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FEIN, GOULD, GOOTS VICTORIOUS IN COLUMBIA'S NATIONALS WEEKEND

Columbia, Mo., Nov. 12-13--With the 1977 race walking season winding down, Columbia was the sight of three National races over the weekend. On Saturday, 19-year-old Mike Fein, from Lawrence, Kansas where he is a student at the University of Kansas, but representing the Columbia TC, walked off with the National Junior 20 Km title in 1:51:15.8. Mike got away from Cliff Munn, of the famed Willingboro Munn's, after the first 2 miles and had the race to himself from that point. Munn was passed by Cleveland's Jim Janos at 6 miles and then fell to young David McCalley of Kansas City, just turned 17, with about 2 1/2 miles to go. McCalley never got close enough to Janos to threaten for second, however. The race was held on the track with the temperature in the 40's.

On Sunday, Master's and Class B walkers were on the same track for National 50 Km races. In this one, amazing 60-year-old Max Gould, from Toronto, edged under the 5 hour mark to take the Master's race. There was also an open division in the race and Max latched onto Angie Hirt, apparently out for a Sunday stroll. Only in the last 8 miles did Angie pull slightly ahead but Max achieved his goal of 5 hours. Jim Goots stayed close to this duo for the first 15 miles and then hung on for an easy win in the Class B race. Temperature was again in the 40's. Judging both races were Bill Clark and Rob Spier with Joe Duncan added for the 50. Results:

National AAU Junior 20 Km: 1. Michael Fein, Columbia TC 1:51:15.8 (8:25, 17:07, 25:50, 34:36, 43:26, 52:17, 1:01:14, 1:10:13, 1:19:17, 1:28:30, 1:37:42, 1:47:13) 2. Jim Janos, Lake Erie Race Walkers 1:55:03 3. David McCalley, KC North Stars 1:56:49 4. Cliff Munn, Shore AC 1:59:20 5. Mike Clark and Dan Estrada, Columbia TC 2:13:07 7. Steve Pinkerton, Columbia TC 2:48:07

AAU MASTERS AND "B" 50 Km (and open)--1. Angie Hirt, Columbia TC 4:59:26 2. Max Gould, Etobicoke Striders (Canada) (1st Master) 4:59:58 (9:28, 18:54, 28:12, 37:26, 46:45, 56:03, 1:05:33, 1:15:10, 1:24:35, 1:34:07, 1:43:28, 1:52:42, 2:02:03, 2:11:44, 2:21:02, 2:30:35, 2:40:09, 2:49:53, 2:59:35, 3:09:20, 3:19:05, 3:29:05, 3:39:10, 3:49:18, 3:59:25, 4:09:29, 4:19:42, 4:29:43, 4:39:45, 4:49:48, 4:59:19) 3. Jim Goots, Long Beach, Cal. (1st B) 5:42:13 4. Leonard Bisen, Columbia TC (2nd Master) 5:53:44 5. Albert Van Dyke, Columbia TC (3rd Master, 2nd B) 5:56:41 6. Bob Gregg, Columbia TC (4th Master, 3rd B) 6:18:47 7. Bill Taft, Columbia TC (5th Master, 4th B) 7:13:33 DNF--Randy Munn, Columbia TC, 1:52:42 at 12 miles and out with sore foot; Cliff Munn, Shore AC--out at 8 miles with fatigue from day before.

Women's 20 Km, Nov. 12--1. Paula Poda, Palos Hills, Ill (age 16) 2:18:52

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Editor's Notes: Hey, we almost have that upstairs finished now--which includes plush new editorial offices for your favorite publication. I am trying to type this while helping the wife to hang some wall covering. Already I am behind schedule because of painting chores all week. So the readers are suffering. Besides the delay on this and the last couple of issues, my usually disorganized approach getting this together has been much closer to what one might term utter chaos (title of an old Gerry Mulligan tune, for the jazz buffs among you). Next month, we should be back to normal operation and the product might approach its usual standard of lack of excellence. Foreign subscribers have lucked out the last 2 months getting Air Mail service they haven't paid for thanks to dock strikes on the East Coast. That's all over with now so it's back to the usual slow boat.

Subscription list is now up around 320 so don't encourage too many new subscribers. Too many might put me out of business since this is strictly a spare-time proposition. More subscribers mean more time on the parts of the operation that are more drudgery than fun. All of which is only semi-serious but growth is not really a goal. But bringing the news to those that want it is--there may be a bit of conflict there. Share your OX--that's the answer.

My real regret is that I don't have the time to bring you a little more classy presentation. Not that I want to lose the informality. But time for a little editing and rewriting would be worthwhile. Fact of the matter is, I am a trained journalist and make my living as a technical writer and editor. Sitting down at the typewriter and banging out final copy is not exactly a professional approach, but on a one-man operation that is all there is time for. Therefore you have to put up with the many typos, lapses in grammar and spelling, sometimes disorganized presentation, too long and often convoluted sentences, etc. In another 23 years, when I retire, maybe I can change all this.

While rambling on editorial matters, you haven't seen many pictures for a while for two reasons. First, I haven't gotten many. Second, it takes a couple of more days at the printer and I have been running behind schedule anyway (see above).

More rambling. Oldtime readers may wonder whatever happened to such things as reviews of jazz concerts and records, political comment, sex, and important things like that, which used to appear regularly in these pages. I don't know. What has happened to all of those neat things? I guess it has to do with the increased readership, which has meant I know fewer of the readers personally and tend to creep back into my conservative shell.

