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LEBLANC IN IMPRESSIVE WIN; LEWIS FAST;
U.S. WINS CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL

Quebec, May 22-22 (Special from Steve Vaitones)--An outstanding win by Canada's Guillaume LeBlanc over Mexico's best at 20 Km featured the Canadian International Racewalking Classic. In that same 20 Km, Tim Lewis zipped to what would have been an American record had there been a curb on the track. In combined scoring for the six races, the U.S. topped Canada and Mexico. However, Mexico dominated the men's scoring but entered no women.

The event began with a pair of track races in Laval, a suburb of Montreal. The women's 5 Km was led gun to wire by Canadian Ann Peel. Her opening 1600 put a commanding gap between her and the rest of the field, and she won easily in 23:23.7. Teammate Allison Baker moved to second early and, though she was reeled in by Lynn Weik and Louise Aubin by mid-race, she was strong enough to maintain the walker-up spot at the end. Weik finished a strong third with Aubin fading to fourth. A race-long, step-for-step battle between Susan Liers and micheline Daneau was not decided until the final 200 meters when the Canadian pulled ahead. Mary Howell and Meg Mangan, the remaining two U.S. scorers, walked well in their first international.

The men's 20 Km followed, and all were eager to see if the rumors of a world record attempt would materialize. The cool temperatures and overcast skies were offset by a stiff breeze that picked up as the race wore on.

1984 Olympic gold medalist Ernesto Canto went directly to the front and looked to be in complete control of a Mexican sweep as he was accompanied by Martin Bermudez, Biluflio Andablo, and junior Carlos Mereenarrio. Tim Lewis, Marco Evoniuk, Felix Gomez, Guillaume Leblanc, and Francois LaPointe soon separated from the rest of the field and trailed the leaders by 25 meters at 3 km.

After 6400 meters, Adablo was gapped and Lewis, Lapointe, Leblanc, and Bermudez were battling for second. Tim, always looking smooth and in control of himself, led the foursome through 10 km in 41:38, 15 seconds behind Canto.

Approaching 12 km, the second pack began alternating the lead to work against the wind on the back stretch. Four laps averaging 1:39 dropped Bermudez several meters, but more importantly, gained on Canto. The trio caught the leader at 15km. Leblanc surged, and opened 15 seconds on the new second place pack. Lewis and Canto then exchanged surges and dropped Lapointe, who was soon caught by Bermudez. With 6 laps remaining, Canto moved into sole possession of second, but now well back of the hard-driving Leblanc. Bermudez strode ahead of Lewis, who later admitted that he was unable to respond to the Mexicans' challenges at that point. But, when was the last time a U.S. walker could make that statement with 2000 meters to go.

The order remained unchanged from that point to the finish, as Leblanc broke his national record with a 1:23:17 clocking. Tim didn't falter, and

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posted a time of 1:23:58 to break the old U.S. record by more than a minute in following Canto and Bermudez. Lapointe, in fifth, also broke Marcel Jobin's former Canadian standard. Marco wound up with a time of 1:30:48, and Ray Pankhouser, a late replacement for the injured Paul Wick, clocked 1:33:45. Gary Morgan could never get loosened up, and wound up at 1:40:30.

The Junior women's 5 Km opened 2-days of racing in Hull. Canadian Lora Rygutto began just as Peel did by putting a lot of space between her and the rest of the field, opening with a 1:47 lap. By 1600, she had 25 seconds on Sybil Perez and Kerry Bratton, who were walking together. Dee Collier was alone in fourth. All positions were the same at 3km, but the gap at the front was now 45 seconds. At this point, Perez began to pick up the pace and moved into second, but could not gain on the 17-year-old leader. At the finish it was Rygutto in 24:52.1, followed by Perez in an American Junior record of 25:36.7, and Bratton in 25:58.8. High-school juniors Collier and Hope Hallock were fourth and seventh in 25:48.9 and 28:22.9, respectively.

The Junior Men's 10 Km was similarly dominated by Mexico's Carlos Mercenario. Always leading, the youngster exhibited the smoothest technique on the track in reaching splits of 13:12 for 3 km and 21:55 for 5. He came back with a negative split of 21:14 to post a winning time of 43:09.4. Teammate David Alarcon was never challenged in second (45:50.8). A trio of Curt Clausen, Jeff Salvage, and Canadian Benoit Gauthier exchanged positions 2, 3, and 4 for 6 km before Curt moved out. The Stevens Point, Wis. HS senior, who flew out the next morning for his graduation, finished in 46:39.6 and looks like he might have a shot at Tim Lewis' U.S. Junior record at this distance later this summer. Gauthier surged on Salvage several times, but the freshman at Drexel came back and was not dropped until 3 laps remained. His 47:08 fifth place performance bodes well for the future.

Sunday began sunny and warm for a change, fine for spectators, but to the dismay of the competitors, who would have very little shade on the 2500 meter loop course. The 30 Km was being used to select the Canadian's final Commonwealth Games competitor, Lapointe and Leblanc having already been selected. However, it would not be a purely tactical race, since the top Canadian also needed a time of 2:17 to be picked.

The lead pack of Martin Bermudez, Felix Gomez, Joel Sanchez, Paul Turpin of Canada, and Marco Evoniuk held together for a 10 km split of 44:56. Dan O'Connor, at 45:25, had 20 seconds on the number two and three Canadians, Dan Levesque and Martin Archambault, who started conservatively. John Slavonic was steady and always in sight of the pack. Gene Kitts, in his first international event, walked pretty much alone, while Randy Mimm, experiencing digestive problems, was well back and, after two pit stops, called it a day at 15 Km.

At that point, the lead pack was down to four, and O'Connor had only 7 seconds on Levesque, who, in turn, had the same gap on Archambault. The next lap saw Marco lead Gomez and Bermudez. Sanchez was gapped, and Turpin was 10 meters down. Levesque had passed O'Connor. The 20 km split was 1:30:13, with the same trio in the lead. The Mexicans had been willing to pull a Canadian through 2:17, but with Turpin falling back, they increased their tempo by 10 seconds for the lap, and Marco was unable to accelerate

with O'Connor. Both Bermudez and Gomez had a negative split over the final 10 km and finished with a sweep of the event.

Archambault surged at 20, and with a 1:31:29 was now 19 seconds ahead of both Dan. His pace remained steady and he passed Turpin by 22.5 km. Over the final 3 kms, though, he was unable to gain any on Marco for scoring purposes. Though not making the required 2:17 standard, Archambault may still make the Commonwealth Games team, as the CTPA was to meet and discuss his performance.

O'Connor, veteran of many head-to-head international battles, was not about to hand the points to the Canadians, and passed both Levesque and Turpin on the final circuit. Slavonic walked a steady race to complete the scoring for the U.S. team.

By the start of the women's 10 km, the temperature was well into the 80s. The U.S. women needed to go 1-2-3 to take the overall title. Despite the fact that the Canadians were walking without Peel and Baker, this would be no easy task.

A trio of Weik, Debbi Lawrence, and Teresa Vaill lead the field at 2.5 km, with junior winner Rygutto matching their pace. At 5 km, Lawrence and Weik were still 1-2, with Vaill and Rygutto falling slightly back. Liers and Daneau were locked in another stride-for-stride battle close behind. The order changed at 7.5 km, with Vaill, feeling the effects of an intense sun, falling off appreciably, while Liers moved into third, 4 seconds up on Daneau.

In the end, Weik, Lawrence, and Liers showed their strength and completed the sweep necessary to assure both the women's and overall title. It was Susan's first win this year over Micheline and her best race in several years. Knowing that the Canadian would make every attempt to match her and move up to the leaders, Liers did not make a decisive move until the small hill with 1 km to go, good strategy by the many-time internationalist.

