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## BLACKBURN AWARD TO LARRY YOUNG

The 6th Annual Dr. John Blackburn Award, given by the Ohio Race Walker each year for the outstanding single performance in U.S. race walking, goes to Larry Young for 1972. Larry's 4:00:46 for 50 Km in Munich was far and away the best performance of the year and probably the greatest walk ever by an American. Even if Larry hadn't performed so well in Munich, he would still have walked off with the award with his 1:30:10 on the track or his 4:13:04 Trials victory in Eugene's heat. In winning the award, Larry joins past winners Larry O'Neil, 1967; Rudy Haluza, 1968; Bob Kitcehn, 1969 and 1971; and Goetz Klopfer, 1970, and can look forward to receiving the handsome plaque sometime in the next 8 or 10 months. (The ORW is not noted for its promptness in these matters, as previous winners will testify.)

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## MISCELLANY FROM THE RACE WALKING WORLD

Being short on race results at this time of year and devoting this issue largely to statistical-type trash (witness next several pages), we will start the monthly hodge-podge of news items and trivia on page numero uno.....First, all you chairmen and scheduling coordinators get your schedules for 1973, or as much of it as you have, as soon as possible. There is no schedule of upcoming races in this issue, because I have little information on 1973 races at this point. (Not even from Ohio; Chairman Jack Mortland having done nothing about a schedule at this point.) I did have a complete schedule for 1973 from Colorado, one of our most efficient associations, but in my own usual efficient manner seem to have misplaced even that. The probable fate of all schedules sent my way, I suppose, but give it a try anyway.....The first National of the year, and not listed in last month's schedule of National races, is the Indoor 2 Mile in New York on February 23. This one will qualify you for the US-USSR Indoor meet (3 Miles) in Richmond, Va.. The first Junior National under the new age 14-19 classification will be the 1 Hour in Reno on March 3: Jim Bentley is out to make this a big one, aiming for over 50 entries, and points out that the new classification will be a success only we all get out and recruit new Junior walkers. He plans awards for all finishers, local transportation, housing for those confirming early with him (entries will be out in late January and both local and regional TV coverage....Women's Senior Nationals this year will be at 1 and 2 Miles with the National track meets, and a 5 Km to be held in Denver or Arkansas during the summer....Also in regard to the women, it was ruled at the AAU convention that women and men can run together--starting from a common line and with a common gunshot--(Continued on page 8)

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Benjamin Soldatenko, USSR, and Bernd Kannenberg, West Germany, match strides in the Munich Olympic 50 km, which Kannenberg eventually won in a startling 3:56:11.6. The German's earlier 3:52:44.6 at Bremen has now been confirmed as official, the course measuring a full 50.

THIRD ANNUAL ORW WORLD RANKINGS

For the third consecutive year, <sup>the ORW</sup> presents its rankings of the world's race walkers at 20 and 50 kilometers. These are purely subjective and based on one observer's opinion—mine. However, the Olympics make the task relatively simple this year. Following is the way I rank the top 10 in each event, with each athlete's competitive record given, and a few comments as to why they are ranked as they are. Following the ranking in each event, I have listed the top 20 performers in each event for the year. Numbers in parenthesis following times indicate the athlete's finishing position in the race. Races on the track are so indicated. Races on known short courses are not included.

