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## Pericelli, Martinez lead Alongi Memorial international races

Dearborn, Michigan, Sept. 27--Italy's Giovanni Pericelli cruised to an easy win in the 14th edition of the Alongi Memorial 20 Km walk today with a sparkling 1:23:46 effort. He led Mexico's Alberto Cruz by nearly a minute, with Jonathan Matthews leading the U.S. contingent in third with an impressive 1:25:40.

In the women's 10 Km, Mexico's Francisca Martinez just hung on to beat Victoria Herazo in 46:19. Herazo was just 5 seconds back and nearly 40 seconds ahead of third-place Sara Standley, who walked a personal best.

In other races, Dave McGovern won the 10 Km, Nick Bdera the Master's 10, Jack Bray the age 50-59, Max Green the 60 and over 10 (with Bray winning the race between these two rivals, Ami Connell the women's 5, Joann Nedelco the women's masters 5, and Lois Dicker the women's 50-59 5.

In an accompanying U.S.-Canada junior match, the U.S. men, led by Sean Albert, and the U.S. women, led by Lisa Chumbley, won. Results:

20 Km International: 1. Giovanni Pericelli, Italy 1:23:46 2. Alberto Cruz, Mexico 1:24:42 3. Jonathan Matthews 1:25:40 4. Dorel Firica, Canada 1:26:39 5. Andrzej Chylinski 1:27:22 6. Gary Morgan 1:29:42 7. John Marter 1:30:38 8. Arturo Huerta, Can. 1:31:57 9. Andreas Luttmann, Germany 1:32:01 10. Carl Schueler 1:32:12 11. Curtis Fisher 1:32:58 12. Nicolas Soto, Puerto Rico 1:34:07 13. Dan O'Brien 1:36:18 14. Paul Wick 1:37:16 15. Ivan Hernandez, Puerto Rico 1:37:26 16. Jose Torres, Puerto Rico 1:38:29

Women's 10 Km International: 1. Francisca Martinez, Mexico 46:19 2. Victoria Herazo 46:24 3. Sara Standley 47:03 4. Debora VanOrden 49:30 5. Cindy March 49:37 6. Dana Yarbrough 50:35 7. Brigitte Leblanc, Can. 51:14 8. Joanna Irvine, Can. 52:20 9. Susan Hornung, Can. 52:40 10. Sally Richards-Kerr 52:46

Open 10 Km: 1. Dave McGovern 47:07 2. Kevin Eastler 48:55 3. Steve Vaitones 49:06 4. Chris Herving, Can. 51:00 5. Dave Lawrence 54:22 6. Guillermo Magat, Can. 55:38 7. Mario Renteria, Mex. 57:21

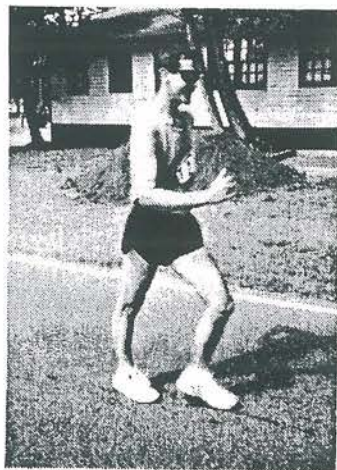
Master's 10 Km: 1. Nick Bdera 47:14 2. John Hunyady 49:45 3. Roman Olszewski, Can. 50:56 4. Don Mowles 51:02 5. Victor Sipes 51:53 6. Norman Frable 53:21 7. William McCray 53:39 8. Andrew Smith 53:39 9. Roger Burrows, Can. 55:20 10. Robert Lubelski 57:10 11. Robert Campbell 58:00 12. Douglas Harty 58:26 13. Donald Bredle 58:39 14. Todd Berkley 61:05

Age 50-59 10 Km: 1. Jack Bray 51:32 2. John Elwarner 52:41 3. Terry McHoskey 52:57 4. Marino Scerpella 54:04 5. Richard Bales 57:45 6. Stuart Summerhayes,

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Above: The U.S. Junior Men's team in action at Brockville, Ontario. From front to back: Will Van Axen, James Spahr, Sean Linehan, and Yariv Pomeranz. (Steve Vaitones photos.)

Below: Nick Bdera enroute to his National 40 Km win. (Photo courtesy of Elliott Denman.)

Can. 58:25 7. Ray Everson 58:58 7. Ron Laird 59:08 9. Gerald Bocci 59:12 10. Gary Gray 60:36

Age 60 and over 10 Km: 1. Max Green 52:01 2. Vance Genzlinger 58:40 3. James Spitzer 60:47 4. John Nervetti 62:06 5. Max Gould, Can. 65:16 6. Johnny Parks 66:14

Women's Open 5 Km: 1. Ami Colwell 24:51 2. Megan Garner-Holman 25:05 3. Pauline Stickels 27:23 4. Debbie Benton 27:50 5. Diane Podsiadlik 28:22 5. Patricia Jones, Can. 28:31 7. Eileen Lawrence 29:10 8. Tracy Ross, Can. 29:32 9. Karen Ferrara 30:16 10. Jeanne Rosinski 21:12

Women's Masters 5 Km: 1. Joann Nedelco 26:16 2. Jeannette Smith 26:40 3. Jeanne Bocci 28:39 4. Kathy Frable 28:59 5. Melody Melchi 30:07 6. Olga Figureoa 30:31 7. Margie Alexander 30:33 8. Beth Alvarez 30:42 9. Kathleen Wood 30:52 10. Carol Harty 31:12

Womens Age 50-59 5 Km: 1. Lois Dicker 29:32 2. Dorothy Withem 29:32 3. Sami Bailey 29:38 4. Nanci Whitney 30:18 5. Ruuth Everson 31:43 6. Beth Young-Grady 32:04

3 km: 1. Marc Ladouceu, Can. 16:03 2. John Briggs 17:05 3. Greg Wittig 17:30 4. Nick Brunson 17:51 4. Martin Cadwell 17:51 (28 finishers) Women: 1. Dori Cracchiolo 17:24 2. Lenore Norris 17:33 3. Majuy Napolitano, Can. 18:29 4. Susan Morgan 18:38 (30 finishers)

U.S.-Canada Jr. Men 10 Km: 1. Sean Albert, U.S. 45:42 2. James Spahr, U.S. 46:08 3. William Van Axen, U.S. 46:21 4. Justin Marrujo, U.S. 47:29 5. Jeff Cassin, Can. 48:00 6. Sean Linehan, U.S. 49:05 7. Eric Drolet, Can. 49:58 8. Vincent Dery, Can. 50:23 9. Yariv Pomeranz, U.S. 50:26 10. Elliot Taub, U.S. 51:30 (Martin St. Pierre, Can. 41:53, but over age) Score: U.S. 16 Canada 6