Women's 5 Km, May 22, Laval (track)--1. Ann Peel, Canada 23:23.7 2. Allison Baker, Can. 24:06 3. Lynn Weik, U.S. 24:14.5 4. Louise Aubin, Can. 24:38 5. Micheline Daneau, Can. 24:45.1 6. Susan Liers, U.S. 24:50.4 7. Mary Howell, U.S. 25:10.7 8. Meg Mangan, U.S. 25:35.2. Scoring: Canada 1 U.S. 7

Men's 20 Km, May 22, Laval (track)--1. Guillaume Leblanc, Can. 1:23:17 (20:41:23, 62:31) 2. Ernesto Canto, Mex. 1:23:32 (same splits) 3. Martin Bermudez, Mex. 1:23:44 4. Tim Lewis, U.S. 1:23:58 (20:46, 21:38, 52:31) 5. Francois Lapointe, Can. 1:24:10 (20:46, 41:38, 62:31--these were also Leblanc's splits. Those given for Leblanc were actually Canto's) 6. Joel Sanchez, Mex. 1:26:57 7. Felix Gomez, Mex. 1:29:45 8. Marco Evoniuk, U.S. 1:30:48 (21:00, 43:01, 66:11) 9. Bluffino Andablo, Mex. 1:33:17 10. Ray Pankhouser, U.S. 1:33:45 (22:38, 45:20, 66:56) 11. Gilbert Doust, Can. 1:34:05 12. Gary Morgan 1:40:30 13. Nadeem Mophal, Can. 1:46:30 DNF--Carlos Mercenario, Mex. Score: Mexico 19, Canada 16, U.S. 11 Cumulative Score: Canada 31, Mexico 19, U.S. 18

Junior Women's 5 Km, Hull, May 24 (track)--1. Lora Rygutto, Can. 24:52.1 2. Sybil Perez, U.S. 25:36.7 3. Kerry Bratton, U.S. 25:58.8 4. Deirdre Collier, U.S. 26:48.9 5. Faith Montpetit, Can. 27:40.3 6. Natasha Buchan, Can. 28:22.9 7. Hope Hallock, U.S. 28:22.9 8. Roxanne Pharand, Can. 29:48 Score: U.S. 12, Mexico 10 Cumulative Score: Canada 41, U.S. 30, Mexico 1

Jr. Men's 10 Km, Hull, May 24 (track)--1. Carlos Mercenario, Mex. 43:09.4 2. David Alarcon, Mex. 45:50.8 3. Curt Clausen, U.S. 46:39.6 4. Benoit Gauthier, Can. 46:57.5 5. Jeff Salvage, U.S. 47:08.1 6. Chris MacKay, Can. 49:37.5 7. Dominique Roy, Can. 50:57.9 8. Peter Bush, Can. 51:39.7

9. Jan Jorgenson, U.S. 51:42.4 10. Scott Marshall, U.S. 52:21.5 Score: Mexico 18, U.S. 14, Canada 13. Cumulative: Canada 54, U.S. 44, Mexico 37

Men's 30 Km, Hull, May 25--1. Martin Bermudez, Mex. 2:14:34 2. Felix Gomez, Mex. 2:14:58 3. Joel Sanchez, Mex. 2:17:16 4. Marco Evoniuk, U.S. 2:18:06 5. Martin Archambault, Can. 2:19:08 6. Dan O'Connor, U.S. 2:21:58 7. Paul Turpin, Can. 2:23:10 8. Daniel Levesque, Can. 2:24:00 9. John Slavonic, U.S. 2:28:53 10. Michel LaFortune, Can. 2:32:55 11. Gene Kitts, U.S. 2:39:41 DNF: Gary Morgan, U.S. 45:23 at 10 km; Randy Mimm, U.S. 1:16:34 at 15 km; Mike Morris, U.S.--guest, 1:36:57 at 20 km; Glenn Sweazey, Can. 1:49:42 at 22.5 km; Bob Davidson, U.S.--guest, 35:26 at 7.5 Km. Score: Mexico 25, U.S. 11, Canada 10. Cumulative: Canada 64, Mexico 62, U.S. 55

Women's 10 Km, Hull, May 25--1. Lynn Weik, U.S. 50:12 2. Susan Liers, U.S. 50:16 3. Debbi Lawrence, U.S. 50:24 4. Micheline Daneau, Can. 50:31 5. Lora Rygutto, Can. 50:54 6. Louise Aubin, Can. 51:10 7. Teresa Vaill, U.S. 52:09 8. Mary Howell, U.S. 52:09 9. Sian Spacey, Can. 52:27 10. Meg Mangan, U.S. 54:03 11. Elizabeth Peters, Can. 54:39 12. Christine Ostiguy, Can. 55:17 13. Carol Brown, U.S. 56:04 DNF--Gwen Robertson, U.S. DQ--Debbi Powell, Can. Score: U.S. 16, Canada 5. Final Cumulative Score: U.S. 71, Canada 69, Mexico 62. Women's Score: U.S. 25, Canada 30. Men's Score: Mexico 62, Canada 39, U.S. 36.

Splits on 30 Km: Bermudez and Gomez 22:30, 44:56, 1:07:42, 1:30:13, 1:52:27 Evoniuk 22:31, 44:56, 1:07:40, 1:30:13, 1:53:50 Archambault 22:46, 45:45, 1:08:37, 1:31:29, 1:55:01 O'Connor 22:33, 45:25, 1:08:23, 1:31:48, 1:56:53

LEWIS BEATS STRONG FIELD TO DEFEND 20 KM TITLE

Eugene, Ore., June 21--Tim Lewis successfully defended his national 20 Km title, and in the process walked the third fastest time ever by a U.S. athlete. Tim's 1:25:22 had been bettered only by his own time in Montreal last month and Jim Heiring's 1:24:51 in 1983 in Norway. He also has a 1:25:43 this year. In this race, he took command early and then withstood a determined effort by 50-km specialist, turned speed demon, Carl Schueler. Carl's 1:25:43 has been bettered only by Lewis, Heiring, and Marco Evoniuk. Marco was disqualified this time, after finishing in third, just 3 seconds a head of Ray Sharp. Sharp, who has struggled with inconsistency and disqualifications since his 1:26:48 of 4 years ago, was 2 seconds better than that today in a tremendous comeback. In fourth, 21-year-old Mike Stauch shattered his personal record by 6½ minutes with an outstanding 1:28:11. Missing from the race were Jim Heiring, who has still been fighting injuries this spring, and Paul Wick (1:28:45 last year), also out with injury.

Lewis blitzed the first 5 km in 21:04, leaving Schueler and Stauch 31 seconds back, and was never seriously challenged. Maintaining the pace, he passed 10 km in 42:10, with Schueler now 49 seconds in a rears. Carl, walking the second half slightly faster than the first, was able to close ground the final 5 as Lewis faltered a bit, but never got close enough to frighten the NYAC athlete. Sharp caught Stauch just before 15 km and moved easily away during the rest of the race. Twelve walkers went under 1:35 in the race, and only two of the 21 finishers failed to break 1:40. Ray Funkhouser was the only other disqualification besides Evoniuk.

In a race on which we have no details at all yet, other than the finishing times, Debbi Lawrence won the women's 10 Km national by a decisive margin over Teresa Vaill. Lynn Weik, who had such a great race early in the year in the year in the Rockport series and a win in Canada last month, was disqualified in this one. Our women's rankings for the year are shaping up as a very interesting exercise.

