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Drama at World Cup as Soviet women, Italian men prevail; Mexicans shine individually

San Jose, Cal., June 1-2 (Your editor reports from the scene)—After two days of exciting competition, the 1991 World Cup of Racewalking ended dramatically when Andrei Perlov, on his way to a gold medal at 50 Km and an apparent team title for the Soviets, was swept from the course by Chief Judge Gary Westerfield just 10 Meters from the finish. As a result, the brilliant 24-year-old Carlos Mercenario of Mexico, who won at 20 Km in New York 4 years ago, took the gold, becoming the first man to win World Cup titles at both distances. (This was the fifteenth for men and seventh for women.) The Italians, coming through strongly over the second half of the 50, as they normally do, captured their second team title, after taking a commanding, and surprising, lead in the 20 Km. The Italians last won in 1981, but were second in three of the intervening Cups and third in the fourth.

The Soviet women won their third straight Cup in the 10 Km, and made it four of the last five. Here, they left little doubt, taking first, third, and fourth in the race. Winner Irina Strakhova had been second in New York 4 years ago and won the World Championships that year, but had done little since. The surprising runnerup was Mexico's Graciela Mendoza, who had the race of her life, moving through the field the second 5 Km. But she never quite got in position to challenge Strakhova.

In the 20 Km, Mikhail Schennikov, USSR, took over from France's Thierry Toutain with 4 Km to go and then withstood a strong challenge from Mexico's Ernesto Canto to capture the gold. The Soviet ace had been second 2 years ago. Canto, the 1981 winner and 1983 runnerup, and the world record holder at the distance on the track, put in a strong bid for another title. Mexico's gold and two silver medals from the three races was bettered only by the Soviets two golds and a bronze. The other medals went to France (Toutain), Australia (Simon Baker), and Germany (Ronald Weigel), the latter two in the 50.

Racing got underway at 9 on Saturday morning with the 20 Km. After a couple of very cool days, it was already quite warm at that time and the sun promised to heat things up further as the race went along. With that mind, the favorites were content to start the race at a rather conservative pace. After the first 2 Km lap, Hungary's Sandor Urbanik was out about by himself in 4 minutes flat with about 30 others bunched 7 second behind. Urbanik still led the pack by about 15 meters after 2 laps, but had slowed to 16:20. Tim Lewis was the leading U.S. walkers at this point in 16:34, near the head of a second pack.

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Urbanik quickly dropped back, but the pace remained rather pedestrian as none of the favorites cared to risk an early move. Six kilometers went by in 24:39 and eight in 32:56, with still about 30 walkers in the lead pack. By 10 Km, Frances's Thierry Toutain, who recently broke the world 30 Km record, had moved to the front, along with Robert Korzenowski, Poland, who broke the world road record for 20 Km last year, and Joel Sanchez of Mexico, but the whole pack was still right on their heels as they went by in 41:10.

The pace accelerated only slightly on the next lap, Korzonowski leading in 49:20, but that was enough to drop about 10 walkers off the back end of the pack. Toutain then took over and dropped the pace under 8 minutes per lap. By the time they passed 16 km in 65:00, only Mikhail Schennikov, Ernesto Canto, and Daniel Plaza, Spain, were still with Toutain. Germany's Axel Noack and Sanchez were about 15 meters back. Canto moved to the front but was unable to accelerate the pace and still had Schennikov and Toutain close as they started their final 2 Km with the clock reading 1:13:00. Plaza was alone in fourth, 5 seconds behind.

Canto tried to move out about 100 meters into the final lap and grabbed a 6 or 7 meter lead on Schennikov as Toutain started to struggle. However, the veteran Canto was unable to match the finishing speed of Schennikov, two-time World Indoor Champion at 3 Km and was 3 seconds back at the finish. The Soviet ace crossed the line in 1:20:43, having covered the second 10 in 39:33. Toutain held off Plaza for third. Italy took three of the next four spots, with 1980 Olympic Champ, Maurizio Damilano in eighth, to take a commanding lead in the team race.

After the race, the 23-year-old Schennikov, who stands 6 feet tall and weighs 156 pounds, said: "This was a very good race for me. I like flat courses and this was a very good one. It was a little bit hot, but I didn't let it bother me. My plan was to hang back and finish fast, and that strategy worked very well. The World Cup is very important to me since all of the top walkers in the world are here. I am very happy." Schennikov was second two years ago and sixth in the Seoul Olympics. He won the World Indoor in 1987 and last winter, when he broke the world record.

Those who were in New York 4 years ago will remember Ernesto Canto's near suicidal pace in that one. He nearly stole the race with a commanding lead at 17.5 km, but folded up the last 1500 and finished fifth. He adopted a more conservative plan today, much the same as Schennikov. But when the final surge came, the younger Soviet was just that little bit quicker. A great effort by the veteran, nonetheless.

Tim Lewis lead the U.S. contingent, finishing 54th in 1:28:04. His comments after the race: "I pushed hard all the way. I wanted to break 1:24:00. I probably

went out too fast, but I felt really good and I wanted to take the chance. I did the best I could."

In the team race, Spain was second, 9 points in back of Italy, and the favored Soviets were 21 points back in third. Defending titlist, Frantz Kostyukevich was never in the race and wound up dropping out.

The results:

1. Mikhail Schennikov, USSR 1:20:43 2. Ernesto Canto, Mexico 1:20:46 3. Thierry Toutain, France 1:20:56 4. Daniel Plaza, Spain 1:21:00 5. Giovanni DeBenedictis, Italy 1:21:13 6. Walter Arena, Italy 1:21:13 7. Robert Korzeniowski, Poland 1:21:19 8. Maurizio Damilano, Italy 1:21:31 9. Axel Noack, Germany 1:21:35 10. Valentin Massana, Spain 1:21:38 11. Li Mingcai, China 1:21:56 12. Joel Sanchez, Mexico 1:22:03 13. Jose Urbano, Portugal 1:22:04 14. Miguel Prieto, Spain 1:22:19 15. Nick A'Hern, Australia 1:22:21 16. Andrei Plotnikov, USSR 1:22:29 17. Sandor Urbanik, Hungary 1:22:38 18. Hector Moreno, Columbia 1:22:40 19. Robert Ihly, Germany 1:22:52 20. Martial Fesselier, France 1:22:59 21. Bu Lingtang, China 1:23:00 22. Tim Berrett, Canada 1:23:10 23. Roman Mrazek, Poland 1:23:20 24. Aleksei Pershin, USSR 1:23:32 25. Jan Zahoncik, Czech. 1:23:49 26. S. Galdino, Brazil 1:23:58 27. Vladimir Andreev, USSR 1:23:59 28. Jimmy McDonald, Ireland 1:24:07 29. Orlando Diaz, Columbia 1:24:08 30. Pavol Blazek, Czech. 1:24:27 31. Olegario Regidor, Spain 1:24:29 32. Zbigniew Sadlej, Poland 1:24:55 33. Slawomir, Cielica, Pol. 1:24:57 34. Ralf Weise, Germany 1:25:08 35. Hubert Sonnek, Czech. 1:25:10 36. Querubin Moreno, Columbia 1:25:11 37. Valentin Kononen, Finland 1:25:17 38. Ian McCombie, GB 1:25:20 39. Sergio Spagnolo, Italy 1:25:30 40. Sun Ziaoguang, China 1:25:33. . . 51. Julio Urias, Guatemala 1:27:45 54. Tim Lewis, USA 1:28:04. . . 56. Curtis Fisher, USA 1:28:15. . . 67. Allen James, USA 1:30:25. . . 74. Martin St. Pierre, Can. 1:32:07 75. Doug Fournier, USA 1:32:09 . . . 82. Rene Haarpaintner, Switz. 1:34:02. . . 84. Leighton Poidevin, Can. 1:34:50. . . 87. Daniel Levesque, Can. 1:36:07. . . 97. Ron Ens, Canada 1:40:25. . . DNF Don Lawrence, USA (107 finishers, 17 DNFs, and 5 DQs)

