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The amazing Damilano rolls on

Tokyo, August 24--In a finish marked by confusion, Italy's 34-year-old Maurizio Damilano pulled away from Mikhail Schennikov to successfully defend his world championship at 20 Km. Even more impressively, he improved his personal record by 32 seconds with a 1:19:37. The Italian has never walked exceptionally fast, just faster than others at the finish of major races.

When the pair entered the stadium locked in a tight duel, they had to dodge runners and starting blocks, which had been set up for a heat of the 100 meters And were directly in their path. Obviously, there was some lack of communication among officials. Damilano, who led as they left the chute and had to make a few leaps and staggers, appeared to be thrown off more than Schennikov, who moved quickly into the lead and held it to what he apparently thought was the finish, 100 meters down the track. However, there was still a full circuit of the track to complete and Damilano pulled easily away from the confused Soviet, who had won the World Cup 20 Km at San Jose in May.

Damilano had managed only eighth in that race (but only 48 seconds behind Schennikov) and it appeared he might be giving way to his younger competitors. However, the story was much the same 4 years ago when he finished only seventh at the World Cup in New York but came back to take the World Championship race. Apparently, he has decided this is the more important race of the two and points at it as his peak event for the year. At least, that's the way it has worked out. Besides his Olympic gold and two world titles, Damilano was third in both the 1984 and 1988 Olympics and had World Cup finishes of 4th (1979), 6th (1981), 4th (1983), 2nd (1985), and 6th (1989). He was seventh in the first World Championships in 1983.

In the day's second race, Soviet Alina Ivanova was an impressive winner in a race that completely upset finish order in May's World Cup race. Ilinova had been disqualified after five of the eight laps in that race while in third place. Second today was Sweden's Madeleine Svensson, only 13th in San Jose, and taking the bronze was Finland's Sari Essayah, 16th in San Jose.

Ivanova, who was ranked sixth in the world in 1989, had done little last year, but won a 5 Km in Spain early this year from a very classy field in a quick 20:37. Svensson has never been world ranked and had a best time of 45:50 before this year, so she came as a complete surprise in this race. Essayah, ranked eighth in the world last year and 10th in 1988, was less of a surprise in third, but certainly improved from her May race in San Jose, when she was just behind Debbi Lawrence.

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The two races got minimal space on NBC's 2-hour coverage of the meet, despite the fact they were the only track finals of the first day. And, Bob Costas, who received several scorching letters from the racewalk community after remarks about the sport during his commentary from Seoul in 1988, apparently did not learn a whole lot about sensitivity. Bob had apologized in personal notes to those who wrote him in 1988, yet, after the minute or so clip showing the finish of the two Tokyo races, he said something about the sport that few understand, but that may be thought of as akin to seeing who can whisper the loudest. I will wait to see if he has the same remark the next time he covers a swimming meet and sees them doing the breakstroke.

The 50 Km race is being contested on August 31, after we have this back from the printer and practically ready to stick in the mail. So, you will have to wait until next month for those results and some more detail on the 10 and 20. The 10 and 20 results as we have them (world cup finish in parentheses):

Women's 10 Km--1. Alina Ivanova, USSR (that may be an obsolete set of initials) 42:57 (DQ) (Championship record bettering 44:12 by Irina Strakhova in 1987) 2. Madelein Svensson, Sweden 43:13 (13) 3. Sari Essayah, Finland 43:13 (16) 4. Irina Strakhova, USSR 43:40 (1) 5. Kerry Saxby, Australia 44:02 (5) 6. Graciela Mendoza, Mexico 44:03 (2) 7. Ileana Salvador, Italy 44:10 (6) 8. Chen Yueling, China 44:11 (DQ) 9. Annarita Sldoti, Italy 44:18 (9) 10. Beate Anders, Germany 44:35 (7)

Men's 20 Km: 1. Maurizio Damilano, Italy 1:19:57 (8) (better his own championship record of 1:20:45 set in 1987) 2. Mikhail Schennikov, USSR 1:19:46 (1) 3. Yevgeniy Misyula, USSR 1:20:22 (DNC) 4. Giovanni DiBenedictis, Italy 1:20:29 (5) 5. Valentin Massana, Spain 1:20:29 (10) 6. Robert Ihly, Germany 1:20:52 (19) 7. Walter Arena, Italy 1:21:01 ((6) 8. Li Mingcai, China 1:21:15 (11) 9. Thierry Toutain, France 1:21:22 (3) 10. Robert Korzenowski, Poland 1:21:32 (7) 11. Axel Noack, Germany 1:21:35 (9) 12. Carlos Mercenario, Mexico 1:21:37 (DNC) 13. Igor Kollar, Czech. 1:21:44 (44) 14. Sandor Urbanik, Hungary 1:21:57 (17) 15. Roman Mrazek, Czech. 1:22:03 (23) 16. Ronald Weigel, Germany (DNC)

Lawrence betterers American record at Olympic Festival; James in fast 20

Taking advantage of unseasonably cool evening weather and a good track in UCLA's Drake Stadium, Debbi Lawrence shattered her own American 10 Km track record in the U.S. Olympic Festival on July 19. Victoria Herazo had the early lead, but Debbi soon took command and pushed to a 45:28.4 clocking and her third straight Festival gold. Her Herazo walked strongly the whole way and missed her

personal best by just 12 seconds with a 46:38. Michelle Rohl, Deb Van Orden, and Lynda Brubaker all had outstanding races under 48 minutes to take the next three spots.

In the morning, Allen James had gone out strong to establish an impressive early lead and went on to win in 1:26:25, placing him seventh on the U.S. All-Time List and fourth best ever on the track. Gary Morgan was also under 1:27, a vast improvement over his early season form, and Andrezej Chylinski continued to impress with a strong race in third. James told reporters after the race: "I've been training at altitude in Colorado for a while and that's really helped. 1:26:24 is the fastest time by an American this year and a PR for me. My main goal is to qualify for next year's Olympics, which means I have to go 1:24 or better. What I did today shows me that I'm getting closer." He is now pointing for a good race at the Alongi Memorial in late September.

