Monmouth, NJ, Sept. 26—Ray Sharp, now walking out of Fort Collins, Colo., representing the Kangaroos, won the National TAC 40 Km walk at Fort Monmouth today. Walking a very strong second half, Tom Edwards gained nearly 5 minutes on Sharp in the final 10 Km and finished second, less than a minute behind of Ray’s 3:27:31. Dan O’Connor, winner of the race the past 4 years, was not on hand to defend his title.

In the accompanying women’s race, Susan Liers-Westerfield continued her winning ways and bettered the world’s best in the process. Sue’s 3:52:24 bettered her own mark of 4:02:13 set in this race last year. Runnerup, Jeanne Bocci, was also 4 minutes under the former mark. In the process, she beat husband Gerry, who won the men’s 40-44 division. Overall master’s winner was Sal Corrallo in 3:53:13.

Sharp was challenged by Todd Scully in the early going as they passed 5 km in 23:58 and 10 in 48:37. Randy Nisim was third at that point in 50:22 with Edwards and Mike Morris next at 51:36. Scully, winner of the race back in 1975, gradually lost ground after the first 10 km and Sharp was on his own. By 30 km, Morris had moved into second, but was more than 4 minutes behind of the leader. Edwards was pulling away from Morris and closing fast on Scully. By 35 he was all alone in second with Nisim now third and Scully fading badly. With Sharp needing nearly 30 minutes to cover his final 5 km, Edwards closed ground fast but ran out of racing room. Morris was an easy third and Morris, struggling nearly as much as Scully, held onto fourth over the oncoming Troy Engle. With teammates Mark Fenton and Steve Vaitones finishing sixth and thirteenth, Troy led the Greater Boston TC to the team title.

Westerfield was pushed hard by Bocci for the first half of the race and passed 20 km in 1:54:18 with just an 11 second lead. However, she proved stronger over the second half and opened that to nearly 6 minutes by the finish.

The results:

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MEXICANS SWEEP ALONGI RACE; LEWIS IMPRESSIVE

Desert, Mich., Oct. 3—The Fourth Annual Casimiro Alongi International 20 Km walk was a show piece for Mexican strength as Ernesto Canto swept to an easy victory in 1:24:59. The time bettered the course record of 1:25:01 set by Olympic champion, Maurizio Lilla, of Italy last year. Canto was followed home by teammate Felix Gomez. Jim Lewis showed he will be a force to be reckoned with in 1983 as he edged Ray Sharp for third in a very impressive 1:29:11. Tim's strong acceleration over the final 5 km (21:58) carried him by Sharp, who nonetheless added to his fine series of 20 km marks for the year.

In an accompanying 10 Km race, Carl Schueler returned to competition to win in 47:19. By next spring, Carl will be planning to carry that pace all the way to 50 km. Jerry Bocci had a good win in the Master's 10 in 52:05 and may even have beaten his wife on this day as the race was contested in a woman's 5 km with 26:00. The results:


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PRICE RULES COLUMBIA 100 MILER FOR FIFTIETH TIME

Columbia, Mo., Sept. 25-26-(From Joe Duncan)--For the fifth time in a row Alan Price wandered in from Washington, D.C. to win the Columbia version of the 100 mile walk. As usual, Price took command early, quickly establishing a 2-mile lead, and then dared anyone to try to catch him. Bob Chapin made a gallant effort to do just that, matching Price for many long stretches and even unwavering a lap and then. From 20 to 130 kilometers, Price walked a mere three minutes faster than Chapin, but shortly after, the lead began to lengthen dramatically and Price had notched down another title, while Chapin had his fourth in a row second place finish.

Most of the drama was provided by Bruce Etherton, now Centurion #6, and Phil Sigler, #37. Both of them were in a situation where they could not afford any rest stops nor could they slow their pace if they hoped to pass under the 24-hour mark. Bruce had made five rigorous attempts with 100 miles before; this year, Bruce persevered with steady 15 min plus miles to come under the wire with 35 minutes to spare. Bruce is a Chapin-Cragg recruit, a fellow employee at Hallmark Cards.