U.S.-Canada Jr. Women's 5 Km: 1. Lisa CHumbley, U.S. 24:35 2. Mylenn Dupere, Can. 24:54 3. Deborah Iden, U.S. 25:27 4. Melissa Baker, U.S. 26:16 5. Jennifer Grego, U.S. 26:22 6. Sophie Boyer, Can. 26:32 7. Joann Fox, Can. 27:36 8. Martine Rainville, Can. 28:32 9. Jeannette Crocher, Can. 30:44 (Corinne Whissell, Can. 23:37 but over age) Score U.S. 14 Canada 8

Past winners of 20 Km: 1979--Carlo Mattioli, Italy 1:26:30; 1980--Matioli 1:28:27; 1981 Maruizio Damilano, Italy 1:25:41; 1982--Ernesto Canto, Mexico 1:24:58; 1983--Raul Gonzalez, Mexico 1:27:54; 1984--Guillaume Leblanc, Can. 1:26:37; 1985--Leblanc 1:25:32; 1986--Leblanc 1:25:45; 1987 Carl Schueler 1:26:30; 1988--Tim Berrett, UK 1:25:08; 1989--Tim Lewis 1:22:17; 1990--Bernardo Segura, Mex. 1:22:01; 1991--Zbigniew Sadlej, Pol. 1:23:40

### Mexicans dominate Pan-American Cup

Guatamala City, October 17--Taking 1-2-3 in both men's races and 1-2-4 in the women's race, the Mexicans were completely dominant in the 1992 Pan-American Cup competition. Only Vicotria Herazo, with a third place finish in the women's 10 Km was able to stop a complete sweep by the Mexicans. But on this warm and very humid day, Vicky was unable to challenge Mexico's Francisca Martinez as she had 3 weeks earlier in Dearborn. She stayed with Martinez and Maria Colin past the 4 Km mark, but then had to give ground grudgingly through the rest of the race. Hrazo's finish led the U.S. team to a second place finish, ahead of Canada who did not have their best athletes at the meet.



In the men's 20 Km, Bernardo Segura took command early and had better than a minute on the field by the time they reached 5 Km. His teammate, Daniel Garcia, was able to cut into the lead between 10 and 15 km, but then faded at the end, as Segura won by nearly a minute-and-a-half in 1:24:09. Alberto Cruz appeared to have an easy third at the 15 Km mark, but was struggling at the finish to hold off Guatemala's Julio Martinez and our own Jonathan Matthews. Matthews overhauled Mexico's Joel Sanchez over the final 5 Km and was closing on Cruz and Martinez, but ran out of course. His final 5 km was his fastest of the race. He was the only U.S. walker in either of the men's races to walk up to his potential in the muggy conditions, picking up 32 seconds on Cruz vis-a-vis the Dearborn race. As a result of the subpar performances, a surprising Guatemalan team took second ahead of the U.S. in the team competition.

In the 50 Km, the Mexican trio of Sanchez, Rodriguez, and Mercenario pulled away from Guatemala's Julio Urias after 20 Km. They walked together for the next 10 Km, where Sanchez started to drop away. But, after dropping a full minute behind, Sanchez got back in touch over the last 5 Km, when the other two slowed considerably, and they crossed the line together in 4:06:21, quite pedestrian for this trio. Andrzej Chylinski was the first U.S. finisher in seventh. He was with Canada's Tim Berrett, not far back of the leaders, at 20 km, but both of them slowed considerably the second half, with Guatemala's Nelson Funes pulling away from Baarrett for fifth. Chylinski, actually dropped better than a minute behind Dave Marchese at 45 km after leading him more than 5 minutes earlier. But Marchese, walking very well in his first international ran out of gas at that point, just as Chylinski managed to pull himself together and accelerate to the finish.

The U.S. team was managed by Frank Alongi (men) and Barbara Waddle (women), with Carl Schueler and Victoria Herazo serving as captains. The results: Women's 10 Km: 1. Francisca Martinez, Mex. 47:11 (23:22) 2. Maria de la Lus Colin, Mex. 47:27 (23:24) 3. Victoria Harazo, U.S. 47:42 (23:40) 4. Maribel Rebollo, Mex. 49:16 (24:33) 5. Sara Stanley, U.S. 49:18 (24:08) 6. Maria Liliana Bermeo, Col. 49:28 (24:27) 7. Debby Van Orden, U.S. 49:37 (24:30) 8. Cindy March, U.S. 50:05 (24:33) 9. Linda Brubaker, U.S. 50:41 (24:41) 10. Brigitte Leblanc, Can. 51:08 (24:53) 11. Corrinne Whissell, Can. 53:54 12. Joana Irvine, Can. 54:42 13. Maria Guzman, El Salvador 54:47 14. Lidia Carriego, Arg. 57:04 15. Olga Martinez, Guat. 58:03 16. Ivis Martinez, El. Sal. 60:54 17. Silvia Bomez, Guat. 66:05 18. Angelica Bustillo, Hond. 71:54 DQ--Maria Ambrosio, Guat.; Rosario Silva, Mex.; and Graciela Mendoza, Mex. Team score: Mexico 69; U.S. 60; Canada 48; El Salvador 33; Guatemala 20; Colombia 19; Argentina 13; Honduras 7

Men's 20 Km: 1. Bernardo Segura, Mex. 1:24:09 (20:32, 41:41, 1:02:51) 2. Daniel Garcia, Mex. 1:25:34 (21:40, 42:44, 1:03:37) 3. Alberto Cruz, Mex. 1:28:32 (21:40, 43:04, 1:04:41) 4. Julio Martinez, Guat. 1:28:44 (22:13, 44:14, 1:06:29) 5. Jonathan Matthews, U.S. 1:28:58 (22:42, 44:46, 1:10:07) 6. Joel Sanchez, Mex. 1:30:37 (21:40, 43:49, 1:07:01) 7. Julio Urias, Guat. 1:31:36 (22:05, 44:50, 1:08:00) 8. Orlando Lopez, Col. 1:32:27 (21:30, 44:02, 1:07:18) 9. Alejandro Lopez, Mex. 1:33:12 (21:40, 44:02, 1:07:47) 10. Hugo Lopez, Guat. 1:33:20 (22:42, 45:52, 1:09:42) 11. Arturo Huerta, Can. 1:34:37 12. Ray Funkhouser, U.S. 1:35:06 (22:50, 46:28, 1:10:41) 13. Benjamin Loreface, Arg. 1:37:51 14. Dave McGovern, U.S. 1:38:36 (23:34, 48:36, 1:14:34) 15. Nicolas Soto, PR 1:41:22 16. Jorge Sitalan, Guat. 1:42:22 17. Roberto Oscar, Guat. 1:42:49 18. Boris Molina, Hond. 1:43:22 19. Rafael Valladares, Hond. 1:45:36 20.