Team Scores: 1. Italy 263 2. Spain 254 3. USSR 242 4. Mexico 223 5. France 222 6. Germany 222 7. Poland 214 8. China 214 9. Czechoslovakia 205 10. Colombia 203 11. Portugal 186 12. Australia 178 13. Hungary 174 14. Great Britain 163 15. Ireland 160 16. Brazil 140 17. Canada 133 18. USA 132-31 teams

By the time the women's 10 Km started at 11:15 it was quite hot and the sun was blazing. Before it was over, some of the athletes suffered quite a bit. This race, walked over the same course as the men's race, but with an earlier turnaround to make it just a 1250 meter loop, broke up much quicker. After a quick 5:12 (41:35 pace) on the first lap, only a dozen walkers were in the lead group. Alina Ivanova, USSR, was leading, with Beate Anders, Ger., and Australia's Kerry Saxby, two of three favorites for the title, also at the front. Ivanova still led at 1500 meters in 10:31, but now only Saxby, China's Chen Yueling and Jin Bingjie, and Elena Saiko, USSR, were with her. Strakhova trailed this group by about 10 meters, several strides ahead of Anders. The third favorite, world track record holder, Nadezhda Ryashkina, was back in tenth and not looking comfortable.

Yueling made a move about 100 meters into the fourth lap and had a clear lead at 5 Km in 21:17. Saxby was 6 seconds back, walking cautiously because of two early red cards, and Strakhova another four seconds back. Following closely

were Ivanova, Saiko, Olga Kardopoltseva, and Bingjie. Graciela Mendoza had passed Anders for eighth spot, but still well off the pace. Yueling led for another lap, but during the sixth lap, she, along with Ivanova and Bingjie, were disqualified.

The pace was slowing in the heat, and at 7 1/2 km, with 2 laps to go, Strakhova led in 32:39. Saiko was second and Mendoza had moved all the way to third, ahead of Saxby, Kardopoltseva, Anders, and Ryashkina.

With a lap to go, Strakhova led by 7 seconds in 38:20, with Mendoza right on Saiko's heels. Saxby was still leading Kardopoltseva, but none of the others seemed close enough to challenge the first three. Over the final 1250 meters, Strakhova was able to extend her lead and the surprising Mendoza outsprinted Saiko for the silver medal. Kardopoltseva easily moved away from a discouraged Saxby for fourth.

The 32-year-old Strakhova has a personal best of 43:35. She stands 5'6 and weighs 120 pounds. After the race, she said: "Today, I wanted to prove that my success in 1987 (at the World Championships) was not a fluke. A lot of people thought I was lucky to win then. The heat was a major problem today, since we train in much cooler weather. Since the laps were so short with a lot of curves, that affected the times." About the disqualification of Yueling and Ivanova, she said: "It can happen to anyone; it had no effect on my strategy."

Mendoza had the race of her life, finishing in 44:09 despite the heat and the fact she had never broken 45 before. Debbi Lawrence led the U.S. contingent, who wound up sixth in the team standings, with a brilliant 15th place finish in 46:13, not far off her best. She said: "With the weather being so warm, I knew if I went out too fast I'd die. I wanted to go out relatively easy for the first half, then give it everything I had to the finish. I was hoping to break my American record of 45:32. I was on pace to do that until about the 8 kilometer mark. I'm happy though because my differential from the winner is the closest I've ever been in a major international race." The results:

1. Irina Strakhova, USSR 43:55 2. Graciela Mendoza, Mex. 44:09 3. Elena Saiko, USSR 44:11 4. Olga Kardopoltseva, USSR 44:36 5. Kerry Saxby, Australia 44:49 6. Ileana Salvador, Italy 44:52 7. Beate Anders, Germany 45:03 8. Nadezhda Ryashkina, USSR 45:19 9. Anna Rita Sidoti, Italy 45:28 10. Maria Cruz Diaz, Spain 45:38 11. Andrea Alfoldi, Hung. 45:42 12. Fan Ziaoling, China 45:53 13. Madeleine Svensson, Sweden 45:57 14. Monica Gunnarsson, Sweden 46:08 15. Debbi Lawrence, USA 46:13 16. Sari Essayah, Fin. 46:20 17. Piercarola Pagani, Italy 46:23 18. Maricela Chavez, Mex. 46:34 19. Emilia Cano, Spain 46:35 20. Cui Yingzi, China 46:36 21. Betty Sworowski, GB 46:38 22. Tian Poltras, Can. 46:47 23. Ildiko Ilyes, Hung. 46:50 24. Pascale Grand, Can. 47:08 25. Maria Rosza, Hung. 47:25 26. Yuko Sato, Japan 47:26 27. Victoria Herazo, USA 47:33 28. Lynn Weik, USA 47:44 29. Nathalie Marchand, France 47:46 30. Maria Luz Colin, Mex. 47:50 31. Olga Sanchez, Spain 47:57 32. Zuzana Zemkova, Czech. 47:58 33. Lorraine Jachno, Australia 48:01 34. Hideko Hirayama, Japan 48:09 35. Kathrin Born, Germany 48:12 36. Francisca Martinez, Mex. 48:23 37. Fusako Masuda, Japan 48:25 38. Maria Grazia Cogoli, Italy 48:28 39. Victori Lupton, GB 48:57 40. Valerie Leveque, France 49:12 41. Holly Gerke, Can. 49:05 42. Wendy Sharp, USA 49:08 43. Helen Elleker, GB 49:12 44. Ann Peel, Can. 49:18 45. Miriam Ramon, Ecuador 49:22 46. Janice McCaffrey, Can. 50:30 DNF Teresa Vaill, USA (83 finished, 6 DNF, 3 DQd)

