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Last month we gave you the quick and dirty summary of Race Walking's World Cup, held in Monterey, Mexico on 24 and 25. This month we go into all the glorious detail. Matter of fact, there may not be a lot else in this issue.

First, corrections to what I typed in haste last month. It's one thing to be able to blame USA Today, or some other source, or to simply have some typos. It's another to have errors in fact with no one to blame but yourself. That's what we have here. I got a fax of the partial results, via Elaine Ward in L.A. on Wednesday morning following the event. (Thanks to Elaine, and thanks to Bob Bowman, Sal Corrallo, and Howie Palamarchuk for the complete results we have this month.) With the rest of the issue in place and wanting to go to the printer at noon so I could get the issue in the mail on the weekend, I sat down on the boss's time to bang out a few words off the top of my head. Someway in my haste, I referred to the 1991 World Cup in Monterrey, Cal.--it was in San Jose. I was even there. I won't go into the detail of how I seemed to get that thought in my mind. What I had done came to me about the time it was being printed. "Well, most people probably won't notice, I consoled myself. Then, a couple of days after I had put the issue in the mail, I was glancing at the first page for some reason. What do I see but something about Carlos Mercenario regaining the gold medal he won in New York City in 1987 and having been runnerup 2 years ago. Wow! How did I come up with that. Carlos won the 20 Km, not the 50, in 1987, a real surprise by the then 20-year old. Then in 1991, he won the 50 when Andrei Perlov was disqualified with about 600 meters to go and finally forced off the course by a flying Gary Westerfield about 10 meters from the finish. Again, I was there, overlooking the dramatic event from the announcer's and press stand. Surprisingly, only one person has called me on the latter mistake and no one on the first. But, I knew. Well, on to this year's race, hopefully, with an accurate report.

In the men's races, the Mexicans easily won the team title with dominating performances at both 20 and 50. It was the third team title for the Mexicans. They won previously in 1977 and 1979 and were third in 1981 and 1983. They came back with another third place 2 years ago and now all the way to the top this year. And, this is a young Mexican team that could dominate for a while. Daniel Garcia, the 20 Km winner, was born in 1971. Alberto Cruz in third, Ignacio Zamudio (14th), and Jose Sanchez (29th) were all born in 1972. All except Garcia were virtually unknown until this race. Cruz emerged with a seventh place finish in the Barcelona Olympics. Mercenario, Sanchez, and Rodriguez, 1,3,4 at 50, were all born in 1967, and Miguel Solis in 30th place was born in 1970. The only old man was 1979 50 Km Cup winner, Martin Bermudez, who finished 11th this year.

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Third in 1989 and runnerup 2 years ago, the Italian women move all the way to the top this year, edging China by 3 points. The Chinese had won in 1983 and 1985. The Italians won with a strong team effort--6,7, and 10--not individual brilliance. They may have more trouble repeating than the Mexican men, with their two top finishers--Ileana Salvador and Annarita Sidoti--both on the far side of 30. The Chinese, on the other hand, fielded a very young team with winner Yan Wnag born in 1971 and their next two finishers being at or near 18 (born in 1975).

The heat was an obvious factor in all of the races, particularly the 10 and 20 on the first day. Russia's Yelena Nikolayeva tried to steal the 10 Km, opening up 18 seconds on the field by the 5 Km mark, which she passed in 22:24. That seems rather conservative by today's standards, but with the temperature near 100 F, it was the way to go. Well back in second were Yan Wang, China; Sari Essayah, Finland; Madelein Svensson, Sweden; Kerry Junna-Saxby, Australia; Beate Anders, Germany; and Katarzyna Radtke, Poland. It was another 7 seconds back to 8th place and only 10 women were under 23 minutes.



World Cup 50 Km. In the front row, from left, Carlos Mercenario, Mexico; Simon Baker, Australia; Miquel Rodriguez, Mexico; Tim Berrett, Canada; and Martin Bermudez, Mexico. Howard Palamarchuk photo.