Francisco Guzman, El. Sal. 1:52:30 21. Ernesto Elias, El. Sal. 1:54:00 22. Victor Salgado, Hond. 1:55:35 DNF--Allen James, U.S. (22:42, 46:27) DQ-- Jorge Loreface, Arg.; Marco Aguiluz, Hond; Tim Berrett, Can., Gary Morgan, U.S. Team score: Mexico 79; Guatemala 66; U.S. 57; Honduras 27; El Salvador 23; Colombia 21; Canada 19; Argentina 17; Puerto Rico 15.

Men's 50 Km: 1. German Sanchez, Mex. 4:06:21 (49:51, 1:37:17, 2:23:42, 3:12:56) 2. Miguel Rodriguez, Mex. 4:06:21 (49:51, 1:37:18, 2:23:41, 3:11:51) 3. Carlos Mercenario, Mex. 4:06:21 (49:51, 1:37:18, 2:23:40, 3:11:51) 4. Julio Urias, Guat. 4:09:55 (49:51, 1:37:36, 2:25:42, 3:16:21) 5. Nelson Funes, Guat. 4:14:20 (49:39, 1:37:37, 2:26:37, 3:21:03) 6. Tim Berrett, Can. 4:14:46 (49:51, 1:37:38, 2:25:05, 3:17:29) 7. Andrzej Chylinski, U.S. 4:21:09 (49:51, 1:37:39, 2:1=28:34, 3:26:00) 8. Dave Marchese, U.S. 4:22:30 (52:16, 1:43:34, 2:33:29, 3:26:11) 9. Ottoniel, Guat. 4:23:09 10. Carl Schueler, U.S. 4:24:46 (51:09, 1:40:53, 3:31:30, 3:25:24) 11. Herman Nelson, U.S. 4:32:42 (52:15, 1:44:52, 2:37:17, 3:34:00) 12. Sergio Velasco, Mex. 4:34:45 13. Mario Casas, Mex. 4:44:07 14. Antonio Lemus, Guat. 4:47:30 DNF--Paul Malek, U.S. Team score: Mexico 79; Guatemala 64; U.S. 59; Canada 22

### Bdera scores easy win in 40 Km

Fort Monmouth, N.J., Sept. 13 (From Elliott Denman, *Asbury Park Press*) The "kids" Michael Korol and Cliff Mimm, played "rabbit" and took out the early pace. But the veteran, Nick Bdera, brought it home at the end. So it went at the Athletics Congress 54th Annual National Championship 40-Km Racewalk today. When the going got tough in the grueling test, staged over the ground of the military post, the 43-year-old Bdera of New York got going.

New Yorker Korol led through the first half of the race, before Willingboro's Mimm took it over. Both are in their early 30s, relative youngsters in a mature athlete's game. By 28 kilometers, though, Bdera had the freshest legs in the pack. Bdera, in real life an administrator with the Road Runners Club of New York, went on to win it decisively in 3:37:15. Korol settled for second in 3:50:07, while Mimm hit the wall and was unable to finish. The 1991 champion and pre-race pick, Paul Malek of South Milwaukee, Wis., was a late scratch.

The women's division title went to Micheline Daneau of Montreal in 4:08:19 over Elton Richardson of New York (4:17:46 for first over 50) and Shore AC's Donna Cetrulo. Bdera had won this race 5 years ago and was delighted to walk his way back into the winner's circle. It's wonderful, it's wonderful", he said. "It's a wonder I won it again."

It took the prodding of East Side TC coach Howard Jacobson to get Bdera back into serious training. "Through May, June, and July, I was doing zero mileage," said Bdera. "In August, though, I jumped from something to nothing." All the old instincts were there, and Bdera got back into shape in a hurry. By race time at 8:30 am, he was ready. By noon, he was winning it going away.

East Side Track Club, with Bdera, Shabar Khmedalliah, and Lon Wilson, repeated as men's team champion. It was host Shore AC winning both the men's masters team crown and the women's masters crown. Results:

1. Nick Bdera, East Side TC (1st M40) 3:37:15 (53:00, 1:45:44, 2:38:40) 2. Michael Korol, un., New York City 3:50:07 (51:32, 1:45:46, 2:45:46) 3. Bob Keating, New England Walkers (1st M45) 3:51:36 (54:25, 1:49:49, 2:47:02) 4. Brian Savilonis, NEW



(2nd M40) 3:54:51 (56:21, 1:53:18, 2:52:12) 5. Alan Price, Potomac Valley Seniors (3rd M40) 3:56:14 (56:23, 1:51:40, 2:52:14) 6. Shabar Khmedallah, ESTC 4:03:52 7. Lon Wilson, ESTC 4:05:38 (2nd M40) 8. Phil McGaw, North Medford Club (4th M40) 4:12:30 9. Bill Norton, Shore AC 4:14:25 (5th M40) 10. Ron Morra, Phast Walkers 4:21:04 (6th M40) 11. Thomas Srodjewski, Phast Walkers 4:21:04 (1st M50) 12. Dr. Patrick Bivona, Shore AC (2nd M50) 4:23:58 13. Tim Chelius, Shore AC 4:26:43 14. Marc Bagan, Shore AC 4:28:01 15. Bob Mimm, Shore AC (1st M65) 4:30:27 16. Stanley Schecter, Millrose AA (1st M55) 4:31:11 17. Paul Cajka, Shore AC 4:31:19 18. Manny Eisner, Shore AC (3rd M50) 4:32:55 19. Bill Purdie, Shore AC 4:36:29 20. Cokey Daman, Tidewater Striders (1st M70) 4:41:36 21. Leo Rivera, Natural Living Club (1st M60) 4:45:42 22. Dr. John Shilling, Walk USA (2nd M55) 4:45:52 23. Greg Leck, Bangor, Maine 4:48:52 24. Bernard Kaufman, ESTC (3rd M55) 4:49:52 25. Jacinto Mogenta, Natural Living (3rd M45) 4:53:19 (44 finishers)

Women: 1. Micheline Daneau, Montreal 4:08:19 (57:22, 1:54:34, 2:56:02) 2. Elton Richardson, Walk USA (1st W50) 4:17:46 (1:05:03, 2:05:58, 3:10:03) 3. Donna Cetrulo, Shore AC (1st W40) 4:31:08 (10 finishers)

Men's Teams: 1. East Side TC 11:46:45 2. Shore AC 13:06:16 Masters: 1. Shore AC 13:25:28 Judges: Bruce MacDonald (Chief), Elliott Denman, Don Henry, Stella Cashman, Ray Funkhouser

### Whatley, Iden sweep 1 and 2 hour titles

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 18 (from Steve Vaitones)--South Carolina's Ian Whatley and New York junior Debbie Iden took the national timed track titles at the MIT track today.