In the 50 Km on July 20, Bobby Briggs easy style made the race look easy as he finished 6 minutes ahead of veteran Dan O'Connor in a personal best of 4:19:24. The converted marathoner was happy to make the Olympic Trials qualifying time (4:25), but sees the Olympic qualifying time of 4:05 as a much tougher goal. Chris Rael, in sixth place, walking only his second 50, improved by nearly 25 minutes to 4:40:45. The results:

Women's 10 Km--1. Debbi Lawrence, North 45:28.4 (American record bettering her own 46:06.36 done earlier this year) 2. Victoria Herazo, West 46:38 3. Michelle Rohl, North 47:25 4. Debora Van Orden, North 47:43 5. Lynda Brubaker, East 47:46 6. Kim Wilkinson, West 49:33 7. Mary Anne Torrellas, East 49:49 8. Tracie Wong-Briggs, West 51:08 9. Holly Wick, South 52:29 DQ--Cheryl Rellinger, East; Christine Hackman and Kathy Donley, South

20 Km--1. Allen James, West 1:26:23.7 (Breaks old Festival record of 1:28:19 by Jim Heiring and Ray Sharp in 1982) 2. Gary Morgan, North 1:26:57 3. Andrezej Chylinski, North 1:27:34 4. Herm Nelson, South 1:30:06 5. Robert Cole, East 1:30:47 6. Curt Clausen, 1:31:09 7. Jonathan Matthews, West 1:32:37 8. Don Lawrence, East 1:33:53 9. Ian Whatley, South 1:35:09 10. John Jorgenson, East 1:37:22 11. Phil Dunn, West 1:38:34

50 Km: 1. Bob Briggs, South 4:19:24 2. Dan O'Connor, East 4:25:30 3. Paul Malek, North 4:27:46 4. Mike DeWitt, North 4:31:29 5. Dave Waddle, South 4:40:00 6. Chris Rael, West 4:40:45 7. Steve Vaitones, East 4:51:25 8. Allen Price, East 4:56:17 DQ--Mark Manning, North DNF--Steve Pecinovsky, West

Pan American Games, Havana: 20 Km, August 4--1. Hector Moreno, Columbia 1:24:58 2. Joel Sanchez, Mexico 1:25:45 3. Marcello Moreira, Brazil 1:26:42 4. Sergio Viera, Brazil 1:27:56 5. Ernesto Canto, Mexico 1:28:22 6. Joege Risquet, Cuba 1:30:33 7. Tim Lewis, US 1:31:07 8. Querubin Moreno, Col. 1:35:23 9. Luis Quisipa, Bolivia 1:37:14 10. Curtis Fisher, US 1:39:01 10. Jeff Cassin, Canada 1:46:37

50 Km, August 11--1. Carols Mercenario, Mexico 4:03:09 2. Miquel Rodriquez, Mexico 4:04:06 3. Edel Oliva, Cuba 4:16:27 (I have no report on US walkers yet) (Sorry, I haven't yet located the results of the women's 10. Not even the Press Office at TAC could help me. It seems that I saw that Graciela Mendoza was the winner, but now I don't know where I saw it.)

SEDLAK, TALLMADGE, ROWLAND SHINE IN WORLD MASTERS

Raisio, Finland, July 21 (5 Km) and July 25 (10 and 20 Km): Women's 5 Km, Age 35--1. Lyudmila Hrutsheva, USSR 23:33.3 2. Tatyana Krivohigna, USSR 24:47 3. ANneli Kuukkanen, Fin. 25:07. . .7. Kathleen Finch, US 28:37 Age 40--1. Viisha Sedlak, US 24:17.2 2. Heather McDonald, Australia 24:40 3. Jacqueline Bonnet, France 25:19 Age 45--1. Heidi Maeder, Switzerland 26:57.7 2. Kathy Frable, US 28:00 3. Jolene Steigerwalt, US 28:02 4. Carol Bean, GB 28:14 Age 50--1. Vieno Heikkila, Fin. 25:54.7 2. Waltraud Seiler, Germany 26:01 3. Guiseppina Migliasso, Italy 26:30. . .Jill Latham, US, DQd Age 55--1. Lilo Kalweit-Marloth, Germany 29:07 2. Denise LeClerc, France 29:57 3. Gerda Bornwasser, Germany 30:16. . .5. Philome Baker-Meyerowitz, US 31:10. . .8. Margaret Seewerker, US 31:57 9. Margaret Peters, US 32:00. . .13. Marian Spatz, US 34:15 Age 60--1. Olga Meyer, Germany 28:44.9! 2. Renge Scott, GB 32:47. . .6. Joanne Carlson, US 37:17 Age 65--1. Joan Rowland, US 32:45 2. Ruth Pauline VanSandt, US 33:05. . .7. Sage Cowles, US 36:02 8. Queenie Thompson, US 36:06 Age 70--1. Britta Tibbling, Sweden 30:50.1! . .4. Imogene Watkins, US 35:48 5. Lois Mulliken, US 40:47 Age 75--1. Margaretha Nyberg, Sweden 37:18.4 Age 80--1. Margit Lindgren, Sweden 38:02.2 2. anne Clarke, US 40:29 3. Marilla Salisbury, US 46:22 4. Mildred Smith, US 48:42 Men's 5 Km, Age 40--1. Viktor Semenov, USSR 20:58 2. Mariman Aytuhamedov, USSR 21:32 3. Bohdan Bulakowski, Poland 22:05 4. Mari Jarviste, USSR 22:38. . .10. Bob Henderson, US 23:59. . .12. Andrew Smith, US 24:13 Age 45--1. Eero Heman, Finland 21:45.6 2. Bernard Binggeli, Switz. 21:53 3. Jean-Claude Berton, France 22:14 4. Patrick Anthony King, Ireland 22:39. . .12. Norman Frable, US 24:23. . .21. Victor Sipes, US 26:37 Age 50--1. Dieter Zschiesche, Germany 22:33.7 2. Murray Dickinson, Australia 23:00 3. Gennaid Sisoiev, USSR 23:10 4. Castellanos Ramirez, Col. 23:30. . .8. John Elwarner, US 23:54. . .19. Paul Johnson, US 25:49. . .25. Robert Brewer, US 27:10. . .29. Bernie Finch, US 27:48 Age 55--1. Vladimir Golubnitschy, USSR 22:44.5 (1960 and 1968 Olympic 20 Km gold medalist) 2. Aaro Nokela, Fin. 23:09 3. David Stevens, GB 23:49 4. Zigueros Irge, USSR 24:04 5. Max Green, US 24:24. . .27. Clyde Hatfield, US 29:24 Age 60--1. Toivo Tuomela, Fin. 25:42.3 2. Nikolai Andurshin, USSR 25:47 3. Shin Nakamichi, Japan 25:54. . .11. Bob Fine, US 27:55 12. Moshe Meyerowitz, US 27:58 13. Vince Genzlinger, US 28:04. . .25. John MacLachlan, US 32:04 Age 65--1. Ingvar Pettersson, Swed. 27:02 2. Boris Olerov, USSR 27:14 3. Bob Mimm, US 28:02. . .17. Chester Peters, US 33:00 18. Donald Cotner, US 33:46 19. Robert Davidson, US 36:42 Age 70--1. Valdemar Jarvinen, Fin. 30:40 2. Pauli Makinen, Fin. 30:58 3. Don Johnson, US 31:08. . .13. Paul Geyer, US 32:20 Age 75--1. Bill Tallmadge, US 32:49 2. Reihold Sutelainen, Fin. 33:17 3. Taavetti, Fin. 33:53. . .10. Robert Mulliken, US 38:57 Age 80--1. Ake Strang, Fin. 35:39.5 2. Trygve Hovik, Nor. 33:56. . .4. Gordon Wallace, US 36:34 Age 85--1. Sigurd Tormoen, Nor. 40:41 Women's 10 Km, Age 35--1. Lyudmila Hrutsheva, USSR 49:05 2. Tatyana Krivohigna, USSR 50:27 3. Anneli Kuukkanen, Fin. 51:11. . .6. Kathy Finch, US 58:10. . .9. Lorrie Leiker, US 62:16 Age 40--1. Viisha Sedlak, US 50:14 2. Heather McDonald, Australia 50:42 3. Jacqueline Bonnet, France 53:13 Age--1. Heide Meader, Switz. 53:21 2. Lee Osborne, Australia 58:28 3. Kathy Frable, US 58:33. . .5. Jolene Steigerwalt, US 58:53 Age 50--1. Waltraud Seiler, Germany 53:11 2. Guissepino Migliasso, Italy 54:06 3. Veino Heikkila, Fin. 55:05--Jill Latham, US DQ Age 55--1. Lila Kalweit-Marloth, Germany 59:18 2. Denise LeClerc, France 60:26. .

