It's that time of year again—sports men and women throughout the world anxiously await the Ohio Racewalker annual rankings issue! And here it is! (Trumpets blare. Drums roll.) Having put our collective head together, the ORW's intrepid one-man staff fearlessly publishes its 12th Annual World Rankings at 20 and 50 Km. For the 10th straight year we offer U.S. rankings at the same distances, and for the fourth time, rank both world and U.S. women at 5 and 10 Km.

As was the case last year, the rankings are anything but clear cut. Although there were World Championship races for both men and women that could help clarify the picture, they do as much muddying as clarifying. For whatever reasons, there were notable failures in both the Lugano (men) and Eschborn (women) Cup races. Ranking those people who had sterling seasons otherwise but did not measure up to their leading competitors on the big occasion becomes difficult. But then, difficult judgments make for more controversy—angry letters to that stupid editor that can fill valuable space in forthcoming issues. So enough vacillating, oh fearless editor. Get on with it and let those readers have at your efforts.

**1981 WORLD 20 KM RANKINGS**

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Mexico's Daniel Bautista had held the top spot in these rankings for the past 4 years and with his retirement, compatriot Canto replaces him. Exumata was undefeated with a solid triumph in the Lugano Cup and wins over good fields at the Mexican Race Walking Week and in Burgos. Weisler's second at Lugano and good competitive record in tough races earns him the second slot. Davila, the Olympic champion and second last year, was off par in the lugano race, where he reportedly suffered from blisters, but was undefeated otherwise. His win in an International Match with East Germany, Sweden, and France earns him the third spot. Solomin did not have Yevsyukov get the next places off their Lugano finishes. Kovalsky, still undefeated elsewhere, wins his easy sixth place. Manganin, excellent races earlier, in which he beat the other East Germans, rates only a junior, was DQ'd at Lugano while tussling with Canto, but two

The first four are very close, but we give the nod to Scully although only fourth in the National race, he won the Olympic Festival and US walkers in the Lugano Cup. Heiring won the US title, although lost to O'Connor in the title race. Heiring won the US title, although lost to O'Connor in some races. The rest are ranked largely off their finishes in the National race. Edwards moved ahead of DeWitt off good races in the Olympic Festival and the Can-Am race in Niagara Falls. Scully won the USA title in St. Louis in good time.

1981 World List--20 Kilometers
1.124:26 Constantin Stalou, Rum
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1.124:29 Anatoliy Solomin, USSR
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4. Ian O'Connor
5. Todd Scully
6. Larry Walker
7. Mike DeWitt
8. Roger Brandwein
9. Larry Young
10. Mike DeWitt
1981 WORLD 50 KM RANKINGS

1. Paul Gonzalez, Mexico
   3:47:16 (1) Montreal 6/21 (tr)
   3:48:30 (2) Lugano Cup 10/4

2. Hartwig Gauder, E. Germany
   3:46:57 (2) Berlin 7/8
   3:52:11 (1) Lugano Cup 10/4

3. Uwe Dunkel, E. Germany
   3:45:56 (1) Naumburg 5/1
   4:02:08 (2) Lugano Cup 10/4

4. Sandro Bellucci, Italy
   3:54:23 (3) Lug Cup 10/4
   3:55:10 (6) Lug Cup 10/4

5. Dietmar Misch, E. Germany
   3:50:59 (4) Naumburg 5/1
   4:07:37 (2) Lugano Cup 10/4

6. Marek Jobin, Canada
   4:01:30 (7) Lug Cup 10/4

Gonzalez is a clear choice for Number 1, his fifth straight at the top. Gauder's second at the Lugano Cup and good race in the East German champ... unknown. Jobin is excellent at the Lugano Cup race, but was outstanding in the two big East German races. Bellucci and Misch get the next two spots off their Lugano finishes. Bellucci and Misch are close and had a good race on the track at Berlin. Misch led the race by a good margin. Jobin has won the Lugano Cup twice.

