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KNIFTON WALKS AWAY WITH 35 KM

Pittsburgh, Nov. 8--Dr. John Knifton journeyed north from Texas to brave Pittsburgh's chilly November weather and return home with a decisive victory in the NAAU Senior 35 Km walk. John bombed the third 5 miles of the race to destroy the opposition and then powered home in an excellent 2:59:52. Although unable to match Knifton's spurt, Bill Walker walked a very strong race and captured second in 3:06:20. Less than a minute back of him was his teammate, newcomer Marty Kraft, as these two lead the Motor City Striders to an upset win over the NYAC.

The race was held on a 5 mile 16 yard lap in Pittsburgh's North Park. The temperature was a reasonably comfortable 40F at the start but later dropped to 33, a fact that caused many of the competitors to tighten up. We are indebted to Gary Bywaters for the following account of the race's progress.

At the start, it looked as if Gary Westerfield would try to steal the race as he came through the first 5-mile loop in 41:32. This left him more than a minute ahead of Knifton and Steve DiBernardo with a large pack following another minute back. The eight in this group were Ron Daniel, Ray Somers, Jerry Bocci, Walker, Sal Corrallo, Steve Hayden, Tom Hamilton, and Mike Dulke.

At 10 miles Westerfield clocked 1:22:13 and continued to pull out. He was now almost 3-minutes ahead of Knifton and Steve DiBernardo. John started to wonder if Gary were for real and set off to catch him on the next lap. Daniel, meanwhile, led the rest of the pack as only 16 seconds separated 4th place from 11th. Floriani had replaced Dulke in this group and Kraft was moving up on them.

Knifton streaked a 39:04 on his third lap, picking up a caution for creeping in the process, and left a now laboring Westerfield 1½ minutes back. Gary dropped out a few hundred yards later, complaining of tight legs because of the weather. Walker was beginning to labor, but moved into third with DiBernardo dropping out because of stomach cramps. He had been experimenting with fasting and later attributed his troubles to poor nutrition. Kraft, walking for only 6 months, looked very strong, moving from 12th at 10 miles to 6th at 15, and appeared to have a lot left. Hayden moved to 7th, walking very consistently and showing no signs of things to come for him. The rest of the pack began to break up, but only 19 seconds separated 3rd from 6th.

Knifton eased in with his caution, repeating his win here last year. Quick-moving Kraft was gaining on the struggling Walker at 20 miles, but Bill recovered well over the remaining distance to beat his teammate by 49 seconds. Kraft is definitely someone to look at for the future.

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Somers, in one of his rare appearances between niggling injuries, and Floriani both walked solid races to place 4th and 5th, while another comer, Tom Hamilton, moved from 13th at 15 miles to 6th at the finish in his first national race. Hayden, meanwhile, froze up completely, struggling through the fourth lap and then needing better than 26 minutes to get through the less than 2 miles to the finish.

The Class B title went to Kraft, followed by Hamilton and Corrallo. And in her own division, Jeanne Bocci covered the distance in 3:26:04, undoubtedly a U.S., if not World's, best for women. The team title was decided by a single point. A good victory for the Detroit boys, although I suppose one would have to note that the NYAC has such as Ron Laird, Dan O'Connor, and Ron Kulik waiting somewhere in the wings for future races. The results:

1. Dr. John Knifton, NYAC 2:59:52 (42:39, 1:25:09, 2:04:13) 2. Bill Walker Motor City Striders 3:06:20 (43:49, 1:26:36, 2:08:08, 2:51:25) 3. Marty Kraft, MCS 3:07:09 (44:38, 1:27:00, 2:08:27, 2:51:45) (1st Class "B") 4. Ray Somers, NYAC 3:09:28 (43:47, 1:26:35, 2:08:11, 2:53:02) 5. Ray Floriani, Shore AC 3:10:47 (44:21, 1:26:48, 2:09:56, 2:54:43) 6. Tom Hamilton, The Capital Walkers (2nd "B", 43:54, 1:26:50, 2:12:20, 2:56:47) 7. Jerry Bocci, MCS 3:12:58 (43:49, 1:26:37, 2:10:52, 2:56:44) 8. Ron Daniel, NYAC 3:14:44 (43:46, 1:26:34, 2:09:53, 2:57:09) 9. Sal Corrallo, TCW (3rd "B", 43:52, 1:26:49, 2:12:08, 2:58:40) 10. Mike Dulke, Kings Point (4th "B", 53:55, 1:27:11, 2:12:10, 3:01:58) 11. Steve Hayden, LIAC (43:53, 1:26:46, 2:09:52, 2:57:18) 12. Ron Day, LIAC (5th "B") 3:28:25 (Final times for Corrallo, ~~Hayden~~ Dulke, and Hayden, which I seem to have omitted, were (I know there is only one "in" in omitted but my fingers didn't): 3:15:39, 3:19:04, and 3:23:38) 13. Ben Brown, Shore AC (6th "B") 3:38:32 14. Wes Mathews, TCW 3:41:46 15. Gary Kohlback, Kings Point 4:04:12--DNF: Gary Westerfield 2:06:54 at 15, Steve DiBernardo 2:08:09 at 15, Tom Ambury, 2:21:56 at 15, and Cliff Mimm, 2:33:03 at 15) Teams: 1. Motor City Striders--11 2. New York AC--12 3. The Capital Walkers--22.

BAUTISTA REPEATS AT 20, SOLDATENKO REPLACES KANNENBERG
AT 50 IN ONE WORLD RANKINGS FOR 1976

Mexico's Daniel Bautista, who moved from nowhere to first in the world last year, proved it was no fluke as he once again leads the Ohio Racewalker's Annual World Rankings at 20 Km. His decisive Olympic victory and his world's fastest time earlier in Warsaw left little doubt as to his superiority. The 50 was equally clear cut with Benjamin Soldatenko's outstanding win in the World Championship. Soldatenko also ranked first in 1971 and was second last year. Following are the top ten in each event, as we see it, together with comments on the rankings and a list of the top 25 times for the year.