One more rambling item. Results follow and with things still torn up around here I seem to have misplacced some New England results that I know just arrived from Fred Brown the other day. Sorry about that New England folks. Guess you'll miss seeing your name in print this month. Oh Yeh! To new subscribers, the ORW comes out clear at the end of a month, or even early the next month. Covers news from the month it is dated, that is. So don't write, say in mid-December, wondering where your December issue is. It will come in mid-January.

RESULTS

10 Km (Track), Kings Point, N.Y., Nov. 6--1. Peter Doyle 50:53 2. Mike Morris 52:29 3. Chris Flanagan 53:35 4. John Shilling 54:05 5. Susan Liers 55:39 6. Gary Westerfield 55:39 7. Bruce MacDonald 56:48 8. Bruce Harland 56:51 9. Jim Gator-Dorman 58:50 10. John Gaska 60:14 11. Elisabeth Johnson 70:13 12. Ed Granowitz 72:04 1 Hour, Spitttown, NY-- Oct. 16--1. Peter Doyle 7 mi 603 yds 2. John Shilling 6 mi 1339 yds 3. Gary Westeffield 6 mi 771 yds 4. Jon Gaska 5 mi 1519 yds 6. Elisabeth Johnson 5 mi 341 yds 7. Art Liers 4 mi 418 yds. 20 Mile, Long Branch, N.J., Nov. 6--1. Ron Daniel 3:07:45 2. Bob Mimm 3:19:26 3. Sam DeLosSantos 3:23:40 4. Dan Ottmer 4:11:05 5. George Garland 4:21:15 15 Mile, Long Branch, Nov. 13--1. Ray Floriani 2:31:42 2. John Fredericks 2:31:42 3. Sam DeLosSantos 2:31:42--attempted triple tie, but apparently Elliott wouldn't have it 4. Ben Ottmer 2:33:23 5. Gary Powell 2:35:50 6. Fred Spector 2:43:15 1 Hour, Hornmouth, N.J., Oct. 30--1. Ron Daniel 7 mi 933 yds 2. Cliff Mimm 7 mi 10 yds 3. Bob Mimm 6 mi 1420 yds 5. Sam DeLosSantos 6 mi 1294 yds 5. Ben Ottmer 6 mi 859 yds 6. Ron Kulik 6 mi 831 yds 7. Bob Carlson 6 mi 734 yds 8. Don Johnson 6 mi 733 yds 9. Fred Spector 6 mi 717 yds 10. George Garland 5 mi 1662 yds 11. Steve Backles 5 mi 1021 yds 20 Km (track), Arlington, Va. July 24--1. Sal Corrallo 1:52:10 2. Paul Robertson 2:04:03 3. Tom Hamilton--1.5 mi in 1:57:45 1 Hour, Arlington, Va., Sept. 25--1. Sal 7 mi 572 yds 2. Tom Hamilton 7 mi 469 yds 3. Paul Levandoski 6 mi 1335 4. Wes Mathews 6 mi 1061 5. Andrew Briggs 6 mi 319 10 Km, Wash. D.C., Oct. 2--1. Tom Lough 48:30 2. Tom Hamilton 50:52 3. Sal Corrallo 52:22 4. Alan Price 63:16 20 Km, Washington, D.C., Oct. 24--1. Tom Hamilton 1:42:10 2. Sal Corrallo 1:44:37 3. Tom Lough 1:44:58 4. Wes Mathews 1:53:58 Marine Corp Karathon, Arlington, Va., Nov. 6--1. Tom 3:58:17 2. Sal Corrallo 3:59:29 3. Alan Price 4:14 4. Paul Robertson 4:36 10 Km, Arlington, Va., Nov. 20--1. Alan Price 48:23 2. Sal Corrallo 49:57 Novice 2 Mile, same place--1. Carl Cronenberg 18:56 1 Mile, Durham, N.C., Nov. 13--1. Joe Fortner 8:28 2. Dennis Bryan 8:30 3. Charlie Vogel 9:26 3 Mile, Springfield, Ohio, Nov. 20--1. Jack Blackburn 23:15 2. Chris Knotts 24:05 3. Rich Myers 27:36 5.15 Mile Thanksgiving Day Race, Cincinnati,--1. Jack Blackburn 42:10 2. Tim Blackburn 45:40 3. Bob Smith 46:20 4. Rich Myers 49 plus 5. Tom Shoemaker 59:40 (20th consecutive year in the race but he is never seen anywhere else) 6. Young newcomer 62 plus 7. Another young newcomer 63 plus (Thanks to Jack Blackburn for the accurate reporting. His primary concern, of course, was keeping his own name before his adoring public. Who cares about the young newcomers struggling for recognition. How would you like to have been known only as "young newcomer" some 20 years ago, Jack Blackburn?) South Texas ARU 1 Hour, Austin, Oct. 30--1. John Knifton 8 mi 181 yds 2. Jeff Dwyer 7 mi 613 yds 3. John Stowers 6 mi 1404 yds 4. John Evans 6 mi 830 yds 5. Bill Kilgore 6 mi 724 yds 6. Larry Mack 6 mi 609 yds 7. Gene Askew 6 mi 115 yds 8. Lida Askew 5 mi 1335 yds 9. Donna Laecklin 5 mi 60yds 10. Matt Knifton 4 mi 41 yds 3 Mile, Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 24--1. Mike DeWitt 23:38 2. Rey Cruz 27:53 3. Don Tate 29:03 4. Eric Hodgkins 32:49 5. Lenny Wos 32:53 (8 finishers) 1 Mile, Los Angeles, Nov. 12--1. Joe Hampton 8:00 2. Baird Rotina 8:52 Women's 1 Mile, same place--1. Nancy Foster 8:52 2. Paul Mori 9:01 10 Mile Hardicap, Guelph, Ontario, Oct. 10--1. Jay Hinks 1:32:47 2. Lily Whalen 1:33:05 3. John Layton 1:20:24 3. Max Gould 1:21:32 4. Arkadiusz Rudnik 1:34:00 6. Frank Johnson 1:19:14 7. Helmut Boeck 1:14:49 8. Pat Farrelly 1:17:59 9. Roman Olyzewski 1:31:09 10. Dan Macerolle 1:52:18 15 Km, Toronto, Oct. 29--1. Marcel