1981 WORLD LIST—50 KM

1. Sly Gustavsson, Sweden
   26:05 (1) Melbourne 2/7
   23:42 (2) Zalapa 4/25
   23:41 (3) Zalapa 4/25

2. Alex Gauder, E. Germany
   23:42 (1) Zalapa 4/25
   23:41 (2) Zalapa 4/25

3. Gaw Gauder, E. Germany
   23:42 (1) Zalapa 4/25
   23:41 (2) Zalapa 4/25

4. Sue Cook, Australia
   22:47 (1) Eschborn Cup 10/3
   22:45 (2) Melbourne Cup 7/7
Gustavsson, with her undefeated season, and Eschborn Cup win iscolarly on top. The Soviets are a little difficult... because there are no specific races, but... record of some of their races. We have seen sufficient to rank Devor-enskaya... and Krusheva in the next two spots off their Eschborn Cup performances. Cook and Pierson both had subpar performances in the big race but had... sparkling domestic records, with Cook having two wins over her rival. Scharpi... also had a bad Cup race but had a strong alternate otherwise. Janson was agonizingly at the back of the Eschborn race... and some other good races. The veteran Ryder had a particularly fast time, but... competitive record, except for her failure to finish the Eschborn Cup race. The... an injured ridded season but did well enough in other races to write off her bad Cup season. Hilsen rescued an otherwise mediocre season with... aspirational race in the Cup.

1981 WOMEN'S WORLD 5 KM LIST

22:40 L. Kruscheva, USSR
22:50 Alexandra Devoronskaya, USSR
23:13 Sue Cook, Australia
23:17 Slv Gustavsson, Sweden
23:29 Natalie Scharpi, USSR
23:37 Lucy Suhorukova, USSR
23:45 Sally Pierson, Australia
23:53 Carolyn Tisch, Great Britain
23:57 J. Schuck, USA
23:59 Tatyana Kozub, Sweden
24:11 Maria Hilsen, Norway
24:13 Margo Vetlgeri, Switzerland
24:16 Mia Kjellberg, Norway
24:18 Irene Bateman, Great Britain
24:20 Carol Zeccari, USA
24:39 Ann Janssen, Sweden
24:40 Thorild Gylde, Norway
24:50 Tanya Kats, USA
25:01 Mona Karppinen, USA
25:16 Svetlana Kravtsova, USSR
25:23 Monica Karlsson, Sweden
25:31 Natacha Stepankova, USSR
25:41 Ivanova, USSR
25:47 Evgeniya Trofimkina, USSR
26:05 Regina Kalkowska, USSR
26:12 Lillian Grechenich, USA
26:13 Helena Cox, Great Britain
26:16 Bulleen Edgar, Great Britain
26:16 Patricia Philpott, Australia
26:20 Jill Barrett, Great Britain
26:21 Susan Grishek, France
26:23 Ann Marie-Larsen, Sweden
26:24 Elaine Cox, Great Britain
26:24 Blane Arneson
26:29 Trish Carroll
26:30 Dorothy Kelley
26:31 Christine Rinaldi
26:32 Cathy Curtis
26:32 Laure Bugeja
26:34 Alice Beur}(2023-02-12T19:10:59.228Z)
2. Sue Cook, Australia
   49:57 (1) Sydney 5/10
   49:55 (1) Melbourne 6/7

3. Susan Liers-Westerfield, USA
   50:16 (1) Green Bay 6/26
   49:56 (1) US Champ 7/19

4. Elaine Cox, Great Britain
   49:17 (1) London 3/28 (tr)

5. Elaine Cox, Great Britain
   49:12 (2) Nat. Ch.

6. Froydis Hilsen, Norway
   49:59 (1) Ostersund 4/26

7. Sue Cook, Australia
   50:01 (2) Melbourne 6/11
   49:50 (1) Nordic Ch. 7/26

8. Sue Cook, Australia
   50:17 (1) Melbourne 6/13
   49:58 (1) NGC 8/26

9. Elaine Etnam, Great Britain
   49:47 (1) Nat. Ch.

10. Sue Cook, Australia
    50:01 (2) Melbourne 6/11
    49:50 (1) Nordic Ch. 7/26

A virtual tossup between Cook and Liers-Westerfield with the nod to
the former on the basis of a faster time. Bateman is not far back with
two impressive races... The rest are based on time with their being little
other basis on which to go.