Wang and Essayah were the only competitors able to pick up the pace, slow as it was over the second half and they were able to overhaul Nikolayeva and pull away from her in the final stages. Wang was about 30 meters ahead of the finish and Essayah had about half that margin in second. Svensson left the other behind, but could not maintain contact with the first two once they made their break. Saxby hung on for fifth as Italy's Ileana Salvador came out of the second group to capture sixth. Anders folded completely the second half and struggled into 13th, and Radtke suffered the races only disqualification.

Surprisingly, Mexico and Spain, third and fifth in the last World Cup, seemed to struggle more than some of the others in the heat and were never in contention, either as individuals or teams. The Australians had a very strong showing in fourth, up from eighth two years ago, with Saxby getting from her relatively unknown teammates. Without Debbie Lawrence and Teresa Vaill (I have no report on why they did not compete--Vaill was at the Penn Relays), the U.S. finished in 13th, down seven places from San Jose. Canada, who had looked so strong at the National Invitational in Washington, D.C. a month earlier with four of the first seven places had to be disappointed with their 15th here. Neither Janice McCaffrey, who easily beat Lawrence for second behind Vaill at the Invitational, nor Pascale Grand, fifth in Washington, were able to finish.

In the 20 Km race, the men also started quite conservatively, with the first 5 Km going by in 21:52. At that pace, one would expect practically the whole field to be in the lead group, but with the heat, that group was down to 21 competitors, with only 26 managing 22 minutes or faster. It didn't take long for the pace to heat up once that first five was out of the way, and Germany's Robert Ihly led at 10 Km in 43:06 (21:14 for the second 5 for the leaders, but 21:01 for Ihly, who came out of a second group to overhaul them). The lead group was now down to 13, with the rest of the field starting to string out.

Everyone was content to bide their time for the next 5 Km, which went by in 21:05, so that a group of nine started the final 5 Km together with Ihly (1:04:16) still in the lead. When the real racing began, the pretenders started to drop away, one by one, and Garcia, Spain's Valentin Massana, who was DQ'd with a medal in sight in last year's Olympics, and Alberto Cruz were able to escape from the rest. Garcia proved too strong for the others, and, ignoring the stifling heat, tore through a 20:09 on the final 5 to leave Massana some 6 seconds behind. Poland's Robert Korzeniewski, also DQ'd in Barcelona when within sight of a 50 Km medal, held off defending titlist Mikhail Schennikov for fourth place. Olympic champion, Daniel Plaza, was unable to match the searing finish of the others and came home in sixth.

When the 50 started at 7 the next morning, it wasn't quite as hot, but everyone chose to test the waters with a very slow first 5. Still, there were only 10 walkers in the lead group, which passed through in 25:05. Only four of these walkers eventually wound up in the first 10. The pace picked up considerably with the next two 5 Km segments taking 23:18 and 23:30. As they hit 15 km in 1:11:53, there were now 14 walkers in the lead pack and the race was beginning to take shape as nine of these 14 finished in the first 14.

The Ukraine's Vitaliy Popovich, a veteran of international races with the USSR, opened up the race and by 20 Km led by 21 seconds in 1:34:34 (he had 22:40 for that 5), with the rest of the lead group remaining relatively intact. That group started to haul Popovich in, and by the halfway mark, his lead was down to 8 seconds as he went through 1:57:47. The group following him still had 10 walkers in it.

Next it was Canada's Tim Berrett who tried to make a break. Covering the next 5 in 22:48, he went through 30 Km in 2:20:43. Australia's Simon Baker, the 1989 winner, was trying to follow in 2:20:47, with Martin Bermudez, 1979 winner, only a second back of him. There was still a group of seven just 4 seconds further back, with Mercenario biding his time in sixth place. Popovich was now 11th, but nearly 50 seconds back. Berrett still led at 35, but his pace had dropped a bit and Spain's Garcia, Frances's Thierry Toutain, and the Mexican trio of Mercenario, Sanchez, and Rodriguez were right on his heels. Baker had now dropped 20 seconds off the pace and was just ahead of the great German veteran Hartwig Gauder.