Phil Sigler, a sociology professor at the City University of New York, stretched the drama to the fullest extent, finishing a scant 6 minutes before the deadline. (Ed. Sorry. The space seems to be goofing. Have to finish this.)

There were many other memorable moments. Nate Blackburn, at age 11, turned in the best ever performance by anyone under the age of 12 (30 Kms in 14:33:19). We let Nate compete when it was evident that he was a serious competitor and was properly trained for such an effort. Nate's style is impeccable and he made it look effortless. Marsha Wither, another seemingly effortless performer, turned in a virtually non-stop 100 km walk without disturbing her makeup.

Weather conditions were excellent--cloudy the entire time with temperatures in the 50's and 60's. The results (with 10 Kms splits):

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20:59:33 (55 finished under 24 hours) 6 Day Race, Nottingham, Eng., starting Aug. 22—12. John Dowling 401 miles 1012 yds—a race walker, but not certain if he was walking in this race, which was a run. It was won by Tom O'Reilly with 576 miles 675 yds, a rather impressive performance.


Ray, looking Sharp, on his way to win at the National TAC 40 Km Championship in Monmouth, N.J. (All photos provided by David Talcott.)
Mike Morris (left) and Tom Edwards dueling in early stages of NTAC 40 Km. Edwards finished strongly to capture second with Morris settling for fourth.

Cruising to a third place finish in the NTAC 40 Km it's Randy Munn.
FROM HEEL TO Toe

I don't know what went into those newspapers from whom, but for the past 2 weeks our mailbox has been deluged with requests from all over the country. "Please send free information on walking." Please send brochures or booklets on walking. "I want information on walking for health." I think I have about 40 such requests. But I don't have any free information but booklets or pamphlets. I do have a monthly publication on competitive race walking that goes for five bucks a year. I am running enough extra copies this month to send one to each of these requesters. If you are interested in an informal, kitchen newsletter that keeps you abreast of what is happening in the world of walk, with occasional instructional pieces, send along your 5 dollars (7 if you want first class mail). But I have to say, I'm not eager to build the subscription list since the OW is strictly a nonprofit venture. The newsletter is a service operated at cost by those with a real interest in the sport. (It takes dedication to write through the tiny type and type each month.) Actually, each new subscriber brings me that much closer to deciding to forget about the whole thing, since it simply means more time on the circulation side of the business, which is the least profitable part of it. This is a one-man operation, so there is no one to shift it on to. For those interested in recreational walking, hiking, walking for healthful exercise, etc., this is probably not the publication for you. But there are many good books available. Check your local library or bookstore. There has also been a lot written and published on race walking, and we have twice published a rather extensive bibliography, most recently at the first of this year. Unfortunately, there are few contac
that issue left. But, for those who send a stamped, self-addressed envelope and 50 cents I will be glad to photocopy the relevant pages and send them to you. We have just learned that this year's National Postal 2 Hour and Junior Master's Postal 1 Hour, all official TAC Championships, are being sponsored by the Maine Association and the Yankee Athletic Club. For entry information, write John LaPierre, 13 4th St., South Portland, ME 04106. Unfortunately, the entry deadline is November 30, so there isn't much time. This race has rather fizzled in the past 2 or 3 years and there are still no results from 1981. However, if they haven't already. Race walking officials must all meet at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, he is also involved in computer based research on race walking performance and mechanics being conducted at the Center. A recent article in National Geographic (October, 1982) included a photo showing how they are superimposing computer-produced stick figures on photos to analyze performance of race walkers. By processing millions of data bits at high speeds, they are able to synthesize motion. One result of such analysis has shown that Paul Zatsalos has a total center of gravity deviation of only 2 to 3 cm (about 1 inch) during the course of a stride. No wonder he looks so smooth and fluid. By way of comparison, Jorge Loparo, not bucking at the sport, shows a deviation of up to 3 inches. Larry Larson reminds us that those hoping to officiate at the IA Olympics need to get on the move. Bocci's races were 2:54:04 and 3:26:04. However, England's Ann Sayers won with a 2:51:56 for 20 km and 2:50:51 for 40291. Tom Dooley, that storehouse of track and field, is also scheduled for next year in Norway, so it will be another international event.