Jobin 1:07:46.3 2. Glenn Sweazey 1:14:13.8 3. Joel Dada 1:17:38.2
 4. John Layton 1:18:56 5. Robbie Loomer 1:21:17.5 6. Dan Stanek, US
 1:22:41.8 7. Jay Hinks 1:24:39.7 Women's 5 Km, same place--1. Lily
 Whalen 28:50.4 2. Heather Brown 29:47.2 3. Czaba Nagy 29:47.2 4.
 Nancy Patten 32:13 10 Km (road), Toronto, Nov. 12--1. Helmut Boeck
 47:27 2. Glenn Sweazey 47:30 Women's 3 Km, same place--1. Lily Whalen
 16:52.2 2. Heather Brown 17:10.5 3. Czaba Nagy 17:11 4. Staff Whalen
 18:41 5. Rosanna Boeck 18:46.4

OVERSEAS:

Women's 5 Km (track), Drachten, Netherlands, Oct. 1--1. Carol Tyson, GB
 23:42.4 2. Monica Karlsson, Swed. 25:57.6 3. R. Broders, WG 25:06.1
 Balkan Games 20 Km, Ankara, Turkey, Sept. 10--1. Yantschko Kamenov, Bulg.
 1:32:46 2. E. Semerdiev, Bulg. 1:33:19 6 Hours, Binche, Sept. 18--1.
 Christian Halloy, Belgium 66 Km 640m in 6:06:49 2. Colin Yang, GB
 66.640 in 6:23:47 3. Robert Schoukens, Belgium 63.327 in 6:07:31 4.
 A. Pourbaiz, Bel. 63.327 in 6:19:16 (the reason for the strange times
 and distances is that it was held on a 3 km 327 meter loop and each competitor
 had to finish the loop he was on at the end of 6 hours) 7 Miles,
 Woodford, Eng., Oct. 8--1. Enrique Vera, Mex. 48:34 2. Anos Seddon 51:36
 3. Bob Dobson 52:00 4. Steve Gower 52:33 (Vera is staying in England
 for several months. This race was on a testing course with Dobson under
 his own former course record but still 3 minutes in arrears.) British
 Junior 10 Km, Oct. 15--1. Chris Harvey 45:50 2. Graham Morris 46:50
 3. Chris Maddocks 46:55 Youths 5 Km, same time--1. Gordon Vale 22:30
 2. Ian McCombie 22:48 Boys 3 Km, same time--1. M. Nicholls 14:22 2.
 K. Walsh 14:31 3. J. Fall 14:41 7 Mile, Leicester, Eng., Oct. 1--1.
 Erian Adams 50:12 2. John Warhurst 50:30 3. Mick Holmes 50:46 4. Mick
 Greasley 50:53 Airola-Chiasso Relay, Switzerland--1. Metropolitan
 Police, Eng. 9:18:28 (Familia Fogg 2:14:52 for 27 Km, Peter Hodgkinson
 2:25:40 for 30 Km, Graham Scott 1:11:28 for 14 Km, George Nibre 1:30:08,
 for 18 Km, and Anos Seddon 1:56:40 for 25 Km) 2. British Race Walkers
 Club 9:24:38 (had the fast time on the first four legs but lost it when
 Roy Thorpe, a bit short on fitness, blew up on the final leg losing an
 11 min 26 sec lead--Sheun Lightman 2:14:26, John Warhurst 2:19:34, Stuart
 Elms 1:08:50, Mike Holmes 1:27:32, Roy Thorpe 2:14:16) 3. Centro Lazio,
 Rome 9:37:20 4. Bavaria, W.G. 9:39:14 5. Lombardy, Italy
 9:41:50 100 Mile, Bristol, Eng., Oct. 14-15--1. Derek Harrison 17:43:00
 2. Peter Dowling 18:35:10 3. Jan Vos, Holland 18:44 4. E. Shillabeer
 19:31:31 5. H. Van Wegeren, Hol. 19:39:08 6. T. Chorley 19:45:40
 7. G. Peters, Hol. 19:57:20 8. E. Hoepfner, Austria 20:04:25 9. A.
 Loornakr, Hol. 20:27:19 10. J. Pell, Hol 20:30:34...Ann Sayers 20:37:14...
 Diane Fegg 22:05:26--34 starters, 56 finishers, 30 new Centurions--they
 still make our efforts look a bit paltry. Harrison, despite his fast
 pace, was led by Geoff Tranter for 60 miles, but Tranter had to retire
 with an injured ankle Australian 100 Mile, Oct. 8-9--1. Claude Martin
 22:12:53.6 2. Bill Dyer 22:50:33.7 (age 16!) Gent German 50 Km, Oct.
 9--1. Gerhard Weidner (age 44) 4:09:40 2. Heinrich Schubert 4:10:22.7
 3. Hans Binder 4:10:58 4. Alfons Schwarz 4:17:23.9 5. W. Werner 4:18:24
 6. K. Degener 4:19:23 Women's 18 Km (track), Dnse, Den., Sept. 3--
 1. Karin Moller 1:36:08.2 2. Laila Nielsen 1:42:54 Women's 10 Km (track)
 Dnse, Sept. 4--1. Karin Moller 54:44.6 Women's 20 Km (road), Adelaide,
 Australia, July 16--1. Lillian Harpur 1:43:38 (world's best performance)
 Women's 5 Km (road), Melbourne, Aug. 8--1. Sue Orr 24:24 Women's 5 Km
 (road), Sydney, July 31--1. Sue Orr 24:20 Women's 5 Km (road), Melbourne