Mercenario decided it was time for the race to begin and dropped quickly to a 22:05 between 35 and 40 Km. Only Garcia was with him as they went through 40 in 3:05:48. Rodriguez was 17 seconds back and fading, Sanchez 36 seconds back, and everyone else more than a minute behind. Mercenario was merciless and continued with a 22:04 to put the race away, opening up a 40 second lead as he started the final 5. Everyone else was pretty well settled into their finishing spots with only two changes in the top 10 over the final five. Baker passed Gauder for seventh and Toutain blew up completely, dropping all the way 18th with a 31:08 over the last 5. Giuseppe De Gaetano, only 22nd at the halfway mark, came through the field to capture ninth. Tim Berrett walked brilliantly, and after losing the lead to the onslaught of Spanish speaking men, hung on well for fifth.

Poland was the big surprise in the team picture, performing very well in both races to finish just one point behind France in fifth. France also had their best ever World Cup, up one place from 1991. The Russians were below par, probably due in part to the breakup. But although there were several former Soviet Internationals competing for the new Republics, none of them did very well and wouldn't have done much for the Russian cause. The U.S. men improved four places as a team from 1991 and did well to finish all but one despite the severe conditions. The U.S. teams were led by Sal Corrallo (men) and Mary Hosell (women), with Howie Palamarchuk as the manager.

Some other comments on the Cup races:

Bob Bowman, IAAF Racewalk Chairman: The event went very well. Only problem was the heat and that the course was a pretty hard surface. Crowds were great (about 40,000 on Saturday for the 10 and 20 and 30,000 on Sunday morning for the 50). The Mexicans did very well on their home turf. U.S. women were down a bit this time with a totally new team. The men did better than expected, mainly by finishing a full team in the 50.

Howie Palamarchuk, Team Manager: The races were exciting, but slowed by the heat and the road surface. Everyone was equally affected, however. This was the best group of athletes I have ever worked with. They acted like a team, looked out for each other like a team, and raced like a team. Out of 15 athletes, 14 finished the races with no disqualifications. The race organization was good and all were made to feel welcome. It was incredible to witness the excitement of the Mexicans cheering their countryman on to Cup victory. It was nice to see racewalking get the respect it so deserves in the world of sport.

Dave McGovern, U.S. 20 Km Team: I would like to nominate Andrzej Chylinski as man of the year. His 4:17 in those conditions certainly would have earned him a sub-4:05 berth on the World T&F Championships team for Stuttgart under a more favorable racing

environment. Tim Berrett is God! I remember beating him fairly regularly no more than 3 years ago. He really decided to "go for it". 120 mile weeks, training with the Australians. More proof that it can be done on this continent if we begin to do some work. (I'm up to 80 to 90 miles per week under new coach Bohdan Bulakowski's tutelage). (Ed. Since Dave said further proof, earlier proof is what the Mexicans have demonstrated for the last 20 years, but they of course are in a different environment. But, that aside, Berrett still has a way to go to measure up to the feats of his countrymen, Marcel Jobin and Guillaume Leblanc, and U.S. bronze medalists Larry Young (two Olympic bronzes) and Ron Laird (two World Cup bronzes).)