1981 WOMEN'S 10 KM LIST

1. Susan Liers-Westerfield
   52:31 Jeanne Bocci, USA
   52:37 Mia Kjølberg, Norway
   52:36 Bonnie Dillon, USA
   52:14 Sue Brodock, USA

2. Bonnie Dillon
   51:26 (2) Oshawa 2/22
   50:54 (1) Nat. Falls 10/31

3. Susan Liers-Westerfield
   52:17 (1) Melbourne 6/13
   52:01 (2) Melbourne 6/11

4. Susan Liers-Westerfield
   52:46 (1) Venice 6/26
   52:30 (2) Nat. Ch.

5. Irene Illeman, Great Britain
   51:03 (3) Nordic Ch. 7/26

6. Ann Peel, Canada
   51:26 (2) Oshawa 2/22
   50:54 (1) Nat. Falls 10/31

7. Suzanne Greibach, France
   50:31 (1) Falun 7/26

8. Sue Cook, Australia
   50:01 (2) Melbourne 6/11
   49:50 (1) Nordic Ch. 7/26

9. Elaine Etnam, Great Britain
   49:47 (1) Nat. Ch.

10. Sue Cook, Australia
    50:01 (2) Melbourne 6/11
    49:50 (1) Nordic Ch. 7/26

AND NOW--A FEW RESULTS

1 Mile (Indoor)
- Peto Tillman 2:45 1. Susan Liers-Westfield, USA
- Pete Tillman 2:45 1. Susan Liers-Westfield, USA
- Ann-Marie Larson, Sweden
- Sue Brodock, USA
- Lori Maynard, USA

2 Mile (Indoor)
- Peto Tillman 4:30 1. Susan Liers-Westfield, USA
- Ann-Marie Larson, Sweden
- Sue Brodock, USA
- Lori Maynard, USA
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10 KM Racing
- Peto Tillman 45:30 1. Susan Liers-Westfield, USA
- Ann-Marie Larson, Sweden
- Sue Brodock, USA
- Lori Maynard, USA
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Note: Rankings are based on World Best performance on the track by Ann Jamieson just before going to press. Being on the track, we feel it merits No. 1 ranking. Unfortunately we have no further results on the race, which could have additional effect on the rankings.)
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We were sorry to hear that Henry Ineck, winner of numerous AAA walking titles through the 60s and 70s, recently suffered a mild heart attack. Glad to hear that he is recovering well. Henry had been an active walker in recent years and as an example, he had coached and advised many athletes and he worked as a judge. He is currently one of the U.S. Judges on the International Panel. He sent the following note to Larry Larson: "I was all prepared to attend the TAC Convention in Reno, but then the most unexpected happened - sustaining a mild heart attack. The doctor's prognosis was simply that - by statute of strong heart action, the real question is - what will be the final outcome. I am out of hospital and enjoying recuperating and convalescing at the watchful eyes of Alice." Henry's address for those who might want to drop him a line is 20454 NW 2nd Ct., Miami, FL 33168.

By next month we should have a full report on activities of the race walking committees at the convention. For now, we include below the schedule of National races for 1982. One item we might mention was a special award given to Mike Bahan by the NA Minimal Committee in recognition of his 50 years of service to the sport in all aspects. Anyone who hasn't already done so and wishes to contribute to the expenses of the beautiful plaques given to Mike can send a contribution to Dan Fitzpatrick, 123212 Garfield, Oakland, CA 94114.