Whatley, less than 12 hours off a business trip flight from Korea, never looked back from the gun. He held record pace for nearly an hour, but jet lag and flight butt slowed him over the second hour. He beat second placer (and event co-director) Phil McGaw by nearly 5 Km with 25,092 meters.

Iden, the year's number two junior at 5 Km, also lead the full field from the start. She had up to a half lap on Micheline Daneau during the race, though Quebec's long-distance specialist cut that to less than half a straightaway by the final horn. Steady laps (weaving as wide as lane 4 to pass some of the crown on the track) brought Iden through 10 Km in 53:05 and the hour in 11,279 meters, half a lap short of the junior record. Winning both junior and senior titles is not unprecedented, as Lynn Weik did the same back in 1987 with 11,240 meters, a then senior record.

Bob Keating repeated as masters 1 Hour winner with 12,773 meters, nearly a km up on Brian Savilonis, the duo leading the New England Walkers to their second masters team title of the month.

In the concurring junior hour, Maine's Kevin Eastler got an early lead on Elliot Taub and was able to hold it the finish at 11,835 meters. Eastler's young Western Maine Walkers (all three only 15 years old) took the team title.

Masters women were led by Jeanette Smith, who covered 10,585 meters and led the Indiana Walkers to the team title.

The meet was conducted by the North Medford Club and the New England Walkers, and will return to Cambridge in 1993, as it was awarded for 2 years at the last convention. Results:

Men's 2 Hour: 1. Ian Whatley (33), Potomac Valley Walkers 25,092 meters 2. Phil McGaw (42), North Medford Club 20,834 3. Will Desrosiers (33), New England Walkers 20,426 4. Justin Kuo (38), NEW 20,403 5. Ken Mattsson (28), NEW 20,079 6. Joseph Kay (48), NEW 18,427 7. George Lattarulo (44), NMC 17,434 8. Donald Tesiero (29) NEW 15,220 DQ--Elliott Denman (58), Shore AC (Now, there's a story!) Team: 1. New England Walkers 60,908 2. North Medford 56,695

Men's 1 Hour: Junior--1. Kevin Eastler (15), Western Maine Walkers 11,835 2. Elliot Taub (19), un. 11,685 3. Michael Hersey, WMW (15) 10,495 4. Simpson, Caleb (16), WMW 10,189 40-44--1. Brian Savilonis (42), NEW 11,869 2. Robert Ullman (43), NEW 11,202 3. Bob Kitchen, un. (44) 10,088 (now on sabbatical at Harvard Divinity School) 45-49--1. Bob Keating, NEW (45) 12,773 2. Joe Light (45), NEW 11,804 3. John Johnson (47), Conn. RW 11,246 4. Charles Mansbach (48), NEW 9916 5. Bob Falcicola (48), un. 9495 50-55--1. Tom Knatt (52), NEW 10,567 55-59--1. Paul Johnson (55), Fort Smith, Ark. 11,181 2. Wayne Nicoll (59), NEW 10,221 3. Ron Bielicki (59), NEW 8042 60-64--1. Mike Michel (62), SC Walkers 9545 70-74--1. Phil O'Connell (71), NEW 8149 Masters Team: 1. New England Walkers 36,446 2. NEW "B" 31,990

Women's 1 Hour: 1. Deborah Iden (17) un., Bayport, N.Y. 11,279 2. Micheline Daneau (32), Montreal 11,221 3. Jeanette Smith (43), Indiana Racewalkers 10,585 4. Elton Richardson (53), un., New York City 10,151 5. Margie Alexander (49), Ind. RW 9505 6. Shelly Cantor (43), NEW 9503 7. Meg Ferguson (42), NEW 9502 8. Lisa Pitre (32), un. Cut Off, Louisiana 9493 9. Evelyn Bandlow (39), NEW 9488 10. Beth Young-Grady (55), Ind. RW 9436 11. Barbara Currier (42), NMC 8885 12. Carol Juo (45) NEW 8871 13. Maureen Robinson (36), NEW 8825 14. Carolyn Willis (38) NMC 8805 15. Sandra Musick (49), NEW 8739 (31 finishers) Team: 1. New England Walkers 26,534 2. North Medford Club 24,483 Masters: 1. Indian Walkers 29,526 2. NEW 27,876

### Herazo edges Standley for 5 Km title

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 9--Moving to the front at the gun, Victoria Herazo was never headed as she won the National 5 Km race in 22:39. But Sara Standley stayed right on her heels throughout and was still just a second back at the finish. Debbie Van Orden broke away from Canada's Pascale Grand to take third, with Grand just edging Linda Brubaker. Unfortunately, at this time we have only the first five finishers in what was a very impressive 44-woman field.

1. Victoria Harazo, Las Vegas 22:39 2. Sara Standley, Colorado Springs 22:40 3. Debbie Van Orden, New York, N.Y. 23:32 4. Pascale Grand, Toronto 23:50 5. Linda Brubaker, Lancaster, Penn. 23:51

### OTHER RESULTS

U.S.-Canada Junior Meet, Winnipeg, July 31: Women's 5 Km--1. Susan Armenta, US 24:47.86 2. Mylene Dupere, Can. 25:46.77 3. Debbie Iden, U.S. 26:53.25 4. Joanne Fox, Can. 28:17.80 Men's 10 Km--1. Pascal Pedneault, Can. 47:02.11 2. Sean Albert, U.S. 47:46.36 3. James Spahr, U.S. 48:56.88 Elite Racewalk Camp 10 Km, Lake Placid, N.Y., Aug. 30--1. Sean Albert 45:58 2. Will VanAxen 45:58 3. Yariv Pomeranz 46:54 4. Kevin Eastler 49:15 5. Mike Djaimza 50:22 5. Chris Braudis 51:01 6. Mike Hersey 54:07 8. Will Leggett 54:38 9. Matt Barber 58:20 10. Wayne