20 KM

1. Peter Frenkel, East Germany  
1:27:39.2 (1) Naumburg 5/1  
1:28:54.0 (3) Paris 6/4  
1:25:19.4 (1) Erfurt 6/24 (T)  
1:26:42.4 (1) Munich Oly. 8/31
2. Vladimir Golubnichiy, USSR  
1:28:54.2 (1) USSR Champ. 7/19 (T)  
1:26:55.2 (2) Munich Oly. 8/31
3. Hans-Georg Reimann, E. Germany  
1:26:13.4 (1) Dresden 3/25  
1:29:36.8 (3) Naumburg 5/1  
1:27:28.4 (1) Paris 6/4  
1:25:19.4 (1) Erfurt 6/24 (T)  
1:27:16.6 (3) Munich Oly. 8/31
4. Gerhard Sperling, E. Germany  
1:27:39.2 (2) Naumburg 5/1  
1:27:49.6 (2) Paris 6/4  
1:25:37.8 (3) Erfurt 6/24 (T)  
1:27:55.0 (4) Munich Oly. 8/31
5. Paul Nihill, Great Britain  
1:26:55.0 (1) Isle-of-Man 2/27  
1:28:45.0 (1) Redditch 5/13  
1:33:52.0 (1) Ottejon, Swed. 7/2  
1:32:58.0 (1) Dandwiken, Sw. 7/9  
1:37:33.0 (1) Anval, Swed. 7/15  
1:24:50.0 (1) Isle-of-Man 7/30  
1:28:44.4 (6) Munich Oly. 8/31  
1:35:33.0 (1) Rouen, Fr. 9/24  
1:35:55.2 (2) Paris 9/30
6. Nikolai Smaga, USSR  
1:29:22.2 (3) USSR Champ. 7/17  
1:28:16.6 (5) Munich Oly. 8/31
7. Bernd Kannenberg, W. Germany  
1:28:22.4 (1) Malmo, Swed. 4/23  
1:29:35.2 (1) Frankfurt 5/7  
DNF Munich Oly. 8/31
8. Yevgeniy Ivchenko, USSR  
1:29:02.4 (2) USSR Champ. 7/17  
DQ Munich Oly. 8/31
9. Jan Ornoch, Poland  
(5) Naumburg 5/1  
1:30:13.0 (1) Pol. Champ. 6/18  
1:32:01.6 (7) Munich Oly. 8/31
10. Larry Young, USA  
1:32:43.2 (1) USA Champ. 4/23  
1:30:10.0 (1) Columbia 5/7 (T)  
1:31:59.0 (1) Sharon 5/13  
1:35:51.4 (1) US Oly. Trial 7/1  
1:32:53.4 (10) Munich Oly. 8/31  
1:43:15.0 (1) Independence 10/8

Frenkel, who has often failed in the major races in the past, was superb with his world record race on the track and a strong finish to win in Munich....The old warhorse, Golubnichiy, was his usual, masterful self following up his Soviet championship with his fourth Olympic medal. Reimann shared the world record with Frenkel, had two other fast races, and finished a strong third in Munich....Sperling had a great set of times, was close in the world record race, and fourth in Munich as he is here....Nihill marks the first deviation from the Munich placings off his hyper-fast time on an accurately measured course. This is not



enough to move him ahead of any of the first four but does rank him ahead of Smaga who was only third in his national race and did not really challenge in Munich.... These first six were well out in front, both in Munich and in our rankings. Kannenberg would probably have been high among them had he not fallen and dropped out of the Olympic race.... Ivchenko is ranked next off his defeat of Smaga in the USSR race.... Ornoch beat the rest in Munich and had a fast race in his National.... Young is ranked ahead of his Munich conquerors, Visini and Oliveros, off his superior overall record. Visini finished only 14th in 1:39 in a race in Paris and Oliveros was only fifth in 1:39:38 in the Sharon race that Larry won.

#### TOP 20 PERFORMERS FOR 1972 AT 20 KM

- 1:24:50.0 Paul Nihill, GB, Douglas, Isle of Man, 7/30
- 1:25:19.4 Peter Frenkel, EG, Erfurt, EG, 6/24 (Track)
- 1:25:39.4 Hans-Georg Reimann, EG, Erfurt, EG, 6/24 (Track)
- 1:25:37.8 Gerhard Sperling, EG, Erfurt, EG, 6/24 (Track)
- 1:26:53.0 Anatoliy Terentyev, USSR, Uzhgorod, USSR 4/28
- 1:26:55.2 Vladimir Golubnichiy, USSR, Munich, 8/31
- 1:26:56.8 Lutz Lipkowski, EG, Dresden, EG, 3/25
- 1:26:57.0 Viktor Vasilev, USSR, Uzhgorod, USSR, 4/28
- 1:27:40.0 Nikolai Ragilevich, USSR, Uzhgorod, USSR 4/28
- 1:28:04.6 Wilf Wesch, WG, Bremen, WG, 5/27
- 1:28:09.4 Gennadiy Agapov, USSR, Odessa, USSR, 10/8
- 1:28:16.6 Nikolai Smaga, USSR, Munich, 8/31
- 1:28:22.4 Bernd Kannenberg, WG, Malmo, Sweden 4/23
- 1:28:40.6 Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller, EG, Berlin, 4/16 (on way to 30 Km)
- 1:28:42.2 Janos Tabori, Hungary, Aska, Hungary, 4/16
- 1:28:44.0 Even Zednik, Czechoslovakia, Podivin, Czech., 9/23
- 1:28:46.0 Antal Kiss, Hungary, Aska, Hung., 4/16
- 1:28:50.0 Sandor Forian, Hungary, Aska, Hung., 4/16
- 1:28:58.6 Andar Antal, Hungary, Kemlo, Hung., 7/23
- 1:29:19.0 Phil Embleton, GB, London, 3/29