Teams: 1. USSR 203 2. Italy 180 3. Mexico 162 4. Hungary 154 5. Spain 153 6. USA 143 7. Sweden 141 8. Australia 132 9. Canada 128 10. Germany 123 11. Japan 117 12. Great Britain 115 13. China 110 14. Finland 97 15. Czechoslovakia 94 16. France 75 17. Ecuador 62 18. Brazil 52 19. New Zealand 44 20. Norway 43 21. India 28 22. Guatemala 23 22. Ireland 22

The 50 Km started at 8 on Sunday morning. The air was still comfortably cool at the start, but it obviously was going to be quite warm again before the finish, and, as in the 20, the athletes were quite conservative at the start. Everyone chose to ignore Algeria's Boumram Arezki who led through laps of 9:29, 9:11, and 9:06, at which time he was about 50 seconds ahead of everyone else. Arezki had finished 79th in the 20 Km on Saturday with a 1:32:38 and was obviously no threat. He hit the 10 Km mark in 46:04 with a 46 second lead, but dropped out shortly thereafter. The pack behind him included about 20 walkers and all of the favorites. There were four Soviets, three Germans, and three Spaniards among them.

The pace started to quicken at this point, lap times dropping from well over 9 minutes to about 8:50. By 20 Km, the pack was down to just 10 athletes and the time was 1:30:56, a 44:06 for the second 10 Km. Walking abreast in the lead were the Soviets Perlov, Potashov, and Spitsin. This pack also included defending titlist Simon Baker, 1985 winner Hartwig Gauder, 1987 20 Km winner Carlos Mercenario, and a fourth Soviet, Vitaliy Popovich. Ronald Weigel, the 1987 50 Km winner, was already struggling to stay close to the pack. The first Italian was better than 2 minutes back and the other were 4 to 5 minutes behind, and people started to wonder about their ability to hold their team lead.

The Soviets really started to push the pace and by 30 Km, only five walkers were on the lead. Perlov, Potashov, and Popovich were in front in 2:14:15 (43:19 for the third 10 Km) with Baker and Mercenario right on their heels. Spitsin was just over a minute behind in sixth, giving the Soviets a seeming lock on the team title with all the Italians still well back. Gauder and Weigel were seventh and eighth, but about 2 minutes behind. Mexico was still in the team picture, with Rodriguez in ninth and Bermudez eleventh.

The pace continued at sub 8:40 laps with the same five hanging tight and the field stringing out behind them. Defending titlist Baker was the first to yield and when they came through 36 km he was 9 seconds back. The real sensation came the next time around when Popovich was gone completely—pulled by the judges. But the Soviets still looked secure for the team title with three of the first five and the Italians still well back.

The three leaders hit 40 Km in 3:57:20 (43:05 for the fourth 10 Km) and all still looked strong. Baker was now a full minute down and Weigel had rallied to edge by Spitsin for fifth. They had 3:01:44 and 3:01:50. Following were Rodriguez 3:03:37; Pericelli, the first Italian to move among the leaders, 3:04:01; Bernd Gummelt, Germany, 3:04:21; a fourth Soviet, Grigoryev, 3:04:21; and Gauder 3:04:25. The third Mexican, Bermudez, was 13th. The Soviets were still well in command for the overall team title, although the Germans and Mexicans were in position to challenge for first in the 50. (Four Soviets, three Germans, and three Mexicans in the first 13).

After another lap, Potashov began to fade and it became a two-man race. Baker was still losing ground but was well clear of Weigel who was easily opening

ground on Spitsin. Perlov, looking very strong, took command as they started the 23rd lap and with two laps to go was 19 seconds clear and apparently on his way to a very impressive victory. He had done the last two laps in 8:27 and 8:28, a sub 42:30 pace, a pace even the swift Mercenario could not live with at this stage. The lead grew to nearly a minute with a lap to go, although Perlov slowed to 8:45 on that lap—the effort was telling on him, too.

It was also telling on his form and with about 500 meters to go, Chief Judge Westerfield had the word that Perlov had collected his third red card. He showed him the red flag at that point, but Perlov refused to leave the course. Gary hopped back in his golf cart to pursue him, put the vehicle wouldn't start. By the time he was going again, he wound up hopping out of the cart about 80 meters from the finish and taking off in a desperate sprint to intercept the Soviet walker before he broke the tape. The aging Westerfield, running as fast as his little legs would carry him, barely gaining on the walking Perlov. He caught him with about 20 meters to go, again stuck the red flag in an unbelieving face, and finally had to actually block Perlov off the course just 10 meters from the tape. Many in the crowd, not understanding the sport fully, or that it wasn't actually a last second disqualification, booed Westerfield. Unfortunate, since Gary had done a yeoman job to prevent the wrong man from breaking the tape.

Mercenario came along about a minute-and-a-half later, already knowing he was the winner from having seen the judging board and overjoyed with the gold, which was well deserved. It was a magnificent effort on his part for one with so little experience at the event.

Potashov crossed the line in second place, 2 minutes after Mercenario, but it was soon learned that he too had collected a third card on the last lap, and the Soviets were completely out of the team picture. As it turned out, even if Perlov and Potashov had finished one-three, they would have finished three points back of Italy, since Spitsin faded at the end and the Italians, as usual, came on strongly in the final 10 Km. What had seemed a sure team title with 15 Km to go, turned into a disaster and a final sixth place finish. Don't count your eggs too soon in a 50 Km race. Baker hung on for the silver medal, to go with his gold from 1989, although Weigel was closing ground fast at the finish. In a post-race interview, the witty Weigel noted that he crossed the line thinking he was fifth, found out 2 minutes later he was fourth, and after another 2 minutes learned he had the bronze. He was eagerly waiting another 2 minutes hoping for the silver and maybe another 2 for the gold, he said. The Germans exelled, as Gummelt followed Weigel across the line and Gauder captured sixth, back of the fast finishing Perricelli. This gave them the team title for the event and second overall, just ahead of the Mexicans, who had seventh (Rodriquez) and eleventh (Bermudez, the 1979 winner) in the event.

Carl Schueler led the U.S. with a 4:08:51 in 31st, but Dan O'Connor was the only other finisher. Nonetheless, the team moved up to 15th in the final standings.

Mercenario, just a month past his 24th birthday, is 5'9, 136 pounds. He had a previous 50 Km best of 3:50:10. After the race, he said: "I knew on the last lap that Perlov had been disqualified because I saw it on the board by the water stop. I was always checking it. I'm sorry that Perlov was DQ'd because he and I are friends. We have competed together many times, and I like the Soviets because they are very down to earth. I know how he feels. I was DQ'd in Rome (1987 World Championships, after he had won the World Cup). I don't worry about

time. This is my first World Cup 50 Kilometer race and I can't believe it."

Mercenario and Weigel agreed that disqualifications are an accepted part of the sport, and, while you don't wish them on anyone, you always know that you may either suffer or profit from them.

