Alan Price and Carl Schueler defended their National walking titles at 100 miles and 40 Kms, respectively, in recent races. Price was winning the title for the sixth time in the eight years the race has been held. Schueler made it three in a row in the 40. Race reports from Bill Hillman and Elliott Denman.

Columbia, Missouri, Sept. 28-29--Alan Price, 30 of Washington, D.C. and the Potomac Valley Seniors Track Club, continued his domination of long distance race walking in America by winning the 18th Annual 100 Mile sponsored by the Columbia Track Club. The race was also the National Athletics Congress Championship at the distance. Alan’s winning time of 20:37:30 was well off his American record time of 18:46:13 set here last year.

With the temperature ranging from the mid-forties (Fahrenheit) to about 75, Price and Bob Davidson of Hawaii conducted a highly spirited duel for the first 70 miles. Price increased his lead to about 2 miles in the next hour and secured his sixth gold medal when Davidson faded from contention.

This victory, coupled with last year’s record breaking performance and a first place in the 1984 TAC 100 Kms Championship, certainly indicates that Price must be considered the premier long distance American race walker of the decade. Since his first 100 mile race walk in 1978, where he broke the American record in 18:57:01, through eight straight victories at Columbia, six TAC gold medals in the 100 mile, several 100 Kms championships, and the completion of his 17th 100 miler, he has been without peer on the North American continent.


Fort Monmouth, N.J., Oct. 13--Carl Schueler’s third straight victory in the Athletics Congress National 40 Kms Race Championship wasn’t the easy stroll it looked. The 29-year-old, two-time Olympian from Colorado Springs was clocked in a near record 4:15:04, as he missed his own course mark by a mere 1:07.

This was the 47th annual U.S. Championship at the near-marathon distance and it was sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey in cooperation with Shore A.C., Point Pleasant Distributors, and New Jersey Athletics Congress. (to page 4)
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1985 Lugano Cup 20 Km Champion Jose Marin, Spain (No. 13) seen here during a track race with Sweden’s Bo Gustafsson in pursuit. Gustafsson, second in the 1984 Olympic 50 Km was DQ’ed in the Lugano 50. (Photo from the British publication, Race Walking Record.)
"I wasn't thinking about the record that much, because I had so many other problems," said Schueler. "The flexor muscles on my left foot just weren't working. Things were teasing up that shouldn't have been teasing up that shouldn't have been.

No matter, Schueler still breezed home better than a mile and a quarter in front of Dan O'Connor, his Olympic teammate on both the 1980 and 1984 squads and now his teammate on New York's East Side Track Club. Between these two, they hold seven of the last eight 40-Km crowns, O'Connor having won in 1978 through 1981.

A 45-second pit stop early in the race may have cost Schueler a crack at his record. Carl was the leading U.S. finisher in the longest track and field event in the Olympics—sixth in the 50 Km walk—but has clearly earned the recognition he deserves. This El Paso County (Colorado) county planner, a graduate of Maryland's Frostburg State College (where he competed under track coach Bob Lewis, a graduate of North Carolina University), has turned up time after time in these parochial assailances, doesn't let it bother his outlook. He realizes it's way of his sport.

Both Schueler and O'Connor are just back from appearances in the Lugano Cup world walking team championship on the Isle of Man. They helped the U.S. team place eighth against the world's best. Best news out of the '85 Cup event, though, is that it will be coming to the U.S. for the first time. Never staged outside of Europe, it is now scheduled for New York City in May, 1987.

In today's race, Eugene Kitts came all the way from Hawaii to place third and Shaul Ladany of Israel, back in the U.S. again as an exchange teacher at Georgia Tech, won the Master's Division for walkers 40 and over. Jesse Adair of New York led all women walkers in 4:22:38.

Mary Henry of Brick Trp., N.J., set National age group records at 15, 20, and 25 Km en route.

The East Side trio of Schueler, O'Connor, and John Slavonic won the National team title in record low time of 10:12:00. Shore A.C. was second. The Potomac Valley Seniors squad of Sal Corrallo, Paul Robertson, and Joel Holman nosed out the Shore AC for the Masters crown.