Additions to the bibliography: 1. An interview with Ron Laird, that appeared on pages 11-13 of the February 1978 Runner's World (Indicating I have to write a lot of that. I have now 10000 miles of running experience.)

Runners and Walkers, Regency Gateway, Chicago, 1981 - a picture-filled history of the All-American track and field newsletters chronicles the lively rise of pedestrian sports, together with the heroes and heroines who implanted the love of the race in America. 3. "Ann Peele, Athletics, July 1981, pages 7-9 - an interview that appeared in this Canadian publication. Speaking of books and stuff, collector/race walker Tom Dooley is looking for the 1967 and 1975 Track and Field News Annuals (January issues). He will pay up to $10 for them (that's getting tempting, but I hate to break up the set.) He also pays up to $25 for a 1968 South Lake Tahoe High School yearbook.

We are now very strong at the top and there seems to be an increase in participation, but the depth of top competitors seems to be falling off markedly. At 20 km., we have had four men under 1:30 for each of the last three years. However, in 1979 there were 17 under 1:35, the same number in 1980, and only six this past year. Those under 1:40 numbered 35 in 1979, 24 in 1980, and only 14 in 1981. The picture is much the same at 50 km. Looking at those breaking 50 km, we have had six under 5:00, five in 1980, and three in 1981. The very top level is remaining fairly constant. But for those under 4:30, the figures are nine, nine, and six for the three years; under 4:40 they are 20, 12, and 11, and under 5:00 36, 24, and 23. So what is happening to our base? There is a similar trend on the world level, but there we are talking about those under 1:24 and 4:00. Tighter judging this year and maybe fewer shorter courses in the Soviet Union may have something to do with that trend. They seem to have followed that trend too.
don't explain what is happening here. Everything seems geared toward an opposite trend. With our USOC training camps, increasing number of clinics, greater number of active coaches, increased participation on the high school and college level, we would expect to see a growing number of walkers achieving times in the above ranges. Let us hope that 1981 is just an anomaly and 1982 will see a decided upswing in the curve. As a matter of interest, we can compare the above figures with those for the British. They too of interest, we can compare the above figures with those for the British.

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The Postal 1 Hour Results: 1. Christian Smith, California Walkers 11,967 meters. 2. Kurosh Hojabri, Cal. Walkers 11,424. 3. Jeffrey Miller, Niagara Walkers 10,415. 4. Michael Kadell, Niagara Walkers 9,783. 5. Randy Deutsch, South Lincoln TC 9,116. 6. Guy Sutten, San Diego TC 9,030. (15 finishers from US, plus 30 from Great Britain, Finland, Australia. But it seems to me they have no place in U.S. national postal race.)

National Jr. Women Postal 1 Hour: 1. Gretchen Dickerson, Missouri Millers 10,420 meters. 2. Valerie Smith, South Lincoln TC 8,907. 3. Erin Nelson, MM 8,687. 4. Tanya Cannon, SLMC 8,204. 5. Tanya Wilson, MM 8,165. 6. Paula Smith, SLMC 8,317. (13 finishers, plus 33 from overseas, including the first 16. Seems strange we get more participation from abroad than from the U.S.)

Additions to Schedule:

Sun. Jan 17--Rose Bowl 10 Mile Handicap, 9:30 a.m., Pasadena
Fri. Feb. 5--LA Times Invitational 1 Mile, Men and Women
Sat. Feb. 28--Mile Handicap, Valley College, Cal., 10 a.m.
Contact John Kelly, 1024 Third St., Santa Monica, CA 90403 for all of these.