#### 50 KM

1. Bernd Kannenberg, WG  
3:52:44.6 (1) Bremen, 5/27  
4:07:43.8 (1) Eschborn 6/17  
3:56:11.6 (1) Munich 9/3
2. Benjamin Soldatenko, USSR  
4:13:28.4 (1) Moscow 7/19  
3:58:24.0 (2) Munich 9/3  
4:03:42.6 (1) Moscow 10/5 (T) (WR)
3. Larry Young, USA  
4:13:04.4 (1) Eugene 7/4  
4:00:46.0 (3) Munich 9/3
4. Otto Bartsch, USSR  
4:13:53.8 (2) Moscow 7/19  
4:01:35.4 (4) Munich 9/3
5. Christoph Hohne, EG  
4:03:03.0 (1) Naumberg 5/1  
DNF Paris 6/4  
DNF Cottbus 7/2
6. Peter Selzer, EG  
4:20:43.0 (14) Munich 9/3  
4:06:54.2 (1) Weinbohl 10/1  
3:57:44.4 (1) Magdeburg 10/15
7. Gerhard Weidner, WG  
4:06:27.4 (3) Bremen 5/27  
4:13:04.8 (3) Eschborn 6/17  
4:06:26.0 (6) Munich 9/3  
4:02:55.2 (1) Delmenhorst 10/1
8. Vittorio Visini, Italy  
4:04:44.2 (1) Italian Champ.  
4:08:31.4 (7) Munich 9/3
9. Bernhard Nermerich, WG  
4:03:16.6 (1) Salzgitter 4/30  
3:59:33.6 (2) Bremen 5/27  
4:16:27.0 (2) Lausanne 7/2  
DQ'd Eschborn 6/17
10. Sergiy Grigoryev, USSR  
4:03:41.0 (1) Uzhgorod 4/29  
4:14:13.2 (3) Moscow 7/19  
DQ'd Munich 9/3

The first four are obvious from their tremendous performances in Munich. The Bremen course on which Kannenberg did his 3:52:44.6 has been confirmed as accurate, so he is obviously unchallenged at this time. Soldatenko solidified his Munich race with a world record on the track a month later.... Hohne had a fast early race, slumped badly, including a subpar race in Munich, but had two fast races in October to capture the fifth spot ahead of countryman Selzer.... Weidner had two other quick times to support his fine Munich performance and Visini looked very tough in his national and walked well in Munich.... Nermerich had two quick early season races but was DQ'd in the West German championships and did not compete in Munich.... Grigoryev fell apart in Munich and was DQ'd just after Young passed about half way through but is ranked 10th off his Soviet races.

#### TOP 20 PERFORMERS FOR 1972 AT 50 KM

- 3:52:44.6 Bernd Kannenberg, WG, Bremen, WG 5/27
- 3:57:44.4 Christoph Hohne, EG, Magdeburg, EG, 10/15
- 3:58:24.0 Benjamin Soldatenko, USSR, Munich, 9/3
- 3:59:33.6 Bernhard Nermerich, WG, Bremen, WG, 5/27
- 4:00:46.0 Larry Young, USA, Munich, 9/3
- 4:01:35.4 Otto Bartsch, USSR, Munich, 9/3
- 4:02:55.2 Gerhard Weidner, WG, Delmenhorst, WG, 10/1
- 4:03:41.0 Sergiy Grigoryev, USSR, Uzhgorod, 4/29
- 4:03:45.8 Sergiy Bondarenko, USSR, Leningrad, 8/14
- 4:04:05.4 Peter Selzer, EG, Munich 9/3
- 4:04:44.2 Vittorio Visini, Italy, Schio, 7/2
- 4:06:00.2 Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller, EG, Cottbus, 7/2
- 4:06:27.4 Horst-Rudiger Magnor, WG, Bremen, WG 5/27
- 4:07:41.4 Domenico Carpentieri, Italy, Schio, 7/2
- 4:07:51.0 Gennadiy Agapov, USSR, Uzhgorod, 4/29
- 4:07:57.4 Daniel Bjorgren, Sweden, Delmenhorst, 10/1
- 4:09:25.0 Abdon Pamich, Italy, Schio, 7/2
- 4:09:28.2 Hans Tenngren, Sweden, Boras, Swed., 8/6
- 4:10:04.0 Yevgeniy Lyungin, USSR, Naumberg, EG, 5/1
- 4:10:25.2 Herbert Meier, WG, Salzgitter, WG 4/30

While in the rankings and top performers business, for the first time, we present the same things for the U.S., as follows:

#### U.S. 20 Km Rankings

1. Larry Young, Mid-America TC  
see World rankings for races
2. Tom Dooley, Athens AC  
1:31:52.0 (1) San. Fran. 5/14 (T)  
1:39:10.0 (3) Eugene 7/1  
1:34:58.8 (15) Munich 8/31
3. Goetz Klopfer, Athens AC  
1:38:03.0 (2) Eugene 7/1  
1:38:33.6 (19) Munich 8/31
4. Todd Scully, Shore AC  
1:36:42.0 (2) Asbury Park 1/30  
1:37:12.0 (5) NAAU 4/23  
1:39:25.0 (4) Eugene 7/1  
1:36:58.0 (1) Toronto 9/24
5. Bob Kitchen, Athens AC  
1:31:52.0 (1) San Fran. 5/14 (T)
6. Bill Ranney, Athens AC  
1:33:21.0 (3) San Fran. 5/14 (T)  
1:41:35.0 (5) Eugene 7/1
7. Floyd Godwin, Colorado TC  
1:37:24.8 (2) Northglenn 4/15  
1:34:15.0 (3) NAAU 4/23  
1:37:28.0 (3) Sharon 5/13  
1:42:56.0 (7) Eugene 7/1
8. John Knifton, NYAC  
1:34:45.0 (1) Asbury Park 1/30  
1:35:12.0 (4) NAAU 4/23  
1:39:25.0 (4) Sharon 5/13  
1:43:40.0 (1) Poughquag 10/29



9. Ron Daniel, NYAC  
 1:37:45.0 (3) Asbury Park 1/30  
 1:34:10.0 (2) NAAU 4/23  
 1:37:18.0 (2) Sharon 5/13  
 1:41:05.0 (2) Lansdale 6/3  
 1:50:47.0 (11) Eugene 7/1  
 1:46:15.0 (2) Poughquag 10/29
10. Jerry Brown, Colorado TC  
 1:36:58.0 (1) Northglenn 4/15 (T)  
 1:36:41.8 (5) NAAU 4/23  
 DNF Eugene 7/1

I won't even comment on the way I reached these rankings but will just let the disgruntled among you make nasty comments behind my back. They make the Athens AC look pretty tough. On to the top 20 performers:

- 1:30:10.0 Larry Young, Mid America TC, Columbia, Mo., 5/7 (Track)  
 1:31:52.0 Tom Dooley, Athens AC, San Francisco, 5/14 (Track)  
 1:31:52.0 Bob Kitchen, Athens AC, San Francisco, 5/14 (Track)  
 1:33:21.0 Bill Ranney, Athens AC, San Francisco, 5/14 (Track)  
 1:33:35.0 Ron Laird, NYAC, Scotland, 1/23 (Track)  
 1:34:10.0 Ron Daniel, NYAC, C.W. Post College, N.Y. 4/23  
 1:34:15.0 Floyd Godwin, Colo. TC, C.W. Post College, N.Y. 4/23  
 1:34:45.0 John Knifton, NYAC, Asbury Park, N.J., 1/30  
 1:35:30.0 Steve Tyrer, Eugene, Oregon 5/24 (Track)  
 1:36:05.0 Dave Romansky, Dela. T&F, Lansdale, Pa., 6/3  
 1:36:41.8 Jerry Brown, Colo. TC, C.W. Post College, N.Y. 4/23  
 1:36:42.0 Todd Scully, Shore AC, Asbury Park, N.J., 1/30  
 1:37:25.0 Phil McDonal d, UCTC, Worthington, Ohio, 3/18  
 1:37:34.0 Rudy Haluza, SC Striders, C.W. Post College, N.Y. 4/23  
 1:37:37.0 Greg Diebold, Shore AC, C.W. Post College, N.Y., 4/23  
 1:38:03.0 Goetz Klopfer, Athens AC, Eugene, Ore., 7/1  
 1:38:18.0 Larry Walker, SC Striders, Van Nuys, Calif., 4/9  
 1:39:02.0 Jerry Lansing, Athens AC, San Francisco, 5/14 (Track)  
 1:39:12.0 Gary Westerfield, LIAC, C.W. Post College, N.Y. 4/23  
 1:39:37.0 Ray Somers, C.W. Post College, N.Y., 4/23