Women's 10 Km-- 1. Yan Wang, China 45:10 (22:43) 2. Sari Essayah, Finland 45:18 (22:43) 3. Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia 45:22 (22:24) 4. Madelein Svensson, Sweden 45:43 (22:42) 5. Kerry Junna-Saxby, Australia 45:55 (22:43) 6. Ileana Salvador, Italy 46:02 (22:52) 7. Annarita Sidoti, Italy 46:14 (22:52) 8. Susana Feitor, Portugal 46:28 (22:50) 9. Yuwen Long, China 46:34 (23:03) 10. Elisabetta Perrone, Italy 46:49 (23:03) 11. Yelena Gruzina, Russia 46:56 (23:07) 12. Olimpiada, Ivanova, Russia 47:02 (23:12) 13. Beate Anders, Germany 47:06 (22:43) 14. Cristina Pellino, Italy 47:23 (23:20) 15. Allison Baker, Canada 47:34 (23:08) 16. Maria Rosza, Hungary 47:37 (23:18) 17. Beata Kaczmarek, Poland 47:54 (23:35) 18. Hongyu Liu, China 47:56 (23:36) 19. Andrea Alfoeldi, Hungary 47:59 (23:21) 20. Natalya Misylyla, Belarus 47:59 (23:23) 21. Gabrielle Blythe, Australia 48:00 (23:27) 22. Encarna Granados, Spain 48:08 (23:33) 23. Rosario Sanchez, Mexico 48:11 (23:25) 24. Yuka Mitsumori, Japan 48:21 (23:39) 25. Yelena Saiko, Russia 48:33 (23:24) 26. Jenny Jones-Billington, Australia 48:36 (23:58) 27. Maria Cruz Diaz, Spain 48:45 (23:59) 28. Erika Alfridi, Italy 48:48 (23:52) 29. Ilyes Ildiko, Hungary 48:55 (23:30) 30. Anne Manning, Australia 48:59 (23:43) 31. Maria Collin, Mexico 49:09 (24:01) 32. Natali Serbinnenko, Ukraine 49:25 (24:13) 33. Emilia Cano, Spain 49:31 (24:10) 34. Rie Mitsumori, Japan 49:39 (24:35) 35. Valentina Tsybulskaya, Belarus 49:41 (24:09) 36. Katrin Born, Germany 49:41 (23:42) 37. Valeria Leveque, France 49:44 (24:49) 38. Veronica Oquist, Sweden 49:46 (24:34) 39. Eva Machula, Mexico 49:54 (23:59) 40. Aniko Szebensky, Hungary 50:01 (24:16) 41. Maribel Rebollo, Mexico 50:06 (23:43) 42. Yekaterina Samolenko, Ukraine 50:10 (23:51) 43. Jane Saville, Australia 50:15 (23:41) 44. Debora Van Orden, USA 50:22 (24:52) 45. Maya Sazonova, Kazakhstan 50:24 46. Dana Yarbrough, USA 50:40 (25:05) 47. Isilda Goncalves, Portugal 50:54 (24:56) 48. Julie Drake, GB 50:58 (23:34) 49. Hilde Gustavsen, Norway 51:15 (25:09) 50. Emi Hayashi, Japan 51:29 (24:42) 51. Anne Caatherine Berthounaud, France 51:32 52. Galina Arutunova, Kas. 51:43 53. Cindy March, USA 51:45 (24:53) 54. Olga Sanchez, Spain 51:46 55. Simone Thust, Germany 51:56 56. Leonarda Yuhnevich, Bel. 52:15 57. Verity Larby, GB 52:16 58. Hanne Liland, Nor. 52:22 59. Kjersti Tysse, Nor. 52:34 60. Beata Janaszek, Pl. 52:43 61. Natalya Yermolenko, Kaz. 52:45 62. Kora Sommerfeldt, France 52:57 63. Nailze De Azevedo, Brazil 53:10 64. Anne-Marie Mesmoudi, France 53:17 65. Irina Tolstik, Bel. 53:19 66. Corinne Whissell, Can. 53:38 (25:32) 67. Victoria Lupton, GB 53:39 68. Lidia Santos, Port. 53:42 69. Maria Guzman, El Salvador 53:53 70. Francine Bustos, USA 54:13 (26:31) 71. Ivis Martinez, El Sal. 54:13 72. Beata Szasz, Hung. 54:16 73. Anneli Kuukkanen, Fin. 54:40 74. Reyes Sobrino, Spain 54:43 75. Sofia Avolla, Port. 54:45 76. Rosemar Piazza, Brazil 54:59 77. Sandy Leddin, Ger. 55:00 78. Susan Hornung, Can. 55:16 (27:15) 79. Ligia Goncalves, Port. 56:20 80. Aslaug Mostad, Nor. 56:20 82. Sara Standley, USA 57:59 (26:33) 83. Lidia