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OTHER RESULTS

Master's 1 Mile, Dedham, Mass., July 13--1. Phil McGaw 7:33.4 2. George Scott 8:17 (1st 55-59) 3. William Murphy 8:58 (2nd 55-59) 3. Gary Canner 9:12 (1st 50-54) 5. Charles Mansbach 9:16 (1st 45-49) **The Annual "Short" 20 Km, Taunton, Mass., Aug 18** (actually about 11.7, as I recall)--1. Phil McGaw 1:51:10 2. Paul Schell 1:52:47 3. Dick Ruquist 1:57:59 4. Ken Mattison 2:04:56 5. Charlie Mansbach 2:05:37 6. John Gray 2:09:50 7. George Lattarulo 2:17:57 **Met. Assn. 3 Km, New York, August 18**--1. Nick Bdera (43) 12:59 2. James Spahr (19) 13:09 3. Gary Null (46) 13:28 **Women--1. Melissa Baker 15:23 2. Debbie Iden 15:48 3. Elton Richardson (1st master) 16:10 NY State Empire Games, Albany, July 25 (all events on short course, but it doesn't say how short)--Men's Scholastic 5 Km--1. James Spahr 22:04 2. Abballa Wiggins 25:44 3. Andrew Goldstone 16:10 4. Kayode Bobosu 27:10 Women's Scholastic 5 Km--1. Michelle Safran 23:50 23. Jennifer Grego 24:16 3. Debbie Iden 25:01 4. Debra Scott 25:58 5. Sarah Gordon 26:30 6. Jessica Shea 28:26 Women's 5 Km--1. Elizabeth Galasso 22:51 2. Ellen Oshaughnessy 23:38 3. Eileen Lawrence 26:27 4. Karen O'Connor 27:13 Men's 20 Km--1. Marc Varsano 1:27:15 2. Neil Farley 1:29:25 3. Nick Bdera 1:30:25 4. Marc Bagan 1:33:33 5. Kenneth Fox 1:39:22 6. James Miner 1:44:00 7. Bob Ryan 1:44:55 8. Steve Harvey 1:47:00 9. Brett Dixon 1:51:38 5 Km, Raleigh, NC, Feb. 17--1. Curt Clausen 24:41 2. Paul Martino 24:59 3. Ray McKinnis 25:12 4. Alvia Gaskill 28:30 5. Andrew Briggs 30:26 6. Bill Bauer 30:31 **Women: 1. Kathy Donley 28:39 10 Km, RTP, March 23--1. Alvia Gaskill 59:55 2. Andrew Briggs 60:43 5 Km, Chapel Hill, April 13--1. Curt Clausen 22:59 2. Ray McKinnis 26:24 3. Alvia Gaskill 27:24 10 Km, Chapel Hill, April 13--****

-1. Clausen 50:30 2. Alvia Gaskill 59:08 5 Km, Durham, May 4--1. Alvia Gaskill 27:30 2. Andrew Briggs 3. Bob Falcicola 5 Km, Clayton, May 11--1. Alvia Gaskill 28:12 5 Km, Danville, May 18--1. Alvia Gaskill 28:25 5 Km, Wake Forest, June 1--1. Alvia Gaskill 28:21 2. Andrew Briggs 29:32 3. Andy Jackson 30:53 Women: 1. Kathy DOnley 28:47 Miles at Durham: May 15--1. Alvia Gaskill 7:49 2. Andrew Briggs 8:15 May 22--1. Gaskill 8:04 2. Briggs 8:17 May 29--1. Gaskill 8:10 June 5--11. Briggs 8:19 2. Gaskill 9:14 3. Malissa Williams (age 10) 9:16 June 12--1. Eric Bigham 8:14 2. Briggs 8:17 3. Williams 8:58 4. Gaskill 8:58 June 12--1. Gaskill 7:45 2. Bigham 8:14 3. Briggs 8:45 June 19--1. Gaskill 7:45 2. Bigham 8:14 3. Briggs 8:45 2.7 Mile, Lake Sola, Florida, Aug. 3--1. EWdcardo Rodriquez 20:29 2. Paul Alvord 24:34 3. Bill Mathews 27:38 7 Mile, Miami, July 27--1. John Fredericks (43) 64:28 2. Dave Clarke 66:53 5 Km, Dearborn, Michigan, July 27--1. Gary Morgan 20:55 2. Dan O'Brien 22:41 3. Hompoth Valentine 27:22 Masters: 1. Norman Browne 25:44 2. Robert Campbell 26:51 3. Gerald Bocci 27:26 4. Rod Wright 29:10 Women: 1. Zofia Wolan 24:54 2. Lisa Sonntag 25:53 3. Louise Mitchell 28:09 4. Diane Podsiadlik 29:17 5. Debra Benton 29:29 5 Km, Dearborn, July 13--1. Hompoth Valentine 27:51 2. Vance Genzlinger 28:53 5 Km, Dearborn, August 17--1. Gary Morgan 20:39 2. Dan O'Brien 22:36 Masters: 1. John Elwarner 24:10 2. Max Green 25:07 3. Robert Campbell 26:40 4. Mike Juszak 27:51 5. John Pantaleo 28:12 6. Terry Grimme 28:23 7. Walter Lubzik 29:06 8. William Hall 30:30 Women: 1. Jeanne Bocci 26:36 (1st Master) 2. Louise Mitchell 28:02 3. Diane Podsiadlik 28:44 4. Judy Turner 30:46 (2nd master) 5 Km, Missouri Show-Me State Games, July 21--1. Dave Coutts (35) 24:12 2. Gayle Johnson (42) 25:06 3. Jim Fogle (47) 25:44 4. Kevin Duke (15) 29:29 5. Ruth Eberle (59) 29:52 6. Howard Ziegenhorn (60) 30:32 5 Km, Denver, June 15--1. Peggy Miller 26:52 2. Patricia Cooper 28:39 3. Paul Lightsey 29:51 4. Lisa Bailey 30:03 5 Km, Evergreen, Colorado, July 4--1. Bill Hutchinson 25:31 2. Bruce Ricks (44) 27:41 3. Bob DiCarlo (57) 28:16 4. Alan Yap (48) 28:37 5. John Lyle (58) 29:07 6. Dennie Velasquez 29:22 7. Hal Liak 29:43 8. Patricia Cooper (41) 29:57 1 1/2 Miles, Albuquerque, NM, June 6--1. Joe Sutton (44) 13:22 5 Km, Los Alamos, NM, July 13--1. Theron Kissinger 26:46 2 Mile, Albuquerque, June 16--1. Andrew Smith 14:31 2. Theron Kissinger 15:43 3. Winston Crandall 15:52 4. Jackie Kerby 16:01 5. Arnold Levick 17:46 5 Km, Lakewood, Col., July 13--1. Viisha Sedlak 26:51 2. Alan Yap 28:50 3. Daryl Meyers (48) 29:44 4. Dennis Velasquez 29:51 5. Patricia Cooper 29:53 6. John Lyle 30:16 Pac. Assn. 5 Km, Los Gatos, Cal., June 8--1. Kim Wilkinson 24:55 2. JoAnn Nedelco 25:41 (1st 45-49) 3. Cindy March 26:00 4. Cindy Paffumi 26:01 5. Laura Ribbins 28:17 6. Sandy Womack 29:45 (1st 40-44) 7. Stephanie Matthews 29:48 Men--1. Dave Marchese 22:37 2. Bill Penner 26:47 (1st 40-44) 3. Paul Johnson 27:48 (1st 50-55) 4. Dick Petruzzini 28:11 (1st 55-59) 5 Km, Bellingham, Wash., June 28--1. Stan Chraminski (44) 24:51 2. Bob Novak (42) 25:55 3. Terry Buchanan (42) 28:50 4. Bev LaVeck (55) 28:54 5 Km, Seattle, July 6--1. Herm Nelson 21:18.3 (breaks Larry Young's Stadium record set in 1972) 2. Dominic Urbano 22:37 3. Stan Chraminski 24:50 4. Daniela Hairabedian 27:35 5. Bev LaVeck 28:51 6. Sarah Klautdt 29:45 2.8 Miles, Seattle, Aug. 1--1. Stan Chraminski 21:52 2. Ann McCulley 24:33 3. Sarah Klautdt 29:16 3 Km, Lake Stevens, Wash., Aug. 3--1. Bruce Harland 13:56 2. Stan Chraminski 14:45 3. Bob Novak 15:43 4. Bvev LaVeck 17:44 5. John Crockett 18:16 Washington State Games 3 Km, August 17--1. Bruce Harland 13:59 2. Stan Chraminski 14:34 3. Bob Novak 15:21 4. Steve Fredrickson 17:52 5. Paul