There is a printed form. The deadline is also Dec. 31, 1982. For further information, write: Mr. Charles Ruter, P.O. Box 91053, Fern Creek, KY 40291. Tom is still looking for copies of the 1967 and 1975 Annuals and is now offering rare Track and Field Manuals (1964, 1965, 1966, and 1972) for sale. Write him at 2250 Shevin Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050 if you are interested. Tom is still collecting for copies of the 1967 and 1975 Annuals and is offering $15. I guess I'll hold on to mine, at least until they hit $50. On the way to her 40 km World's best, Susan Liers-Westfield hobbled Jeanne's Bocci's world's best at 30 and 35 km. Bocci's marks were 2:54:04 and 3:26:04. However, England's Ann Sayers had a 2:51:56 for 30 km earlier this year, so Susan was too late on that one. Bocci pushed the early pace in the 40 km, helping Susan to better her marks. The D.A.A. has set qualifying standards for next years World Championships of 1:30 for 20 km and 4:10 for 30. These must be set between July 29, 1982 and July 28, 1983. Bob Kitchen, National TAC Race Walking Chairman, reports that the NW Executive Committee has agreed to the following guidelines for meeting these standards: (1) Race must be on a TAC certified course or 400 meter or 440 yard track. (2) lap sheets for the races must be available. (3) A minimum of three certified TAC Race Walk Judges must be present. Bob also reminds us in his newsletter that The Athletics Congress (TAC) National Convention is in Philadelphia from Dec. 1 to Dec. 5. The race walking commission meets on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 to go and to have a vote, go to your local Association and be elected an official delegate to the Convention. Write TAC National Office, 70 Box 120, Indianapolis, IN 46206 for registration forms. Bob Bowman has been named as a judge for next year's World Championships, which are being held in Helsinki. Race Walking's World Cup (Lucago Trophy for men, Eichborn Cup for women) is also scheduled for next year in Norway, so it will be a big year internationally.
5 Years Ago (From the Oct. 1972 OW)—Larry Young, fresh from his bronze-medal performance at Munich, won the BAAU 30 km in Columbia, Mo, in 2:28:09 with Todd Scully only 49 minutes back. Floyd Godwin and Jerry Brown were next, leading the Colorado TC to a one-two-finish at 2C!, with Ron Laird a close third in 1'21:55.

5 Years Ago (From the Oct. 1977 OW)—Canada's Marcel Jobin was an easy winner of the National 30 km, held in Columbia, Mo., with a 2:12:03. Augie Hirt was nearly 13 minutes back in second and Ron Kulik, winning the Master's title, another 15 minutes behind in third, as very few showed up for the race...in the women's National 15 km, Jeanne Bocci beat Susan Liers in 1:32:10, in what was probably a short course. Liers had 1:16:35.5...Susan later won the National 20 km in 1:57:59, with Eileen Smith second in 2:01:26.

OLYMPIC HISTORY (Continued from September issue)

1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne

20 km, November 23
2. Antanas Mikenas, USSR 1:32:10 (22:52, 45:37, 1:08:07)
7. George Coleman, GB 1:35:18 DQ: Josef Dobesal, Czech 1:08:58 at 15
8. Roland Hardy, GB 1:34:41
9. Guiseppe Dordoci, It. 1:35:01
10. Edward Alsop, Aus. 1:35:43
11. Abdon Parans, It. 1:35:04
12. Henry Laskau, USA 1:38:47
14. Duma Parans, It. 1:39:38
15. Ionescu Barbu, Rum. 1:41:38
16. Bruce MacDonald, USA 1:43:26
17. Jim Henson, USA 1:46:25

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50 km, November 24
7. Albert Weisnauzer, USA 5:00:16 DNF: Ron Thompson, GB 4:11:13 at 40
8. Albert Johnson, GB 5:02:19
9. Eric Hall, GB 5:03:59
10. Ionescu Barbu, Rum. 5:08:43
11. Elliott Dennis, USA 5:12:04
12. Leo Johnson, Canada 5:12:34
13. Ron Crawford, Aust. 5:22:36

From the Racine (Wis.) Journal-Times, March 29, 1982 (Courtesy of Larry Larson)