Aug. 27--1. Sally Pierson 24:18 Women's 5 Km (track), Glenhantly, Sept.
 9--1. Sue Orr 24:47 Australian 50 Km Champ., Adelaide, Aug. 6--1. William
 Sawall 4:14:08 2. Tim Ericsson 4:17:15 30 Km, Melbourne, Sept. 5--1.
 Sawall 2:22:12.8 2. Ericsson 2:28:52 15 Km, Foras, Swed., Oct. 8--1.
 Bo Gustavsson 1:05:38 2. Reima Salonen, Fin. 1:08:08 3. Goran Aneheim
 1:08:16 Women's 5 Km (road), Foras, Oct. 8--1. Siv Gustavsson 23:38
 2. Margareta Simu 23:58 3. Thorill Gylder, Nor. 24:16 4. Britt Holmquist
 Swed. 24:50 Women's 10 Km (road), Vasteras, Swed., Sept. 17--1. Margareta
 Simu 51:03.6 2. Britt Holmquist 52:55.4 3. Ann Jansson 52:56.6
 Women's 35 Km, Varmland, Swed., Sept. 4--1. Margareta Simu 33:33:49
 Women's 5 Km (track), Strangnas, Swed. Sept. 3--1. Siv Gustavsson
 24:03.2 Zone 1 Lugano Cup Eliminator, San Remo, Italy, Aug. 27-28:
 20 Km--1. Armando Zambaldo, It. 1:27:58.4 2. Sandro Bellucci, It. 1:28:31
 3. Vittorio Visini, It. 1:30:03.8 4. Jose Marin, Spain 1:30:36.9 5.
 Jure Stankovics, Hun. 1:32:02 6. Roberto Biccione, It. 1:33:07.4
 50 Km--1. Laszlo Sator, Hung. 4:07:04 2. Franco Vecchio, It. 4:08:41
 3. Augustin Jorba, Spain 4:10:11 4. Ferenc Danoviszki, Hung 5:15:11
 5. Gaincarlo Lisi, It. 4:20:23 6. Janos Dalmati, Hung. 4:24:30.6
 Team Score: 1. Italy--58 2. Hungary--50 3. Spain--32 4. Switz.--18
 20 Km, Klang, Malaysia, June 26--1. Khoo Chong Beng 1:26:28.6 (Mal. Rec.)
 10 Km (track), Penang, Mal., Aug. 5--1. Beng 46:23.2 Norwegian 20 Km,
 Froya, July 30--1. Knut Arne Stromoy 1:29:40 Women's 10 Km, same place--
 1. Thorill Gylder 50:50 2. Mia Kjolberg 51:39 3. Proydil Hilsen 52:28
 5 Km (track), Prat del Liebrgat, Barcelona, Spain, June 1--1. Daniel
 Brutista, Mex. 19:29.8 2. Domingo Colin, Mex. 19:43 3. Angel Flores,
 Mex. 20:31.8 4. Pedro Aroche, Mex. 20:35.8 20 Km, Alka, Hung., April
 17--1. Janos Dalmati, Hung. 1:27:29.6 2. Janos Szalas 1:28:03.6
 3. Laszlo Sator 1:28:46.6 4. Janos Tabori 1:29:26.4 20 Km, Budapest,
 (track), June 20--1. Janos Szalas 1:30:58.4 Hung. 20 Km Champ., Szal-
 nek, July 24--1. Laszlo Sator 1:31:27.8 2. Csaba Grandpierre 1:32:39.2
 30 Km (track), Budapest, April 24--1. Jure Stankovics 2:17:22.8 (1:31:03
 at 20) 2. Janos Szalas 2:18:35.2 3. Laszlo Sator 2:19:11.4 20 Km
 (track), Kiev, July 19--1. Yevgeniy Ivchenko 1:28:15 2. Nikolai Pokatov
 1:29:15 3. Nikolai Marveyev 1:30:01 20 Km, Tallinn, USSR, Aug. 17--
 1. Evgeniy Semerejev, Bulg. 1:29:29.4 2. Patusinski, Rum 1:30:24.8
 3. Olaf Pilarski, EG 1:30:49.5 10 Km (track), Zabrze, Pol., Aug. 28--
 1. Jan Ruzska 43:38.4 20 Km, Zabrze, Sept. 25--1. Jan Ruzska 1:28:46
 2. Stanislaw Chwiej 1:29:52 20 Km, Gdansk, Pol., Sept. 4--1. Aleksiy
 Troitski, USSR 1:26:35.8 2. Yevgeniy Yevsyukov 1:27:04 3. Bohdan
 Bulakowski 1:27:47.2 4. Jan Ornoch 1:27:50 5. Boguslaw Duda 1:27:53
 6. Nieczyalaw Gorski 1:28:48.6 7. Jaroslaw Kazmiercki 1:28:50.6
 8. Zbigniew Goslawski 1:30:19.4 9. Boguslaw Kniecik 1:30:21.2 10.
 Czeslaw Kowal 1:30:53.2 20 Km, Havana, Cuba, Sept. 15--1. Boris
 Yakovlev, USSR 1:31:39.3 2. Roland Weigel, EG 1:34:47 100 Km, Fel-
 gium Championship, Oct. 1--1. Christian Halloy 9:19:01.8 2. Roger
 Pietouin 9:51:20.8 3. Robert Schoukens 10:03:59.8 15 Km, Lonallo,
 Italy, July 17--1. Carlo Mattioli 1:04:52.7 2. Vittorio Visini 1:04:
 57.2 3. Sandro Bellucci 1:05:28.7 4. Roberto Biccione 1:05:46.7 5.
 Armando Zambaldo 1:06:11 6. Alessandro Pezzatini 1:06:40.8 Italian
 20 Km Championship, Rome, July 26--1. Roberto Biccione 1:26:37.5 2.
 Armando Zambaldo 1:27:14.7 3. Sandro Bellucci 1:27:34 4. Alessandro
 Pezzatini 1:27:56.6 5. Maurizio Damilano 1:28:32.2 6. Carlo Mattioli
 1:30:45 10 Km (track), Bologna, June 22--1. Giuseppe Fabri 41:53.8
 3 Km, Riccione, Italy, Aug. 30--1. Carlo Mattioli 11:23.8 (World's
 best performance) 2. Roberto Biccione 11:26.9 3 Km, Turku, Fin.,
 Sept. 1--1. Reima Salonen 11:57.4 20 Km, Raisio, Fin., Sept. 3--1.
 Reima Salonen 1:27:18.5 Finnish 50 Km Champ., Jokela, Sept. 18--
 1. Reima Salonen 4:12:28 Swiss Tour of Romandie, Aug. 26-Sept 3--