20 KILOMETER

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| 1. Daniel Bautista, Mexico
1:25:13.8 (1) vs. Canada 4/11
1:29:10.0 (3) Softeland 5/15
1:23:39.8 (1) Warsaw 5/30
1:24:40.6 (1) Olympics 7/23 | 6. Domingo Colin, Mexico
1:25:32.0 (2) Softeland 5/15
1:26:20.0 (3) Warsaw 5/30
DQ Olympics 7/23 |
| 2. Peter Frenkel, East Germany
1:25:39.4 (1) Naumburg 4/16
1:26:37.6 (1) Berlin 5/15
1:28:22.0 (1) Wittenberg 5/30
1:30:27.4 (3) Colombes 6/5
1:25:29.4 (3) Olympic 7/23
1:32:22.8 (3) vs Pol., SU 8/19 | 7. Armando Zambaldo, Italy
1:27:58.6 Boricio 3/21
1:28:06.6t(1) Rome 4/11
1:37:28.4 (4) Frankfurt 5/9
1:28:37.2 (1) Ascoli 5/23
dnf Colombes 6/5
1:29:12.0 (2) Torino 7/8
1:28:25.2 (6) Olympics 7/23
1:29:53.0 (3) Hackpool 10/3 |
| 4. Hans-Georg Reimann, E.G.
1:26:00.0t(1) EG Ind.Ch. 3/6
1:26:18.4 (3) Naumburg 4/16
1:26:37.6 (3) Berlin 5/15
1:31:28.6 (5) Colombes 6/5
1:25:13.8 (2) Olympics 7/23
1:27:07.6 (2) EG Champ. 8/5 | 8. Vladimir Golubnichiy, USSR
1:25:51.0 (2) Sotschi 5/13
1:23:55.0 (2) SU Champ. 6/11
1:29:24.6 (7) Olympics 7/23
1:30:40.6 (1) Vs. U.S. 8/6 |
| 5. Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller, E.G.
1:26:26.8t(2) EG Ind. Ch. 3/6
1:25:39.8 (2) Naumburg 4/16
1:26:37.6 (2) Berlin 5/15
1:33:44.2 (9) Colombes 6/5
1:26:50.6 (4) Olympics 7/23
dnf EG Champ. 8/5 | 9. Vittorio Visini, Italy
1:30:10.6t(1) Forli 4/11
1:28:46.2 (2) ASCOLI 7/23
1:31:02.0 (4) Colombes 6/5
dnf Torino 7/8
1:29:38.6 (8) Olympics 7/23
1:29:03.0 (2) Hackpool 10/3 |
| 3. Raul Gonzales, Mexico
1:25:52.6 (2) vs. Canada 4/11
1:25:06.2 (1) Softeland 5/15
1:24:19.0 (2) Warsaw 5/30
1:28:18.2 (5) Olympics 7/23 | 10. Olly Flynn, Great Britain
1:30:00.0 (1) Southend 5/15
1:31:42.0 (14) Olympics 7/23
1:27:35.0 (1) Hackpool 10/3 |

As stated above, Bautista is really an unchallenged first. His one loss came the day after a World Record 10 Km and was probably more a training spin on his part....Frenkel, although beaten by Reimann in the Olympics had three wins over his countrymen in other races and takes the second spot...Gonzales also was not quite up to par in Montreal but had three other superior races, including two times faster than the East German's best....Reimann and Stadtmuller take the next two spots off their great Olympic races and generally consistent record (both had one lousy race)...Colin is clearly the best of the rest and his questionable disqualification in Montreal may have cost him a higher ranking....The next three are ranked primarily off their Olympic finish supported by good records in other races...Flynn had a bad race in Montreal but won the British Championship decisively over a good field and then trounced both Zambaldo and Visini in a fast race in the GB-Italy match.

Top 25 Performers 1976

- 1:23:39.8 (1) Daniel Bautista, Mexico, Warsaw 5/30
 1:23:53.2 (1) Viktor Semyenov, USSR, USSR Champ. 6/11
 1:23:55.0 (2) Vladimir Golubnichiy, USSR, USSR Champ. 6/11
 1:24:00.0 (3) Aleksis Troitski, USSR, USSR Champ. 6/11
 1:24:07.0 (4) Solomin, USSR, USSR Champ. 6/11
 1:24:13.0 (5) Otto Bartsch, USSR, USSR Champ. 6/11
 1:24:19.0 (2) Raul Gonzales, Mexico, Warsaw 5/30
 1:24:28.0 (6) Tyotr Potschenschuk, USSR, USSR Champ 6/11
 1:24:32.0 (7) Yevgeniy Lyungin, USSR, USSR Champ. 6/11
 1:24:43.0 (8) Yevgeniy Yevsyukov, USSR, USSR Champ 6/11
 1:25:13.8 (2) Hans-Georg Reimann, East Germany, Montreal 7/23
 1:25:29.4 (3) Peter Frenkel, East Germany, Montreal 7/23
 1:25:32.0 (1) Domingo Colin, Mexico, Softeland, 5/15
 1:25:37.4 (1) Rolf Berner, East Germany, Berlin 7/9
 1:25:39.8 (4) Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller, East Germany, Montreal 7/23
 1:25:52.0 (1) Juraj Bencik, Czechoslovakia, Banska Bystrica 8/7
 1:26:20.2 (4) Angel Flores, Mexico, Warsaw 5/30
 1:26:26.0 (5) Jan Ornoch, Poland, Warsaw 5/30
 1:26:24.8 (1) Hartwig Gauder, East German Ch. 8/5
 1:26:28.0 (2) Boris Yakovlev, USSR, Boris Bystrica 8/7
 1:27:02.0 (3) Evzen Zednik, Czechoslovakia, Boris Bystrica 8/7
 1:27:04.0 (3) Apalais, USSR, Uzhgorod 4/24
 1:27:10.6 (1) Bernd Kannenberg, West Germany, vs. Hung, Swed. 5/22
 1:27:27.6 (1) Roland Weisser, East Germany, Dresden 5/30
 1:27:32.0 (6) Alekseyev, USSR, Uzhgorod 4/24

50 KILOMETERS

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| 1. Benjamin Soldatenko, USSR
4:01:37.0 (1) USSR Ch. 8/16
3:54:40.0 (1) World Ch. 9/17 | 6. Yevgeniy Lyungin, USSR
4:02:46.0 (1) Uzhgorod 4/25
4:04:36.0 (6) World Ch. 9/17 |
| 2. Enrique Vera, Mexico
3:58:14.0 (2) World Champ. 9/17 | 7. Paolo Gregucci, Italy
4:04:59.0 (7) World Ch. 9/17 |
| 3. Reima Salonen, Finland
3:58:53.0 (3) World Ch. 9/17 | 8. Stefan Muller, East Germany
4:07:14.2 (2) Naumburg 4/25
4:04:48.1 (1) EG Ch. 8/5
4:10:17.0 (12) World Ch. 9/17 |
| 4. Domingo Colin, Mexico
4:00:34.0 (4) World Ch. 9/17 | 9. Ralf Knutter, East Germany
4:10:12.0 (4) Naumburg 4/25
4:09:26.0 (3) East Germany Ch. 8/5
4:05:41.0 (8) World Ch. 9/17 |
| 5. Matthias Kroel, East Germany
4:10:20.0 (4) Naumburg 4/25
4:16:12.6 (1) Prague 7/18
4:05:55.6 (2) EG Champ. 8/5
4:00:58.0 (5) World Ch. 9/17 | 10. Gerhard Weidner, West Germany
4:06:20.0 (9) World Ch. 9/17 |

Since there was little other action, the World Championship race was decisive. The only change from the finish there is moving Muller into eighth off his two decisive victories over Knutter and faster time. Soldatenko was pretty much unchallenged this year with the retirement of Hohne and Selzer, injuries to Kannenberg, and Bartsch's concentration on 20 Km. One has to feel that Senor Bautista could have given him a good go, however.