Meeks 58:42 **Girls 5 Km, same place--1.** Lisa Chumbley 25:09 2. Melissa Baker 25:58 3. Debbie Iden 27:12 4. Aimee Parson 27:28 5. Debbie Scott 28:03 6. Ann Lankowicz 28:07 7. Alison Aabrenski 28:14 8. Adrienne Corker 28:16 9. Becky Parson 28:46 10. Corinee Colling 29:30 **20 Km, New York City, Sept. 6--1.** Marc Varsano (27) 1:30:06 2. Dorel Firica (32) 1:31:40 3. Michael Korol (34) 1:42:18 4. Gary Null (47) 1:44:13 5. Franco Pantoni (46) 1:45:49 6. Kaisa Ajaye (28) 1:50:53 (1st woman) 7. Taka Amano (42) 1:55:44 8. Mike Roth (22) 1:58:03 9. Robert Gottlieb (29) 2:01:50 10. Mark Moschchinsky (31) 2:02:20 11. Jack Clifford (38) 2:03:22 12. Tom Zdrojewski (51) 2:03:31 13. Stanely Schecter (59) 2:04:30 14. Jacinto Mogena (46) 2:04:52 15. Melissa Jacobson (30) 2:05:33 16. Edward Gawinski (66) 2:07:31 17. Ed Merrill (59) 2:08:26 18. Shah Kirit (46) 2:14:13 19. Andrea Armano (44) 2:15:10 20. Heidi Fishcer (35) 2:19:22 (38 finishers) **15 Km, New York City, Sept. 26--1.** Michael Korol 1:13:44 2. Shabar Khmedallah (24) 1:17:30 3. Gary Null 1:17:53 4. Franco Patoni 1:18:54 5. Robert Gottlieb 1:21:13 6. John Clifford (38) 1:21:14 7. Alan Jacobson (37) 1:21:24 8. Richard Harper (42) 1:26:22 9. Howard Jacobson (61) 1:27:12 10. Stanley Schecter 1:30:11 11. Elton Richardson (53) 1:30:45 (1st woman) 12. Thomas Marchevko (42) 1:31:15 13. Herbert Zydek (53) 1:31:43 14. Melissa Jacobson 1:37:29 15. Luis Canepa (44) 1:38:05 (29 finishers) **5 km, New York City, Oct. 18--1.** Marc Varsano 21:20 2. Michael Korol 22:22 3. Nick Bdera 22:29 4. Shabar Khmedallah 23:35 5. John FLifford 25:50 6. Michael Roth 26:08 7. Ellen O'Shaughnessy 26:27 8. Kwang Vo 27:12 9. Herbert Zydek 27:43 10. Marac Moshinsky 27:52 11. Robert Barrett (58) 27:56 12. Stanley Schecter 28:57 13. Luis Canepa 28:58 14. Shah Kirit 30:24 15. Ellyn Altman (50) 30:25 (55 finishers) **5.2 mile handicap, Interlaken, N.J., Sept. 6--1.** Hans Ehrnstrom 55:05 2. Ben Ottmer 47:50 3. Carole Kepler 53:55 4. Pat Weir 48:02 (2nd fast women's time) 5. Ray Funkhouser 36:15 (fast time) . . 9. Nick Bdera 39:31 (2nd fast time) 10. Phyllis Hansen 45:40 (women's fast time) . . 18. Donna Cetrulo 51:15 (3rd fast time, women) . . 20. Cliff Mimm 40:22 (3rd fast time) **5 Km, Beaver Island State Park, Niagara Falls, Oct. 3--1.** Dick Bales 26:48 2. Bob Lubelski 26:53 3. Karen Fina 31:29 (22 finishers) **15 Km, Beaver Island, Oct. 17--1.** Dave Lawrence 1:21:59 2. Bob Lubelski 1:24:01 (1st 45-49) 3. Doug Harty 1:32:15 (1st 40-44) 4. Eileen Lawrence 1:33:51 **3 Km, Alexandria, Virginia, Aug. 23--1.** Ron Clarke 17:06 2. Valerie Meyer 18:28 **1 Mile, same place--1.** Valerie Meyer 9:01 **3 Km, Alexandria, Sept. 6--1.** Alison zabrenski 16:42 2. Valerie Meyer 17:01 3. Judy Goldstein 17:32 (1st ovewr 40) 4. Nancy Whitney 17:54 (1st ovewr 50) **Men:** 1. Alan Price (1st over 40) 15:06 2. Milliam Leggett 15:23 (1st under 20) 3. Jim Wass 15:25 (2nd over 40) 4. ROn Clarke 16:56 (3rd over 40) 5. Jim Miller 17:55 (1st over 50) **1 Hour, Alexandria, Virginia, Sept. 20--1.** Bob Briggs 11,187 meters 2. William Leggett 11,048 3. Malcolm Posey 10,302 4. Ron Clarke 9,957 **Women:** 1. Pauline Stickels 10,120 2. Valerie Meyer 9835 3. Nancy Whitney 9544 4. Beth Alvarez 9346 **5 Km, Atlanta, Aug. 22--1.** Mark Danford 29:23 2. Patti Henderson 30:09 **5 Km, Orlando, Florida, Sept. 26--1.** Burns Hovey 25:49 2. Ken Cutler 27:09 3. Raymond McDaniels 27:35 4. Steve Christlieb 27:36 5. Chuck McLaughlin 27:46 **5 Mile, Coconut Grove, Florida, Oct. 3--1.** Bob Cella (55) 48:44 2. Gerald Gomes (59) 50:25 **Women:** 1. Linda Stein (47) 47:17 2. Donna Pape (39) 49:40 **5 Km, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Oct. 10--1.** Eric Schmook 24:53 2. Gerry GOMes 29:23 **Women:** 1. Donna Pape 28:51 **5 Km, Hollywood, Florida, Oct. 17--1.** Eric Schmook 24:08 2. Bob Cella 28:30 3. Gerald Gomes 29:27 **Women:** 1. Tamar Shendell 29:05 2. Elizabeth Nelson