LeBlanc Captures Alongi Memorial

Dearborn, Mich., Oct. 6—Canada's Guillaume LeBlanc, fresh from another of his impressive international performances (fifth in the Lugano Cup 20 Km) outlasted an international field to win the Casimir Alongi Memorial 20 Km today. LeBlanc's 1:25:22 put his more than a minute ahead of Mexico's Mauricio Villagoras, who edged countryman Marcelino Colín. Italy's Raffaella Dosseschi, fifth in the 50 at the Lugano Cup, was fourth. O'Connor led the U.S. contingent. In accompanying Cup meet, was fourth. Andy Kastner led the U.S. contingent. In accompanying Cup meet, was fourth. Andy Kastner led the U.S. contingent. In accompanying Cup meet, was fourth. Andy Kastner led the U.S. contingent. In accompanying Cup meet, was fourth. Andy Kastner led the U.S. contingent.
Here is some more detail and full results on the Lugano and Eschborn Cups, contested in Douglas, Isle of Man Sept. 28-29 and partially reported last month.

In the 50 km for men, the GDR's Hans Gauder made a bold move over the last 10 km to pass Andrei Perlov of the USSR—a move that turned out to be the deciding factor in the Championship. When the two teams wound up tied with 234 points a piece following the 20 km on the second day, the championship went to East Germany for having the first man home in 20. But Gauder not made his move to the front, East Germany would have finished only third, a point behind Italy's 233 total. (He explained the scoring a couple of months ago and won't go into that again.)

Early leader in the race was Sweden's Bo Gustafsson, who went through the first 10 in 45:41. Pavol Sukora of Czechoslovakia was second at that point (45:44) and Gauder third (45:45). Perlov was 18 seconds back in eighth place.

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qualification. Also suffering disqualification was Australia’s Dave USSR 114, Spain, who last won the Cup in 1973. This race marked their fifth win.

The 20 km also had a dramatic finish—none 4 hours after the race when Czech Josef Pribyl, the apparent winner, told off of his disqualification. Also suffering disqualification was Australia’s Dave Smith, who led at 15 km in 61:21. Smith and Pribyl had identical splits of 20:16, 40:53, and 61:21. We don’t know what the Czech’s finishing time was, but following his DQ, the title reverted to Spain’s Jose Marin in 1:21:42, just one second ahead of 1980 Olympic champion Maurizio Damiano, of Italy.

Marin is a worthy champion. In 1980 he was 5th at 20 and 6th at 50 in the Olympics. His best year was 1982 when he won the European 20 and was second at 50. Following an injury-plagued 1983, he was sixth in the L.A. Olympic 20 km and is now apparently completely back. Results of the race:


The team score in the 20: USSR 120, Italy 114, Spain 111, GDR 105, Czechoslovakia 94, Poland 86, GB & NI 65, Australia 65, Canada 64, USA 63, USSR 59, Sweden 46, Algeria 30, Kenya 21, China 0.


In the women’s 10 km, China’s Hong Yan battled against Senator from Sweden for the first 5, which they covered in 23:26. Vera Osipova, of the Soviet Union was just 2 seconds back, with Canada’s Ann Peet right on her heels. Yan accelerated over the second half, but still had to withstand a strong challenge from countrywoman Ping Guan and two charging Soviet ladies in a near blanket finish. The other early challengers faded over the second half. The results:


Race Walking and Fitness Walking Manual, by Gene Dix

We mentioned this book once earlier; here is a little more on it. The 110-page manual contains two primary chapters—one on how to race walk and another on how to organize a race walk club. The second issue is rarely covered in race walk books.

Many walk clubs are adjuncts to running or track clubs. Having a separate race walk club provides more independence and leeway in scheduling events and workouts; you are not dependent on the schedules of the bigger organization. However, the consequences of being independent and less available help when putting on a walk event. For the present, race walkers must depend on track and running clubs to get race walking started in every community.

Forming a race walk club and recruiting members and finances is a difficult task. Twenty-three pages in the manual are devoted to this important subject. Theoretically, we need more race walk clubs in each and every state. Perhaps this should be an agenda item at the TAC convention in December. (From Eugene Dix) The book is available from B.F. Dix, 2301 El Nido NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104; $7 postage paid at book rate, or $7.75 postage paid, first class mail.
While speaking of books, we received an interesting letter from Gordon Wallace, peerless master's writer and author of The Valiant Heart. He says: 

"I returned several weeks ago from a 30-day, 9,000-mile automobile journey that took me through 23 states between Arizona and Maine. What I found relative to the matter of race walking should be of interest to the readers of your publication.