Men's National 20 Km: 1. Tim Lewis, New York AC 1:25:22 (21:04, 42:10, 63:31) 2. Carl Schueler, Reebok, Eastside 1:25:45 (21:35, 42:59, 1:04:19) 3. Ray Sharp, un., Columbia, Tenn. 1:26:46 (21:45, 43:30, 1:05:01) 4. Michael Stauch, U. of Wis.-Parkside 1:28:11 (21:35, 43:09, 1:05:11) 5. Dan O'Connor, Stars 7 Stripes TC 1:30:53 (21:49, 44:05, 1:06:58) 6. Curtis Fisher, Team Rockport 1:32:39 (22:10, 45:03, 1:08:32) 7. Dave McGovern, Reebok, Eastside 1:33:37 8. Andrew Kaetner, UW-Parkside 1:33:37 9. Paul Schwartzberg, Reebok, Eastside 1:34:10 10. Mike DeWitt, U. of Chicago TC 1:34:18 11. Mike Morris, Team Rockport 1:34:52 12. Will Freischel, UCTC 1:34:55 13. Michael Rohl, UW-Parkside 1:36:24 14. Dave Cummings, Team Rockport 1:37:04 15. Mel McGinnis, un. 1:37:52 16. Todd Scully, Shore AC 1:38:32 17. John Slavonic, Reebok/Eastside 1:39:43 18. Dan Lawrence, un. 1:39:49 19. John Ratto, un. 1:40:09 20. Juan Santana, Reebok/Eastside 1:42:54 DQ--Ray Funkhouser, Shore AC; Marco Evoniuk, un. 1:26:43). DNF: Randy Mimm, Team Rockport, Gary Morgan, NYAC

Women's National 10 Km: 1. Debbi Lawrence, un. 50:28.9 2. Teresa Vaill, Team Rockport 50:55.9 3. Susan Liers, Team Rockport 51:29.9 4. Gwen Robertson, Team Rockport 53:12.8 5. Lisa Vaill, Team Rockport 53:32.2 6. Karen Rezach, Shore AC 54:01.5 7. Deirdre Collier, Reebok/Eastside 55:27 8. Frances Montes, Reebok/Eastside 56:53 9. Patricia Reilly, Adelphi U. 57:24 DQ: Margaret Mangan, Reebok/Eastside (52:02); Mary Howell, Team Rockport (52:30); Viisha Sedlak, un. (53:16); Carol Brown, Reebok/Eastside; Lynn Weik, Team Rockport.

SCHUELER HIDES FROM 30 KM FIELD

New York City, June 1--Maybe they forgot Carl was out there in front. Anyway, Carl Schueler finished the National 30 Km walk in Central Park with plenty of time to take a shower and freshen up before second place finisher, Richard Fenton, arrived. Of course, Carl had an excellent time of 1:19:02 and other top-echelon walkers were noted only by their absence. All in all, it was the type of National that has many people saying that we have too many Nationals.

1. Carl Schueler 2:29:02 2. Richard Fenton, Reebok/Eastside 2:36:00 3. Tom Moraes, Reebok/Eastside 2:38:32 4. Nick Bdera, R/ES 2:46:07 5. John Alfonso, N.J. Striders 2:48:07 6. Tim Chelius, Shore AC 2:51:24 7. Ron Kulik, Shore AC 2:55:22 (1st Master) 8. Lee Bogart, Shore AC 2:56: (2nd Master) 9. John Shilling, Island TC 3:05:35 (1st 50 and over) 10. Bob Mimm, Shore AC 3:09:37 (1st 60 and over) 11. Bob Ryan, Shore AC 3:11:12 12. Jack Tannachion, Potomac Valley TC 3:11:13 13. Cervin Robinson, R/ES 3:15:41 (2nd 50 and over) 14. Don Johnson, Shore AC 3:15:44 (1st 65 and over) 15. Giff Mimm, Shore AC 3:25:58 16. Mel Rubin, R/ES (55) 3:31:13 17. Bernard Kaufman, R/ES (51) 3:34:58 18. George Bradley, NY Masters (44) 3:40:47 19. Frank Nastasi, R/ES (43) 3:46:21 20. John Rush, MRW (59) 3:46:25 21. Sam Meerkreebs, Maryland (66) 3:47:07 22. Carl Brungard, Ohio (60) 3:51:54 23. Harry Drazin, Shore AC (72) 3:54:35 24. Jonathan Bear, New York 3:57:59

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1986 TAC YOUTH ROAD RACE WALK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Overland Park, Kans. May 25: 3 Km, 10 and under girls: 1. Naomi Sepulveda, Rialto, Cal. 18:05 2. Iael Garner-Holman, Merriam, Kan. 21:18 3 Km, 10 and under boys: 1. Sean Ryan, Jamaica, N.Y. 19:37 2. Scott Braudis, Columbia, Mo. 21:14 3 Km, 11 and 12 Girls: 1. Joy Ross, Pittsburgh 18:01 2. Carrie Michelson, Mira Loma, Cal. 18:24 3. Daniell Michelson, Mira Loma, Cal. 19:00 4. Chris Frey, Jeannette, Penn. 19:11 5. Sarah Krebs, Kettering, Ohio 19:34 3 Km, 11 and 12 Boys: 1. Chris Braudis, Columbia, Mo. 18:44 2. Fred Fisher, Lincoln, Ne 18:48 3. Bill Welch, Hays, Kan. 19:59 5 Km, 13 and 14 Girls: 1. Megan Garner-Holman, Merriam, Kan. 31:18 2. Danielle Bushong, Kettering, Oh. 31:3

3. Paula Smith, Lincoln, Neb. 32:23 5 Km, 13 and 14 Boys: 1. Chris Egge-meir, Kettering, Ohio 31:46 2. Scott Stewart, Overland Park, Kan. 33:15 5 Km, 15 and 16 Girls: 1. Margaret Fisher, Lincoln, Neb. 29:19 5 Km, 15 and 16 Boys: 1. Richard Smith, Lincoln, Neb. 26:28 (finished 10 Km time trial in 53:32) 2. Chris White, Lincoln, Neb. 28:06 (58:57) 3. Kris Hansberry, Morristown, Penn. 28:46 (60:14) 4. Lennie Becker, Mayview, Mo. 30:01 5 Km, 17 and 18 Girls: 1. Carolyn Holguin, Whittier, Cal. 28:08 2. Debra Johnson, Warrensburg, Mo. 30:05 10 Km, 17 and 18 Boys: 1. Elmer Becker, Mayview, Mo. 54:28 2. Darrin Bushong, Kettering, Ohio 60:14