#### U.S. 50 Km Rankings

1. Larry Young, Mid America TC  
 See World Rankings for races
2. Bill Weigle, Colorado TC  
 4:20:09.4 (2) Eugene 7/4 City  
 4:22:52.2 (17) Munich 9/8  
 4:22:00.0 (1) NAAU 11/5
3. Bob Kitchen, Athens AC  
 4:13:35.8 (1) San Fran. 2/27 (T)  
 4:25:06.2 (4) Eugene 7/4  
 4:36:43.0 (2) NAAU 11/5
4. Steve Hayden, LIAC  
 4:57:35.0 (8) Toronto 6/11  
 4:23:22.6 (3) Eugene 7/4  
 4:36:07.2 (27) Munich 9/3
5. John Knifton, NYAC  
 4:39:50.4 (1) Fairfield 3/26  
 4:20:12.0 (1) Toronto 6/11  
 DNF Eugene 7/4
6. Goetz Klopfer, Athens AC  
 4:27:28.0 (1) San. Fran. 5/14 (T)  
 DNF Eugene 7/4  
 DNF NAAU 11/5
7. Ron Kulik, NYAC  
 DNF Toronto 6/11  
 4:30:50.8 (5) Eugene 7/4  
 DNF Toronto 9/23
8. Gary Westerfield, LIAC  
 DNF Toronto 6/11  
 4:31:11.2 (6) Eugene 7/4

9. Todd Scully, Shore AC  
 4:32:25.0 (1) Los Angeles 5/7  
 4:33:50.0 (7) Eugene 7/4
10. Bob Bowman, SC Striders  
 4:40:43.0 (1) San Fran. 4/30 (T)  
 4:30:13.0 (1) Santa Barbara 5/20  
 4:46:45.8 (11) Eugene 7/4  
 DQ NAAU 11/5

#### U.S. Top 20 Performers at 50 Km:

- 4:00:46.0 Larry Young, Mid-America TC, Munich, 9/3  
 4:13:35.8 Bob Kitchen, Athens AC, San Francisco 2/27 (Track)  
 4:20:09.4 Bill Weigle, Colorado TC, Eugene, 7/4  
 4:20:12.0 John Knifton, NYAC, Toronto, 6/11  
 4:23:22.6 Steve Hayden, LIAC, Eugene, 7/4  
 4:27:28.0 Goetz Klopfer, Athens AC, San Francisco, 5/14 (Track)  
 4:30:13.0 Bob Bowman, SC Striders, Santa Barbara, 5/20  
 4:30:50.8 Ron Kulik, NYAC, Eugene, 7/4  
 4:31:11.2 Gary Westerfield, LIAC, Eugene, 7/4  
 4:32:25.0 Todd Scully, Shore AC, Los Angeles, 5/7  
 4:37:27.0 Bob Henderson, US Army, Eugene, 7/4  
 4:38:43.0 Steve Geiver, Snohomish TC, Seattle, 5/7 (Track)  
 4:39:10.0 Rudy Haluza, SC Striders, Santa Barbara, 5/20  
 4:40:27.0 Jerry Bocci, Motor City Striders, Detroit, 3/26  
 4:40:28.8 Mike Ryan, SC Striders, Eugene, 7/4  
 4:47:18.0 Steve Tyrer, Seattle, 5/7 (Track)  
 4:47:50.0 Bill Walker, Motor City Striders, Detroit, 3/26  
 4:48:00.0 John Kelly, SC Striders, Los Angeles, 5/7  
 4:48:32.2 Tom Knatt, North Medford Club, Totonto, 9/23  
 4:57:16.0 Dave Eidahl, Des Moines, 5/6