Top 25 Performers at 50 KM 1976

- 3:54:40.0 (1) Benjamin Soldatenko, USSR, Malmo 9/17
 3:58:14.0 (2) Enrique Vera, Mexico, Malmo 9/17
 3:58:53.0 (3) Reima Salonen, Finland, Malmo 9/17
 4:00:34.0 (4) Domingo Colin, Mexico, Malmo 9/17
 4:00:58.0 (5) Matthias Kroel, East Germany, Malmo 9/17
 4:02:46.0 (1) Yevgeniy Lyungin, USSR, Uzhgorod 4/25
 4:03:00.0 (2) Algis Sakalis, USSR, Moscow 8/16
 4:03:22.0 (3) Yevgeniy Yevsyukov, USSR, Moscow 8/16
 4:03:37.0 (2) Sergei Grigoryev, USSR, Uzhgorod 4/25
 4:04:48.0 (1) Stefan Muller, East Germany, Berlin 8/5
 4:04:59.0 (7) Paolo Gregucci, Italy, Malmo 9/17
 4:05:25.6 (1) Bohdan Bilakowski, Poland, Gdynia 4/4
 4:05:41.0 (8) Ralf Knutter, East Germany, Malmo 9/17
 4:06:20.0 (9) Gerhard Weidner, West Germany, Malmo 9/17
 4:06:37.0 (4) Dalke, USSR, Uzhgorod 4/25
 4:06:38.0 (1) William Sawall, Australia, Glenhantly 8/14
 4:06:51.0 (2) Olaf Pilarski, Naumburg 4/25
 4:07:58.0 (4) Sergie Bondarenko, USSR, Uzhgorod 4/25
 4:08:11.8 (1) Augustin Jorba, Spain, Spain 3/14
 4:08:31.0 (3) Galina, East Germany, Naumburg 4/25
 4:09:17.0 (5) Shulgin, USSR, Uzhgorod 4/25
 4:09:30.0 (11) Boguslaw Kmiecik, Poland, Malmo 9/17
 4:09:39.0 (1) Bob Dobson, Great Britain, Aigen 10/24
 4:09:40.0 (1) Gerard Lelievre, France, Grenoble 9/5
 4:09:47.4 (1) Stefan Ingvarsson, Gothenburg 8/1

Last year's 25th place times were 1:28:00 and 4:11:35. So there was improvement in depth at 50 Km despite its deemphasis.

U.S. RANKINGS

Probably I should give up on the U.S. rankings. All I do is lose friends. Each year I agonize over whether Reggie should rank ahead of Sylvester, knowing that which ever way I go I am sure to get letters from Reg, Syl, and/or all of their friends wondering how anyone could be so stupid. And since I know and like both guys, I am made to feel considerable remorse in either case. Nonetheless, here are my fearless rankings for 1976.

20 Kilometers

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| 1. Ron Laird,
1:29:40.4 (4) Jalapa, Mex. 4/11
1:33:53.0 (1) New York 5/2
1:25:43.6 (2) Eugene 6/19
1:33:27.6 (20) Montreal 7/23
1:33:24.0 (4) vs. USSR 8/6 | 3. Larry Walker
1:25:56.5 (3) Eugene 6/19
1:34:19.9 (22) Montreal 7/23 |
| 2. Todd Scully
1:34:05.2 (1) vs Canada 5/23
1:25:28.6 (1) Eugene 6/19
1:26:24.4 (29) Montreal 7/23
1:21:23.3 (3) vs. USSR 8/6 | 4. Larry Young
1:36:15 (3) New York 5/2
1:26:40.1 (4) Eugene 6/19
1:41:19.0 (1) Columbia 7/31 |
| | 5. Dan O'Connor
1:37:25.0 (3) Long Branch 3/14
1:35:59.4 (2) Kings Point 3/28
1:35:31.4 (2) vs. Canada 5/23
1:35:21.0 (2) New York 5/2
1:28:30.0 (7) Eugene 6/19 |

6. Jim Heiring
1:38:23.0 (5) New York 5/2
1:36:57.0t(1) Kenosha 6/6
1:27:16.8 (5) Eugene 6/19
7. Goetz Klopfer
1:34:20.0 (1) San Francisco 4/4
1:28:14.8 (6) Eugene 6/19
8. Tom Dooley
1:35:18.6t(1) San Francisco 3/4
1:28:40.0 (8) Eugene 6/19
9. Bob Henderson
1:28:59.0 (9) Eugene 6/19
1:42:46.0 (9) Frankfurt 5/9
10. Jerry Brown
1:36:10.0t(1) Boulder 4/23
1:40:15.0t(1) Niwot 5/23
1:30:19.0 (10) Eugene 6/19

The Olympic Trial Race in Eugene was, of course, short and is meaningless as far as times go. However, it was quite decisive in the rankings. One deviation from the finish there was Laird over Scully for first. This was a very difficult decision. Todd won two of three races between the two. However, Ron won the most important one, the Olympics, decisively and had by far the fastest time and gets the nod. Last year he was unranked...Scully remains second, having been ranked behind Larry Young last year....The two Larry's were third and fourth in Eugene and Larry W. produced well in Montreal to solidify his third-place ranking...The next three places were difficult....O'Connor faltered a bit at Eugene but had a consistent record, three very good times and a second place in the National title race, where he beat Heiring convincingly...This seems to give him the nod over Heiring, who beat him at Eugene...Heiring was also a clear winner over Klopfer at Eugene, and thus seems to rank ahead of him...However, Goetz also beat O'Connor at Eugene and had the best time of the three, which would clearly seem to put him ahead of O'Connor (who I have ahead of Heiring, who I have ahead of Klopfer). Obviously, I have left myself open to a argument here, but since O'Connor seems to outrank Heiring on the record and likewise Heiring heads Klopfer, I choose to ignore that clear margin of Klopfer over O'Connor. (Does anyone understand that?)....The next three places are decided on the finish at Eugene...Others in line for ranking until they faltered at Eugene were John Knifton, Bob Kitchen, and Wayne Glusker

Top 25 U.S. Performers at 20 Km, 1976

- 1:29:40.4 (4) Ron Laird, Jalapa, Mex. 4/11
- 1:31:23.3 (3) Todd Scully, College Park, Md. 8/6
- 1:34:19.9 (22) Larry Walker, Montreal 7/23
- 1:34:20.0 (1) Goetz Klopfer, San Francisco 4/4
- 1:35:18.6t(1) Tom Dooley, San Francisco, 3/4
- 1:35:18.6t(1) Wayne Glusker, San Francisco 3/4
- 1:35:31.0 (1) John Knifton, Long Branch 3/14
- 1:35:31.4 (2) Dan O'Connor, Alexandria, Va. 5/23
- 1:35:40.0 (2) Dave Romansky, Long Branch, N.J. 3/14
- 1:35:58.2 (3) Bob Kitchen, Alexandria, Va. 5/23
- 1:36:10.0t(1) Jerry Brown, Boulder, Colorado 4/23
- 1:36:15.0 (3) Larry Young, New York 5/2
- 1:36:57.2t(1) Jim Heiring, Kenosha, Wis. 6/6
- 1:37:06.0 (1) Ed Bouldin, Los Angeles 5/30
- 1:37:24.0 (2) Jerry Lansing, San Francisco 4/4
- 1:37:42.8 (5) Tom Knatt, Alexandria, Va. 5/23
- 1:37:50.8 (2) Neil Pyke, San Francisco 5/9