L. Veniamin Soldatenko, USSR 25:50:33 2. Otto Bartsch 25:50:45 3. Mikhail Alexeyev, USSR 25:53:10 4. Lucien Faber, Lux. 25:59:27—this is a series of 8 races ranging from 24 to 44 kilometers and totaling 293.615 Km. The times are totals for the eight races. The Soviets have been sending a three-man team for the past several years and cleaning up. Faber apparently gave them their best tussle to date. 20 Km, Ostrava, Czech, Aug. 13—1. Yuray Bencik 1:27:40 2. Stefan Petrik 1:27:45 3. Evzen Zednik 1:27:53 50 Km, Baddegburg, E.G., Oct. 7—1. Werner Galina 4:19:16 East German 20 Km Champ., Weintohla, Sept. 3—1. Werner Heyer 1:29:50.3 2. Karl-Heinz Stadtmüller 1:31:37.9 3. Roland Weisser 1:32:17 E.G. 50 Km, same place—1. Ralf Knütter 4:22:42 2. Udo Schaeffer 4:24:32 3. Olaf Pilarski 4:42:02 French 100 Km Champ., Chateau-Thierry, Oct. 2—1. Alain-Moulinet 9:27:35 2. Gerard Lelievre 9:35:04 (Real versatility. Only a week after his great fifthplace in the Lugano Cup 20 Km) 3. Roger Quemener 9:41:52 4. Francois Charcellay 9:58:28 5. Remy Michel 10:06:21 6. Michel Petit 10:07:59 French 50 Km Champ., Espernay, Aug. 7—1. Gerard Lelievre 4:19:25 2. Jean-Pierre Garcia 4:22:13 3. Sauriat 4:27:47 4. Guebey 4:28:45 5. Goutier 4:28:48

SCHEDULE OF FORTHCOMING COMPETITIVE ENDEAVORS

Sat. Dec. 10—7 Mile Handicap, Los Angeles, 3 p.m. (R)
20 Km, 2 Km Novice, Washington, DC, 9:30 a.m. (B)
Sun. Dec. 11—5 Km and 30 Km, Etobicoke, Ont. (C)
35 Km, Houston, 8 a.m. (E)
5 Mile, Northglenn, Colo., 1:30 p.m. (S)
100 Km and 12 Hour, Woodside, Cal., (O)
Sat. Dec. 17—10 Mile, Columbia, Mo, 9 a.m. (D)
5 Km, Lakeland, Fla., 5:30 p.m. (T)
1 and 3 Mile, Phoenix, Ariz., 9:30 a.m. (A)
Sun. Dec. 18—10 Mile, Springfield, Ohio, 1 p.m. (C)
15 Km Handicap, Los Angeles, 10 a.m. (R)
20 Km, Marin, Cal., (O)
10 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (K)
Sat. Dec. 24—4 Mile Men, 2 Mile Women, Newton, Ia., 9:30 a.m. (J)
Sat. Dec. 31—4 Mile, Detroit (I)
4 Mile Men, 2 Mile Women, Lake Darling, Ia., 10 a.m. (J)
5 Mile Handicap, Tempe, Ariz., 4 p.m. (A)
Sun. Jan. 1—20 Km and 5 Km, Scarborough, Ont. (Q)
Sat. Jan. 7—3 Km (Indoors), Toronto (Q)
1 Mile (Indoors), Slippery Rock, Pa., (G)
Sat. Jan. 14—1.5 Km (Indoors), Toronto (Q)
Sun. Jan. 15—West Penn USTFF 1 Mile (indoors), Pittsburgh (G)
Sun. Jan. 22—West Penn Masters 1 Mile, Slippery Rock, Pa. (G)
Sun. Jan. 29—5 Km and 10 Km, Toronto (Q)
Sun. Feb. 12—Eastern Reg. Masters 1 Mile, Slippery Rock, Pa. (G)
Periodic races in Lowell and other spots in the Boston area (W)