OTHER RESULTS

5 Km, Bangor, Maine, May 17--1. Kim Malcolm (girl) 28:29.4 2. Bill Kennedy 32:50.5 3. Daniel Tandy 33:50 5 Km, Dedham, Mass., June 7--1. Steve Vitones 23:06.4 2. Tom Knatt 25:00.3 3. Phil McGaw 26:01.2 4. George Iattarulo 26:12 20 Km, Cambridge, Mass., June 14--1. Tom Knatt 1:50:46 2. Dick Ruquist 1:58:50 3. George Iattarulo 1:59:29 4. Merrin Finn 2:04:20 3 Mile, Chatham, Mass., June 22--1. Tom Knatt 25:35 2. George Iattarulo 27:17 3. Kate Gray 28:35 4. John Gray 29:10 5. John Ottow 29:42 15 Km, Chenango Forks, N.Y., March 22--1. Dave Talcott 1:22:09 $\frac{1}{2}$ Marathon, Ithaca, N.Y., April 13--1. Dave Talcott 1:53:09 5 Mile, Southport, N.Y., May 3--1. Dave Talcott 39:36 15 Km, Binghamton, N.Y., May 10--1. Jim Miner 1:22:40 5 Km (track), Binghamton, N.Y., June 4--1. Dave Talcott 24:21.7 10 Km, Grand Island, N.Y., June 7--1. Dave Lawrence and Dave Talcott 50:27 3. Dan Talcott 54:25 4. Larry Naukham 55:01 5. Dick Bales 61:41 (10 finishers) Women's 10 Km, same place--1. Cheryl Rellinger 62:19 5 Km (track), Newport News, Va., June 14--1. Ray Funkhouser 21:35.9 (Donna Funkhouser won the women's 5 Km in 24:38.9) 1 Hour, Columbus, Ohio, May 25--1. Jim Higgins, Kentucky 10,520 meters (57:12 at 10 Km, age 54) 2. Ernestine Yeomans (67), Cincinnati 8,160 m (36:14 at 5 Km 3. Hugh Yeomans (70) 8,160 5 Km, Dearborn, Michigan, June 14--1. Dan O'Brien 23:11 2. Max Green 24:28 3. Victor Sipes 26:52 4. Leon Jasionowski 27:37 5. Frank Soby 27:45 6. Greg Near 28:16 7. Walter Lubzik 29:04 Women: 1. Jennifer Green 27:28 2. Roberta Boyle 32:21 3 Km, Dearborn, April 19--1. Frank Soby 15:31 2. Walt Lubzik 17:04 3. Bill Kennedy 17:33 4. Gary Gray 18:52 Women: 1. Deborah Kurpas 18:59 3 Km, Dearborn, May 10--1. Max Green 14:26 2. Frank Soby 15:47 3. Bob Mann 18:03 4. Al Varga 19:00 5. Gary Gray 19:04 3 Mile, Detroit, May 3--1. Max Green 23:24 2. Greg Near 26:34 3. Walt Lubzik 27:12 4. Bill Kennedy 28:07 Ron Zinn Memorial 10 Km, Racine, Wis. June 8--1. Mike Stanch 44:06 2. Mike DeWitt 45:52 3. Andy Kaestner 46:48 4. Will Preischel 46:53 5. Mike Rohl 49:38 6. Paul Malek 50:56 7. Kevin Schoesson 52:28 8. Martin Smith 59:12 9. Tom Coti 59:43 10. Nick Schroeder 60:00 Master's 5 Km, same place--1. Bob Brzenk 27:45 Women's 5 Km, same place--1. Carol Romano 29:35 2. Lidda Pfeilstifter 30:59 Masters: 1. Ruth Leff (58) 33:51 Boy's 5 Km--1. Curt Clausen 23:59 2. Tom Caster 29:33 2 Mile, Norman, Okla., May 24--1. Ron Marlett 16:59 2. Mark Adair 17:00 3. Dennis Bowles 17:00 4. Mike Hogben 17:18 (1st Master) 5. Bill Boggs 18:16 6. Buck Karnes 18:22 7. Bob Baker 18:34 8. Dale Toepfer 19:06 9. Maxine Gunter 19:40 10. Gerald McCall 19:45 11. Laura Boggs 20:00 (21 finished) 3 Mile, Oklahoma City, May 26--1. Jim McFadden 26 06 2. Maxine Gunter 32:04 Second race (for those directing first race)--1. Dennis Bowles 28:32 2. Mike Hogben 28:37 3. Ron Marlett 28:39 South Section 10 Km, Houston, June 8--1. Scott Demaree 55:57 2. Yvonne Warner 59:03 3. Mike Kleinhenz 61:33 (11 finishers) 5 Km, San Jose, Cal., May 18--1. John Ratto 22:52.4 2. Chuck Marut 25:08 3. Karl Krueger 25:59 4. Kerry Bratton 26:45 5. Karen Stoyanowski 29:27 6. Carl Fry 30:31 (16 finishers) Senior Olympics 1500 M, Silverton, Or., May 24: Men--1. Don Jacobs 10:12 (age 66) Women--1. Claire Coleman (69) 10:59 NAIA District 1 10 Km, Bellingham, Wash., May 10--1. Alan James, West. Washington U. 48:06 2. Herm Nelson, WWU 51:03 3. Alan Bridges, UPS 52:22 4. Tom Gibson, UPS

57:36 5. Dominic Urbano, CWU 58:01 6. Charley LeWarne, PIU 59:47

FROM OTHER LANDS

Women: 10 Km (road), Stockholm, Swed., April 5--1. Ann Jansson 47:53 2. Monica Gynnarsson 48:00 3. Helena Astrom 50:26 5 Km, Bexley, Eng., Feb. 15--1. Lisa Langford 23:26 2. Beverley Allen 23:28 10 Km (track), Brighton, Eng., Feb. 2--1. Beverley Allen 49:04 10 Km (track), Lugano, Italy, April 27--1. R. Feroldi 49:12 5 Km, Melbourne, Jan 11--1. Gabrielle Blythe 23:32 5 Km (track), Melbourne, Feb. 16--1. Kerry Saxby 21:53.4 (Commonwealth record) 2. Gabrielle Blyth 22:38 3. Lorraine Jachno 23:38 5 Km (track), Canberra, Aust., Feb. 21--1. Sue Cook 23:30 5 Km (track), Perth, March 9--1. Suzanne Narbey 23:16 10 Km (road), Melbourne, March 9--1. Kerry Saxby 47:43 2. Lorraine Jachno 49:19 Australian 5 Km Championship, Adelaide, March 15 (track)--1. Kerry Saxby 22:29.3 2. Bev Hayman 22:43 3. Sue Cook 23:18 4. Lorraine Jachno 23:25 5. Suzanne Narbey 23:35 6. Gabrielle Blythe 23:47 5 Km (track), Sydney, Feb. 15--1. Bev Hayman 22:59 5 Km, Bergen, Nor., April 26--1. Ann Jansson, Swed. 22:42.1 2. Mirva Hamalainen, Fin. 22:59.8 3. Kjersti Tysse 29:35 4. Helena Astrom, Fin. 23:37 3 Km, Softeland, Nor., April 27--1. Ann Jansson 12:44 2. Mirva Hamalainen 13:13 10 Km (road), Naumburg, W.G., May 1--1. Dana Vavracova, Czech. 47:54 2. Victoria Oprea, Rum. 48:33 3. Dagmar Grimme nstein 49:21 4. Gunhild Kristiansen, Den. 49:28 5. Kathrin Born 50:01 6. Maria Rosza, Hung. 50:18 7. Anna Bak, Pol. 50:18 8. Petra Kamp 50:50 5 Km (road), Russe, Bulg., April 29--1. Katrin Born, E.G. 22:35 2. Olimpia Ivanova, USSR 22:45 3. Michaela Daogariou, Rum. 23:05 (Junior race). 5 Km, same place--1. Viktorio Aprea, Ru. 22:23 2. Sirka Oikarinen, Fin. 22:40 3. Renata Rogosch, Pol. 22:40 4. Maria Rewandowska, Pol. 22:43 5. Graszina Madura, Pol. 23:04 10 Km (road), Kekescaba, Hung., April 20--1. Rudolfne Hudi 49:00 2. M. Rosza 49:08 3. I. Ilyes 49:14 10 Km (road), London, April 5--1. Beverley Allen 47:31 2. Nicky Jackson 49:53 3. Lisa Simpson 50:23 4. Sarah Brown 50:52 5. Bill Trower 51:03