- 1:39:10.0t(2) Jerry Givner, Boulder, Colo. 4/25
- 1:39:27.8 (8) Ron Kulik, Alexandria, Va. 5/23
- 1:40:11.7 (3) Manny Adriano, San Francisco 5/9
- 1:40:52.0 (1) Bob Rosencrantz, Seattle 6/5
- 1:42:16.0t(2) Floyd Godwin, Niwot, Colo. 5/23
- 1:42:30.0 (3) Ray Floriani, Jr., Long Branch, N.J. 2/14
- 1:42:44.0t(3) Greg McGuire, Boulder 4/25
- 1:42:46.0 (9) Bob Henderson, Frankfurt, W.G. 5/9

50 KILOMETER

1. Larry Young
4:11:08 (1) Columbia 8/15
4:16:47 (21) Malmo 9/18
2. Augie Hirt
4:19:04 (20) Columbia 8/15
4:28:35 (27) Malmo 8/15
3. Dan O'Connor
4:23:13 (3) Columbia 8/15
4. Floyd Godwin
4:25:45 (4) Columbia 8/15
dnf Malmo 9/18
5. Bob Rosencrantz
4:31:36 (5) Columbia 8/15
4:29:48t(1) Seattle 9/11
6. Paul Ide
4:45:14 (6) Columbia 8/15
7. Randy Mimm
4:46:32 (7) Columbia 8/15
8. Alan Price
4:49:42 (8) Columbia 8/15
9. Tom Knatt
5:05:54 (9) Columbia 8/15
Jim Murchie
10. 5:06:58 (10) Columbia 8/15

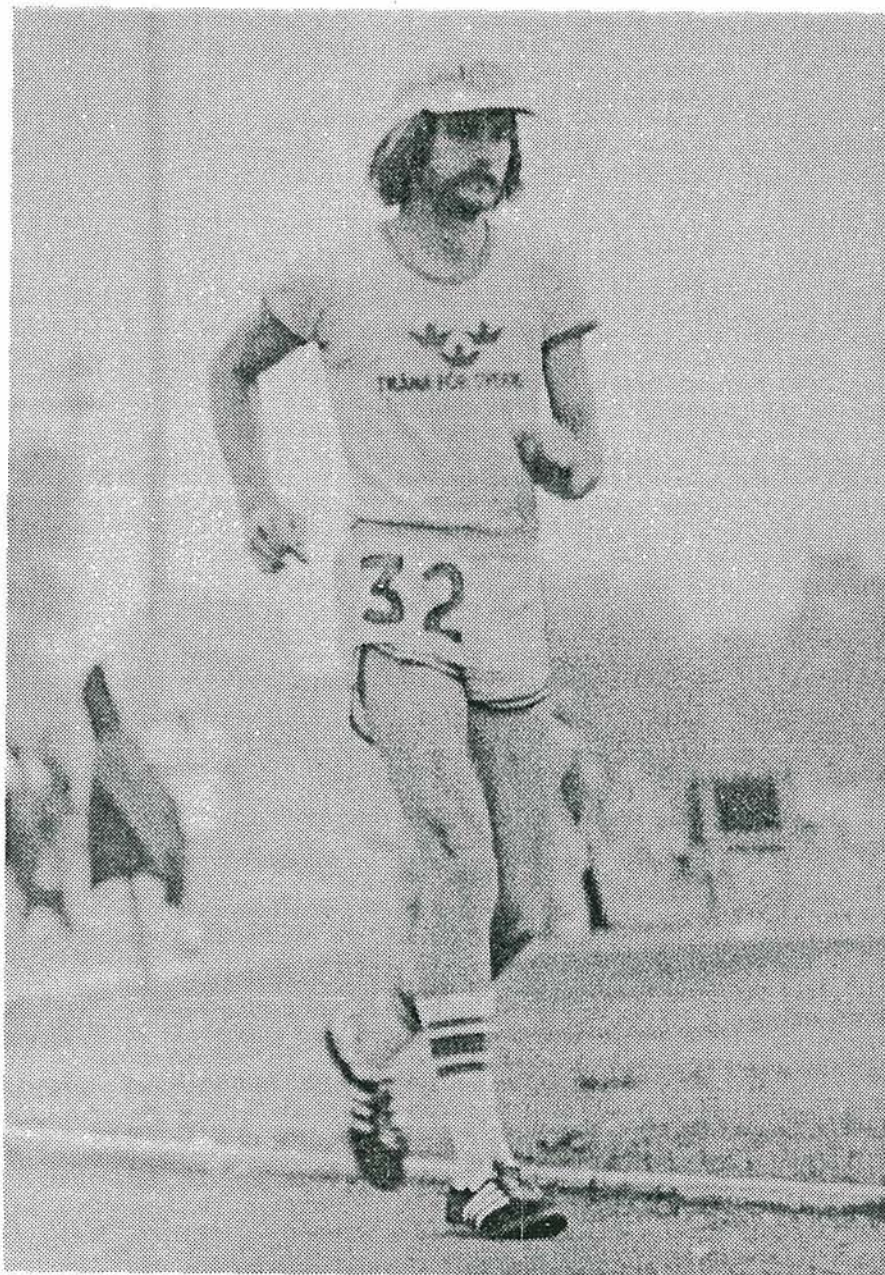
Not much to comment on here. They rank in the same order that they finished in the National. We slide further down in this event. Last year there were 11 under 5:00. One would hope to see a resurgence next year when the Lugano Cup will be contested again.

Any additions or corrections to both the World and U.S. lists will be welcome.

RESULTS:

Two hours after completing all of the above, I received in the mail the Internationaler Gehsport Rapport with some late results that will affect the lists but not my rankings. I will let you make the changes yourself after perusing the results. Of most significance is that the Soviet championship course in Kiev is in question as to its length. Not surprising. If this race is not official, it will change the 20 Km list markedly. Anyway, on to the results.

5.5 Mile, Lowell, Mass., Nov. 3-- 1. Robert Page 49:50 2. Mike Regan 50:55 3. Tony Medeiros 55:40 4. John Farrell 56:30 5. Fred Brown Sr. 66:45--Fred reports that Sig Podlozny, a fixture in these races, was hit while running to work on Oct. 26 and has a shattered knee, compound fractures of both legs, and three breaks in the pelvis. He will be in traction for 12 weeks before an operation and then another 3 months in the hospital. He says he will be running in 6 months. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery and return to the roads. NEAAU 15 Km, Cambridge, Mass. Nov. 7-- 1. Dennis Slattery 1:21:19 2. Steve Helman 1:24:10 3. Paul DeVagvar 1:24:17 4. Paul Schell 1:24:29 5. Dennis Childs 1:24:36 6. Robert Page 1:26:26 7. Charles Scott 1:28:38 8. Mike Regan 1:29:27 9. David Jolliff 1:29:48 10. Bruce Douglass 1:31:19 11. George Lattarulo 1:35:10 12. Bob Leaver 1:35:14 13. Tony Medeiros 1:35:58 (19fin)



Augie Hirt looking strong in the early stages of his 100-mile ordeal in Columbia in September.