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D—Joe Duncan, 4004 Defoe, Columbia, MO 65201
E—John Evans, 5440 N. Braewood #945, Houston, TX 77096
G—John Harwick, 487 Beverly, Pittsburgh, PA 15216
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Below is a tentative schedule of national championship races for 1978. Tentative because there is some controversy over the awards as made at the National convention and because all dates were not finalized at that time. The first controversy involved the awarding of the Senior 5 Km to the Central Association when it was decided to place the 20 with the National T&F Championship Meet. This could not be done. The option of running the 20 as part of the meet had been approved at an earlier convention, but not in lieu of the 5. That must stay with the T&F meet. That one is not too hard to resolve, although it leaves the Central Association without a Senior National for the first time in many years. This is unfortunate since they have been most enthusiastic and supportive. But then many other associations have now achieved that status and there just aren't enough Senior races to go around. (And many of us think there are too many as it is.)

The second controversy is a bit stickier. There is a great regional imbalance in the way the awards were made. Even with the 5 Km back with the T&F meet in I.A., there are only two races west of the Rockies. And the Pacific Association (S.F. area), currently with a lot of our top walkers and with a blanket bid for any distance, came up empty. At the same time, Missouri Valley and New Jersey both have two Senior. (Although one of Mo. Valleys is the 100 Mile, which they really didn't ask to have made a National and a race they will put on even if there is a 100-mile National elsewhere.) As a result there have been some rather emotional letters flying about, which I have copies. However, I don't feel that printing them will serve any particular purpose. Having been at the convention, I don't think there was any intentional attempt at regionalism in the awards, as has been suggested. At the same time, there is certainly a regional bias in the final schedule and the Pacific Association has legitimate reason for feeling slighted. What, if anything, is going to be done remains to be seen. At this point, the schedule of Senior Championships, as I have it is:

2 Mile (Indoor), New York City, Feb. 24
5 Km, Los Angeles, June 9
10 Km, Buffalo, July 17 or 24
15 Km, New York, May 14 or 21
20 Km, Los Angeles, June 9 (Will not be the same day as 5. This is a 3-day meet; perhaps the 5 on the first day and the 20 the third.)
25 Km, El Paso, Nov. 28 (With AAU Convention—this was another controversial award.)
30 Km, Columbia, Mo., October
35 Km, Iowa, April 24 or 30
40 Km, New Jersey, July 23 or 30
50 Km, Detroit, Sept. 11
75 Km, New Jersey, April 16
100 Km, Denver, May 14
100 Mile, Columbia, Mo., October
1 Hour, Postal, So. Pacific AAU to conduct.

Most of the "B" and Masters races will be held with the corresponding Senior races, a step in the right direction. Exceptions are the B 15 Km at Mackinac Island, Mich. on Sept 3 & 4, the B 20 at Chicago on November 5, and the Masters 5 and 20 to be held with the Masters T&F Meet in Georgia in July. Junior races to be held separately are the 3 Km in Hawaii sometime early in the year, the 5 Km with the National Junior T&F Meet (date and site unknown to me at this time), and the 20 Km in New Jersey July 4. Perhaps by next month everything will be final. Also, we hope to have a full report on the convention activities at that time.

LOOKING BACK

5 Years Ago (From the Nov. 1972 ORW)--Bill Weigle walked off with the Senior AAU 50 Km title in San Francisco in 4:22:00. He continued a pattern of very consistent walking having done 4:20:09 in the Olympic Trials and 4:22:53 in Munich. Bob Kitchen was a distant second in 4:36:43 and Bill Ranney third in just under 5 hours as only 10 showed up for this late season race and only five finished...The U.S. sent a team to the Airolo-Chiasso road relay in Switzerland and Bob Kitchen, Todd Scully, Bob Bowman, Bill Ranney, and Larry Young came in second behind Italy. The Italians were some 15 minutes ahead in 9:07:38... A few days later, Shaul Ladany won the Lugano 100 Km, also in Switzerland, in 9:38:56.4...Junior National titles (conducted for the last time as what are now B Championships) went to Chris Amoroso and Ed Buldin. Amoroso won the 50 in Chicago in 5:19:55 over Gary Bywaters and Buldin took the 25 in LA. in 2:10:22, with Bob Hickey a distant second...Sweden, as usual, won the Women's International 5 Km as Margareta Simu came home first in 24:53.8