Men: 20 Km (track), Bergen, April 26--1. Yevgeniy Misulya, USSR 1:20:42 (20:17, 40:17, 60:30) 2. Erling Andersen, Norway 1:21:08 (20:15, 40:17, 60:27) 3. Pavol Blazek, Czech. 1:21:25 (20:16, 42:24, 60:50) 4. Valeri Sunsov, USSR 1:22:38 (20:46, 41:19, 61:55) 5. Bo Gustafsson, Swed. 1:23:33 (20:15, 40:42, 61:47) 6. Veniamin Nikolayev, USSR 1:23:57 7. Martial Fesselier, France 1:24:16 8. Martin Torporek, Austria 1:25:32 9. Lars Ove Moen, Nor. 1:25:37 10. Jan Staaf, Swed. 1:26:43 11. Pauli Pijeta, Fin. 1:26:51 12. Stefan Johansson, Swed. 1:27:18 13. Christos Karageorgos, Greece 1:27:41 14. Roland Nilsson, Swed. 1:27:56 15. Aro. Karageorgos, Greece 1:28:42 50 Km, Bergen, April 26--1. Vladimir Popovich, USSR 3:55:51 2. Nikolai Frolov, USSR 3:56:52 3. Alain Lemerrier, France 4:01:02 4. Jean Claude Corre, Fr. 4:05:31 20 Km, Naumburg, E.G., May 1--1. Ralf Kowalky 1:22:08 2. Andrei Rubarth 1:24:59 3. Sandor Urbanik, Hung. 1:26:01 4. Anatoliy Gorschkov, USSR 1:26:40 5. Valeri Jarets, USSR 1:26:47 6. Jacek Herok, Pol. 1:26:52 7. Torsten Hafemeister 1:27:05 8. Jacek Bednarek, Pol. 1:27:08 9. Viktor Dorovski, USSR 1:27:49 10. Alik Basriev, Bulg. 1:28:25 11. Wolfgang Wiedemann, W.G. 1:28:52 50 Km, Naumburg, May 1--1. Hartwig Gauder 3:43:52 (1:28:27, 1:50:33, 2:12:55, 2:39:20) 2. Reima Salonen, Fin. 3:51:15 (1:29:26, 1:52:33, 2:16:01, 2:39:20) 3. Pavol Szikora, Czech. 3:51:33 4. Bernd Gummelt 3:55:30 5. Ivo Pitak, Czech. 3:58:55 6. Jaroslav Makovec, Czech. 4:04:53 DQ--Dietmar Meisch; DNF--Ronald Weigel 20 Km, Rheinsabern, W.G., April 5--1. Alfons Schwarz 1:23:41 2. Wolfgang Weidemann 1:28:04 3. Robert Mildenerberger 1:28:35 50 Km (track), Marseille, Fr., March 23--1. Thierry Taoutain 4:05:53 2. Maurice Dumont 4:07:30 3. Michel Viardot 4:09:40 West German 50 Km Championship, April 20--1. Alfons Schwarz 4:01:28 2. Robert Mildenerberger 4:02:42 3. Detlef Heitmann 4:03:59 4. Fritz Helms 4:05:00 30 Km (track), Praha, Czech., March 16--1. Ivo Pitak 2:12:17

RACES FOR FLAT-FOOTED PEDESTRIANS

- Sat. Jul 12--NATIONAL ATHLETICS CONGRESS 10 KM, NIAGARA FALLS, NY, 9 am (FF)
5 and 10 km, Denver, 9 am (K)
- Fri. Jul 18--NATIONAL TAC MASTER'S 5 KM, LONG ISLAND (F)
- Sat. July 19--3 Mile, Columbia, Mo., 8 am (G)
- Sun. Jul 20--NATIONAL TAC MASTER'S 20 KM, LONG ISLAND (F)
- Sat. Jul. 26--5 Km Men, 3 Km Women, Dearborn Heights, Mich., 9 am (W)
- Sat. Aug. 2--5 Km, Arrowhead, Okla. (F)
10 Km, Columbia, Mo., 7:30 am (G)
- Thu. Aug 7--2.8 Mile, Seattle, 6 pm (A)
- Sat. Aug 9--5 and 10 Km, Broomfield, Colo. 8 am (K)
10 Km, Asbury Park, NJ, 9 am (P)
- Sat. Aug 16--5 Mile, Belmar, N.J., 9 am (P)
- Sun. Aug 24--5 and 10 Km, Denver, 8 am (K)
- Sat. Aug. 30--20 Km, Columbia, Mo., 6 am (G)
10 Km Men, 3 Km Women, Dearborn Heights, Mich., (W)
- Thu. Sep 4--2.8 Mile, Seattle, 6 pm (A)
Also 5 Km races every Monday in Long Branch, N.J. (P)

- A--Dan Pierce, 1137 NW 57th, Seattle, WA 98107
F--Sandy Pashkin, 363 Edgecombe Ave., New York, NY 10031
G--Joe Duncan, 2980 Maple Bluff Dr., Columbia, Mo 65201
F--Ron Marlett, 2712 NW 48th, Oklahoma City, OK 73112
K--Bob Carlson, 2261 Glencoe St., Denver, CO 80207
P--Elliott Denman, 28 N. Locust, West Long Branch, NJ 07764
W--Frank Alongi, 26530 Woodshire, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
FF--Don Winiecki, 161 Stewart St., Buffalo, NY 14211

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RESULTS (cont.)

- 50 Km, Dudince, Czech., April 6--1. Ivo Pitak 3:51:43 Italian 50 Km Championship, Canicatti, April 6--1. Maurizio Damilano 3:51:50 2. Sandro Bellucci 3:55:28 3. Raffaello Ducceschi 3:59:16 4. Giorgio Damilano 4:01:01
- 20 Km, Scouri, Italy, April 20--1. Carlo Mattioli 1:24:30 2. Walter Arena 1:24:48 3. Sandro Pezzatino 1:26:42 4. Quiriconi Massimo 1:27:09 5. Sandro Bellucci 1:27:29 6. Marcello Villa 1:28:51 30 Km, Melbourne, Feb. 16--1. Dave Smith 2:06:10 2. Andrew Jachno 2:17:25 (Smith was 1:22:14 at 20 Km) Australian 5 Km Champ. (track), Adelaide, March 15--1. Dave Smith 19:23.4 2. Simon Baker 19:46 3. Andrew Jachno 19:57 Spanish 50 Km Champ., Madrid, March 16--1. Erling Andersen, Nor. 3:49:49 2. Jorge Llopert 3:50:26 3. Miguel Prieto 3:55:27 4. Antonio Gonzalez 3:59:34 5. Chris Morton, GB 4:00:47 6. Roland Nilsson, Swed. 4:01:30 7. Jose Pinto, Port. 4:03:01 8. Dennis Jackson, GB 4:03:08 20 Km, Madrid, March 16--1. Daniel Plaza 1:26:56 2. Ricard Pueyo 1:27:47 Polish 50 Km, Rzeszow, April 20--1. Grzegorz Iodzion 3:52:23 2. Jerzy Wroblewicz 4:08:39 10 Km, Bergen, April 27--1. Yevgeniy Misyulya, USSR 39:20 2. Vladimir Popovich, USSR 39:41 20 Km (track), Potsdam, E.G., March 22--1. Axel Noack 1:28:19 2. Nietmar Weisch 1:23:34 3. Andrei Rubarth 1:23:45 4. Bafameister 1:26:25
- 20 Km, Russe, Bulgaria, April 20--1. Reima Salonen, Fin. 1:20:02 (20:06, 39:56, 59:51) 2. Zdislaw Szlapkin, Pol. 1:24:49 3. Kostel Sofrat, Rum. 1:25:13 4. Zbigniew Sadleir, Pol. 1:25:23 5. Josef Hudak, Hung. 1:26:44 6. Igor Kolar, Czech. 1:26:54 7. Jorge Velezquez, Cuba 1:27:11 8. David Castro, Cuba 1:27:37 9. Zbigniew Vienowski, Pol. 1:27:42 (16 under 1:30)
- 20 Km, Copenhagen, April 17--1. Hartwig Gauder, E.G. 1:22:46 2. Ralf Kowalsky, E.G. 1:24:16 3. Sandor Urbanik, Hung. 1:24:49 4. Franz-Josef Weber, W.G. 1:26:53 5. Hector Moreno, Columbia 1:27:41 6. Fritz Helms, W.G. 1:32:31 50 Km, same place--1. Laszlo Sator, Hung. 4:04:25 20 Km, Barcelona, Spain, May 11--1. Josef Fribilinec, Czech. 1:22:08 2. Viktor Mostovik, USSR 1:22:10 3. Reima Salonen, Fin. 1:22:17 4. Maurizio Damilano, Italy