Augie Hirt, the Winner, looking weak and bedraggled, is assisted by a nurse and his wife, Joan, following his 100-mile ordeal in Columbia. (Photos by Cathy Breitenbacher, Keokuk, Iowa)

15 Km (track), Kings Point, NY, Oct. 17--1. Gary Westerfield 1:13:53
 2. Steve Hayden 1:15:51 3. John McKeegan 1:19:18 4. John Shilling
 1:22:02 5. Ronald Day 1:24:57 6. Kurt Engel 1:25:53 New Jersey AAU
19.5 Mile Champ., Long Branch, Oct. 17—(was supposed to be 20 miles)--
 1. Ray Floriani, Jr. 2:52:06 2. Bob Mimm 3:11:59 3. Cliff Mimm 3:35:44
 4. Ray Floriani, Sr. 3:35:44 5. George Lattarulo 3:42:41 6. Fred
 Spector 3:42:46 7. Bill Lloyd 3:48:42 NJAAU 15 Mile, Long Branch, Oct.
31--1. Ray Floriani, Jr. 2:06:38 2. Ron Daniel 2:14:58 3. Bob Mimm
 2:16:45 4. Ben Brown 2:18:36 5. Ben Ottner 2:29:17 6. Cliff Mimm
 2:33:35 7. Don Johnson 2:33:52 8. Ray Floriani, Sr. 2:34:00 9. Alan
 Wood 2:40:06 10. Fred Spector 2:45:35 5 Mile, Lakeland, Fla.--1. Buck
 Ehrgood 41:06 2. Joe Sherman 42:03 3. John Scimone 44:51 4. Norman Knott
 45:24 5. Doug Ermini 47:55 6. Hank Stephenson 48:39 7. Pat McNabb
 48:41 8. Arnor Gustafson 48:42 9. Sperry Radermaker 56:04
NAAU JUNIOR 5000 Meter #2, Pittsburgh, Nov. 6--1. Ron Day, LIAAC 15:05
 2. Mike Rencheck, Burgettstown SC 15:52 3. Roger Talbot, ESC 16:26 4.
 Paul Kriner 17:56 5. Mike Trempus 18:24 6. Jay Elahi 18:42 7. Ron
 Uchal 18:45 8. Scott McAllister 22:25--This is the race Steve O'Brien
 supposedly won earlier in the summer. Now we have a second fellow who
 travels a good way to win the title. Who should have it? A good prob-
 lem for our new National Chairman to get his feet wet on. Lake Erie AAU
20 Km, Cleveland, Nov. 7--1. Jim Janos 1:55:56 2. Juan Candelario, dnf--
 Jim Janos' address is 3123 Mapledale Ave., Cleveland, OH 44109. Bill
 Kaiser should certainly contact him, as well as any other subscribers in
 the area, and get something going up there. 2 Mile, Gahanna, Ohio, Nov.
13--1. Jack Mortland 15:57.5 2. Jack Blackburn 15:58 3. Laurie Tucholski
 16:31 4. Tim Blackburn 16:48--there were a lot more in the race but I
 goofed and didn't get the results. I'm an editor, not a reporter.
 Blackburn, just getting back in stride following his 100-mile efforts,
 surprised himself as usual. The first two laps each went by in 1:58,
 with Tim Blackburn also hanging close. Blackburn started challenging on
 each straightaway but couldn't get ahead and the quick early pace ground
 down to 10:00 by the end of 5 laps. But from somewhere, these two
 grizzled veterans dug into their storehouse of experience and guts to
 once again bring the pace under the magic 8-minute barrier on the final
 two laps, recapturing again some of those thrills of their many titanic
 struggles of the past. At least, that's the way we saw it. Laurie did
 very well off primarily running training as she concentrates on cross
 country this fall. (She had already run 3 miles cross country and a leg
 on a 2-mile relay on this day.) Tim Blackburn, a mere lad of 16 (I think)
 will soon be the Blackburn if he continues his rapid improvement. He was
 also running most of the fall. NATIONAL MASTERS, CLASS "B", AND OPEN 30
Km, Columbia, Mo., Oct. 23--1. Augie Hirt 2:45:31 (56:23, 1:50:50) 2.
 Jerry Young 2:50:34 (56:23, 1:50:50) 3. Mike Fein (1st Class "B", 18-year-
 old student at U. of Kansas) 2:56:21 (57:50, 1:56:55) 4. Leonard Busen
 (1st Master) 3:06:10 (61:35, 2:01:36) 5. Bob Chapin (2nd Masters, 3rd
 Class B) 3:08:06 6. Bob Young 3:17:15 (3rd and 4th) 7. Paul Mack 3:22:50
 8. Rob Spier 3:23:59 9. Bob Gragg 3:46:55 (Randy Mimm 1:51:18 at 20 dnf)
8 Mile, Columbia, Oct. 2--1. Jim Breitenbacher 1:13:45 2. Augie Hirt
 1:13:52 (1 week after 100 miler) 3. Mike Clark 1:28:13 4. Rob Spier
 1:29:40 NATIONAL MASTERS AND CLASS "B" 50 Km, Columbia, Nov. 6 (track)--
 1. Leonard Busen 1:58:50 (First in Masters and B) 2. Bob Young 6:05:20
 (2nd Masters) 3. Rob Spier 6:15:02 (3rd Masters) 4. Bob Gragg 6:20:32
 (4th Masters, 2nd B) 5. Albert Van Dyke 6:46:56 (5th and 3rd) 6. Mac
 Pullen 7:12:03 (4th B) 7. Henry Bent 7:18:21 (6th and 5th) 8. William
 Taft 7:40:11 (7th and 6th)--Randy Mimm again failed to finish along with
 Larry Young, who had planned an assault on the American record before
 illness cut into his training. He strolled 5 miles.