"Combining business with pleasure, I made 200 stops along my route of travel for the purpose of selling my book, The Valiant Heart, from Garlach Cripple to World Champion. With few exceptions, these contacts were made at public libraries in communities ranging in size from less than 1,000 population to the cities of Baltimore and Washington, and a handful of university libraries. The book was extraordinarily well-received and was purchased on the spot in most cases where someone in authority was present or to make a decision. Ninety copies were sold, seven left for return, and future orders promised.

"Whereas it was evident that in some cases the interest of librarians was captured by the chapters in which I deal with the problems of atherosclerosis, most were interested in what I had done about by disease subsequent to surgery (i.e., my participation in race walking) and what it has done for me. Many in fact, mentioned an increasing interest in their readerships in race walking, the paucity of literature available on the subject, and their gratitude at having me stop by to bring my book to their attention. Several had even inquiries about race walking just the day before I appeared. Many librarians recognized me and what I stood for from the feature article about me in the Feb.-March issue of Modern Maturity with its official circulation of 8 million and an estimated readership of 13 million.

"Perhaps as many as ten of those contacted were either already into race walking themselves or looking for an alternative to jogging (where they had suffered injuries). I even gave some coaching to one race walking librarian in her own office, and she told me about her 12-year-old daughter who had just taken fifth place in a seven-state competition in St. Louis the week before. In her little city of 10,000 on the western fringe of the Missouri Ozarks, a far-sighted coach at the local junior high school has brought race walking into his program where it has proved very popular, and I was told he was extremely aggressive in demanding proper technique.

"The head librarian at Bangor, Maine was so sympathetic to the cause that she took part of her lunch period to lead me in auto th of the office of a race walking enthusiast, Dr. Moshe Meyendorf, 4 or 5 miles distant whom she wanted me to meet and vice versa. Without going into further detail, what I found all across the nation was a burgeoning interest in race walking at the grassroots level. In the main, I steered clear of the race walking at the grassroots level of the bureaucratic jungle their library systems present; they are not worth the effort."

LOOKING BACK

20 Years Ago (From the Oct. 1965 ORW)--Ron Laird walked away with the National 15 Km in Atlantic City in 1:13:25. Well back in second and just ahead of Ron Daniel was the editor of the Fledgling Ohio Racewalker. Laird also won the National 25 in 2:01, which was as much detail as we had at that point. . . . Chris Hohne set a world record for the 50 Km on the track in Potidan in 4:10:52. . . . In separate 1-Hour races, Henri Delur of France went 8 mi 636 yards and Dieter Lindner of East Germany covered 8 mi 286 yards. . . . East Germany started a string of four straight triumphs in the Lucano Cup as Dieter Lindner and Chris Hohne won the individual races.

15 Years Ago (From the Oct. 1970 ORW)--East Germany won their third Lucano Cup. Hans-Georg Heimann was too strong for Vladimir Golubnichiy in the final 5 Km and won the 20 m in 1:25:55. With 5 walkers still in the race at 15 K, Heimann pushed his pace by plainly most of them had held from the start and watching the rest falter. Hohne also walked an even pace in the 50 and left Veniamin Soldatenko better than 5 minutes back with his 4:06:15. . . Larry Walker won his first national title, covering 7 miles 1611 yards in an hour at Walnut, Cal. Ron Laird was left well over a lap in arrears and Bill Hanney beat John Kelly for third. . . Laird came back a week later to beat Radney by 3 minutes in the 20 K at Atlantic City in 2:37:18. They were followed by Ray Somers and Gerry Bocci. . . . On long Island, Steve Hayden turned in a 1:35:32 20 K on the track. . . Larry O'Neill walked his third 100 miler in Columbus, Mo. in 20:52:14. For the first time, there was a second finisher, Canada's John Argo. . . Ted Allsup won the Australian 50 Km in 4:21:05 at age 43.