Kaald 18:18 5 Km, Eugene, Oregon, June 22--1. John Kerfoot 23:24 2. Stan Chraminski 25:30 3. Bob Brewer 28:09 Women: 1. Daniela Hairabedian 27:15 2. Colette Govan 27:29 3. Sue Laks 29:09 4. Carolyn Kortge 29:09 5. Kathy Stephens 30:39 1 Mile, Portland, Oregon, July 11--1. Phil Dunn 6:43 2. Bob Brewer 7:46 3. Erin Taylor 8:37 4. Doug Ver Meer 8:47 5. John Hanan II 8:47 6. Ed Thompson 9:14

AND, FROM OTHER LANDS, WE HAVE THESE:

Junior 10 Km (track), Tulokset, Fin., June 15--1. Ilya Markov, USSR 40:13.11 Australian 5 Km Championship, Sydney, Feb. 24--1. Kerry Saxby 21:21.53 200 Km, Chateau-Thierry, France, April 6-7--1. Eric Donze 21:05.43 2. Zbigniew Klapa, Poland 21:23.54 200 Km, Chateau-Thierry, April 20-21--1. Noel Dufay 21:03.09 200 Km, Bar-le-duc, France, May 11-12--1. Zbigniew Klapa, Poland 20:37.14 2. Lubon Mackanic, Czech. 21:11.57 20 Km, Pardes Hans, Israel, May 10--1. Roman Mrazek, Czech 1:24.11 2. Vladimir Ostrowski 1:24.17 3. Igor Kollar, Czech. 1:27.30 30 Km, Sochi, USSR, Feb. 17--1. Aleksandr Potachov 2:05.12 2. Valeriy Spitsyn 2:05.17 3. Anatoloy Grigoryev 2:06.25 4. Andrei Plotnikov 2:10.35 20 Km, Sochi, Feb. 16--1. Aleksander Pershin 1:18.58 2. Frantz Kostyukovich 1:19.05 3. Vladimir Andreyev 1:19.17 4. Grigori Kornev 1:21.16 20 Km, Monterey, Mexico, March 31--1. Joel Sanchez 1:21.17 2. Andrei Perlov, USSR 1:21.29 3. Carlos Mercenario 1:22.10 4. Mikhail Schennikov, USSR 1:23.10 5. Bernardo Setura 1:23.29 6. Aleksander Potachev, USSR 1:23.32 7. Vitali Popovich, USSR 1:23.32 8. Victor Sanchez 1:23.53 9. Ernesto Canto 1:24.11 10. Ignacio Samudio 1:24.33 11. Hector Moreno, Col. 1:24.55 12. Alberto Cruz 1:25.56 DQ--Frantz Kostyukovich, USSR Women's 10 Km, Monterrey, March 31--1. ALina Ivanova, USSR 43:45 2. Graciela Mendoza 44:12 3. Nadyeda Ryashikina, USSR 44:55 4. Olga Kardopolozova, USSR 45:03 1 Hour, Victoria Tamps, Mex., April 3--1. Mikhail Schennikov, USSR 14,830 meters 2. Joel Sanchez 14,818 3. Franz Kostyukovich, USSR 14,740 4. Jose Sanches 14,656 5. Guillaume Leblanc, Can. 14,615 6. Victor Sanchez 14,611 7. Ignacio Zamudio 14,423 8. Vladimir Andreyev, USSR 14,326 9. Querubin Moreno, Col. 14,317 10. Claudio Bertolino, Brazil 14,107 50 Km, Mexico, April 7--1. Andrei Perlov, USSR 3:52.20 2. Vitali Popovich, USSR 3:53.11 3. Carlos Mercenario 3:53.30 4. Miguel Rodriguez 4:00.19 5. Hernan Andrade 4:01.44 6. German Sanchez 4:03.40 7. Martin Bermudez 4:05.28 8. Rodrigo Sanchez 4:05.51 9. Daniel Cordova 4:07.41 50 Km, Naumburg, Ger., April 21--1. Ronald Weigel 3:45.57 2. Hartwig Gauder 3:49.10 3. Godfried DeJonckheere, Belgium 3:49.49 4. Torsten Trampeli 4:01.12 5. Alex Preusche 4:05.29 Women's 10 Km, Naumburg, April 21--1. Beate Anders 44:18 2. Kathrin Born 45:10 20 Km, Naumburg, April 21--1. Axel Noack 1:24.00 Japanese 50 Km Championship, Otsu, March 10--1. Tadihiro Kosaka 4:03.23 Japanese Women's 10 Km Champ., same place--1. Yuko Sato 47:28 20 Km, Bekescaba, Hung., May 5--1. Vrucsik, USSR 1:21.23 50 Km, same place--1. Smirnov, USSR 3:53.03 2. Dudas 3:53.47 3. Festeruk, USSR 3:55.47 4. Ezepeikas, USSR 3:56.45 5. Sator 3:58.15 6. Czukur 3:59.56 Women's 10 Km, same place--1. I. Fessenkova, USSR 45:01 20 Km, Ozd, Hung., May 5--1. Sandor Urbanik 1:23.31 Women's 10 Km, same place--1. Fessenkova, USSR 44:23 2. Radtke, Poland 46:12 20 Km, Budapest, May 18 (track)--1. Gyula Dudas 1:23.51 20 Km, Bekescaba, April 7--1. Srutshchik, USSR 1:21.38 2. Sandor Urbanik 1:21.46 Women's 5 Km, Alytus, Latvia, May 4--1. Yelena