29:21 **5 Km, Harahan, Louisiana, Setp. 12--1.** Glen Laigast 29:40 **Women:** 1. Sharon Lewis 29:18 2. Lisa Pitre 30:52 **4 Mile, New Orleans, Sept. 19--1.** Don Lee 36:48 2. Sidney Holmes 38:45 (1st over 40) **Women:** 1. Sharon Lewis 39:16 **2 Mile, New Orleans, Sept. 27--1.** Sidney Holmes 17:53 **Women:** 1. Sharon Lewis 17:58 **5 Km, Bridge City, La., Oct. 11--1.** Sidney Holmes 29:32 **Women:** 1. Sharon Lewis 28:24 **5 Km, St. Joseph, Mich., July 18--1.** Gerald Haas 26:39 **5 Km, Allegan, Mich., Aug. 15--1.** Tim Brostrom 29:37 **5 Km, Portage, Mich., Sept. 12--1.** Charles Liggins 28:06 **5 Km, Colombia, Missouri, July 4--1.** Gayle Johnson 25:24 **5 Km, Aurora, Colorado, Sept. 20--1.** Kevin Molick 29:45 2. Shrie Young (40) 30:10 3. Gerald Storie (60) 30:28 **20 Km, Rock Creek, Col. Sept. 27--1.** Alay Yap (50) 1:58:19 2. Peggy Miller 1:59:32 3. Mike Blanchard 2:00:26 (started late) 4. Bob DiCarlo (58) 2:04:58 5. Peter Armstrong (52) 2:07:44 **5 Km, Thornton, Col., Sept. 19--1.** Mike Blanchard 24:55 **5 Km, BOulder, Col., Oct. 11--1.** Alay Yap 27:47 2. Darayl Meyers 30:26 **5 Km, Ft. Collins, Col., Sept. 26--1.** Daryl Meyers 28:47 2. Gerald Storie 30:34 **5 Km, Denver, Oct. 3--1.** Mike Blanchard 25:24 2. Sally Richards-Kerr (40) 25:26 3. Megan Garner-Holman 25:30 4. Dennis Velasquez 27:30 5. Randolph Pasko 27:35 6. Daryl Meyers (49) 29:04 7. CHristine Chase 29:10 8. Marianne Maartino (42) 29:48 9. Sheri Young (40) 29:56 10. Gerald Storie 30:15 **North American Masters 15 Km, Albuquerque, Sept. 6--1.** Ed Whiteman, Louisiana (50-54) 1:21:32 2. Norm Frable, Texas (45-49) 1:22:45 3. Andrew Smith, New Mexico (40-44) 1:25:37 4. Paul Johnson, Arkansas (50-54) 1:26:01 5. Larry Martinez, NM (40-44) 1:27:28 6. Bob Brewer, Oregon (50-54) 1:27:47 7. Peter Armstrong, NM (45-49) 1:28:15 8. Winston Crandall, NM (50-54) 1:31:18 **Women:** 1. Eliza Walbridge, NM (40-44) 1:27:03 2. Kathy Frable, Texas (45-49) 1:32:34 3. Susan Johnson, NM (50-54) 1:37:02 **3 Km, Pasadena, Sept. 12--1.** Larry Walker 12:55 2. Murray Day 13:54 3. Andrew Hecker 15:59 4. Steve Leitner 16:07 5. Carl Warrell 16:46 6. Bill Neder 16:54 7. Carl Acosta 17:20 **Women:** 1. Donna CUnningham 16:48 2. Virginia Scales 18:19 **5 Km, same place--1.** Richard Lenhart 24:25 2. Donna Cunningham 28:01 3. Bill Neder 29:08 4. Helen Gerundo 30:08 **10 Km, Same place--1.** Murray Day 49:08 2. Chris Dreher 53:41 3. Richard Oliver 57:02 **10 Km, San Francisco, Sept. 20--1.** Jonathan Matthews 43:24 2. Larry Green 55:13 (1st 55-59) 3. David Dorinson 61:17 (1st 50-54) **Women:** 1. Cindy March 49:30 2. Darcy Abrams and Sally Focacci (1st 40-45) 57:32 4. Laura Cribbins 58:29 5. Sandy Womack (2nd 40-45) 58:30 6. Kathy Keller 60:54 **5 Km, same place--1.** JoAnn Nedelco 26:16 **5 Km, Sacramento, Sept. 13--1.** Karen Stoyanowski 25:44 2. Tommy Aunan 28:00 3. Kathy Keller 28:03 4. Bob Eisner 28:04 5. Sally Cocacci 28:11 6. Ayala 29:25 **5 Km, Paradise, Cal., Aug. 29--1.** Karen Stoyanowski 26:16 2. Randy Avellar 28:14 **Half Marathon, Sacramento, Oct. 11--1.** Karen Stoyanowski 1:54 2. Tommy AUNan 2:05 3. Alan Mendoza 2:07 4. Sally Focacci 2:09 5. Wim Verhoef 2:09 6. Darci Abrams 2:10 **World Junior Championships, Seoul, Sept. 20:** **Women's 5 Km--1.** Hongmiao Gao, CHina 21:20.08 2. Jane Saville, Australia 21:58.04 3. Mike Itakura, Japan 22:26 4. Bertha Vera, Ecuador 22:31 5. Karmila Holpuchova, Czech. 22:34 6. Marla Vasco, Spain 22:35 7. Michaela Hafner, Italy 22:35 8. Doreen Sellenfhek, Germany 22:48 9. Ilona Skuja, Latvia 22:50 10. Miwako Tsukada, Japan 22:58 11. Lihong Tan, CHina 23:00 12. Miriam Ramon, Ecuador 23:03 . . 20. Susan Armenta, U.S. 24:06 . . 29. Deborah Iden, U.S. 25:52 (32 finishers, 3 DQs) **Men's 10 Km, Sept. 16--1.** Perez, Ecuador 40:42.66 2. J. Muller, Poland 40:51 3. G. Muller, Poland 41:13 **Baltic Cup, Alytus, Lith., May 9-10:** **Men's 20 Km--1.** Ronald Weigel, Germany 1:22:51 2.



Viktoras Meskauskas, Lith. 1:23:12 3. Valdas Kazlauskas, Lith. 1:23:30 4. Maboslav Wezel, Lith. 1:23:34 5. Janus Golawski, Poland 1:23:46 6. Igor Liubomirov, Lith. 1:25:20 Women's 10 Km--1. Olga Kardopolova, Lith. 43:35 2. Nina Sliudenko, Lith. 44:10 3. Beata Kasmarska, Poland 44:30 4. Liuda Liubomirova, Lith. 45:32 5. Sada Bukelena, Lith. 45:33 6. Ruta Erlingyte, Lith. 45:33 10 Km, Campomarino, Italy, July 19--1. Maaruzio Damilano 39:09.6 2. Giovanni DeBenedictis 40:19

# HERE ARE SOME EVENTS FOR YOU PERAMBULATING PLEASURE

Sun. Nov. 8 5 Mile, Manalapan, N.J., 11:15 am (A)  
5 Km, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 7:30 am (Q)  
5 Km, Clarksburg, Cal. (Y)  
Sat. Nov. 14 10 Km, Denver (H)  
Sun. Nov. 15 5 Km, New York City, 10 am (G)  
1 Hour, Monmouth, NJ, 10 am (A)  
Half Marathon and 5 Km, Miami, 7:30 am (Q)  
1 Hour, Marin, Cal. (Y)  
Sat. Nov. 21 10 Mile, Clarksville, Tenn., 8:30 am (R)  
MAC 40 Km, New York City, 10 am (X)  
5 Km, Plainview, NY (S)  
5 Km, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 9:30 am (AA)  
8 Km, Naples, Florida, 7:30 am (Q)  
1 Hour, Monterey Park, Cal., 8:30 am (B)  
Sun. Nov. 22 Coney Island 10 Mile Handicap, 9 am (K)  
1 Hour, Monmouth, NJ, 10 am (A)  
Northeast 10 Km, Concord, Mass. (F)  
Thu. Nov. 26 10 Km, Detroit (O)  
4 Mile, Denver (H)  
5 Km, Miami, 7:30 am (Q)  
Fri. Nov. 27 5 Mile, Freehold, NJ, 11am (A)  
Sat. Nov. 28 5 and 10 Km, Miami, 7:30 am (Q)  
Sun. Nov. 29 5 Km, New York City, 10 am (G)  
Gulf 35 Km, Houston and 10 Km (BB)  
Tue. Dec. 1 5 Km, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 6:30 pm (Q)  
Sat. Dec. 5 5 Km, Miami, 8:15 am (Q)  
5 and 10 Km, Miami, 6:30 pm (Q)  
Sun. Dec. 6 Shore AC 1 Hour, Monmouth, NJ, 10 am (A)  
5 Km, Miami, 6 pm (Q)  
4.4 Mile, Denver, 9 am (H)  
Sat. Dec. 12 5 Km, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 8 am (P)  
5 Km, Virginia Beach, 9:30 am (AA)  
Sun. Dec. 13 Todd Scully 10 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 1:35 pm (A)  
5 Km, New York City, 9 am (G)  
2 Mile, Denver (H)  
Tue. Dec. 15 5 Km, Folsom, Cal. (Y)  
Sat. Dec. 19 2 Mile, New Orleans, 4 pm (M)  
5 Km, Denver (H)  
Sun. Dec. 20 1 Hour, Monmouth, N.J., 10 am (A)  
Sun. Dec. 27 Polar Bear 10 Mile, Asbury Park, N.J., 10 am (A)