#### A FEW RESULTS (AND THEY ARE VERY FEW):

NEAAU Sr. and Jr. 25 Km (and Open), Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 3--1. John Knifton, NYAC 2:05:08 2. Tom Knatt, NAC 2:13:45 3. George Lattarulo, NMC 2:27:07 4. Bob Whitney, NMC 2:27:22 5. Tony Medeiros, NMC 2:27:30 6. Don Thompson, CSU 2:32:45 7. Kevin Ryan, LBC 2:33:23 8. Gary Geoffrey 2:37:23 9. John Gray, NMC 2:45:32 10. George Grzebien, NMC 2:45:45 11. Bruce Douglas 2:48:54 12. Sig Podlozny, NMC 2:56:02 13. Fred Brown Sr. 2:56:19 (6 did not finish) Pacific AAU 20 Mile, Nov. 2 1. Jerry Lansing 3:04:04 (only finisher) 5 Km Hdcp, Reno, Nev., Dec. 17--1. Jim Bean, Sierra RW 23:23 2. Steve Lund 24:43 3. Brad Bentley SRW 26:36 4. Dave Swift, West Valley TC 27:17 5. Ross Smith, Reno Masters Club 28:06 6. Jim Bentley, SRW 26:12 7. Esteban Valle, WUTC 24:30 8. Pete Forman, Reno 30:27 (21 finishers. 28 degrees with snow drifts and icy conditions) Women's 5 Km, same place--1. Mrs. Lauren Lund 32:20 2. Ann Smith, Reno 35:47 3. Mrs. Ross Smith, Reno 36:23 4. Mrs. Susan Valle 36:44 5. Sue Homick, San Francisco 38:11 SPAAU 2 Hour, Occidental College, Nov. 2--1. Gerry Lansing 13 mi. 14C yd 2. Rob Kuchar 13 mi 416 yds (1st SPAAU, first race in 1 1/2 years) 3. Bob Bowman 13 mi 199 yds 4. Mike Ryan 12 mi 1191 yds 5. Mike O'Rourke 12 mi 117 yds 6. Ed Bouldin 11 mi 951 yds 7. Howard Barnes 11 mi 940 yds 8. Irv Spector 11 mi 350 yds 9. Doug Ermini 11 mi 151 yd 10. Joe Wehrly 11 mi 53 yd. 5 Mile Hdcp, Los Angeles, Oct. 1--1. Ed Bouldin 38:50 2. Alex Gilbert 50:04 3. Carl Warrell 46:22 4. Bob Hickey 43:31 5. Rick Dubov 49:07 6. Doug Ermini 51:22 7. Dick Ortiz 39:05 8. Don DeMoon 39:05 9. Tom Williams 46:16 11. Leo Sjogren 52:10 12. Irv Spector 51:10 13. Pierre Picot 52:56 14. Larry Pelleter 48:19 15. Mike Ryan 42:52 SPAAU 30 Km, Los Angeles, Oct. 22



1. Dick Ortis 2:46:17 (1:45:27 at 20) 2. Ed Bouldin 3:40:00 (1:47:15 at 20 and then into the wall) 3. Joe Mahrlly 3:40:04 8 Hours, Petit Quevilly, France, Sept. 29—1. John Lees, GB 85 Km 200 meters in 8:02 2. Colin Young, GB 85 Km 200 m in 8:05:30 3. Dave Boxall, GB 85 Km 200 m in 8:05 (there is some mistake there baby, but that's the result I have) 4. Y. Durand, France 80 Km 400 m in 8:09 5. G. Doungler, France 76 Km in 8:06:30

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#### MISCELLANY (Cont. from P. 1)

in races longer than 2 miles! One would assume that this will apply equally to walking races....Another bit of good news from the convention, at least to this correspondent, is the redefinition of an amateur with the new rule reading in part: "Professional athletes that are certified as amateur in a sport other than the sport of their profession may compete in the amateur sport of their choice (but) only in domestic competition." Not that this is going to affect any race walkers that I know of but it's a good idea nonetheless. If Wilt Chamberlain, George Hlanda, Jack Nicklaus, Rod Laver, Joe Frazier, or someone of that ilk, comes around to one of your races and wants in, you need have no qualms now....Bill Weigle reports that one can walk consistently in the 4:20 to 4:23 range on 70 miles per week of training. Unfortunately for Bill, Larry Young has found that you can go considerably faster on like mileage. Anyway, take a tip from the guys on top. Concentrate on quality, not quantity....Speaking of professionals, the Guano Press reports the following: "Bowing to public demands, the International Track Association, the new pro track endeavor, will seek to sign top flight race walkers. Guano Press learned this wholly unexpected development at its office here today. Seeking to combine talent with a touch of the bazaar, ITA will offer lucrative contracts to Bob Bowman, Rich Pleffner, Bill Quayle, Bill Walker, and Paul Ide. This development came as somewhat of a shock to walkers accustomed to being the forgotten men at track meets. But race walking has always had tremendous potential for entertainment, and ITA has instituted several changes to insure fan interest. First, to eliminate controversies surrounding style, there will be no D's unless, in the opinion of the judges, the walker was so far off that it was ridiculous. Cynics may wonder if this is any different from the present rules, but now the interpretation will be official. Secondly, to eliminate the specter of bored fans heading for the beer stand during long races, ITA will conduct all race walks at a distance of 60 yards." ....So, the ORW is scooped again. If Guano gets much better, we are going out of business....