Nikolayeva 21:14 2. Sada Bukaniene 21:46 3. Irina Tolstik 21:49 4. Ruta Erlingyte 22:02 **Men's 10 Km, same place--1.** Niktoras Meskauskas 39:35 2. Evgeniy Misyulya 40:18 3. Valdas Kazlauskas 40:27 **Women's 10 Km, same place--1.** Yelena Saiko 42:22 2. Olga Kardapolotseva 42:44 3. Yelena Nikolayova 43:50 4. Tamara Surovceva 45:11 **Masters 20 Km, Alytus, May 5--1.** Viktor Semeynov 1:24:37 20 Km, same place--1. Viktoras Meskauskas 1:21:44 2. Igor Plotnikov 1:21:53 3. Vladimir Andreyev 1:23:06 4. Oleg Plastum 1:23:52 5. Meciaslav Vezel 1:24:12 5. Kestas Yazepcikas 1:24:28 7. Nikolay Arvinov 1:24:46 8. Audrius Olisevicius 1:24:47 9. Ribert Oleszczuk 1:24:48 10. Vitaliy Macko 1:24:54 20 Km, **Russe, Bulgaria, April 14--1.** Richat Shafikov, USSR 1:23:25 2. Andrei Makarov, USSR 1:24:22 3. Nikolai Kalitka, USSR 1:24:56 **Women's Junior 5 Km, same place--1.** Yuliya Koroliova, USSR 22:17 2. Raisa Schiwirera, USSR 22:32 **International Match, Sdr Omme, Denmark, July 6:** 35 Km--1. Jozepcikas Kastytis, Lithuania 2:41:31 2. Giacomo Cimarrusti, Italy 2:43:08 3. Paul Black, Eng. 2:43:17 4. Riccardo Pisani, Italy 2:43:23 5. Godfried Dejonckheere, Belg. 2:43:28 6. Les Morton, Eng. 2:48:12 **Women's 10--1.** Didikyte Sada, Lit. 46:54 2. Ruta Erlingyte, Lit. 47:32 3. Silene Marchioro, Italy 47:43 **Teams:** 1. Italy 145 2. Lithuania 130 3. England 104 4. Denmark 92 Km 50 Km, **Dudince, Czech., April 7--1.** V. Kononen, Fin. 3:48:54 2. Pavol Szikora 3:49:27 3. V. Spitzin, USSR 3:51:58 4. Jan Klos, Poland 3:55:36 5. J. Bednarek, Pol. 2:55:53 6. J. Holander, Pol. 3:58:47 7. J. Makovec 3:59:29 8. V. Saviko, Fin. 3:59:37 9. P. U. Sjolholm, Swed. 4:04:13 10. G. Ledsiom, Pol. 4:04:53 20 Km, **La Corona, Italy, April 13--1.** Daniel Plaza, Spain 1:22:53 2. Roman Mrazek, Czech. 1:23:65 3. Pavol Blazek, Czech. 1:23:17 4. A. Pieta, Spain 1:23:30 5. Igor Kollar, Czech. 1:23:36 6. Sandor Urbanik, Hung. 1:24:18 7. Val. Massana 1:24:35 8. Robert Korzenowski, Pol. 1:24:49 **Women's 10 Km, same place--1.** Victoria Oprea, Rum. 45:56 2. Maria Rosza, Hung. 46:03 3. Monica Gunnarsson, Swed. 46:20 **Women's 5 Km, Santa Brigide, Italy, April 27--1.** Alina Ivanova, USSR 20:37 2. Olga Kardapolseva, USSR 20:40 3. Nina Raskina 20:44 4. Pagani 21:05 5. Victoria Oprea, Rum. 21:07 6. I. Brozmanova, Czech. 21:16 7. Z. Zemkova, Czech. 21:17 30 Km, **Sesto San Giovanni, Italy, May 1--1.** Andrei Perlov, USSR 2:06:29 2. A. Potalev, USSR 2:06:29 3. Pavol Blazek, Czech. 2:07:43 4. Hubert Sonnek, Czech. 2:08:15 5. Giovanni Perricelli 2:09:16 6. Maurizio Damilano 2:09:37 7. Hector Moreno, Col. 2:09:49 8. Igor Kollar, Czech 2:10:48 9. Sandro Bellucci 2:11:08 10. Roman Mrazek, Czech. 2:12:32 11. M. Quiriconi 2:12:41 12. Franz Kostyukevich, USSR 2:13:31 **Women's 10 Km, same place--1.** Olga Kardapolseva, USSR 43:10 2. Alina Ivanova, USSR 43:26 3. Anna Sidori 43:37 4. N. Ryashkina, USSR 44:39 5. Pier Pagani 45:31 6. Ild. Ilyes, Hung. 45:32 7. Monica Gunnarsson, Swed. 45:34 50 Km, **Gassino, Italy, March 17--1.** Perricelli 3:49:40 2. Sandro Bellucci 3:51:23 3. de Gaetano 3:54:08 4. Jose Marin, Spain 3:54:52 5. Manuel Alcade, Spain 4:01:13 6. Carlo Mattioli 4:01:59 7. Quiriconi 4:03:16 8. Cimarrusti 4:06:30 **Women's 10 Km, Poligliano, Italy, March 17--1.** Ileana Salvador 44:52 2. Pagani 46:53 15 Km, **Molfetta, Italy, April 21--1.** DeBenedictis 60:06 2. Walter Arewna 61:59 50 Km, **Prerov, Czech., June 9--1.** Hubert Sonnek 4:01:05 2. A. Marin, Spain 4:02:15 20 Km, **Borsky Mikulas, Czech., May 11--1.** Pavol Blazek 1:21:43 20 Km, **Olomouc, Czech., April 21--1.** Hubert Sonnek 1:21:59 **Women's 10 Km, same place--1.** Viera Toporek, Austria 45:54 2. Zuzana Zemkova 46:09 **Women's 5 Km, L'Hospitalet, Spain, April 21--1.** Alina Ivanova, USSR 20:36 2. Olga Kardapolseva, USSR 20:37 3. Nadezhda Ryashkina, USSR 21:28 4. Maria Rosza, Hung. 21:42 5. Monica Gunnarsson, Swed. 21:50 6.

