky was 10th at 20 Km.

5 Years Ago (From the Oct. and Nov.-Dec. 1975 ORWs)--The USSR stopped East Germany's string of four straight Lugano Cup Championships, winning at Toulon, France. The East Germans led by 7 points after the 20 Km and then fortunes tured in the 50. The Soviets appeared to have a lock on the title with three of the first five at 35 km of the 50, when Soldatenko was tossed, putting East Germany back in good shape. Then Ralf Knutter, walking second at 45 Km, also got the heave, and the East Germans were again out of it. West Germany actually emerged as top team at 50 after the DQs and, along with the British, finished just 3 points back of East Germany overall. The 20 went to East Germany's Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller in 1:26:11.8, followed closely by West Germany's Bernd Kannenberg, Peter Frenkel, E.G.; Otto Bartsch, USSR, Vittorio Visini, Italy; and Brian Adams of Great Britain, still in 1:27:46. Yevgeniy Lyungin won the 50 in 4:03:41.6, well clear of West Germany's Gerhard Weidner. The U.S. finished last in the competition with Jerry Brown and John Knifton DQd at 20. Bob Kitchen was the top finisher with 1:34:15 in 26th. Augie Hirt finished 21st at 50 in 4:31:15. . . In a Women's International 5 Km held at the same time, Sweden won easily, led by Margareta Simu in 23:40.6. Sue Brodock was fifth, but it was a bad day for the U.S. teamwise here too, as they wound up sixth of eight teams. . . In the Airolo-Chiasso Mezz, the U.S. team of Augie Hirt, Jerry Brown, Paul Ide, Wayne Glusker, and Bob Kitchen finished second to Italy in 9:28:08. . . In the Pan-American Games 20 Km, Daniel Bautista and Domingo Colin swept one-two for Mexico, helped by the Mexico City altitude. Larry Young (1:37:53) was third and Todd Scully fifth. Bautista had 1:33:05.8. . . At Columbia, Mo., the National 100 Km was held in conjunction with the annual 100 miler. Augie Hirt won the shorter race in 11:16:19 with Dave Leuthold and Chuck Hunter following. Hunter went on to win the 100 miler in 20:26:29, with Rob Spier, Leonard Busen, and Bob Cragg also going the distance. . . Dave Boxall did 100 miles in 17:56:06 in England, with 56 finishers in the race. . . Soviet walkers took the first three spots in the Tour of Romandy that year as well, the total distance being 330 km. Yuriy Andrushchenko had an elapsed time of 29:07:45 to win. . . Larry Young easily won the National 30 Km in a swift 2:25:26 with Paul Ide nearly 13 minutes behind and Augie Hirt well in back of him. . . However, 2 weeks later John Knifton had Larry's number in a close 35 Km in Pittsburgh, 2:53:04 to 2:53:36. Ide was third in this one, followed by Ray Floriani, Ron Kulik, and Ron Daniel. . . In the ORW's 6th World Rankings, Mexico's Daniel Bautista and Domingo Colin were ranked one-two in the 20 Km. Germans filled the next four slots, three of them from East Germany-- Stadtmuller, Reimann, and Frenkel. The West's Bernd Kannenberg split them in fourth. Kannenberg topped the 50 Km rankings, followed by Soviets Benjamin Soldatenko and Yevgeniy Lyungin and countryman Gerhard Weidner. Larry Young led the U.S. rankings at 20, followed by Todd Scully, Jerry Brown, Tom Dooley, John Knifton, and Bob Kitchen. Larry also was on top in the 50, where he won the National title by 12 minutes. . . Kannenberg had set a world's at 50 km in October with a 3:56:51 on the track. Another world mark fell to Italy's Vittorio Visini at 20 Miles in 2:27:38.

Next issue will feature the 11th Annual ORW World Rankings at 20 and 50 Km, together with the more recently added women's rankings at 5 and 10 and U.S. rankings for both men and women. Looking back, this has been a very interesting season and I am going to be interested in seeing what I come with. Might be a challenge.



Hartwig Gauder, East Germany, crosses the finish line to win the 1980 Olympic 50 Km Championship in Moscow. (Photo from a Soviet sports publication, courtesy of Bill Penner.)



The now World Famous Hurricanes soccer team (world famous thanks to the ORW's publicity machine), COSA Cup champions for three seasons running. Derek Mortland is number 10, second from the right kneeling, and Marty and Jack Mortland are in the rear with our other coach, Ron Moser.