Late results: 10 Km, Columbia, Mo., Dec. 2—1. Dave Leuthold 60:18 2. Lee Rund, Indiana 60:21 3. Neal Puckett, Indiana 63:39 4. Rob Spier 65:43 7 Mile, Luton, Eng., Oct. 28—1. Olly Flynn 52:01 2. Bob Dobson 52:07 3. Roy Court 52:27 4. Amos Seddon 53:02 5. Carl Lawton 53:19 6. Phil Embleton 53:19 7 Mile, Stretford, Eng., Oct. 28—1. Tony Taylor 51:20 2. J. Farracough 52:37 7 Mile, Surrey, Eng., Oct. 28—1. Bob Dobson 50:23 2. Amos Seddon 51:47 3. Carl Lawton 53:28 4. Jacky Lord 53:47 5. P. Hodgkinson 54:13 6. Bill Sutherland 54:34 7. Ray Middleton 54:40....At the IAAF Race Walking Committee meeting held in Munich, Joe Tigerma was reelected to serve another term. Other members of the Committee are G. Oberweger, Italy; Palle Lassen, Denmark; A. Libotte,

Switzerland; H. Stahl, Germany; F. Eriksson, Sweden; A. Fruktoz, USSR; B. Fehervari, Hungary; Stan Pryor, Great Britain; G. Firster, East Germany; and S. Nishida, Japan. Fifteen judges were added to the International from a list of 29 names submitted, including Bruce MacDonald. In addition to Bruce, the new International judges include three from France, two from Italy, two from Norway, two from Great Britain, and one each from India, East Germany, Bulgaria, Egypt, and Panama.... We were rather set back to have Matti Laitinen's ORW returned to us by the post office marked deceased. We met Matti just once, that in LA in 1962 but he has been a long-time subscriber and one of the likeable old fellows of the sport. This summer he had taken part in the US Master's tour to Europe competing in the 60 and over category. He was now living in Seattle and I am sure will be missed by these in the walking fraternity up that way.

#### DAYS OF YORE:

10 Years Ago (From the December 1962 Race Walker, the old C. McCarthy rag)—Ron Laird was given the Mike Riban trophy as the Outstanding US Race Walker for 1962. Second in the national voting was Ron Zinn with John Allen, Chris McCarthy, Jack Mortland, and Rudy Maluza following... Laird also turned in a 6:49.3 Mile in Chicago, his home at that time, and recorded fast time in an icy 10 Mile Handicap with 79:27 followed by McCarthy's 81:03 and Zinn's 81:08. Temperature was 18 with 2 inches of snow and patches of ice on the course....Martin Rudow won a Portland 10 Km in 52:11 and also turned in a 41:53 5 mile in Seattle...Fastest mile of the early season was a 6:45.3 Alan Blakeslee in New York...Ron Kulik won a rare 880 walk in the Newark Armory in 3:19 with Elliott Derman and Terry Anderson 8 seconds back.

5 Years Ago (From the December 1967 Ohio Race Walker)—This was actually the December the 2nd ORW as I had mistakenly labelled the November issue December. You will never find that kind of silly mistake in the modern ORW....In the Fourth Annual New Year's Even 6 Mile Handicap Charlie Newell ignored the 15 degree temperatures and 10 to 15 mph winds to make his 5 minute start stand up for a 45 second victory over the Great Red Duck, Crimson Waddler, Scarlet Garder, Magenta Mallard, Ohio Fat Man, or what have you, more commonly known as Jack Blackburn. Newell recorded a 52:15 to Blackburn's 47:59. Forest Conrad was next in 63:15, followed by Larry James in 60:02, and your editor dead last with a 51:33....In a lesser race, Goetz Klopfer set a new American 50 Km record of 4:30:28.6 on the Sonoma State College track. On the way he picked up records at 35 Km, 25 miles, and 40 km....In the Junior 35 Km in Kansas City, Dan Tothoroh of the Striders easily beat Jerry Bocci and Bryon Overton with a 3:13:04 (And what has become of Bryon)...Some familiar names in a New Jersey 10 miler with Dave Romansky winning in 1:19:12 followed by Steve Hayden, John Knifton, Ron-Daniel, Ron Kulik, and Shaul Ladany....And did you know that Ladislav Moc of Czechoslovakia won the International 50 Km at the 1958 Spartakiada in East Germany in 4:23:37.8 followed by Sergei Lobastov of the USSR in 4:24:17...Or that Jozef Dolezal won the 1955 Rosicky Memorial in Prague with a 1:33:43.6 for 20...

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The Problem of Race Walk Judging by John McDougall (reprinted from the Dec. 1962 Race Walker, where it was reprinted from the the Walker of the New South Wales Walking Club (Australia).)

To determine whether a competitor is walking correctly or otherwise has always been the major problem in race walking. So much so that following the 1950 European Games and 1952 Olympics it seemed likely that walking could disappear from the international scene altogether. Since then, overseas judges have so improved their own judging and in turn the overall standard of walking that today the sport is firmly established. The answer has been for judges to apply the rule "that walking must look like walking" and this is leading to gradual elimination of suspect stylists from the sport.