Emilia Cano, Spain 22:06. . 8. Tina Poitras, Canada 22:06 20 Km, same place--1. Andrei Perlov, USSR 1:19:58 2. Mikhail Schennikov, USSR 1:20:04 3. Daniel Plaza, Spain 1:20:47 4. Sandor Urbanik, Hung. 1:21:08 5. Robert Korsienowski, Pol. 1:21:19 6. Igor Plotnikov, USSR 1:21:36 7. Pavol Blazek, Czech. 1:21:43 8. Alexander Pershin, USSR 1:22:18 9. Franz Kostyukevich, USSR 1:22:37 10. Hector Moreno, Col. 1:23:13 11. Igor Kollar, Czech. 1:23:17 12. Maurizio Damilano, Italy 1:23:54 13. Giovanni Perricelli, Italy 1:24:12 50 Km, **Hefei, China, March 5--1.** Zhou Zhaoen 3:56:36 **Women's 5 Km, same place--1.** Chen Yueling 20:38 2. Xan Xiong 21:23 3. Fan Xiaoling 21:23 4. Kong Yan 21:27 **Women's 10 Km, Hefei, March 6--1.** Li Jingxue 44:06 2. Chen Yueling 44:11 3. Wang Yili 45:21 4. Kong Yan 45:23 **Women's 10 Km (track), Sydney, Aust., Jan. 19--1.** Kerry Saxby 43:54 20 Km, **Viermunden, Ger., March 10--1.** Robert Ihly 1:23:58 **Larvian 50 Km, Championship, Oge, June 9--1.** Michislav Wezhel 3:49:01 2. Stanislav Vezhel 3:49:01 3. Alexi Wojevodina 4:01:42 **Women's 20 Km, same place--1.** Ludmila Lyubomirova 1:34:22 2. Tatyana Ragosina 1:36:33 3. Irina Lutkova 1:38:35 4. Ilona Skuya 1:39:22 10 Km, **Moscow, June 10--1.** Vyacheslav Cherpanov 39:51 2. Mikhail Orlov 40:00 **Women's 5 Km, same place--1.** Nina Alfuschenko 21:49 2. Olga Leonenko 22:09 **Nordic Junior 10 Km, Moss, Norway, August 40--1.** Martin Engelsviken, Nor. 45:43.1 2. Pasi Vasara, Fin. 45:59 3. Martin Hedlund, Swed. 46:31 **Team: Finland 86 Sweden and Norway 75 Denmark 50 Finnish 20 Km, Helsinki, July 28 (track)--1.** Valentin Kononen 1:24:33 2. Kari Ahonen 1:26:01 3. Pauli Pirjeta 1:26:31 4. Risto Nurmi 1:30:44 5. Matti Heikkila 1:31:24 6. Pasi Vasara 1:33:10 **Women's 5 Km Championship, July 29--1.** Sari Essayah 20:04.02 2. Mirva Hamalainen 23:40 **Women's 10 Km, Sheffield, Eng., July 22--1.** Sari Essayah, Fin. 44:04 2. Chen Yueling, China 3. Annarita Sidoti, Italy

FOR THOSE SEEKING COMPETITION--TRY A FEW OF THESE

Sat. Sept. 14	5 and 10 Km, Dearborn, Mich., 9 am (J)
Sun. Sept. 15	National TAC 40 Km, Lincroft, N.J. (A) Women's 10 Km, Alexandria, Virginia (DD) 10 Km, Oakland, Cal. (EE)
Sat. Sept. 21	3, 5 and 10 Km, Los Angeles, 5:50 pm (B) National TAC 5 Km (all categories), Raleigh, NC (W) 100 Mile (track), Columbia, Missouri, 12 noon (M) Ontario Track Championships, 20 Km men, 10 Km Women, Brockville (BB) 8 Km, Birch State Park, Florida, 7:30 am (Q)
Sun. Sept. 22	2 Mile, Kenosha, WI (I) 5.2 Mile, Interlaken, N.J. (A) Met. 5 Km Championship, New York City, 10 am (R) 5 Km, Libertyville, IL (AA) 5 Km, New Orleans, 8 am (V) 5 Km, New Orleans, 6 pm (V) 2 Hour, Snellville, Georgia (H) Alongi Memorial International 20 Km, Women's 10 Km, assorted other races, Dearborn, Mich. (J)
Sat. Sept. 28	5 Km, New Orleans, 6 pm (V) 2 Hour, Snellville, Georgia (H) Alongi Memorial International 20 Km, Women's 10 Km, assorted other races, Dearborn, Mich. (J)
Sun. Sept. 29	3, 5, and 15 Km, 1 Hour, Kenosha, WI (I) Portland Marathon, Portland, Oregon (S)

- Thu. Oct. 3 2.8 Mile, Seattle, 6 pm (C)
 Sat. Oct. 5 5, 10, 20, and 50 Km, Kenosha, WI (I)
 5 Mile, Coconut Grove, Florida, 8 am (Q)
 3 Km, Naperville, Ill. (E)
 Sun. Oct. 6 North American Masters 20 Km, Midland, Texas(CC)
 20 Km, Keyport, N.J. (A)
 10 Km, Salem, Oregon, 9:40 am (S)
 Met. 15 Km, New York City, 9 am (Z)
 1/2 Marathon, Sacramento, Cal. (EE)
 Sat. Oct. 12 Columbus Day Walk, Albuquerque, NM (G)
 Women's 10 Km, Men's 20 Km, Darlington, SC (Y)
 5 Km, Deal, N.J. (A)
 10 Mile Handicap, New York City (Z)
 5 Km, Dearborn, Mich., 9 am (J)
 Sun. Oct. 13 5 Km, Indianapolis (D) (Prizes of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 for
 1,2,3, both male and female. Bonus for American record)
 Women's 5 Km Men's 10 Km, Hanover, Pa. (U)
 Sat. Oct. 19 8.2 Mile, Seattle (B)
 10 Km, Monterey, Cal. (EE)
 Florida TAC 10 Km, Orlando (GG)
 Sun. Oct. 20 10 Km, Salem, Oregon (S)
 1/2 Marathon, Seaside Heights (A)
 TAC National 2 Hour, Women's 1 Hour, Cambridge, Mass.
 (FF)
 Marathon, Detroit (P)
 5, 10, 20, and 25 Km, Kenosha, Wis. (I)
 Sat. Oct. 26 5 Km, Dearborn, Mich., 9 am (J)
 5 Km, Hollywood, Florida (Q)
 Sun. Oct. 27 5, 20, and 50 Km, Columbus, Ohio 8 am (K)
 Sun. Nov. 3 Women's 2 Mile, Salem, Oregon, 10 am (S)
 New York Marathon (R)
 5 Km, Miami (Q)