Schueler said: "It was too hot and I went out too fast. With 15 Km left, my legs went dead and my quads tightened up. I wanted to go 4:05, but it's pretty tough when your legs tighten up." The results:

1. Carlos Mercenario, Mexico 3:42:03 (46:53, 1:30:59, 2:14:15, 2:57:21)—note that the second 20 km was in 1:26:22, which would have place 47th the day before. 2. Simon Baker, Australia 3:46:36 (46:50, 1:30:59, 2:14:17, 2:58:21) 3. Ronald Weigel, Germany 3:47:50 (46:55, 1:31:16, 2:16:13, 3:01:46) 4. Bernd Gummelt, Germany 3:51:12 (46:54, 1:32:35, 2:19:19, 3:04:22) 5. Giovanni Perricelli, Italy 3:52:51 (47:36, 1:33:06, 2:18:20, 3:04:01) 6. Hartwig Gauder, Germany 3:53:14 (46:51, 1:31:00, 2:16:05, 3:04:36) 7. Miguel Rodriquez, Mex. 3:54:36 (46:52, 1:30:58, 3:16:25, 3:03:38) 8. Viktor Spitsin, USSR 3:55:13 (46:49, 1:30:58, 3:15:27, 3:01:50) 9. Guiseppe DeGaetano, Italy 3:55:45 10. Rene Piller, France 3:55:48 11. Martin Bermudez, Mex. 3:58:33 12. Fumio Imamura, Japan 3:59:18 13. Godfried Dejonckheere, Belg. 3:59:26 14. Sandro Bellucci, Italy 3:59:43 15. Anatoly Grigoryev, USSR 4:00:35 16. Pavol Szikora, Czech. 4:00:39 17. Jose Marin, Spain (age 41, 1985 20 Km winner) 18. Massimo Quiriconi, Italy 4:01:21 19. Veijo Savikko, Fin. 4:01:28 20. Les Morton, GB 4:02:11 21. Takehiro Sonohara, Japan 4:02:17 22. Jacek Bednarek, Pol. 4:03:21 23. Basilio Labrador, Spain 4:03:42 24. Bo Gustafsson, Sweden 4:04:04 25. Paul Blagg, GB 4:04:09 26. Jorge Llopart, Spain 4:06:07 27. Zoltan Czukur, Hung. 4:06:21 28. Denis Terraz, France 4:06:48 29. German Sanchez, Mex. 4:07:37 30. Torsten Trampelie, Ger. 4:07:48 31. Carl Schueler, US 4:08:51 32. J. Brousseau, Frnce 4:08:58 33. Joroslav Makovec, Czech. 4:09:57 34. Ulf-Peter Sjolholm, Swed. 4:11:07 35. Crezgorz Ledzion, Pol. 4:11:45 36. Laszlo Kator, Hung. 4:11:46 37. Stefan Malik, Czech. 4:12:07 38. Antero Lindman, Fin. 4:12:33 39. Carlo Mattioli, Italy 4:12:48 40. Hubert Sonnek, Czech. 4:14:03. . 59. Dan O'Connor, USA 4:30:22 (73 finished, 41 DNF, 8 DQ—the large number of those not finishing was due in part to the fact that several nations had the same five walkers for both races. People coming back on a hot day after a hard 20 the day before were not inclined to go the whole way. In fact, there were seven nations who scored no points in the 50—all their athletes dropped out—including Canada. Conversely, Belgian and Netherlands walkers chose to drop out of the 20, where they scored no points, and save themselves for the 50, where both did fairly well.

Team scores in the 50: 1. Germany 269 2. Mexico 264 3. Italy 254 4. Spain 218 5. France 216 6. Czechoslovakia 202 7. Great Britain 200 8. Finland 187 9. Hungary 186 10. Poland 184

Overall Team Standings: 1. Italy 517 2. Germany 491 3. Mexico 487 4. Spain 472 5. France 438 6. USSR 407 7. Czechoslovakia 407 8. Poland 398 9. Great Britain 363 10. Hungary 360 11. Finland 317 12. Australia 316 13. Portugal 279 14. China 272 15. U.S. 243 16. Japan 241 17. Switzerland 229 18. Brazil 224 19. New Zealand 214 20. Sweden 205 21. Columbia 203 22. Guatamala 164 23. Belgium 162 24. Ireland 160 25. Holland 148 26. Canada 133 27. Algeria 107 28. India 48 29. Puerto Rico 39 30. Zambia 27 31. Sierra Leone 0.

Chief Judges: Georg Frister, Germany; Peter Marlow, GB; Gary Westerfield, US (Gary had the 50, as noted. I'm not sure how the other two split on the other two

racers.) Judges: L. Bracesco, Italy; Domingo Cassillas, Spain; Pablo Colin, Mex.; Norman Read, N.Z.; Vyacheslav Samotseov, USSR; Ray Smith, Australia; and Zhao Yaping, China.

Notes: The races were well organized and went off with little problem, thanks to Bob Bowman, chairman of the Organizing Committee, Ron Daniel, the technical director, and all their hard working staff. Bob and Ron put in endless hours for several months prior to the event and are to be commended. The most impressive performance at the race site was by Jim Hanley's lap counting crew. Jim had them well organized and they were on top of all three races. To my knowledge, there were no lap counting controversies, very commendable considering the number of competitors and the number of laps involved. There were many lapped walkers in all races, and many people several laps behind in the 50. . . I was at the races courtesy of Pete Cava and Tom Surber, TAC's press officer and assistant. As in New York 4 years ago, they called me in as their race walking expert. I got in on Wednesday night. Tom and two other volunteer members of the press crew had been there since the weekend. We kept pretty busy the next two days, including quite a bit of work for the local committee, which wasn't supposed to be part of the deal, but worth it to see that everything was in order. My only regret was that we never got one of those nice World Cup polos, but we did get a t-shirt. . . England's Colin Young was on hand as usual, this time helping Gary Hill with announcing chores by keeping him informed on who was who. Colin and the great Italian champion, Dordoni, are the only people to have been in attendance at every World Cup since it started at Lugano, Switzerland in 1961. This particularly pleases Colin, since Dordoni was his idol when he first became interested in the sport as a youth. . . The meet made it on to the tube when superstition carried it on their Olympic Gold program two weeks later. But they gave it only 3 or 4 minutes, concentrating on the "controversy" surrounding the 50 Km finish. (Judging decisions really aren't controversial, but that is the way the uninitiated see it.) We got a good view of Gary Westerfield showing Perlov the red originally and then making his mad dash to save the day. They had no camera coverage of the other two races, but only showed the first three finishers in each. . . Coverage in the local press (the *San Jose Mercury News* was pretty good on Sunday following Saturday's races, but, I have found out since (I left Sunday night) deteriorated considerably on Monday. The sports editor wrote a column on "goony walking", which was not at all complimentary. Giulio de Petra wrote a very good letter to the paper's Executive Editor expressing the views of the race walking community on such coverage. I'm not going to have room for either item this month, but will try to find space in the future.