Gulf AAU 20 Mile, Houston, Oct. 24--1. John Knifton 2:48:30 2. Jeff
 Bomer 3:18:21 3. John Stowers 3:20:22 4. Larry Mack 3:23:38 5. John
 Evans 3:13:01 6. George Scott 3:31:02 7. Clyde Villimez 4:03:45 8.
 Lida Askew 4:11:04--rainy, windy, 58F 1 Mile, Portland, Oct. 23--1.
 Doug VerMeer 8:19 2. Don Jacobs 9:58 1 1/2 Mile, Portland, Oct. 30--1.
 Doug VerMeer 12:47 2. Don Jacobs 15:22 3. Steve Mardella 16:08 1 Mile
Clackamas, Ore., Nov. 13--1. Doug VerMeer 8:18 2. Scott Massinger 9:11
 3. Don Jacobs 10:25 50 Km (track), Seattle, Sept. 11--1. Bob Rosencrantz
 4:29:48 --Steve DiBernardo dnf 10 Km, Greenlake, Wash., Sept. 4--1.
 Steve DiBernardo 48:59 2. Bob Rosencrantz 50:04 3. Jim Bean 51:33 4.
 Evan Shull 52:05 5. Rob Frank 56:33 6. Claude Wrathall 58:58 7. Paul
 Kaald 60:09 4 Mile, Black Diamond, Wash., Sept. 5--1. Steve DiBernardo
 30:33 2. Bob Rosencrantz 30:45 3. Martin Rudow 31:25 4. Jim Bean 32:12
 5. Phil Millard 32:17 6. Evan Shull 32:26 7. Steve Geiver 34:20 8.
 Rob Frank 35:16 9. Paul Kaald 36:01 10. Torry Lingbloom 36:07 11. Julie
 Partridge 36:25 4 Km, Seattle, Sept. 5--1. Steve DiBernardo 18:40 2.
 Martin Rudow 19:01 3. Phil Millard 19:55 4. Evan Shull 21:25 5. Torry
 Lingbloom 21:30 6. Paul Kaald 22:19 7. Dick Moody 23:21 8. Dick
 Baker 23:30 9. Julie Partridge 24:15 10. Cindy Partridge 24:16 11. Don
 Jacobs 26:28 12. Diane Forsell 26:30 Quebec 10 Km Champ., Montreal, Oct.
7--1. Marcel Jobin 44:10.0 (21:59 at 5) 2. Pierre LeBlanc 47:53 3. Joel
 Dada 49:52 4. Michel Caron 52:59 Junior Girls 1500, same place--1.
 Sylvie Fortin 7:25.9 Junior Womens 3 Km, same place--1. Jacinthe Theberge
 15:35.4 Canadian Junior 10 Km, Sudbury, Oct. 14--1. Pierre LeBlanc
 48:55.2 2. Robert Scollard 54:53.4 Canadian Womens 5 Km, Regina, Oct.
28--1. Jacinthe Theberge 27:18.8 2. Sylvie Fortin 27:29.8 3. Guylain
 Levesque 28:42.2 Canadian 20 Km, same place--1. Marcel Jobin 1:33:52
 2. Pat Farrelly 1:42:32 3. Glen Sweazey 1:43:23 10 Km, Montreal, July 21--
 1. Todd Scully 45:32 2. George Nibre, GB 47:16 3. Alex Oakley 49:11
 4. Peter Markham, GB 49:59 5. Pierre LeBlanc 51:59 6. Hermann Beaulieu
 51:59 7. Bruce MacDonald 60:05 5 Km, St. Lambert, Quebec, July 25--1.
 Ron Laird 21:53.4 2. Todd Scully 22:40.8 3. George Nibre 22:54.6 4.
 Peter Markham 24:32.2 5. Jacinthe Theberge 27:22.8 6. Keith Robine,
 NYAC 27:43.4 7. Sylvie Fortin 27:49.2...9. Eileen Smith 29:30.4
10 Km, Bancroft, Ont., Sept. 19--1. Max Gould 53:00.6 2. Roman Olszewski
 57:10.2 15 Km, Ontario, Oct. 30--1. Marcel Jobin 1:11:28.8 2. Helmut
 Boeck 1:22:10.6 3. Francisco Toro 1:22:57.2
 OVERSEAS:
USSR 20 Km, Kiev, June 11 (1st 8 published earlier and shown in 20 Km list
 on p. 4. Race apparently may have been as much as 2 minutes short for the
 leaders.) ...9. Karlis Apalja 1:24:49 10. Yevgeniy Ivchenko 1:24:54
 11. Boris Yakovlyev 1:24:55 12. Nikolai Turinzev 1:25:07 13. Vasilii
 Bochan 1:25:17 14. Dmitri Yemelyanenko 1:25:29 15. Nikolai Matveyev
 1:25:32 16. Viktor Myakotnych 1:25:58 17. Valeriy Nefedov 1:26:07 18.
 Pyotr Myslivzev 1:26:08 19. Maris Peterson 1:26:23 20. Vladimir Bar-
 ranikov 1:26:28--35th place in 1:29:54 including Soldatenko at 1:29:26 in
 31st. Even if somewhat short, this is unbelievable depth with 23 people
 within 3 minutes of first. And then look at the following results, many
 on the track, for further evidence of this depth. 20 Km (track), Jurmala,
USSR, Aug. 5--1. Pyotr Myslivzev 1:30:57.6 20 Km (track) Jurmala, June
17--1. Aldis Aboltins 1:30:32 20 Km (track), Brjansk, USSR, May 30--1. Vik-
 tor Vavilov 1:29:32.6 20 Km (track), Moscow, May 2--1. Yevgeniy Lyngin
 1:28:22.8 20 Km (track), Gomel, USSR, Aug. 7--1. Viktor Kuchma 1:30:42
20 Km (track), Valmiera, USSR, Aug. 24--1. Aivars Rumbenieks 1:28:31.4
20 Km (track), Jurmala, Sept. 8--1. Rumbenieks 1:29:54.6 20 Km (track),
Vilnius, USSR, Sept. 10--1. Algis Sakalis 1:29:15.8 2. Hartwig Gauder,
 EG 1:29:54 3. Werner Galina, EG 1:31:43 20 Km (track), Dnepropetrovsk,
USSR, Sept. 12--1. Anatoli Solomin 1:28:03.6 2. Viktor Golev 1:30:12 3.