In Australia, Victoria has applied this rule and they now have the highest standard for walking in their history. What is the difference between their judging and ours? Basically, in NSW the judge is trying to catch a competitor off the ground, while in Victoria, unless a competitor is clearly seen to be in contact, then he is warned and if no improvement is shown he is put in for disqualification.

In NSW, the system is to "watch both of the competitor's feet and look for broken contact," but this is almost impossible to detect unless the competitor is so bad that he is well off the ground. Keeping in mind that in the shorter events the walker is doing better than 8 mph and where light contact is made, the lift off the back foot takes place almost simultaneously. With other judges I have examined slow motion film of competitors and even then it has been difficult to determine a lift, unless the film is stopped and examined frame by frame. What chance then has the naked eye of detecting the lift at normal speed?

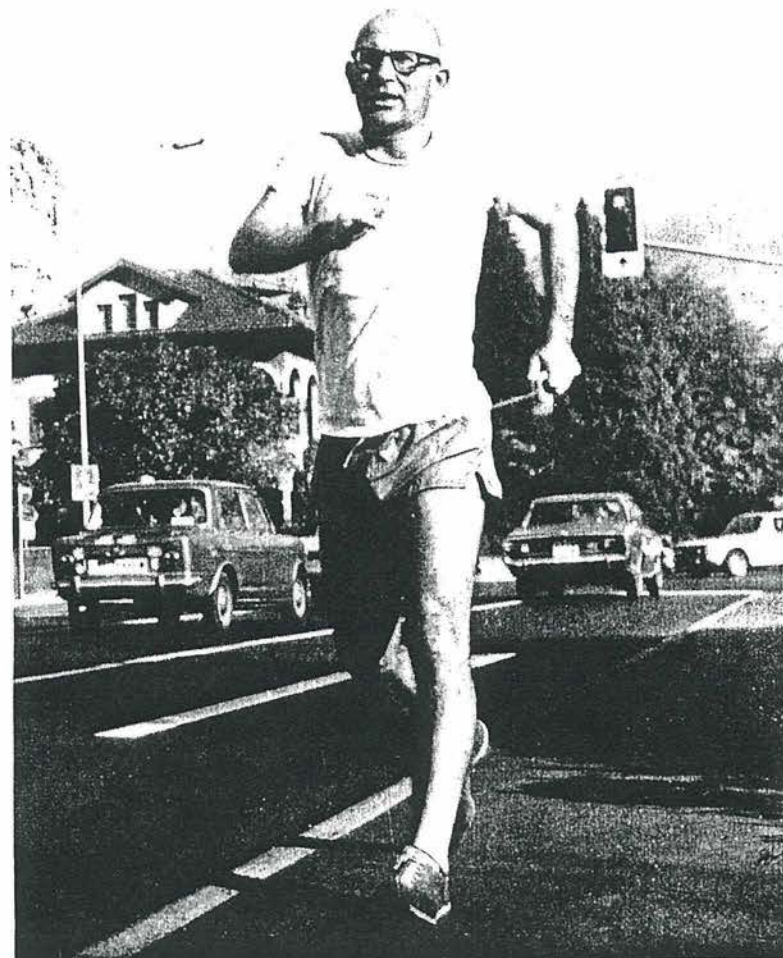
The system recommended is to keep first in mind the word "support" and to observe that the back supporting leg is left in contact with the ground until firm contact with advancing heel is made. Where the supporting leg is being snapped away too quickly, you will see the advancing foot fall and land under the body, a sure indication that contact has been broken. This may not occur at every stride but will certainly show up regularly during the course of an event. Slow motion film of suspect stylists shows evidence of this; in many cases a frame by frame examination will show the competitor with back toe on the ground and the leading heel about to make contact. But the next frame will show contact with the heel, but the rear toe off the ground.

Why then doesn't the shot of the double contact phase appear on the film. Probably because that phase doesn't exist, and if it did it was so short that a camera running at 64 frames per second could not catch it. Eventually one finds a frame showing both heel and toe clear of the ground.

I ask again how can the naked eye detect this and again I repeat that it cannot. Therefore, I urge all interested in judging to watch for the advancing foot falling under the center of gravity. Make your decision and most importantly, ACT immediately and in this fashion you will force competitors to anchor that back supporting leg long enough for clear contact to be seen and it will become obvious to all that the style of "walking looks like walking".

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McCarthy had a few interesting comments on the above for which we have no room now but may include next month. Reader comments are encouraged, on this or anything else.



Israel's Dr. Shaul Ladany moving to an easy victory in the Lugano 100 km on October 22. Shaul's winning time was 9:38:56.4.