5. Ernesto Canto, Mex. 1:22:58 6. Martin Bermudez, Mex. 1:22:51 7. Guillaume Leblanc, Can. 1:23:34 8. Ledzion Gregorz, Pol. 1:24:17 9. Roman Mrzcek, Pol. 1:24:38 10. Andablo Biliulfo, Mex. 1:24:53 11. Pavol Blazek, Czech. 1:25:26 12. Felix Gomez, Mex. 1:25:51 13. Querubim Moreno, Col. 1:26:13 14. Raffaello Ducceschi, Italy 1:26:40 15. Jose Pinto, Port. 1:26:44 16. Ricardo Pueyo, Spain 1:26:05 50 Km, Bekescaba, Hung., April 20--1. Rudolf Vereb 3:57:32 2. Zoltan Czukor 4:00:58 3. Miklos Domjan 4:02:50 20 Km, same place--1. Sandor Urbanik 1:26:04 2. S. Kanya 1:26:33 20 Km, Isle of Man, March 1--1. Ian McCombie 1:23:52 British 10 Mile, Redditch--1. Ian McCombie 1:06:35 2. Chris Maddocks 1:07:11 3. Martin Rush 1:08:56 4. Les Morton 1:10:33 British Commonwealth Games 30 Km Trial--1. Ian McCombie 2:07:56 2. Chris Maddocks 2:11:53 3. Martin Rush 2:13:29 4. Paul Blagg 2:15:44

- Back to Women: 10 Km (road), Copenhagen, May 17--1. Monica Gunnarsson, Swed. 46:48 2. Dagmar Grimmesstein, E.G. 48:35 3. Gunhild Kristiansen, Den. 48:56 4. Karin Jensen, Den. 50:30 5 Km (road), Barcelona, May 11--1. Olga Kristop, USSR 21:40 2. Alexandra Grigorieva, USSR 21:42 3. Maria Cogoli, Italy 22:45 4. Reyes Sobrino, Spain 22:56 5. Karin Tysse, Nor. 23:38

LAIRD FIRST WALKER IN
T&F HALL OF FAME

Prior to this year 114 athletes, coaches, and officials had been named to the National Track and Field Hall of Fame based in Indianapolis. None of them were from the race walking community. An under representation, it would seem. Finally, this year's class of four began to rectify the situation as Ron Laird was among the four selected from a field of 11. Joining Ron were vaulter Bob Seagren, sprinter Barney Ewell, and official Andy Bakjian.

Ron placed third on the ballot in voting by select members of the Track and Field Writers of America; officials of the Athletics Congress; current American track and field, road racing, and race walking champions; and all Hall of Fame members. Formal induction ceremonies will be at the TAC convention in Tampa, Florida, on December 6.

Ron's selection was certainly well deserved. He was on four U.S. Olympic teams (1960, 1964, 1968, and 1976), two Pan-American teams (1963 and 1967, winning the gold at 20 Km in 1967), and 16 other U.S. international teams. He twice finished third in the Lugano Cup 20 Km race (1967 and 1973) against the best in the world. He won 65 National championships at distances between 1 mile and 50 Km, the first in 1958, the last in 1976. He also served as the National Race Walking Coach at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs from July 1981 to October 1984.

FROM HEEL TO TOE

The 1986 U.S. Race Walking Handbook prepared each by Bob Bowman and published by the Athletics Congress is now out. It's so up to date that the U.S. All-Time list for 20 Km even includes Tim Lewis' performance in Quebec last month at the top of the list. This informative annual includes: a race schedule for 1986; world and U.S. records; world and U.S. rankings for the past 15 years; all-time world and U.S. lists; winners in international and national competitions through the years; event records of international and national competitions, world record progression, U.S. performances in international competitions, and personal statistics for today's leading U.S. walkers, both male and female. I can't find the release telling me how much it costs, but you can write the Book Order Department, Athletics Congress/USA, P.O. Box 120, Indianapolis, IN 46206, or call (317) 638-9155 for information. . . Also available is the Race Walking Judging

Handbook. Also available from TAC Book Order Department, this one will cost you \$3.00. . . Richard Charles in New Orleans is looking for video tapes on race walking he can borrow, or rent, if necessary. They will be used in TV spots to promote a race walking event for the masses planned for late fall. If you know of anything that might help him, the address is Richard Charles, 1508 Constantipole St., #8, New Orleans, LA 70115. Phone (504) 899-3092. . . Through a friend in Texas, Larry Larson has got w wind of a video-cassette of the 1984 Olympics that is basically about race walking and was apparently made by a Mexican TV station through CBS. If anyone knows any more about this let either Larry or me know. Larry's address is 909 Ostergaard Ave., Racine, WI 53406 (You will not that I used up the carbon ribbon a few lines above. Not having another on hand to replace it, I will have to use the old nylon from here on out and you will have to suffer with a less clear image). . . Which reminds me, a reader recently asked who types the ORW, probably thinking they are certainly overpaid at whatever price. For those of you haven't been around for a long while, this is strictly a one-man operation (except I do eventually take some copy to a printer). Each month you editor takes a stack of material, sorts it into some semblance of order, sits down at the Smith-Corona Enterprise, and has at it. No editing or proof-reading functions are involved. You get just what flows from my demented brain onto the paper. I reduce it on a copying machine at work; take it to Copy Cat, get it back the next day; collate, fold, and staple; slap on labels; put stamps on some and sort the rest for second class mailing; and pay a visit to the Post Office the next day. Between issues, I struggle to keep an address list up to date. I have avoided the temptation to make it a slick, well-edited, typeset newsletter. That would take a lot more of my time and of your money, would delay publication by at least a week, and would probably mean the end of the publication. My idea is to get as much information to you as I can, as quickly and as cheaply as possible. The subscription rate is set to cover costs. There are lots of slick newsletters out there on various esoteric subjects that look, oh, so much nicer, but carry less information, and cost you \$50 to \$100 a year. And what do I do when not working on the ORW. Well, I work as a technical writer and editor in a publications group at a large contract research institute worrying very much about the things I sluff off here--content, style, clarity, grammar, yes, even spelling and punctuation. But, enough, back to the topic at foot--race walking. . . Speaking of Larry Larson (which we did somewhere above), he has been selected as one of the walking judges for both the World Junior Championships in Athens, Greece (July 16-20) and the first-ever World Indoor Championships in Indianapolis, March 5-8, 1987. Also, Larry still has a bout a dozen of the USA Race Walker patches we have tried to help him sell in the past. They are available for \$3.00, plus a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Proceeds go towards the U.S. judging program. . . Somehow we never got results on the 5 Km at the Southeast Masters in Raleigh (we had the 20), but we have learned that Bill Tallmadge set a new meet record in the 70-74 age group with a 32:15. . . Where are all the photographers out there? We haven't been running any photos because we haven't been getting any. . . The article later in this issue on Australian walking ace, Dave Smith, is one of the most interesting we have seen. His reported 2:16 marathon on little specific training is good ammunition when trying to sell walkers as athletes. Incidentally, Raul Gonzales was supposedly going to run Boston this year and I even heard reports that he was with the leaders midway, but nothing more. Who knows about this one?

THE TAC RACEWALK CHAIRMAN ON OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS--OR THE LACK OF THEM

As we entered the 1986 outdoor season, it soon became evident to me that we knew very little of what is in the pipeline, i.e., the nation's young race walkers. As you know, unlike track and field and long distance running, there are few high school and colleges with race walk programs. There are even fewer clubs and coaches who promote and encourage walkers the year around. Everyone knows when a young sprinter comes along and they know of the vaulters, the long jumpers, and the milers. But I challenge you to identify the top high school male walkers around the country.

Further, as Bob Bowman is quick to tell us, participation in our national Junior Championships is not just low, it is often non-existent. Very little attention has been given to Junior Championships, especially when they are combined with senior events.

What are we to do? The National Committee cannot be all things to all people, yet we try. For example, Howard Jacobson and Ron Kulik are working with the Catholic High Schools in New Jersey who are planning to add the walk to their program. The obvious question: Who will coach and who will judge the events? Since we currently have only a limited number of coaches and judges in this country, what can be done? First, Richard Torrellas, who never walked a step in competition, has made his mark as a fine coach. His secret, according to Rick, is that those who come from a technique event, i.e., weights and jumps, can master coaching other technique events. He feels they have the special ability needed to coach the event; break the walk down into units, teach the event, and diagnose style problems. He has done it, others can also, but they need assistance; manuals, judging handbooks, videos, and films. Some of these are coming, while others are in the planning stages. All require resources.