Leonid Vilgota 1:30:58 20 Km (track), Vilnius, June 6--1. Stanislav Schapetsko 1:28:27 20 Km, Shitomir, USSR, May 16--1. Nikolai Vinnitschenko 1:29:58 20 Km, Andishan, USSR, June 27--1. Yevgeniy Stachovetz 1:29:59.6 20 Km, Ribinsk, Aug. 7--1. Viktor Vavilov 1:29:40 2. Yevgeniy Torgov 1:29:56 20 Km, Shelkovo, USSR, March 28--1. Vladimir Gromov 1:30:48 2. Vladimir K Ijakov 1:29:48 20 Km, Charkov, USSR, July 12--1. Viktor Golov 1:28:30 20 Km, Uzhgorod, March 28--1. Anatoloy Solomin 1:27:05.6 30 Km (track), Riga, Sept. 26--1. Aivars Rumbenieks 2:22:30.2 15 Km (track), Valmiera, Sept. 18--1. Rumbenieks 1:05:08.4 10 Km (track) Klaipeda, Aug. 15--1. Rumbenieks 42:53 10 Km (track), Riga, July 7--1. Osvalds Dalke 42:19.6 10 Km (track), Novosibirsk, May 30--1. Vladimir Myakotins 42:19.2 USSR 50 Km, Klaipeda, Aug. 15--1. Soldatenko 4:01:37 2. Algis Sakalis 4:03:00 3. Yevgeniy Yevsyukov 4:03:22 4. Yevgeniy Lyungin 4:05:24 5. Vladimir Svetsnikov 4:05:42 6. Yuriy Schulgin 4:06:45 7. Ivan Tichonov 4:07:34 8. Pyotr Melnik 4:08:35 9. Aleksandr Perezin 4:09:27 10. Vjatcheslav Novikov 4:11:18 (17 under 4:20) 50 Km, Aigen, Austria, Oct. 23--1. Bob Dobson, GB 4:09:39 2. Laszlo Sator, Hung. 4:16:14 3. Hans Michalski, WG 4:17:03 20 Km (track), Turku, Fin., Aug. 16--1. Reima Salonen 1:27:31.8 (21:22, 42:47, 64:31.6) 3 Km, Naantali, Fin. Aug. 21--1. Salonen 11:43.8 20 Km, Tangasniemi, Fin. Sept. 4--1. Salonen 1:29:31.4 2. Bohdan Bilakowski, Pol 1:29:57.4 50 Km, Budapest, Oct. 10--1. Janos Szalas 4:19:29 30 Km (track), Budapest, May 2--1. Imre Stankovics 2:21:55.2 2. Janos Dalmati 2:22:50.6 3. Sator 2:24:43.6 100 Km, Tamesin, Belg., Oct. 2--1. Christian Halloy 9:35:14 2. Robert Schoukens 10:06 3. Gerard Knoxaert 10:08:15 100 Km, Salies de Baern, France, Sept. 26--1. Jean-Pierre Garcia 9:44:05.6 2. Remy Michel 10:08:51 3. Roger Quemener 10:13:22 French 50 Km, Saint Laurent du Pont, Sept. 5--1. Gerard Lelievre 4:09:40 EG-USSR Junior 10 Km, Erfurt, Sept. 11--1. Vinnitschenko, USSR 43:40.4 2. Sparman, EG 43:47.6 3. Weigel, EG 43:51 10 Km (track), Uddevalla, Swed., Sept. 25--1. Domingo Colin, Mex. 41:33 2. Enrique Vera, Mex. 42:24 3. Reina Salome, Fin. 42:40 Womens 3 Km, same place--1. Margareta Simu 13:59.6 2. Thoril Gylder, Nor. 14:00.2 3. Elisabeth Olsson 14:00.4 4. Margareta Olsson 14:35.6 5. Monika Karlsson 14:46.6 Womens 5 Km (road), Boras, Swed., Sept. 9--1. Siv Gustavsson 23:30 (world's best performance breaking Simu's 23:40.6 of 1975) 2. Margareta Simu 24:28 West German 50 Km, Oct. 10--1. Gerhard Weidner 4:07:00 2. Hans Binder 4:16:00 3. Heinrich Schubert 4:19:52 Womens 10 Km (road), Bergen, Nor., July 3--1. Thorill Gylder 5:00.2 2. Mia Kjolberg 53:48 25 Km, Mexico City, Oct. 10--1. Daniel Bautista 1:50:55.8 (World's best ever bettering Gerhard Sperlings 1:52:30.8 of 1966) Danish Womens 10 Km Champ., Odense, Aug. 22--1. Sue Erodock, USA 24:42 2. Laurie Tucholski, USA 25:22.6 3. Eileen Smith, USA 28:58 4. Chris Berzamon, USA 29:35 3 Km, same place--1. Cindy Johnson 15:45 2. Mary Beth Lang 17:47 80 Km, South Africa, Oct. 11--Jannie Theunissen 8:35:54 2. Eddie Michael 8:38:03 3. P. Pretorisu 8:40:21 4. C. Ferreira 8:40:34 --for the first time blacks and whites competed together in this race. They held separate races in the past. The race received excellent coverage in the papers but TV coverage omitted Michael, a black, from their results of the race, apparently deliberately British Junior 10 Km, Sheffield, Oct. 16--1. Graham Saetter 44:59 2. Chris Harvey 45:13 3. Dave Cotton 45:34 4. Mike Dunion 46:19 5. Colin Wilkes 46:25 6. George Nibre 46:34 7. Barry Lines 46:42 British Youths 5 Km (under 18, I believe), same place--1. Ian McCombie 23:16 2. Sean Maxwell 23:38 Boys 3000 (under 16)--1. Steve Marshall 14:14 2. G. Vale 14:19 Airolo-Chiasso Road Relay, Switzerland, Oct. 17--Stage 1, 27 Km--1. Sandro Bellucci, Italy 2:11:56 2. Horst-Rudiger Magnor, Eintracht (Ger.) 2:13:30 3. R. DiNicolò, FO/Padua (Italy) 2:13:47. Stage 2, 30 Km--1. Vittor Visini,

Italy 2:18:54 2. S. Mancini, FO/Pad 2:24:18 3. Hans Binder, Bavaria 2:25:46. Stage 3--1. E. Fabri, FO/Pad 1:07:40 2. Vittorio Canini, Italy 1:07:42 3. K. Regenbogen, Eint. 1:09:04. Stage 4, 18 Km--1. M. da Milano, Italy 1:26:28 2. Amos Seddon, Met. Police 1:27:57 3. Julius Muller, Eint. 1:31:28. Stage 5, 25 Km--1. Paolo Gregucci, Italy 1:56:29 2. Hans Michalski, Eint. 1:58:49 3. P. Fortunati, Lombardia 1:59:48. Final results: 1. Italy 9:01:39 2. Eintracht Frankfurt 9:24:05 3. Fiamme Oro, Padua 9:27:10 4. Lombardia 9:32:41 5. Bavaria 9:37:41 6. Metropolitan Police (London) 9:38:00

Results that should have been listed earlier but which I mislaid: 20 Km, Washington D.C., Nov. 14--1. Sal Corrallo 1:46:47 2. Brian Savilonis 1:48:51 3. Andrew Briggs 1:58:24 4. Wes Mathews 1:58:29 5. Paul Robertson 1:59:53 Womens 10 Km, same place--1. Denise Romansky 64:15 2. Ruth Hamilton 64:21 3. Joan Threadgill 67:24 Junior 10 Km, same place--1. Tim Good 53:58 10 Km Handicap, Seattle, Nov. 20--1. Diane Forsell (age 12) 69:57 (actual time) 2. Dean Ingram 61:59 3. Paul Kaald 57:44 4. Phil Millard 50:50 5. Julie Partridge 63:58

A FEW FORTHCOMING RACES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THE RACE-WALKING COMMUNITY

Sun. Dec. 12--5 Km Hdcp, Lakeland, Fla. (B)
Fr. Dec. 17--1 Mile Hdcp, New York City, 6 p.m. (A)
Sat. Dec. 18--10 Mile, Columbia, Mo., 9 a.m. (D)
15 Km, Seattle, 11 a.m. (I)
Sun. Dec. 19--4 Mile Men, 2 Mile Women, Newton, Ia., 2 p.m. (J)
20 Km, Westbury, N.Y., 9 a.m. (A)
Sun. Dec. 26--4 Mile Men, 2 Mile Women, Boone, Ia., 2 p.m. (J)
1.75 and 10 Mile, Greenbelt, Md., 12:30 p.m. (E)
Fri., Dec. 31--6 Mile Hdcp, Springfield or Columbus, Ohio (Editor)
Sat. Jan. 1--15 Km, Washington, D.C., 12 noon (E)
Wed. Jan. 5--Jr. Met. AAU 1 Mile (A)
Sun. Jan. 9--10 Mile, Westbury, N.Y., 9 a.m. (A)
10 Km, 5 Km Jr. and Women, Washington, D.C., 1 p.m. (E)
Wed. Jan 12--Sr. Met AAU 2 Mile, New York City (A)
Sat. Jan 15--1 Mile, Phoenix Union H.S., Ariz., 10 a.m. (F)
Sun. Jan. 16--10 Km, Smithtown, N.Y., 9 a.m. (A)
Sun. Feb. 6--1 Mile, 5 Km, Kings Point, N.Y., 9 a.m. (A)
Get your schedules for '77 to me as soon as you have any so this listing might be as complete as possible.