50 Km, Houston (BB)  
Thu. Dec. 31 4 Mile, Detroit, 4 pm (O)  
4 Mile, Denver, 10 pm (H)  
Sat. Jan. 9 5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 11 am (A)

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## SHOES

From time to time we get inquiries about what shoes to use for race walking an from time to time we publish either our own comments or those of others. Here is "An Open Letter About Walking Shoes" that appeared in *Step-by-Step*, the newsletter of a recently established walking club in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The letter was penned by Chris Cowell: "I have recently reviewed all the major footwear lines for 1993. And, although there are many exciting new products being offered at more moderate prices (\$70-\$80) (Ed. This cheap skate, for one, doesn't consider that moderate, having never paid that much for shoes. I'm still waiting for the adidas Italia, which Ron Laird and I agree was the best walking shoe we ever owned, to come back at its middle '60s price of under \$10. Dream on, oh editor.)



instead of the \$125 and above models that get so much attention, there continues to be a lack of focus on shoes for fast walking. This problem shows from several points.

First, the "walking" market is viewed primarily as an older, casual mall walker who prefers all white "tennis" shoes and cares little about performance in terms of flexibility, roll through, pronation control, etc.

Second, most walking shoe designers don't fast walk, they mostly are designing cross training, tennis, and basketball shoes, simply don't pay much attention to performance needs of walking fast.

Third, although the overall fitness walking population is much larger, than the running population, most companies manufacture one or two styles of walking shoes compared to 8 to 12 styles of running shoes. Companies think most walkers want the same basic style of shoe and don't need to differentiate for different biomechanics like running shoes. They also don't think walkers will spend as much on shoes as runners.

Lastly, most companies think walkers will not shop at specialty stores where technology and biomechanics are taken seriously, but would most likely purchase shoes at a Hudson's or traditional shoe store where cosmetics are the first priority.

Obviously, as a retailer who takes walking seriously and as a participant (currently with a bad back), I am frustrated at my industry. I think some letters from actual customers/wearers would help stimulate more action from some companies. The following is a list of manufacturers and their addresses. Please pursue this if you are interested in better shoes for your feet! Avia, 16160 S.W. Upper Boonesferry Rd., Portland, OR 97224; Brooks, Wolverine Worldwide, Rockford, MI 49351; Asics, 10540 Talbert Dr. West Bldg., Fountain Valley, CA 92708; Mizuno, 577 Airport Blvd., Suite 800, Burlingame, CA 94010; New Balance, 38 Everett St., Boston, MA 02134; Nike, One Bowerman Drive, Beaverton, OR 97005; Reebok, 100 Technology Center Drive, Stoughton, MA 02072.

## FROM HEEL TO TOE

Probably a record number of results for an October issue, with many races of import, so there isn't room for a lot else this month. . . Bob Tucker, coordinator of the Canadian Junior Racewalk program, was selected as the winner of Canada's Excellence in Coaching Award in the leadership category. Tucker, from Brockville, Ontario, hosts and directs the annual fall Junior U.S. vs Canada dual match. He is on the Athletics Canada Racewalk Executive Committee, a National Staff Coach, certified judge, advanced coach, and active in the Canadian Legion track and field program. An individual well deserving of the award.

## An open letter to the U.S. racewalking community:

The December TAC convention will elect the chairperson for the TAC Mens' and Womens' Racewalk Committee. While our current chair has served diligently and in good faith, we still face the same fundamental problems that have plagued us for years: a. Information is not easily accessible, phone calls are not returned promptly (limited volunteer time is understandable--so let's find a new way to disseminate information). b. We still lack a national program to provide coaching and judging education to local associations. c. We continue to lose good young talent at high

school age, and college walking still struggles outside of Wisconsin. d. Our senior athletes are not improving relative to the rest of the world; we couldn't even qualify the full quota of three for the men 20 Km at Barcelona. e. Dwindling financial resources at the national level eliminate critical athlete support.

Meanwhile, masters racewalking and fitness walking are enjoying continued growth at the local association level, generally without much support or contact from the national committee. Why have we not recognized the strength of the grass roots? We do not track the progress of developing athletes at the local level now, why do we expect future "world class" American walkers to just find their way to the national scene?

If we want greater support for our elite seniors, then we need to be nurturing our relationship with each local TAC association. It must be a two way relationship--if we listen to the people at local clubs and provide them the concrete program support they want (like regional camps for judging and coaching education), then we in return can ask for the help our Senior athletes need to walk with the world's best.

I am running for election as National Chairperson of the TAC Mens' and Womens' Racewalk Committee. My style is inclusive, not exclusive; my approach will be association centered. I will ask each of you, "What do you want to do, what program can you get excited about? What unique contributions can you and your local association make to the good of our community?" I encourage you to send me your ideas or bring them to the TAC convention--we want your involvement. Bari Garner-Holman  
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## LOOKING BACK

**25 Years Ago** (From the Oct. 1967 ORW)--In the fourth edition of the Lugano Cup (now World Cup), the U.S. fielded a team for the first time (although the team members were responsible for funding themselves for the trip), and finished sixth among eight teams, just 2 points back of Sweden (would have been ahead of Sweden had your editor not had a miserable race). Ron Laird finished a close third in the 20 in 1:29:13, behind Soviets Nikolai Smaga and Vladimir Golubnichiy. With Christoph Hohne leading a 1,2,4 finish in the 50, the GDR team won the team title over the Soviets. Others on the historic U.S. team, apparently the first U.S. athletes ever to compete in the GDR, were Tom Dooley and Jack Mortland at 20, and Larry young, Goetz Klopfer, and Jim Clinton at 50. . . In a pre-Olympic meet in Mexico City, Jose Pedraza excited the locals by beating Hans-Gerog, GDR, and Gennadiy Agapov, USSR, in 1:34:22. . . Laird prepped for the Lugano race with a 1:59:18 in winning the National 25 Km in Seattle. Goetz Klopfer, Bill Ranney, and Jim Lopes took the next three spots to cop the team title for Athens AC.