No surprise at National T&F meet; Lawrence, Lewis win

New York, June 13-14—Favorites Debbi Lawrence and Tim Lewis won the walks at TACs National Championships. In Thursday's 10 Km, Lawrence got a strong challenge from Lynn Weik, but prevailed to win in 46:06.36, a new American record on the track. Victoria Herazo, who led early, walked brilliantly to shatter her personal best and capture the third spot on the World Championship team.

Lawrence noted after the race: "Toward the end of the race, I could feel Lynn near me. I knew then that I had to shift strategies. I thought back about indoors and I knew I could recover my leg speed. . . I usually look at my watch each lap to keep on pace. With 10 laps to go, I took my watch off and told myself to just go." Weik commented: "I had planned my race according to split times I had figured out beforehand. I haven't been close enough this year to Debbi to know how she would react once I got close to her. Because it was so hot, I didn't give the record much thought (Weik missed the old record by less than 3 seconds). A lot of times I thought Debbi was going to falter, but she just kept picking herself up."

On Friday, Tim Lewis won his straight 20 Km title, just 2 weeks after his World Cup effort. Gary Morgan challenged him, but Tim was too strong at the finish. Dave McGovern held off Andrzej Chylinski to make his first international team. Other members of the World Cup team who chose to compete did not do so well as Lewis. Doug Fournier was seventh, Curtis Fisher tenth, Dan O'Connor eleventh, and Don Lawrence DQ'd.

Results:

Women's 10 Km: 1. Debbi Lawrence, Propet Walkers 46:06.36 (U.S. record. Old record 46:10.26 by Lawrence on July 13, 1990) 2. Lynn Weik, Natural Sport 46:12.83 3. Victoria Herazo, California Walkers 46:26.49 4. Michelle Rohl, Parkside Athletic Club 48:21.09 5. Lynda Brubaker, un. 48:37.18 6. Deborah VanOrden, un. 48:40.58 7. Maryanne Torrellas, un. 48:42.39 8. Teresa Vaill, Natural Sport 48:46.31 9. Wendy Sharp, Natural Sport 49:45.68 10. Kim Wilkinson, Monterey WWW Club 49:56.64 11. Sara Standley, Natural Sport 50:29.85 12. Cheryl Rellinger, un. 51:06.07 13. Viisha Sedlak, Easy Spirit 51:20.12 14. Tracey Briggs, Potomac Valley Seniors 51:36.55 15. Dierdre Collier, Parkside AC 51:36.55 16. Francine Bustos, Easy Striders 52:27.20 17. Lizzy Salvato, un. 52:38.50 18. Susan Liers, Natural Sport 54:07.83

Men's 20 Km: 1. Tim Lewis, Reebok RC 1:29:55 2. Gary Morgan, NYAC 1:30:21 3. Dave McGovern, un. 1:30:54 4. Andrzej Chylinski, NYAC 1:31:09 5. Jonathan Mathews, Golden Gate Walkers 1:31:30 6. Curt Clausen, un. 1:33:08 7. Doug Fournier, Parkside AC 1:33:30 8. Robert Briggs, Potomac Valley Seniors 1:33:44 9. John Marter, Parkside AC 1:34:24 10. Curtis Fisher, NYAC 1:35:26 11. Dan O'Connor, Stars and Stripes 1:35:34 12. Herman Nelson, Club Northwest 1:35:48 13. Robert Cole, U. of Wisconsin-Parkside 1:36:18 14. Steve Pecinovsky, US Air Force 1:38:08 DNF--Jon Jorgenson, Parkside AC and Dan O'Brien. DQ--Dave Lawrence, Propet Walkers and Marc Varsano, Eastside RT

15 Km titles to Lewis and Herazo

Portland, Oregon, May 12 (From Jim Bean)—Tim Lewis and Victoria Herazo prepped for their World Cup efforts with impressive wins in the National TAC 15 Km racewalks today. Lewis walked a very fast 1:02:35 with nearly even 5 Km splits of 20:53, 20:38, and 20:54 to leave Andrzej Chylinski nearly 2 minutes behind. Herazo was even more impressive with an American record 1:11:13.

On a cloudy, damp day, Lewis wasted little time leaving the field. He was on his own from 100 meters into the race. In a battle for the other spots, Gary Morgan led the pack through 2.5 Km in 10:50, some 25 seconds behind Lewis. Allen James was 7 seconds behind Morgan, and Chylinski, Bruce Harland, Jonathan Mathews, and Herm Nelson were another 10 seconds back. With Lewis still pulling

away, Morgan and Chylinski went through 5 Km together. James was on his own in fourth, with Matthews, Nelson, and Harland spreading out behind.

On the third lap, Chylinski did a 10:31 to pull away from Morgan, as both of them moved away from James. At 10 Km, Lewis was cruising in 41:41, a minute ahead of Chylinski, who had pulled further ahead of Morgan, now losing ground to the steady James. Lewis finished strong with a 10:19 on his final lap, his fastest of the race. Though slowing, Morgan managed to stay ahead of James. Matthews and Nelson were alone in fifth and sixth.

Herazo blitzed the field early, just as Lewis had. Second place in the women's race was a battle between Wendy Sharp and Debby VanOrden. The rest of the field separated early, with Kim Wilkinson fourth, Cindy Paffumi fifth, and Daniela Hairbedian sixth. Results of the races:

Men's 15 Km: 1. Tim Lewis 1:02:35 (20:53, 41:41) 2. Andrzej Chylinski 1:04:33 (21:43, 42:48) 3. Gary Morgan 1:05:48 (21:43, 43:30) 4. Allen James 1:06:06 (21:54m 44L04) 5. Jonathan Matthews 1:07:25 (22:02, 44:19) 6. Herman Nelson 1:09:18 (22:21, 45:36) 7. Bruce Harland 1:10:03 (22:28, 46:01) 8. Dan Pierce 1:10:18 (22:51, 46:30) 9. John Kerfoot 1:10:53 (22:51, 46:30) 10. Ian Whatley 1:11:12 (23:16, 47:24) 11. Dave Cummings 1:16:56 12. Norman Frable (45) (1st Master) 1:18:24 13. Stan Chraminski (43) 1:18:40 14. Bob Novak (41) 1:23:28 15. Art Grant (41) 1:24:51 16. Tom Knatt (50) 1:26:00 17. Robert Brewer (50) 1:26:01 18. Lewis Jones (45) 1:28:01 19. Doug Ermini 1:33:17 20. Charles Monismith (46) 1:37:34 21. Edwin Thompson 1:43:47 22. Paul Kavadas (64) 1:48:09 23. Richard Bennett (67) 1:49:41 24. Troy Grove (71) 1:50:53 25. Bob Pattison (51) 2:01:52