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FROM HEEL TO TOE

Turns out I had some misinformation. The award presented to me at the AAU Convention was for the Outstanding Contributor to the sport for 1976, not "Administrator". I will humbly accept with deep appreciation. I certainly have hoped my efforts have been contributing something to the sport. The very handsome plaque reached me 2 days ago and I want to pub-

licly thank both the Green & Gold AC and the NAAU Race Walking Committee for this recognition. Since this was the first year for the Award, I feel especially honored to have received it....And another error in my convention report. Bob Bowman was elected by the Committee as USOC representative, not appointed by Dean Ingram. This is not precisely the post that Bruce MacDonald has filled so capably for the past several years. Bruce was our representative to the USOC Track & Field Committee, which no longer exists. The AAU T&F Committee now has 6 representatives to the USOC. They have decided to pick four from the T&F Committee, one from the Long Distance Committee and one from Race Walking....Finally, from the Committee meeting, Bob Bowman reports that the films shown, including his at 32 frames per second, do not show Bautista off. Close, but not off. In fact, Bob feels the general standard was good. It was generally felt that Gonzales was the best. However, he feels that the judging was handled poorly and if there had been gross violations the judging may not have prevented them. He supports Joe Tigerman's objections that there were too few good judges....Also one result from Bob's letter that I am missing in the results section: 5.575 Mile, Walnut Creek, Cal., Sept. 19--1. Neal Pyke 43:27 2. Wayne Glusker 43:42.5 3. Dennis Reilly 44:54 4. Manny Adriano 47:09....And while I was typing the above, in came a phone call from Gary Westerfield, Esq with the results of today's (Nov. 28) Annual Coney Island 10 Mile Handicap. There were 54 in the race, and here are the first 20: 1. Michael O'Donnell, LIAC (age 17) 1:32:42 2. Don Johnson, Shore AC 1:36:12 3. Dan Stanek, Niagara RW 1:33:19 4. Dave Lakritz, NYPC 1:51:36 5. Rodney Craig, Shore AC (age 10) 1:49:53 6. Howie Jacobsen, LIAC 1:34:57 7. Chris Flanagan, LIAC 1:34:57 8. Mark Rauscher, Shore AC 1:35:04 9. Ron Day, LIAC (age 16) 1:25:21 10. Gary Powell, Shore AC (age 14) 1:43:31 11. Eileen Smith, NY PAL 1:38:18 12. Sam DeLosSantos, Shore AC 1:33:26 (age 15) 13. Susan Liers, LIAC 1:27:27 14. Vincent O'Sullivan, Hunter Col. AA 1:19:04 (fast time) 15. Mark Sefcheck, Shore AC 1:37:42 16. Steve Hayden, LIAC 1:22:51 17. Morris Davis, 92nd St. YMHA (age 78) 2:08:06 18. Don Weber, LIAC 1:35:18 19. Gary Westerfield, LIAC 1:19:07 (2nd fast) 20. Tom Kline, The Capital Walkers 1:39:11--Teams: LIAC--10, Shore AC--11, LIAC "E"--44, Shore AC "B"--49, 92nd St. Y--70, Hunter Col. AA--72, Shore AC "C"--76, North Medford Club--86. And in a women's 2 Mile held prior to the 10 the results were: 1. Susan Liers 17:27.5 2. Eileen Smith 18:38.2 3. Mary Beth Lang 19:51.5 4. Stella Palamarchuk 20:11.5 5. Denise Romansky 20:19.5 6. Virginia Leaver 20:27 7. Joan Treadgill 20:55 8. Claudia Silva 23:19.5 9. Diana Romansky (age 7) 28:40....

The infamous John Bales, whose letter to Athletics Weekly, brought down the wrath of the British race walking fraternity upon his head, as documented in these pages last month, has boldly replied to the negative and vehement reactions to his opinions. And, actually there is some sense to his arguments if one cares to be completely rational and logical. But then few sports make much sense when looked at in those terms. In any case, his second letter reads, in part: "Nowhere in my first letter did I say walking was unnatural. I said walking was 'unnatural racing'. Of course babies walk before they run. But even before that they try to overcome objects which form a barrier between themselves and something they want; they certainly engage in quite sophisticated throwing events. By about age 15 months many babies break contact with the ground in their efforts to get somewhere quickly. They realize intuitively that to get somewhere before somebody else is best achieved by running rather than walking. Foot racing derives from the primitive but fundamental instinct of running either to escape from, or to catch, something or somebody. If there was a bush or boulder in the way, early man naturally hurdled or high jumped it; if it was too high or wide he used a staff to vault with, if the ob-

stacle was a stream or ravine he long jumped it--or if there were boulders or small islands in the stream he executed a crude form of triple jump. (ed. At this point, Mr. Bales was trying to establish that all other events in track and field are 'natural'. He went on to 'justify' all the throwing events. However, his basic premise that our events derive from these primitive and instinctive actions may be at fault. For sure, athletic events were based on things man did in his daily pursuits, but they derived from a seemingly natural desire to compete at whatever, including walking.) This debate is relatively unimportant, however, compared with the debate on 'cheating'....Is it a rule of the sport that physical contact should be maintained or not? If it is a rule, but a rule that is 'physically impossible' to fulfill after a critical walking speed is reached, what sort of event is it?...Mr. King asked 'will he be disqualified?' That is not the basic question. We should ask 'should he be disqualified?' If the answer is no, then we must accept that lifting does not really matter when walkers are racing at speed. Personally I like a good argument and have nothing against walking or walkers. Some of my best friends go for quite long walks. But if I want to escape a shower of rain; if I want to race to catch a bus; I run....As the editor of Race Walking Record implies, this is the inevitable tendency when a race is involved."....So much for that.... Bob Gray, the only man to compete in both the 20 Km walk and marathon at the 1972 Olympic Trials (or probably any other year, for that matter) recently ran 99 miles from Salem to Eugene, Ore. to support a ballot issue for nuclear safeguards....Forgot to mention last month that the writer of the Sports Illustrated article on the 100-mile walk (which I hope you all read), Anita Verschoth, actually went the first 20 miles of the race in just over 4 hours. I guess she did some jogging as well as walking but she certainly made certain that she was getting a first hand story....Bill Ranney also made the pages of SI recently in a story on the unique physical education program at San Rafael High School. When he isn't out walking, Bill teaches mountain climbing among other things....Back to the 100-miler, the picture of an agonized Augie Hirt following the race that we are running this month is not stolen from Sports Illustrated. Apparently Cathy Freitenbucher snapped it at about the same moment as Rich Clarkson snapped his SI shot. When I got it in the mail, I had to check immediately to see if Cathy had made a sale to SI....

LOOKING BACK

5 Years Ago (From the Nov. 1971 ORW)--IN the ORW Race Walking Orgy, three races saw four winners. Phil McDonald walked a classy 10 Mile on Saturday morning--1:20:11.8. Jack Blackburn, recovering from the flu, was more than 20 minutes back. However, a few hours later he took to the track and matched a fresh Jack Mortland stride for stride as they deadheaded in 14:58.4 for 2 miles. The next day, Jerry Bocci captured the 20 miler in 2:49:55.8 with Blackburn struggling through in 3:28:55, after bettering his 10 mile of the day before on the way. McDonald stayed with Bocci for 12 miles and then called it a day and Mortland gave it up at 14, some 6 minutes back of Bocci....On Thanksgiving Day, McDonald beat Blackburn by a minute in Cincinnati's approximate 5 1/2 miler in 41:00...Ron Laird blistered a 1:58:27 for 15 miles in Long Branch with Todd Scully just over 2 minutes back...Larry Young braved high winds and unseasonable heat for a 2:39:43 30 Km on the track in Columbia... Bill Weigle did a 4:40:59 for 50 on the track in Boulder