FROM IDEAL TO TOE

Barry Rindow reports on a great opportunity for international competition for a few of our walkers next summer: "While at the Lugano Cup affair this year, I talked with the Swedish coach and discussed the possibilities of having a team attend a race walking week they hold every year in June. From this talk has grown a really wonderful opportunity for us to send a team of sorts over to Sweden and England for a 2-week walking spree. The RWA 20-miler...is being held on June 24. English walkers have assured me that they will house and feed an American walkers who are over for that event. From there the team could go on to Sweden for a series of walks starting with a 1-hour track go on June 28...followed by a 3X5 Km relay the following day, a 10 Km road race on the 5th, and finishing with a 10 Km on July 7th. The Swedish coach has assured me of free room and board for the length of the stay, plus the opportunity to attend a Swedish mid-summer festival...Based on the obtaining of funds, I hope the prospect of this tour will get everyone's competitive juices flowing. We are really hopeful of being able to pull the financing off--of course, how much we get and how many walkers we'll be able to send is a question...To anticipate possible objections, if we raise the money... the race walking executive committee will be choosing the walkers to go, based upon who will best represent us, and just as important, who will benefit from the trip the most. For instance, a good young walker will go over a good veteran walker, all else being equal. I realize we are opening a potential can of worms here, but such a stance is essential if we are going to raisemoney and use it to develop top-flight international walkers...Such a trip paid for from our own funds is in no way connected with the regular USOC and AAU tours, and this selection process would not be used in these events. If someone anticipates that they are going to be upset by not getting a free ride to Sweden-England this summer because they were not chosen, let them start to object now. If our stance is an unpopular one, we will back off..."...Lots of publicity for race walking

these days, judging from what has been crisscrossing my desk. The New York Post had a rather lengthy article on Sme Liers in October; Newsday had a lengthy feature on walking in the Long Island area and some general hints on walking as a recreational activity; the Washington Post featured the Potomac Valley Racewalkers in their pages; the Charlestown Gazette-Mail had a feature article by a jogging reporter who had been beaten by a walker in a race; and a San Diego paper had a good feature on Paul Hendricks after he won the 100 miler...The 1979 Lugano Cup competition will be held at Eschborn, West Germany with Mexico, East Germany, and Italy automatically qualified off their finish in this year's meet and West Germany in as the host country...The following article, by Julian Hopkins British National Event Coach, recently appeared in both Athletics Weekly and The Race Walking Record. Ken Matthews win in the 1964 Olympic 20 Km still stands as the most decisive win in competition at that level. Although he chose to cut his career short, one could still make a case for Matthews as the top 20 Km walker of all time. As a matter of fact I did this a few times in the past until Vladimir Golubnichiy's longevity finally made me concede. Now Daniel Bautista's utter dominance of the scene is hard to ignore. Nonetheless, Matthews was, as the title says, a walker ahead of his time, and the article should be of interest both to those who already know of his feats and those of you who have come along later and may never have heard of Ken Matthews.

A WALKER AHEAD OF HIS TIME

by Julian Hopkins

(From Athletics Weekly, October 29, 1977)

Ken Matthews, coached by his father, started race walking in 1952 at the age of 18 but was no overnight star. In 1955 he began to make his mark in Midland events but it was not until the following year that he scored several noticeable successes. Walking in a 10 miles event for an RWA team against those selected for the Melbourne Games, he scored a surprise victory over the Olympic men--but the better had been directed 300 yards off course. However, just after this, he had a genuine success when he scored his first victory in a London "7", winning the tough Belgrave event at Wimbledon.

In 1957, Ken did not perhaps make the progress expected of him in the first half of the year. He fell foul of the judges in several events--notably in the National 10 miles--but he did give a glimpse of his future speed with a record 51:13.4 in the Midland 7M championship. It was in September that he achieved one of the great ambitions of many walkers when he covered more than 8 miles in one hour--just 9 yards more in fact.

Although prominent in the London "7s", it was still Stan Vickers who held the premier position in British speed walking and so it continued throughout most of 1958. Ken gave Stan good races in the Inter-County 2M and 7M and the AAA 2M but the Belgrave man prevailed, eventually going on to win the European 20 Km title in Stockholm. Matthews was not daunted by Vickers' reputation, for shortly after the championships, he narrowly defeated the European champion in a fast 5M at the Evening News floodlit meeting at White City. Vickers soon took revenge in the Highgate hour meeting as both he and Matthews broke Alf Pope's long-standing British record with 8M 702y and 8M 611y respectively. The close of 1958 saw two great tremendous walkers and course records fell like autumn leaves. Generally, Matthews had the edge, with his most remarkable performance coming in the tough over-distance Belgrave "7" in which he clocked 49:29. This record still stands!

If Ken Matthews finally arrived in 1958, then in 1959 he established himself as number one in Britain and one of the best in the world. He

won the first of six consecutive IWA 10M titles and made a clean sweep of the track championships. He gained his first international selection for a 25 Km race in East Berlin but blew up badly to finish 10th. Stan Vickers was an excellent winner of the event. Later in the season, the Royal Sutton Coldfield walker did gain his first international victory with a 91:44 20 Km clocking against Switzerland. In September, Matthews and Vickers visited Moscow to take on the mighty Russians who, at that time, were regularly beating world records. Vickers was unable to keep with the opposition but Ken battled hard with the two Soviet walkers, eventually having to settle for second place 8 seconds back in the unlikely time of 26:05 (Ken's best at the time was 20:08!). A few days after this tough assignment Matthews set his first 'world best' when he zoomed round the White City cinders twenty times in 34:26.6. Unfortunately for Ken, the IAAF has removed the 5M distance from its record books so he never received the world plaque he so richly deserved.