Women: 1. Victoria Herazo 1:11:13 (23:29, 47:25) 2. Wendy Sharp 1:14:03 (24:12, 48:54) 3. Debby Van Orden 1:14:27 4. Kim Wilkinson 1:19:07 5. Viisha Sedlak (42) 1:21:46 6. Joann Nedelco (47) 1:24:40 7. Cindy Paffumi 1:25:08 8. Daniela Hairbedian 1:26:47 9. Bev LaVeck (55) 1:28:03 10. Donna Gilliland 1:30:35 11. Tess Marino (45) 1:31:19 12. Colette Govan (42) 1:33:22 13. Kathy Frable (45) 1:35:47 14. Judy Heller (45) 1:36:04 15. Sue Laks (41) 1:37:01 16. Sandra Shirey (44) 1:39:59 17. Donna Houle 1:43:18 18. Gail Jones (50) 1:43:49 19. Peg Peters (57) 1:44:49 20. Deb Brown 1:47:42 21. Ginny Saunders (44) 1:48:20 22. Anne Bluestein (53) 2:05:42

OTHER RESULTS

Maine State 5 Km, Brewer, June 1-1. Bob Keating (1st over 40) 22:35 2. Phil McGaw 24:38 3. Randy Easter 25:07 4. Bob Ullman 27:16 5. Justin Kuo 27:21 6. Winston Crandall (1st over 50) 27:31 7. Terrence Cousins 28:33 8. Paul Comeau 29:57 10. Judi Macomber 29:31 11. David Burns 30:28 12. Wayne Ayers 31:10 (22 finishers) **Jr. 3 Km, same place-1.** Kevin Eastler 16:22 2. Sacha Devore 20:16 3. Justin Lafreniere 20:21 (14 finishers) **1500 meters, Manchester, Conn., June 15-1.** Maryanne Torrellas 6:28.8 (American record) 2. Viisha Sedlak 7:10.4 3. Karen Rezach 7:20.4 4. John Johnson 7:09.9 5. Jack Boitano 7:20.0 6. T.Om Luddecki 7:52.4 **2.8 Miles, Manchester June 16-1.** Maryanne Torrellas 21:17 2. Brian Savilonis 23:27 3. Sharon Lyons 24:27 4. Louis Free 25:29 6. George Scott 26:08 6. Debra St. Germain 28:07 **5 Km, Shoreham, N.Y., April 14-1.** Melissa Baker 26:14.7 2. Kelly Nartowicz 27:46.6 3. Susan Liers 27:46.7 4. Debbie Iden 28:15.4 5. Tara Roch 29:18.2 6. Debbie Scott 29:32.2 (11 finishers) **5 Km, New York City, May 12-1.** Marc Varsano 22:25 2. Marc Bagan 23:51 3. Alan Jacobson 24:35 4. Franco Pantoni (45) 25:25 5. Renaldo Hernandez 26:27 6. Joshua Laase 28:50 (25 finishers) **3 Km,**

New York City, May 5-1. Sean Albert 13:59.2 2. Marc Bagan 14:04 3. Quentin Cunningham 16:07 3. Kelly Nartowicz 16:09 5. Debbie Scott 16:36 6. Thom F.Unda 16:57 7. Boyode Dobosa 17:02 8. Lynn Peemoeller 17:59 9. Zakia Feracho 18:04 (13 finishers) **1 Mile, New York City, May 4-1.** Roselle Safran 8:30.4 2. Zakia Ferracho 9:21.6 (12 finishers) **5 Km, Queens, New York, June 2-1.** Nick Bdera (42) 22:24 2. Mike Korol 23:24 3. Robert Gottlieb 25:11 4. Ellen O'Shaughnessy 27:57 5. Stanley Schecter (58) 28:22 6. John Schilling (55) 29:02 7. Elton Richardson (52) 29:51 8. Laurie Ann Bishop 30:33 (40 finishers) **10 Km, Niagara Falls, N.Y., April 21-1.** Dave Lawrence 54:43 **20 Km, same place-1.** Neil Farley 1:48:02 **Penn Relays 10 Km, Philadelphia, April 27-1.** Doug Fournier 42:21.5 2. Tim Seaman 43:04 3. Bobby Briggs 44:16 2. Jose Torres, Puerto Rico 45:05 34 Curt Clausen 45:35 6. Jeff Salvage 46:51 7. Marc Bagan 46:53 8. Ray Funkhouser 47:57 9. Michael Korol 49:15 10. Robert Gottlieb 49:35 11. Alan Price 50:33 12. James Spahr 51:00 (1st junior) 13. Ken Fox 51:06 14. Edgardo Rodriguez 52:46 15. Sean Linehan 52:46 16. Steve Harvey 53:16 17. Joseph Marino 54:25 18. Mike Roth 57:19 19. Luis Rodriguez 58:05 20. Joshua Laase 58:19 **Penn Relays 5 Km, Philadelphia, April 27-1.** Lynda Brubaker 24:15.3 2. Geri-Lyn Bucholtz 24:37 3. Gretchen Eastler 24:55 (1st junior) 4. Gayle Johnson 25:37 (1st master) 5. Desiree McCauley 25:54 6. Dori Attias 25:44 7. Tracy Briggs 25:58 8. Debbie Iden 26:35 9. Ellen O'Shaughnessy 26:54 10. Kelly Nartowicz 27:07 11. Elizabeth Galasso 27:16 12. Melissa Baker 27:41 13. Sarah Gordon 28:04 14. Jill Bohringer 28:38 15. Karen O'Connor 29:15 16. Debbie Scott 30:08 17. Lisa Mills 30:15 18. Katie Goering 30:49 **New Jersey 5 Mile Championship, Point Pleasant Beach, May 18-1.** Ray Funkhouser (40) 37:42 2. Manny Eisner (50) 44:47 3. Steve Pinto 45:12 4. Dr. Pat Bivona (50) 45:38 5. Avram Shapiro (55) 46:21 7. Jaciton Mogena (45) 49:19 8. Dan Noesges 49:51 **Women: 1.** Marcia Shapiro (52) 53:15 **5 Mile, Lakewood, N.J., May 19-1.** Ray Funkhouser 37:20 2. Steve Pinto 45:12 3. Ben Ottmer (57) 47:15 4. Elliott Denman (57) 52:35 **9 Mile, Lakewood, N.J., May 26-1.** Ray Funkhouser 1:11:34 2. Dr. Pat Bivona 1:24:00 3. Ben Ottmer 1:29:50 4. James Brown (57) 1:33:50 5. Elliott Danman 1:34:42 6. Don Johnson (74) 1:36:04 **Women: 1.** Dorit Attias 1:21:39 2. Donna Cetrulo (43) 1:32:39 **N.J. 10 Km Championship, West Long Branch, June 4-1.** Dorit Attias 52:02 2. Maryanne Torrellas 52:02.2 3. Karen Rezach 52:58 **N.J. TAC 5 Km, Long Branch, June 8-1.** Sean Albert 24:47.1 2. John Alfonso 27:56 3. Dr. Pat Bivona 28:10 4. Manny Eisner 28:35 **Women: 1.** Karen Rezach 27:19.1 2. Donna Cetrulo 30:10 **5 Mile, Marlboro, N.J., June 9-1.** Dr. Pat Bivona 46:13 2. Manny Eisner 46:20 3. Steve Pinto 47:27 **Women: 1.** Donna Cetrulo 51:05 **1/2 Marathon, Lancaster, Pa., April 21-1.** Widdall Scott 1:50:54 2. James Miner 2:01:44 3. Ray Stauffer 2:05:06 4. Steve Pinto 2:07:58 5. Bob Mimm 2:08:14 **20 Km, Washington, DC, May 19-1.** Dave McGovern 1:29:29 2. Curt Clausen 1:33:32 3. Alan Price (44) 1:49:35 4. Jim WEass 2:57:47 5. Sal Corrallo (60) 2:03:13 **Women's 10 Km, same place-1.** Tracey Briggs 51:11 2. Cheryl Rellinger 53:11 3. Valerie Meyer 58:44 **Masters 5 Km, Knoxville, Tenn., June 1:** Age 40-44-1. Gene Opheim 30:21 50-54-1. Rod Anderson 29:15 2. Gene Siler 30:15 70-74-1. Harold Canfield 38:56 75-79-1. Bill Tallmadge 33:25 **S.C. State 5 Km, Columbia, June 1-1.** Ian Whatley 23:09 2. Keith Luoma 24:55 3. Cheryl Rellinger 26:14 4. Larry Green (1st over 55) 27:29 5. Bill Chelf (1st 50-54) 27:52 6. David Hale 28:32 . . . 8. Mike Michael 30:37 (1st 60-64) (26 finishers) **5 Km, Kissimmee, Florida, June 1-1.** Chuck McLaughlin 29:15 2. Ken Cutler 30:04 3. Robert Carver 30:17 **Women: 1.** Lauren Demetry 30:42 **5 Km,**