Second, over this next year, Frank Soby has been charged with identifying our outstanding youth walkers. He will be attending all major youth meets, taking names and addresses, and doing some on-site clinics. His work, while important, will not be enough. We must find a way to get the sport into the high schools now, and colleges later. With the great increase in walking as an exercise, the time is right but pressure must come essentially from the grass roots. Your help is needed if we are to do it.

What can you do now? First, send Frank Soby the names and addresses of all the walkers in your area between the ages of 14 to 19 who you feel have promise. We will add them to our mailing list for the newsletter. Second take it on your own to start promoting walking at the high school level. Pass out coaching aids (Alongi's booklet is a start), conduct judging clinics (the new book is a good resource here), and campaign directly to schools and colleges to add the walk to their programs. We know there are problems adding the event at the high school and college levels. One approach is to get schools to start a club type program. Perhaps even offer to conduct meets and provide awards. (If you have no funds for publications or awards, let me know.)

These are critically important issues. I would like all of you who are interested in our national program to send me your thoughts on how we can get our youth and junior programs into full gear. In addition, hearings will be conducted at all meets that I attend. It will also be put on the agenda at the National Convention. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

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LOOKING BACK

20 Years Ago (From the June 1966 ORW)--Rudy Haluza dominated in some steaming races in the midwest. First, he toured the Stagge Field track in Chicago in very sultry weather to win the National 10 Km in 46:52. Don DeNoon was second in 47:42, after leading through the first mile in 6:53. Jack Blackburn beat OTC teammate Jack Mortland for the next spot 48:29 to 48:38, with Ron Laird nearly a minute further back and Ron Daniel and Larry Young capturing the next two spots. . . Six days later it was the sizzling, shadeless blacktop of Eastland Shopping Plaza in McKeesport, Pa. for the National 20. Again, DeNoon shot into the lead, and was about 30 seconds ahead of Haluza at 2 miles. However, Rudy hauled him in by 4 miles and went on to another victory in 1:36:16. DeNoon dropped out around 8 miles. Laird improved considerably in a week's time and was an easy second in 1:37:48. Mortland tooled into what he thought was an easy third in 1:40:40, only to find Ron Daniel, who he didn't know was anywhere near, threatening to barf over his shoulder about 3 strides passed the finish. A young newcomer, Bob Kitchen, was very impressive in fifth, followed by Bob Bowman, Blackburn, and Young. . . On the Ohio scene, Blackburn pulled away in the second half to win the Ohio AAU mile over Mortland, 6:50.3 to 6:58.7. Chuck Newell had his all-time best with 7:23. . . Mortland won the Ron Zinn 10 Km on a dusty track in Chicago in 47:38, with Matt Rutyna a minute behind. In California, Haluza blasted a 1:12:38 for 10 miles on the track, with Laird well back. . . However, Laird did win the National 2 Mile in New York with a 13:52.6, followed by DeNoon, Daniel, and Young. . . Martin Rudow won both the 20 and 50 Km in Northwest championships with 1:42:08 and 5:05:28.

15 Years Ago (From the June 1971 ORW)--The first sentence of the lead story reads: "Larry Young quickly disproved some of the doubters, such as your editor, who figured he might have a tough time getting back to his 1868 form." Yes, it read 1868; typos were no stranger to the ORW in those days either. Anyway, Larry won a highly competitive National 50 Km in Nutley, N.J. in 4:18:29. John Knifton, a newcomer to the long distances at that point, was second in 4:19:23, Gary Westerfield third in 4:21:05, Goetz Klopfer fourth in 4:21:31, host Ron Kulik fifth in 4:28:29, and Bob Kitchen sixth in 4:30:17. . . In Rouen, France, England's Colin Young covered 134 miles 202 yards in 24 hours for a World's best, which qualified him for the 520 Km Paris-to-Strasbourg donneybrook. . . Ron Daniel did 1:13:15 for 10 miles on Long Island, but lost to Kulik over 1 Mile in Bristol, Pa., 6:39 to 6:43. . . Larry Young proved his versatility by adding the National 2 Mile crown. He did 13:49.5 to beat Laird, Jim Hanley, Ray Parker, Bill Ranney, and Steve Tyrer.

10 Years Ago (From the June 1976 ORW)--With only one walk on the Olympic Program (20 Km), the trial race at that distance was a hot one. There was no other chance. Unfortunately, the race came up about 7/8 of a mile short when an official directed the walkers back to the Stadium one lap too soon. Todd Scully won the shortened race in 1:25:29, with Ron Laird (1:25:44) and Larry Walker (1:25:57) capturing the other two Olympic berths. Two-time Olympic 50 Km bronze medalist, Larry Young, was a disappointed fourth in 1:26:41. Jim Heiring, Goetz Klopfer, Dan O'Connor, Tom Dooley, Bob Henderson, and Jerry Brown rounded out the top 10. . . A week earlier, Laird had won his sixth National title of the year at 5 Km in 21:09.4. Scully was close all the way, and had 21:15.4. Larry Walker, Wayne Glusker, John Knifton, and Ron Daniel followed. . . Sue Brodock won the women's 5 Km in 25:29, with the Ohio Track Club's Lauri Tucholski second in 25:56. Susan Liers was third and Carol Mohanco, from Kettering, Ohio, fourth. . . Mexican Daniel Bautista walked an impressive 2:22:53 for 20 miles in England, leaving Raul Gonzales nearly 4 minutes back. Gonzales had won

a 20 Km in Bergen, Norway a week earlier in 1:25:06. . . Jerry Young won the National Junior 10 Km in Knoxville, Tenn. with a 50:30, nearly 2½ minutes ahead of Steve Cassarella.

5 Years Ago (From the June 1981 ORW)--Overcoming a drizzle and Seattle chill, Vince O'Sullivan won the National 50 Km in 4:12:11. He controlled the race all the way. Jim Heiring was a lonely second in 4:15:29. Ray Sharp was third in 4:21:06, Canadian Glenn Sweazey fourth in 4:25:01, Wayne Glusker fifth in 4:29:47, and Steve Pecinovsky sixth. . . Tim Lewis overcame temperature and humidity in the 90s to win the Junior 10 Km in Knoxville in 50:56. Mica Comstock, Andy Liles, and James Mann followed. . . In the annual Mexican week, Soviet Valeri Suntsov overcame Canada's Marcel Jobin to win the 50 Km in 3:54:14. Jobin had 3:56:25. Erling Andersen, Norway, and Mexico's Enrique Vera and Angel Flores also broke 4 hours, Boris Yakovlyev of the USSR missed by one second. . . Ernesto Canto won the 20 Km in 1:24:32, ahead of Andrei Perlov, USSR, 1:26:18. . . At the annual Naumburg races in East Germany, Uwe Dunkel won at 50 (3:45:56) and Czech Josef Pribilinec at 20 (1:21:56). . . Italy's Maurizio Damilano won the 20 Km at an international match between his country, East Germany, France, and Sweden in 1:22:26. . . In the track races at Bergen, Norway, Spain's Jorge Llopert did 3:52:15 and Ernesto Canto had 1:23:19.

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The following article, entitled "This Man Was Made For Walkin'", appeared in The National Times (Australia), May 23-29, 1986, p. 49.

THE FIRST time I laid eyes on Dave Smith a few weeks back, with his earring and his whippet pup under his arm, I was reminded of an Armenian tie salesman named Garo Yepremian who used to kick footballs for the Miami Dolphins in the 1970s.

It was nothing physical, as Yepremian was a little, plump, balding guy, and Smith, the race walker, is a toy bulldog with not an ounce of fat on his body.

It was more in the way the 30-year-old Smith was juxtaposed with the apple-cheeked younger athletes at a barbecue in Canberra to celebrate the announcement of a Meat and Livestock Corporation sponsorship of the Australian Institute of Sport.

In Miami when coach Don Shula gave a press conference, he would jokingly tell the kicker, "Stand over the other side of the room Yepremian, we don't want you contaminating these fine young athletes."