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FROM HEEL TO TOE

Dave McGovern, a member of the U.S. National Racewalk Team and winner of last month's National 10 Km, is hosting a racewalking training camp at the Healing Springs Ranch in Tioga, Texas from Sun. Nov. 10 through Sun. Nov. 17. The program will cover all aspect of racewalking from style analysis and training program design to sports psychology and racing strategy. The on-site 400-meter track and scenic cross country trails will be used for speed work and fartlek training, with hill workouts and long training walks conducted over rolling hills on the smooth country roads surrounding the ranch. The ranch is 1 hour north of Dallas. Contact Healing Springs Ranch, Box 277, Tioga, TX 76271 (817/437-2204) for further details. . . An international organization has been founded for the promotion of all phases of race walking. The group's directors are international walkers Bo Gustafsson, president; and Maurizio Damilano, Hartwig Gauder, Ernesto Canto, and Jorge Llopart, area coordinators. All have won either Olympic gold or silver. For information, contact Gustafsson, World Walkers Foundation, 3 S-405 32 Goteborg, Sweden. . . Olympic trainer and world class walker, Mike DeWitt, will conduct a comprehensive 6-week racewalk training program for people of all ages beginning September 22. The program will meet twice a week for a total of 12 sessions at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in Kenosha. Sunday sessions will be timed workouts, including four races. Participants will discuss the event and learn racewalk techniques and strategy designed to improve their times. The group will also meet Wednesday evenings at 6 pm at the Parkside track for a 1-hour workout tailored to the participant's fitness level followed by a classroom session on competitive race walking. Cost is \$120 for the 12 sessions, or \$12 per session. Contact DeWitt at 4230 27th St., Kenosha, WI 53144, or phone 414/551-0142. . . Alan Wood has replaced Gordon Wallace as keeper of world age "bests" for masters men. With what birthdates Alan has, here are marks set in the recent World Vet Championships. 5Km: 55--Vladimir Golubnichiy, USSR 22:45 (also 55-59 best); 59--Max Green, U.S. 24:24; 67--Olaf Petterson, Sweden 27:02; 20 Km: 66--Bob Mimm, U.S. 1:55:52. Another division best is 22:34 in Men 50-54 by Germany's Zschiesche, but his birthdate is needed. Marks and birthdates can be sent to Alan Wood,

Regency House, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444. Alan's newsletter, *The Master Walker*, is \$6.00 a year US, & \$8.00 foreign. . . Alan also reports on Dayton's Clair Duckham (See our History of Walking in Ohio a few issues back), who was named *Total Health* magazine's "Senior Athlete of the Month", primarily for his bicycling feats. The article says Duck, now 85, walks 2 to 4 miles every day, which helps keep him in shape for his Sunday 50 mile group bicycle rides. He also keeps a healthy diet that consists mainly of fish, poultry, vegetables, and fruits. He basically stays away from red meat. At night, Duck clears his head by doing a headstand for 10 minutes. Congratulations to an old friend. . . Two-time Olympian Rudy Haluza (4th in the 1968 20 Km) has retired from United Air Lines and is eager to return to racewalking, but hampered by two chronic back problems. . . One reader questions whether the picture I ran last month is indeed Irina Strakhova and I tend to question it too. Must admit I didn't look that closely when I received the picture from John Allen. Strakhova was wearing red in the race, but this walker has on a white jersey with a number still in place. Therefore, we might assume it isn't her and may indeed be a member of the Japanese team, as reader Christine Hackman has suggested. The little bit of the number that can be detected in the original seems that it might be in the series the Japanese wore in the race. Sorry for the deception. . . Sorry that a few readers received their copies with a plain old black and white cover last month. I forgot to order a new supply of the color mastheads and the old supply ran out with about 150 numbers left in the press run. . . Foreign subscribers (including Canada) please note that I need new subscriptions and renewals in American dollars. My credit union has started charging \$2.00 for handling checks in Canadian dollars and says it will be much more than that for checks in other foreign currencies. So, if you send me renewals in your own currencies, I will have to return them and ask for U.S. dollars. Sorry if it is an inconvenience.

TIM BLACKBURN IN THE SPOTLIGHT

(Received the following letter from Tim Blackburn's lovely wife. Tim is the oldest son of ORW Publisher Emeritus, Jack Blackburn.)

I thought perhaps you and the "Ohio Racewalker" might be interested in my "hotshot" husband, Tim Blackburn. As you know, Tim comes from a long line of racewalkers: his grandparents, John and Corinn, his dad Jack still competes in Masters races, and his brother Nate and sister Kathy have also racewalked. Tim placed fourth in the TAC National 100 Km last November in Atlanta. Being a mailman keeps him in shape. (Ed. There he follows in the footsteps of another Ohio racewalker of the past, Chuck Newell, and British Olympian, Ray Middleton.)

His latest race, which was held Memorial Day weekend, had a different sort of twist. It was called the "Undy 500". The Dayton radio station WTVE sponsored it at the Malibu Grand Prix track south of Dayton. Competitors were required to walk in a "heel and toe" fashion wearing some form of underwear (it was supposed to be tasteful). The race was 1 mile with a qualifying lap. The field of competitors numbered only 14, so Tim felt sure he was a "shoe in". Since he wanted to wear tasteful, yet interesting, underwear, he borrowed some boxer shorts adorned with martini glasses. He looked very cute, yet tasteful. To make a long story relatively

short, he won. His winning time was—well, I don't really know. Kerrigan and Christopher, the morning disc jockeys, goofed around the day the grand prize appeared on I-75 in downtown Dayton. The prize was Tim's face, along with the DJs on a huge billboard. The DJs spent their morning broadcasting from that billboard, drawing as much attention to it as possible.

Now, how does the wife of this famous racewalking celebrity feel about having her husband on a billboard in borrowed underwear? Well, I would have preferred a trip for two to just about anywhere. It is interesting, however. One night, as I'm leaving work, a friend yells across the parking lot, "Saw your husband in his underwear!" I said, "But, it wasn't his underwear!" So anyway, that's how my husband ended up on a billboard. Next year, he may officiate the race, who knows. But one thing is sure—truckers, families coming north from Florida vacations, and angry motorists stuck in hot summer traffic jams will see Tim and wonder "Who is that good lookin' guy on the billboard?" And those of us who are wise will say, "Why, that's Tim Blackburn, racewalker, mailman, and family man." Ask his wife and she says he's a hotshot.

Nancy

She also sent a picture of the billboard, which I plan to run next month so all the world can see Tim Blackburn in his underwear.

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A couple of months ago, we mentioned coverage of the World Cup in the San Jose not being entirely favorable and promised more on this in the future. Finally, we have space. Since I left San Jose on Sunday night, I didn't see the Monday morning papers, which contained the questionable articles. Coverage of Saturday's events in Sunday's paper had seemed fair enough. However, on Monday, The Chronicle's Sports Editor, Mark Purdy, ran a column entitled "Goony walk has fitting end." Among other things, he said, "Apparently, Perlov was bending a knee and/or not looking goony enough, a disqualifying offense, if three different judges around the course detect it." In questioning the judging procedures, he said, "Come on, walking honchos. This is 1991. Basketball scoreboards measure tenths of seconds. Tennis uses lasers to call lines. And walkers still must rely on bicycle go-fers and bulletin boards." And then, in her story on the race, writer Annette John-Hall, commenting on the poor turnout for the race, said, "Michael gliding and Magic passing still hold more appeal in the United States than a bunch of people waddling like Donald Duck."