Orlando, Florida, May 18--1. Steve Christlieb 29:45 2. Burns Havey 30:06 3. Ken Cutler 30:39 20 Km, New Orleans, May 18--1. Dave Waddle 1:46:43 2. Tor Guttlerod 1:48:44 3. Bill McCray (41) 1:49:24 4. Andrew Smith (41) 1:53:12 5. N.B. Frable (45) 1:53:44 6. Ed Whiteman (52) 1:55:04 7. Jim Chapman (52) 2:05:20 8. Don Lee (56) 2:06:42 (15 finishers) Women: 1. Bonnie McAfee 2:15:13 2. Kathy Frable (45) 2:19:41 (9 finishers) 5 Km, Dearborn, Michigan May 26--1. Zofia Wolan 24:30 2. Lisa Sonntag 25:26 10 Km, same place--1. Gary Morgan 42:52 2. Victor Sipes 50:39 3. John Elwarner 50:40 4. Max Green 51:55 5. Terry McHoskey 53:43

Natural Sport Grand Prix 5 Km, St. Louis, May 18--1. Debbi Lawrence 22:12.34 2. Lynn Weik 22:42 3. Michelle Rohl 23:46 4. Lynda Brubaker 23:59 5. Wendy Sharp 24:36 6. Sara Standley 24:53 7. Susan Liers 26:06 8. Lisa Sonntag 26:38 9. Jeanette Smith 27:06 10. Ruth Eberle (59) 30:19 (14 finishers) 15 Km, Columbia, Missouri, June 1--1. Roger Turnbough (34) 1:39:26 2. Eric Hedges (45) 1:39:34 3. Joe Marks (53) 1:56:34 4. Rob Spier (68) 2:07:09 5. Bill Taft (75) 2:23:20--the report termed this "an event of the decades" for obvious reasons. NAIA 10 Km, Stephenville, Texas, May 23--1. Tim Seaman, U. of Wis.-Parkside 44:14.99 2. John Marter, UWP 44:38 3. Robert Cole, UWP 44:53 4. Jonathan Jorgensen, UWP 45:33 5. Vance Godfrey, George Fox, U. 46:38 6. Paul Travares, UWP 47:07 7. David Cummings, Central Washington 49:46 8. Richard Lysaght, Tri-State 49:51 9. David Thomas, George Fox 51:40 10. David Thomas, UWP 52:08 11. Thomas Krashoff, UWP 52:39 12. Dan Sutich, Central Washington 54:21 13. Brian Loucks, Tri-State 56:48 5 Km, Sacramento, Cal., May 18--1. Dick Petrucci 27:56 2. Bob Eisner 29:57 3. Porky Gadiant, Iowa 30:22 15 Km, Riverside, Cal., May 19--1. Keith Ward 1:12:55 (1st 40-49) 2. Dave Marchese 1:14:07 3. Enrique Camarena 1:16:43 (2nd 40-49) 4. Richard Ashton 1:16:57 5. Chris Rael 1:17:51 6. Art Grant 1:20:24 (3rd 40-49) 7. Jack Bray 1:21:52 (1st 50-59) 8. Wayne Wurzbarger 1:24:39 (4th 40-49) 9. Dave Snyder 11:26:19 (5th 40-49) 10. Richard Oliver 1:26:26 (2nd 50-59) 11. Carl Acosta 1:27:29 (3rd 50-59) 12. Bob Meador 1:30:43 (4th 50-59) (23 finishers) WOMEN: 1. Francene Bustos 1:22:25 2. Brenda Long 1:23:41 3. Margaret Govea 1:24:55 4. Andrea Johnson 1:26:56 5. Cathy Mish 1:29:56 6. Jolene Steigerwalt 1:30:42 (1st 40-49) 7. Jaye Hanley 1:31:26 (1st 50-59) (16 finishers) 5 Km, same place--1. Carl Warrell 27:35 2. Steve Leiter 28:15 3. Dick Lenhart 28:41 Julie Partridge Memorial 10 Km, San Francisco, April 27--1. Jonathan Matthews 43:24 2. Jim Lenschau 50:52 3. Skip Bockoven 51:04 4. Chuck Martu 54:26 (1st master) 5. Fred Dunn 60:13 (2nd master) (12 finishers) Women: 1. Cindy Paffumi 54:32 2. Donna Gilliland 60:45 1 Mile, Seattle, May 22--1. Bob Novak 7:58 5 Km, Seattle, May 18--1. Stan Chraminski 25:08 2. Daniela Hairabedian 27:12 50 Km, Neully-Plaisance, France, March 31--1. J. Brousseau 4:03:50 2. E. Chartrain 4:06:44 3. D. Menou 4:08:50 Poland 62, Hungary 48, Romania and Czechoslovakia 24, May 5, Ozd, Pol.: 20 Km--1. Sandor Urbanik, Hung. 1:23:31 2. Zbigniew Sadlej, Pol. 1:25:16 3. S. Cielica, Pol. 1:25:49 4. K. Richter, Pol. 1:25:55 Women's 10 Km--1. L. Fesenko, USSR (Guest) 44:23 2. K. Radtke, Pol. 45:52 3. I. Varadi, Hung. 46:27 4. I. Ilyes, Hung. 46:51 5. B. Gorecka, Pol. 46:52 6. B. Kacmarski, Pol. 46:57 Rosza, Hung. DQ'd 20 Km, Kisumu, Kenya, April 27--1. A. Eyapan 1:28:55