And look at all of these additions to the bibliography, courtesy of Paula Kash:

Kash, Paula, "Influence of Speed of Locomotion on Lower Extremity Kinetics Potential Injuries: A Comparison of Walking, Racewalking, Running," unpublished paper, UCLA Department of Kinesiology, March, 1979 (since it's unpublished I really shouldn't include it in the bib, but I will anyway.)
Kash, Paula, "Racewalk for Fun and Fitness," Adult education pamphlet distributed to her classes in 1980.
and Chuck Newell's 52:12. Blackburn also turned 20 miles in 2:13:46, Mortland had 2:16:45 and 20 Km in 1:35:17. For the above feat, Kitchen was awarded the Blackburn Award. Kevin Ryan won the Coney Island 10 Mile handicap, all lettering is red, with figure outline and solid border in dark blue color. Please send stamped, self-addressed envelope and full amount (make checks to "American Race Walking Judges Committee") and send your order to: Larry K. Larson 909 Ostergaard Avenue Racine, WI 53406

LOOKING BACK
15 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1966 ORW)—Jack Blackburn won the 3rd Annual New Year's Eve 6 Miler held in Rathbone, Ohio, where Jack lived at that time. He also did an impressive job of handicapping as the four walkers came in only 77 seconds apart. Blackburn had a 1:13:46 to Mortland's 1:16:58 and Chuck Newell's 52:12. Blackburn also turned in a very good 20 Ks on the Upper Arlington HS track with a 1:13:12. Mortland came home in 1:14:13 and Newell in 1:15:34. Ron Daniel took first place honors in the Coney Island 10 Mile handicap with 1:19:47 as George Lattarulo won the race. Tom Dooley and Bill Banney did 1:20:49 for 10 miles on the track, beating Goetz Klopfer's 1:21:57. Dooley also won the Junior National 50 K in 5:15:15.

10 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1972 ORW)—This was the first issue we did in the present format and improper planning forced reduction of the typed page to a nearly unreadable type size. A real collector's item. We got it right the next month. Bob Kitchen turned in a World's Best Performance for 35 Ks on the track with a 2:47:34 in San Francisco. On the way, he passed 20 miles in 2:33:50.2, also an American record, but missed Goetz Klopfer's 30 K record by 2 seconds. After a first place in 7:36, he hit 10 miles in 1:16:45 and 20 Ks in 1:35:17. For the above feat, Kitchen was awarded the ORW's Dr. John Blackburn Award for the single outstanding achievement in U.S. race walking for the year. It was his second Blackburn award. Kevin Ryan won the Coney Island 10 Mile, with Ron Daniel again coping fast time honors in 1:16:19. Jack Blackburn again won the NY's Eve 6 Mile Handicap, held in Continental, Ohio this time, in 50:29, with Bob Banney second and Doc Blackburn third. In the Lucano 100 K, East Germany's Chris Hohne was an easy winner in 1:21:15, better than 5 minutes over his record for the course. Countryman Peter Selzer was nearly 10 minutes back in second with Shaul Indany a strong third in 1:27:34. In the ORW World Rankings, Nikolai Smaga, USSR, was rated first ahead of East Germany's Gerhard Sperling and Britain's Paul Nihill at 20 Kms. At 50, Veniamin Soldatenko, USSR, rated first, ahead of Selzer and Hohne.

ZINN AWARD TO LIEARS-WESTERFIELD
Susan Liears-Westerfield became the first woman to win the Ron Zinn Award given to the country's outstanding race walker each year by the TCO Race Walking Committee. Other nominees were Marco Evonik, Dan O'Connor, Jim Heiring, Ray Sharp, and Todd Scully. Zinn awards are also given each year to the outstanding Association and the outstanding contributor to race walking. The Metropolitan Association was selected for the first of these awards, with the Pacific Northwest, New Jersey, Michigan, and Southern Pacific Associations also nominated. Howie Jacobsen was selected as the outstanding contributor, with Martin Rudov, John Maclellan, Frank Alongi, Elliott Dennis, Ron Laird, Ron Daniel, Bruce MacDonald, and Bob Kitchen also considered.

As noted earlier, we will have a full report on all committee actions in next month's issue.