In reply to all of this, Giulio de Petra sent the following letter.

Mr. Robert D. Ingle
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San Jose Mercury-News
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Dear Mr. Ingle:


Comments by sports editor Mark Purdy and staff writer Annette John-Hall regarding the recent Race Walking World Cup (June 3, 1C, 8C) display a surprising lack of basic knowledge about race walking and an appalling disrespect for its practitioners. It is the writers' attitudes, not the sport of race walking, that is—using Mr. Purdy's word—"bizarre."

References to the appearance of race walkers as "goony" and "waddling like Donald Duck" are gratuitous insults at worst. At best, they betray the writers' inability to accurately describe the rotation of the hips that gives expert race walkers their long stride, power, speed, and grace. Ridiculing the characteristic gait of race walking is as absurd as ridiculing the spin of a shot putter or the arched back of a pole vaulter.

Race walking has been an Olympic event since 1908 and enjoys prestige throughout the world, as attested to by the 31 nations represented in the World Cup competition. Even in the United States, where its significance as a competitive sport is underrated, recognition of its value as a fitness activity has grown rapidly. Its aerobic benefits equal or surpass those of jogging and running, with far less long-term damage to the musculoskeletal system.

The comments by Mr. Purdy and Ms. John-Hall cannot be construed as other than blatant attempts to discredit the image of race walking and its athletes, judges, sponsors, and spectators. To publish their contemptuous remarks was a considerable lapse of judgement on the part of the editors and an insult to the many Bay Area and Central Coast walkers who were involved in hosting the World Cup.

Sincerely,



Giulio de Petra
Chairman
MONTEREY PENINSULA
WALK WALK WALK CLUB, INC.

cc: Susan Hammer, Mayor of San Jose, California
Dr. Nebiolo, President, International Amateur Athletic Federation
Bruce Douglas, Race Walking Chair, The Athletics Congress/USA

LOOKING BACK

25 Years Ago (From the Aug. 1966 ORW)--In the National 40 Km in Long Branch, N.J., Ron Laird prevailed in 3:31:14, some 7 minutes ahead of Ron Kulik. Jim Clinton was third, and then came yhouns=gsters BOB Kitchen and Steve Rebman. . Chris McCarthy came briefly out of retirement in Chicago to take second in a 15 Km race to Bob Gray in 1:23:01, nearly matching the pace he had carried for 50 Km in Tokyo 2 years earlier.

20 Years Ago (From the Aug. 1971 ORW)--Larry Young and Goetz Klopfer captured gold medals at the Pan American Games in Cali, Columbia. Goetz upset teammate Tom Dooley at 20, 1:37:30 to 1:38:16 (high altitude). At 50, Young watched a huge lead dissolve to 10 yards with 1 1/2 miles to go and then rallied to edge Mexico's Gabriel Hernandez, 4:38:31 to 4:38:46. Larry needed 61 minutes over the last 10 Km as the heat and altitude took their toll. John Knifton was third in 4:41=2:15. . Soviet Nikolai captured the European 20 Km title in 1:27:20, covering the final 5 in 21:30. Gerhard Sperling, Paul Nihill, and Peterr Frenkel were also under 1:28. A Soviet also won the 50, Veniamin Soldatenko upsetting Christoph Hohne 4:02:22 to 4:04:45. Peter Selzer and Otto Bartsch followed. . The Strasbourg-to-Paris 525 Km race went to Luxembourg's Jose Simon in 73:10.

15 Years Ago (From the Aug. 1976 ORW)--Steve DiBernardo battled torrential rains to win the National 40 Km in Long Branch in 3:35:26. John Knifton was 2 minutes behind, followed by Ray Floriani, Vincent O'Sullivan, and Alan Price. . Larry

Young prevailed in the National 50 in Columbia, Missouri in 4:11:08. Augie Hirt caught Dan O'Connor in the late stages for second in 4:19:44, with O'Connor hanging on for third (4:23:13, 2:20 ahead of Floyd Godwin. . Sweden's Margareta Simu won the women's Internatinal 5 Km in Copenhagen in 23:48.2. England's Marian Fawkes was second and Norway's Thorild Gylde third. The Ohio TTC's Laurie Tucholski was the first finisher in 11th with 25:59.6. Sweden's Siv Gustavsson won the 10 Km in 50:50, with Susan Liers fourth. . Todd Scully set the pace for nearly 15 Km, but Soviet aces Vladimir Golubnichiy and Otto Bartsch finished one-two in the US-USSR dual meet. The Soviet pair had 1:30:41 and Scully finished in 1:31:22, just 2 seconds ahead of Ron Laird. . The Capitol Racewalkers, led by Steve DiBernardo (7:30.2 average) and Carl Schueler (7:55) average) covered 155 miles 1181 yards in a 24-hour relay at Ft. Meade. (Team members alternate miles. Schueler was eventually able to better that pace for 31 miles without any rests between miles.). . In Ohio, Steve Pecinovsky beat your editor 3 weeks in a row-- 50:09 to 50:18 for 10 Km, 50:45 to 51:50 for 6 miles (obviously, one course or the other, or perhaps both, not measured to well), and 1:19:10 to 1:19:34 for 15. (Laurie Tucholski had a fine 51:36 for the 10.

10 Years Ago (From the August 1981 ORW)--Todd Scully captured the 20 Km race at the National Sports Festival in 1:29:13 and Vincent O'Sullivan took the 50 in 4:28:58. Marco Evoniuk had a 1:25:50 in the 20, but was DQd. Dan O'Connor (1:30:12 and Jim Heiring (1:31:28 followed Scully. Wayne GLusker, Steve Pecinovsky, Bob Rosencrantz, and Steve Vaitones were all under 4:45 in the 50. . Tim Lewis had three good races in England while travelling with the U.S. junior team--21:47 for 5 Km and 44:12 and 45:33 for 10. . Maurizio Damilano won the Alongi Memorial in Dearborn in 1:25:41 with Marco Evoniuk a close second in 1:26:40. . Alan Price won the second annual Doc Blackburn 75 Km in Springfield, Ohio in 7:39:51. Jack Blackburn was second in 8:22:11.

5 Years Ago (from the Aug. 1986 ORW)--In Potsdam, Ronald Weigel bettered his own world best for 50 Km with a 3:38:17. Hartwig Gauder was nearly 9 minutes back in second. Maurizio Damilano, making a rare 50 Km appearance, was fifth. An accompanying women's 10 Km went to Sweden's Monica Gunnarsson in 46:05. East Germany's Ralf Kowalsky won the 20 Km in 1:20:31 and East Germany easily bested Italy, Sweden, Spain, France, and Great Britain in the International match. . Kerry Saxby won the Goodwill Games 10 Km in Moscow with a 45:09. The 20 went to the Soviet, Pershin, in 1:28:29, with Canada's Guillaume Leblanc just 28 seconds back in fourth. . Australia's Simon Baker won the Commonwealth Games 30 Km in 2:07:47 with Leblanc second in 2:08:38