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Wed. July 10 1 Mile, Seattle, 6:16 pm (C) (and every Wednesday through August 7)

Thur. July 11 1 Mile, Englewood, NJ, 6:30 pm (A)

Sat. July 13 National TAC 10 KM, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 8 am (R)
5 and 10 Km, Dearborn, Michigan, 9 am (J)
Start of US Olympic Festival, Los Angeles

Thu. July 18 1 Mile, Englewood, N.J., 6:30 pm (A)
Women's 5 Km, Marlboro, N.J. (A)
Eastern Regional 5 Km, New York City (A)
5 Km, Dearborn, Michigan, 9 am (J)
Canadian National 20 Km, Women's 10 Km, Montreal (E)

Fri. July 19 2 Mile, New Orleans, 8 am (V)

Sat. July 20 10 Km, Seattle, 6:30 pm (C)

Sat. July 27 2.8 Mile, Seattle, 6 pm (C)
Met. 3 Km Championship, New York, N.Y. (Z)
2 Mile, New Orleans, 6:30 pm (V)
10 Km, Asbury Park, N.J., 8:30 am (A)
Met. 10 Km Championship, New York, N.Y. (Z)
5 Km, Dearborn, Michigan, 9 am (J)
5 Km, Detroit Lake, Oregon, 8:30 am (S)

Sun. July 28 3 Mile, Miami, 8 am (Q)

Mon. July 29 2 Mile, New Orleans, 6:30 pm (V)

Thu. Aug. 1 5 Km, Miami, 7:30 am (Q)

Sat. Aug. 3 5 Mile, Red Bank, N.J., (A)

Thu. Aug. 8 10 Mile Relay Walk (2-person), Long Branch, N.J. (A)

Sat. Aug. 10 8 Km, Clinton, Iowa (D)
5 Km, Dearborn, Michigan, 9 am (J)
North Maerican Nasters 15 Km, Albuquerque (G)

Sat. Aug. 17 2.8 Mile, Seattle, 6 pm (C)
1 Hour, Detroit (P)
5 Km, Miami, 7:30 am (Q)
10 Km, Salem, Oregon, 8:30 am (S)
National TAC 40 Km, Lincroft, N.J. (A)

Sun. Aug. 18

Thu. Aug. 22

Sat. Aug. 24

Sun. Aug. 25

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FROM HEEL TO TOE

Here we are, with our extensive coverage of the World Cup, almost out of space for this issue and a stack full of goodies we could still bring you. We are going to leave room to get at least partial results of the 1990 postal 1 hour conducted by the New Jersey TAC Association, which are finally available, with apologies from the sponsors for being so late. What we have room for will follow--the full load of results will come next month. Also we have to hold an excellent letter from Rich Torrellas explaining the Chylinski saga in more detail. Rich also sent the following note: "In certain situations, people simply do not like surprises. I assumed that the sudden arrival of Andrzej Chylinski, a definite threat to gaining one of the coveted spots on the World Cup team, would create a highly volatile situation. Negativeness, I was certain, would reign supreme. I could not have been more wrong. Except for an uncalled for comment by one athlete taking part in the race, our 20 Km walkers behaved in a most admirable manner. I could not have been more proud of their maturity, fortitude and their adaptability. They reacted well and were rewarded with excellent performances. In addition, our athletes have taken Andrzej in as one of their own and made him a friend despite his threat as an athlete. From Carl Schueler to Ray and Wendy Sharp to Tim Lewis to Curtis Fisher to Debbie Van Orden to Leonard Jansen, they have shown him a kindness and courtesy beyond limit. To say that I am proud of you all would be an understatement". . . Also on hold is a letter from Paul Malek giving his side of the story on his 50 Km disqualification, a story that deserves to be told. And some other interesting things are on hold, including the usual feature *Looking Back*. Matter of fact, we are holding so much stuff, we may not have room for it all next month. . . Henry Laskau was again on the ballot for the National T&F Hall of Fame, but again was not elected. Most unfortunate. . . Note that the 100 miler in Columbia in September, mentioned last month, is not a National Championship race. . . On the 1 Hour, rather than starting to list results, which are quite lengthy, and then cutting off somewhere part way through, I will publish the cover letter from them, which gives the highlights of the event and plans for this year's event.



Dear Walkers:

Thank you all for bearing with us in this first year without Don Henry. This job is a lot bigger than anyone could imagine. It requires 100 man/woman hours or more. To produce this report of the results of the results. I want to publicly thank the committee:

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When you study this document you will quickly notice how large this event has become. We had a total of 364 walkers up from 266 in 89. Together we walked 3,383,774 meters or about 2100 miles this is the same as the distance from New York City to Mexico City! Our numbers included Juniors from age 8 to Masters age 84. There were 26 states and the District of Columbia represented. Of the athletes who competed in the previous year 67 improved and 41 did not do as well.

This year ten meet records were set:

Men Open	Dave McGovern	Natural Living	13749 meters
Men 50-54	John Knifton	Austin R.R.	12324 meters
Men 65-69	Bob Mim	Shore A.C.	10667 meters
Men 70-74	Howard Channel	Front Range W.	9825 meters
Men 85-90	Sam Gadless	Unattache	7854 meters
Women Open	Victoria Herazo	Cal. Walkers	12464 meters
Women 40-44	Heather McDonald	Victoria Walkers	11871 meters
Women 40-44	Eliza Walbridge	UN	10528 meters
Women 45-49	Joann Nedelico	Golden Gate R.W.	11410 meters
Women 55-59	Rhoda Green	Metro R.W.	9851 meters
Women 65-69	Betty Newman	Victoria Walkers	9463 meters

I hope you all will repeat this year. I know we will do better on the reporting. Remember you can enter as many times as you like for the same fee. Those of you who are lucky enough to have a five year age group birthday can even be in two different age groups. Just race before and after your birthday.

Let's get even more people involved this year. This is a peoples race and should include as broad a range of abilities as possible. Look at my results. We are hoping to widen our international division. If you go to any international events take along some entry blanks. Be our ambassador.

There will be one rule change for 1991. By request, we are now requiring 3 judges to comply with T.A.C. standards. This will come in handy if someone sets a record.

Please help us out with the scoring by:

1. Use only our entry blank (copies are fine). separate lap sheets are OK but we find it much easier if we get your personal statistics in our own format.
2. Fill out everything on the registration form. Please include your sex, and your age on the day of the race.
3. If your entry is the second of the year please indicate this in large letters on subsequent entries.

Sincerely Yours,

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