10 Years Ago (From the Oct. 1975 ORW)--East Germany led the Lucano Cup by 7 points after the first day's 20 Km but came undone in the 50 and lost to the Soviet Union. Karl-Hans Stadtmuller won the 20 m in 1:26:12 from Bernd Kannebkees of West Germany. Yevgeniy Lyungin won the 50 for the Soviets in 2:31:42. Gerhard Weidner of West Germany was second. The East Germans lost one man on a DQ about half way through race and then had another hit the wall at about 35 Kms. This left the Soviets occupying three of the first five spots and seemed to be in command. Then, suddenly, Veniamin Soldatenko was pulled by the thermostat at about 40 Kms and the East Germans were back in it. But only until the 45 Km mark, where second place Helf Krutter was also pulled. That decided it. West Germany finished just back of their neighbors in third. The U.S. had a bad time of it with two DQs in the 20 and finished last of the nine teams. . . In an accompanying women's 5 Km, Sweden's Margareta Simu won in 23:41, nearly a minute ahead of teammate Stina Gustavsson. Britt Holquist completed a Swedish sweep. Sue Brodock was fifth for the U.S. in 25:12. The U.S. team finished sixth of eight. The races were held in Toulon, France. . . Mexican Daniel Batista and Domingo Collin took 1-2 in the Pan-American 20 Km, with Larry Young third in 1:37:53. . . Chuck Hunter won the Columbus 100 miler in 20:26:29, a 55 minutes ahead of Bob Spier. Angilier Horidon the National 100 Km, which was held at the same time, in 11:06:19. . . In England, Dave Boxall won a 100 miler in 17:56:06, as nine competitors finished under 20 hours. . . The National 20 Km went to Larry Young in 2:25:12, 13 minutes ahead of Paul Ide.

5 Years Ago (From the Oct. 1980 ORW)--Ray Sharp walked 100 Km in 10:59 in Longmont, Colorado to win the National title over Alan Price. Alan's time was 11:15. . . That was 2 weeks after Price had won his third straight 100 miler in Columbus, this time in 18:28:16. Bob Chapin pulled clear of Len Busen in the final 10 miles to take second in 20:20:07. . . Hermann Freiling Andersen blunted a 1:20:57 for 20 Km to win the Marcel Jobin race in Canada by a near minute and a half over Felix Gomez of Mexico. John was third in 1:29:17. However, Gomez went 19:52 meters in an hour four days earlier and did a 40:34:6 for 10 Km four days later in other International races that comprised the Festival. . . . Carlo Mattioli came from Italy to win the Cassino 20 Km in Dearborn ahead of countrymen Sandro Bellucci and Paolo Gregucci. Mattioli had 1:28:17. Steve Picinovsky took fourth in 1:32:49.
A FEW MORE RESULTS

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Early Thursday morning it was back to Heathrow Airport by bus for the hour long flight to the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea. Here they saw their first signs of the upcoming competition as they ran into the Chinese delegation and some of the British team. We also picked up the rest of our group just off the runway from the airport. For Paul his worries would end in a couple of days but for Andy his baggage was the Underwood railway, where everyone “minded the gap”, a different interpretation of the term “watch your step” over the gap between the train and the platform.

On Wednesday Marco Ewoniuk finally showed up after leaving the team wondering of his whereabouts for the last few days. Paul Wick and Andy Keastner at this point were wondering of the whereabouts of their checked baggage that had not yet arrived.

For relaxation a tour was set up on Tuesday for a trip into London for some sightseeing and shopping. After the tour the group broke off and the individuals went where they wanted, either more shopping, sightseeing or to head back to Epping. Getting back to Epping the Underwood had moved in. When the group got back to Epping for the evening was the post-race awards ceremony and managing it once it was underway. He did a fantastic job and was appreciated by all the athletes for his work and his easy going manner.

the World cup was to be outside of Europe for the first time. Upon our arrival on the Isle of Man we proceeded to the coastal resort town of Douglas where we were to stay for the remainder of the trip.

Friday was basically an easy day and most of the group spent it with shopping, touring or with a trip out to see a race course site for a look see. The course was situated about ten miles out in pretty much the middle of the island in the very small town of St. John's. The organizers had situated the course on one of the main roads that ran through the town and the island and were going to close it completely on race day. Having a fairly long winding hill and tight turnarounds it was to be a tough one.

Saturday came and it was time for the first competition of the weekend, the 50 kilometer, to be held at 12 noon. The weather looked pretty good with a warm sun peaking through partly cloudy skies and light wind. As expected the field went out fast with the eastern Europeans pretty much taking the lead with a few others interspersed. When it was over, Hartwig Gauder had overhauled Andre Perlov in the last km. for the win with A. Noack third. Team standings after this race had the East Germans in first with 129 points, the Italians next with 113 and the Russians third with 119. The USA was in eighth with 72 points. Our top finisher in the race was Marco with a position of 16th.

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