**20 Years Ago** (From the October 1972 ORW)--Fresh from his bronze medal at the Munich Olympics 50 Km, Larry Young took the National 30 Km in Columbia, Missouri in 2:28:09 with Todd Scully 4 1/2 minutes back. Floyd Godwin and Jerry Brown were third and fourth in leading the Colorado TC to the team title by a single point over the Motor City Striders. . . Ben Knoppe won the Colombia 100 miler in 22:15:05.



10 Years Ago (From the Oct. 1982 ORW)—Ray Sharp survived a strong finish by Tom Edwards to win the National 40 Km in Monmouth, N.J.. Ray's 3:27:31 left him 46 seconds ahead of Edwards, who gained nearly 5 minutes in the final 10 Km. Randy Mimm was another 3 1/2 minutes back in third, well ahead of Mike Morris. Ernesto Canto was at easy winner of the Alongi Memorial 20 Km in 1:24:59, with Mexican teammate Felix Gomez second in 1:27:23. Tim Lewis edged Ray Sharp for third in 1:29:11. . . Alan Price won the Colombia 100-miler for the fifth consecutive time, covering the distance in 19:43:51. Bob Chapin was 40 minutes back in second, with four others finishing under the 24 hour limit. . . A 100-miler in England saw Mick Holmes winning in 17:21:52. In that one, there were 55 under 24 hours.

**A letter from long-time subscriber, contributor to the sport, and current IAAF Racewalk Chairman, Bob Bowman**

I'd like to respond to the various letters printed in the September ORW regarding the Olympic walks TV coverage and the Olympic Trials. My first comments are in response to Stan Chraminski's concerns about the TV coverage and judging system. Both Marty Liquori and Frank Shorter have been good friends of racewalking over the years although I'm not surprised they weren't familiar with the rules. As to rules (IAAF Rule 191), a warning is given when a competitor is "in danger of failing to comply with the definition of race walking." Whereas, a disqualification occurs when a competitor "fails to comply with the definition of race walking". These are two independent calls. And according to Rule 191(a), "When in the opinion of three judges" this failure to comply exists, then the "competitor shall be disqualified". So, before this point there is no disqualification. So Stan's understanding of Rule 191 is incorrect. Nothing is called a disqualification until three judges agree. It is exactly as he further states: three strikes and you're out. Where's the confusion.

As to television coverage. This is always a problem in that judging can only be done by the human eye as Rule 191 points out. This does not mean the governing bodies (IAAF and TAC) are not interested in using technology if it is practical and reliable, but currently it is not. People suggesting it even though it is almost impossible to implement with any degree of fairness. Also you want the judging system used in major internationals also to be used at the local level. The Barcelona situation was especially frustrating because ironically the TV cameras (three of them on motorcycles) were escorting the lead walkers during the 50 Km and thus blocking the view of the judges. This went on for some time until I finally got them to back off, but even then they kept interfering. This is usually not a problem, but the technical aspects of the Olympics left a lot to be desired (LA and Seoul were much better.) By the way, I was the Chief Judge in the 50. Of course Mr. Liquori and Shorter were unaware of this problem. Nevertheless, despite these difficulties, we were able to sort out the race with seven eventually DQ'd.

The IAAF walking Committee in its review of the Barcelona events is looking at the following recommendations to help improve the sport:

- Enforcement of proper technique rules while walkers pass by sponging and refreshment stations. This continues to be a problem,
- Enforcement of rules as walkers round the turn-around points and corners of the course. This has been a continuing problem also.
- Try to avoid late disqualifications, especially after such an important race. On these occasions when it is unavoidable, the race walking officials should alert all involved, including the press of this possibility.
- In conjunction with c. above, it is felt that often unfair criticism by television and other media is a result of a lack of understanding of the rules of race walking and that we must do more to educate them. One good suggestion was the preparation of information materials beforehand so there is no confusion.

e. Noting the judging management problems associated with the women's 10 Km event, it was suggested we explore increasing the distance to 20 Km.

It is not a perfect system, but it is the best and the fairest we have, and it is quite workable. But you certainly need experienced judges. To suggest using inexperienced judges would result in great inconsistency and many protests. By the way, there were over 50 protests lodged in the other T&F events. Perhaps you saw the men's 10 Km when the IAAF Technical Delegate tried to tackle the runner who was illegally pacing his teammate, or the baton fight that broke out during a heat of the men's 4x400 relay. And how about the many drug violations and the claims by Gwen Torrence that she was beaten by drug-enhanced athletes, or the three medalists in the men's shot put who just came off drug suspensions. I guess we could eliminate these events, too. I'm proud to say there were no protests in the three walks and no positives for drugs. So I don't agree with Stan that "our sport became a joke" or that it should be eliminated because two ex-athletes didn't understand the event or the rules. And by the way, the Triplecast was only seen by a few hundred thousand and not millions or billions.

Regarding Ian Whatley's comments on the Olympic Trials situation, I think TAC Rule 150.4(c) is adequate. It states, "The road walking events shall be so arranged as to ensure that the walkers finish in daylight." The organizers were clearly in violation of this Rule. The proper amount of illumination by lighting is not usually available except in the stadium.

Jim Hanley, as always, offered some appropriate and insightful comments regarding the Olympic Walks/TV coverage. Jim really nailed the problem with the Triplecast by the following analysis: "To protect the athlete, it now takes three judges to independently disqualify the walker. The DQ calls are posted on a board, and when an athlete gets three marks he is out. The tradeoff is that it takes a while for the calls to be collected and recorded on the chart, so athletes in violation of the rules are often not disqualified immediately. On occasion, they may even get the bad news after they have finished the race. People ignorant of this, including the Triplecast announcers, conclude that athletes are cheating and getting away with it." That's why we have to be more proactive in educating the TV and other media people as to the rules. Otherwise, you get confused people trying to explain the sport to more confused people and obviously the sport suffers.

By the way, Jack, Korzenowski was by far worse than Perlov and Mercenario. He had tucked himself in behind these two and forgot about contact. He was almost jogging. An easy human eye call. Perlov and Mercenario both looked pretty solid in the latter stages. Neither had a DQ call.

I'll skip commenting on any suggestions to eliminate the contact rule. This has been covered in the past. This is like eliminating banks to prevent bank robberies. In short, you eliminate the contact rule and you eliminate the sport.

Finally, as to the proposals that appeared in the May 1992 issue of the British Race Walking Record and listed in the last issue of the ORW, they were not made by Peter Marlow. That was an error by the Record. These were proposals sent to Peter by various people (federations) to be considered by the IAAF Walking Committee. Most of them were rejected for various reasons.

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