And here at the AIS, with everybody being introduced to the press, was this raffish little character standing to one side with his faithful companion Smokey and, being the last, getting one of those "and, of course, here is the oldest athlete" spiels.

In American football place-kickers are regarded as a little weird — they are small men, usually with funny names, who sit on the bench and brood and wait for a field goal or a touchdown conversion while the real men beat the crap out of each other.

In athletics, walkers are also acknowledged as oddballs. When the real athletes have finished their prancing they come on to do their mobile impersonations of Jayne Mansfield wriggling out of a girdle and everybody goes for a pie and a cup of tea.

But if you had asked Shula about Yepremian the coach would have admitted that there was nobody on the team who had won more games — and nobody under greater pressure.

And at the AIS it is grudgingly admitted that there is nobody with a better chance for a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games — and nobody under greater pressure.

Smith was the fastest 20 kilometre-walker in the world last year and should hold a two-minute edge over nearest rival Englishman Ian McCombie in the 30-kilometre event in Edinburgh.

But walking, as Smith's own stormy career shows, is one event in which statistics don't begin to tell the story.

As technique has improved the judging of walking has become maddeningly subjective and political. In the past two decades walkers have gradually abandoned the old rigid, upright, heel and toe method.

They now have stronger upper bodies and faster legs and the fluid roll of their hips has added inches to their stride and has cut 10 minutes off the world record for 20 kilometres.

Much of the credit is accorded to Polish coach Jerzy Hausleber who went to Mexico where race walking was not considered macho and walkers out training endured the taunts of "mazas"

Hausleber trained his walkers in the slip-sliding volcanic ash of the slopes of Mt Popocatepetl and turned them from queens to gold medal winners and gods.

But with the progress came the problems. Basically the rules of walking are that one foot must be in touch with the ground at all time and that in each stride the push-off leg must straighten.

With a walker like Smith, who claims the fastest leg speed in the world, this has become almost impossible to judge with the naked eye, and even tough on video.

"If I am lifting, there is probably only a one hundredth of a second to pick it and I'm no more than half an inch off the ground," says Smith. "Most of the other world class walkers are one to 1½ inches off."

This has proved little solace to Smith, who has suffered a series of shattering disqualifications in top competition that might have broken a man without his gritty character — which he willingly describes as "aggressive, arrogant, strong-willed, a joker, a larrikin, a bit outrageous".

"Winners never quit, quitters never win," is his creed. "I may never win an Olympic gold medal but I will die trying — or I could never live with myself," he says.

The ructions began during the world championships in West Germany in 1979 when a walking magazine filmed the racing and dubbed it a "flying circus" with 16 of the top 20 ranked walkers visibly lifting.

The backlash came in the 1980 Moscow Olympics when six of the first 10 walkers — the first, second, fourth, sixth, eighth and 10th, Dave Smith — were rubbed out.

"There were three from the West and three from the East," Smith said. "It was premeditated, it was an obvious political compromise."

Smith said he received no caution before he was waved off the course with two kilometres to go — and is still waiting for the report sheet on his alleged offence.

IN THE selection trial for the 1982 Commonwealth Games, Smith was disqualified when leading easily and is probably more bitter about this incident than any other. This, he felt, was another kind of political decision — officialdom getting back at him for his unmerciful criticism of judging in this country.

"I guess I'd become too much of a rebel. I told some of the judges they were too old and didn't know what they were talking about," he said. "One official told me to do myself a favour and get out of race walking."

In the 1982 Australian titles, when well ahead, he walked off the track with two laps to go. "I'd been warned that I would be disqualified and I wanted none of it," he said. "I gave away an Australian title but I've never regretted it — I have to have my own peace of mind."

It was that sort of period for Smith. He also tore up an offer for a Federal Government scholarship because he disagreed with Malcolm Fraser's politics.

Then at the world walking championships at Lugano, Isle of Man, in 1983 he was disqualified again.

This time he had bolted out of the pack and opened up a big lead when the axe fell.

His AIS coach Craig Hilliard said he was mad at Smith for exposing himself this way — a walker is much safer hidden in the pack.

"I guess I wasn't supposed to be kicking world champions' brains in — so they got me," Smith said.

But that, he said, is the way he has always competed and the way he will go on competing. "I never look back at a man I've passed, I go for the next one," he said. "I wear them down, I kick their brains in and I say goodbye."

There should be no problem in Edinburgh, he says, once he can "get into the rhythm and lock in my stride". But there will be no backing off — he will kick their brains in and say goodbye — even though he knows the personal bests of his main rivals are times he can walk "any day of the week".

Hilliard worries about this, saying that Smith needs to establish more credibility overseas.

Smith disagrees. He points to the national titles he has won — Swiss, West German, Belgian (three times), Danish, Polish, Chinese, US, UK, New Zealand, and some he can't remember — and claims he has more credibility overseas than he has at home.

Listening to Dave Smith talk and watching him train — in this case both at the same time, me in a chair listening to his chatter, him churning away on a treadmill, arms pumping and hips rolling, and later bench-pressing 90kg, skipping rope and savaging a heavy punching bag — you learn that a poultice of spirit can be packed into a 172 centimetres and 63.5 kilogram frame.

You are also reminded of the old saying that if you can do it "it ain't bragging".

Smith is not short on confidence, but neither is he short on charm. Life has been one long struggle for respect — and he has wound up with a credibility problem in a sport that gets no respect anyway. And his publicity file is remarkably thin for one of Australia's best-performed athletes on the world scene. And his dedication to his sport has left him with a broken marriage.

But none of this seems to affect his cheerfulness or his single-minded officialdom-be-buggered charge to glory.

He grew up in Darwin but didn't grow up much. He played Rugby League half-back in an under 4 stone 7 team but there was not much future for gnats in that game.

HE TURNED to boxing and, fighting a stone underweight, won 50 of 51 amateur fights and figured he would grow into an Olympic prospect. He'd still back himself against any 21-year-old at his weight and did a session on the heavy bag at the AIS gym to show me why.

The violence was so frightening that I advised him, "Don't do it — you might kill somebody."

He also had ambitions as a jockey and rode trackwork at the Darwin Turf Club but at 17 his family moved to Werribee and boxing and racing prospects seemed remote.

So he took up athletics with his usual Geronimo attitude, going down to a Corio competition on Saturdays and entering as many as 13 events.

He was introduced to race walking by a friend and was confident he would do well because he had a good record in an annual Darwin walkathon.

It was then that he came under the influence of a Marist priest and race walker Ian Ericson.

"I was a bit of a larrikin and I never thought much about his religion but we clicked," said Smith. "He's a top bloke, I owe my career to him."

Smith had enough raw speed to win an Australian junior title in his first year and Ericson helped him add the endurance that makes him a threat in any race if the judges are on his side.

In 1983 his politics allowed him to accept an AIS scholarship and he is happy with the "world class facilities that allow me to give maximum dedication".

His finances are a struggle — walkers are short on prizemoney as well as respect — but the Rothwells merchant bank has eased the pain with a \$20,000 contract over three years and Seoul in 1988 is never far from his mind.

There are a couple of other stories about Dave Smith that tell you something about his character.

Last year he felt he was not getting enough recognition around the AIS for his athletic ability — so with a minimum of training he went out and ran a 2 hrs 16 minutes marathon, which is better than some of the AIS distance men can do.

Also last year he visited Mt Popocatepetl. Wearing just jeans, a spray jacket and running shoes, he was in a party that reached the lip of the volcano, about 4,270 metres, where the oxygen is starting to get thin and there is a distinct air of voodoo and a row of crosses to warn you against trying for the summit, which is at 5,455 metres.

"Felix Gomez, a Mexican walker, told me that no walker had ever made it to the top without oxygen gear," said Smith.

They looked at each other and there was no backing down. Two-and-a-half hours later the pair of them, their "tits frozen off", found themselves waist deep in snow hanging on to a warm ledge of rock at the summit.