Hopes of two medals in the Olympic 20 km walk in Rome did not seem unrealistic at the start of the 1960 season. The powerfully built Matthews continued to dominate the domestic scene with performances like 70:57 in the National 10M, 58:15 for 20 Km (the world best for 1960), and 42:35.6 for a UK 10M track record. Vickers did manage to turn the tables on one important occasion, and that was at the AAA 2M championship. After Matthews had led for seven laps he produced an unanswerable 1:31 last lap to break George Larner's ancient record with a time of 13:02.4. Matthews (13:09.6) was also inside the record. Internationally, Ken had scored an important victory in May in the East Berlin 25Km event when he atoned for his poor showing the previous year by winning in a staggering 1:52:31--which represents 90 minute 20km pace for the whole distance. Not surprisingly, some pundits made Matthews favorite for the Olympic title.

Alas, Matthews ended up in hospital instead of the victory dais and Vickers was left to snatch a well-deserved bronze medal in the closing stages of the race. Just before the British team had departed for Rome, Matthews had a dose of flu but in the days before the race he seemed to have recovered. Conditions during the race were hot and very humid. As usual, Ken moved out fast and by 5 Km (22:11) he had a 7 second lead from Golubnichiy of the USSR. But disaster struck after 8 Km as Matthews' legs began to weaken. He was still second, just behind the Russian (the eventual victor), at the half distance but despite encouragement from Vickers he walked himself into a state of collapse soon after. Instead of the fancied Matthews or Vickers it was left to the unheralded Don Thompson to gain Britain's solitary athletics gold medal at these Games (50 Km).

If Ken's Olympic experiences had been a bitter blow he did not show it, for shortly after the Games he reduced his world best for 5M to 34:21.2. Later in September, he created new British records for 7M (48:53) and 1 hour (2:41:01.7) in beating Australia's Noel Freeman, the 21-year-old Rome silver medallist by nearly two laps.

The post-Olympic year was not as quiet as usual for the IAAF launched the Lugano Trophy. Hopes of a British success were high although Stan Vickers and Tom Eason (5th in the Rome 50 Km) had both retired. Still, the twin spearhead of Matthews and Thompson looked formidable. Although lacking any real opposition, Ken showed that he was capable of producing ultra-fast times without being pushed. He started the season with a bang--a record 48:02 in the Metropolitan Police 7--and at Whitsun he reduced his track record for this distance to 48:24. Other fine marks included 89:11 for 20 km and a 43:26 10 km track victory in East Germany.

It was unfortunate in one respect that Britain had to meet Germany (a combined East-West team containing just one West German) in the Lugano Trophy qualifying, as they proved a team worthy of the final. As expected,

Ken (over 3 minutes in front of Olympic 4th-placer Lindner) and Don easily won their races and the home team (Britain) finally triumphed by just two points. Ken warmed up for the final with a fine win against the USSR in a 20 km road race from the White City in 20:17.

The inaugural Lugano Trophy final was held not surprisingly in Lugano, Switzerland and in the 20 km event it was all Matthews. He appeared to be heading for a time in the region of 88 minutes when he eased to encourage a struggling Bob Clark whom he had just lapped. The battle with the Swedes was very close and every point was vital. Despite this unselfish act, Matthews won easily in 90:54 but Don Thompson had to yield to Abdon Pamich in the 50 km. We tied on points with Sweden but won the trophy by virtue of the higher placing of our best 50 km walker.

If 1961 had seen Matthews confirm his position as the world's leading sprint walker, 1962 started off a little uncertainly. Although successfully defending his IWA 10M title, Ken recorded a mediocre time by his standards, whilst in the AAA 7M he suffered disqualification. Although a clear winner over 20km at Regents Park (22:31) and Victoria Park (21:02) he did not look to be in great form for the European Championships in Belgrade. Against this, however, Matthews could point to his second fastest 2 M of 13:15 and a fine victory in the IWA 20M (a distance he contested rarely) in 2:38:39.

But no one need have worried, for Ken had timed his peak to perfection. The very tough course and hot, humid conditions in Belgrade were certainly not to his liking and rather militated against his usual tactics of a very fast start. The young Czech, Bilek, set off like a rocket and it took the Briton 5 km before he could take over in front. Ken had a substantial lead in the middle stages but in the last 5 Km he was being hauled back firstly by the Olympic champion Golubnichiy and then by the highly promising 21-year-old Hans-Georg Reimann of East Germany. Matthews held on to win by 19.4 seconds in one of his slowest times--15:54.8--proof indeed of the severity of the conditions.

The pre-Olympic season of 1963 found his clocking one fast time after another. A vastly improved Paul Mihill looked to be the first British walker capable of challenging Matthews since Vickers but usually his bid faded after the first few miles. Perhaps one of Ken's finest performances, leading up to the Lugano Trophy final, was a 10 km win against Italy (300 meters ahead of Pamich) in 43:23--an outstanding time of a flooded cinder track.

Britain won the second Lugano Trophy final, at Varese, Italy, with points to spare. Matthews dominated his event with his fastest time of the year (20:10) and received excellent backing from Mihill (2nd) who nevertheless finished over 3 minutes behind, while in the 50 km Ray Middleton placed second in 4:17:15.

In June, 1964 Matthews would be 30 years of age and no doubt he thought of the Olympic Games in Tokyo as his last opportunity to win the only honor that had so far eluded him. Right from the first weeks of January he showed that 1964 was going to be a vintage year. A 48:36 clocking in the Met Police 7 was followed by a world road best of 69:38 for 10M in Birmingham. Ken gained his sixth consecutive IWA 10M title at Morden in a championship best of 70:22 whilst only one week later at Hurlingham he clipped one second off his UK 7M record with 48:23.

(To be concluded next month)