Carriego, Argentina 58:19 84. Ofelia Puyol, Arg. 60:43 85. Olga Buitrago, Arg. 1:01:05 86. Silvia Valencia, El Sal. 1:04:43 DQ--Katarzyna Radtke, Pol. (22:43) DNF--Ivana Henn, Brazil; Pascale Grand, Can.; Janice McCaffrey, Can.; Gao Hongmiao, China (22:54); Qinghua Shang, China; Mira Saastamoinen, Fin.; Graciela Mendoza, Mexico; Beata Betlej, Pol.; Yelena Arshintseva, Rus. (22:54); Monica Gunnarsson, Swed.; and Tatyana Ragozina, Ukraine

Team Scores: 1. Italy 196; 2. China 193 3. Russia 193 4. Australia 170 5. Hungary 160 6. Spain 144 7. Mexico 135 8. Germany 127 9. Japan 123 10. Belarus 121 11. Portugal 113 12. Sweden 108 13. USA 97 14. France 88 15. Canada 86 16. Finland 83 17. Kazakhstan 83 18. Ukraine 82 19. Poland 78 20. Norway 76 21. Great Britain 72 22. El Salvador 33 23. Brazil 29 24. Argentina 24 (For those who are new to the World Cup, here is how the scoring works. A team must have at least three athletes and can have up to five. However, only the first three score. The others serve as backups in case of disqualifications or failures to finish. The number of teams--in this case 24--is multiplied by three to get the number of scoring athletes--in this case 72. The winner is given this number plus one--in this case 73. Second then gets 71, third 70, fourth 69, and so on to 1 for 72nd. If there were just four teams, say, first place would get 13, second 11, third 10. . . 12th 1. The fourth and fifth place finishers for any team do not figure in these standings, but get their proper place in the individual standings. For example, the first non-scoring athlete to finish here was Italy's Cristina Pellino in 14th, but the fourth member of the Italian team to finish. Thus, for team scoring Allison Baker moves up to 14th, Rosza to 15th and so on. Yelena Saiko in 25th (the fourth Russian) is the next non-scorer to finish, so Jenny Jones-Billington moves up to 24th (two places since there now been two non-scorers in the finish list), and those behind her also move up two places, until the next non-scorer, where all finishers will move up three spots from their actual finish. Rather simple, but not easy to explain. The advantage of this system over cross-country style scoring, in which each runner scores points equivalent to his or her finish place and the low score wins, is that you don't have to finish a full team to get a score. Thus, if Salvador had been Italy's only finisher, Italy would still have gotten the 73 points for that place. But, you must start at least three to get a team score.)

Men's 20 Km: 1. Daniel Garcia, Mexico 1:24:26 (21:52, 43:07, 1:04:17) 2. Valentin Massana, Spain 1:24:32 (21:52, 43:07, 1:04:17) 3. Alberto Cruz, Mexico 1:24:37 (21:52, 43:08, 1:04:16) 4. Robert Korzeniowski, Poland 1:24:47 (21:52, 43:06, 1:04:17) 5. Mikhail Schennikov, Russia 1:24:49 (43:06, 1:04:18) 6. Daniel Plaza, Spain 1:24:52 (21:53, 43:07, 1:04:17) 7. Giovanni DeBenedictis, Italy 1:25:09 (21:52, 43:06, 1:04:16) 8. Robert Ihly, Germany 1:25:32 (22:05, 43:06, 1:04:16) 9. Igor Kollar, Slovak Rep. 1:26:00 (21:52, 43:06, 1:04:16) 10. Giovanni Perricelli, Italy 1:26:17 (21:52, 43:07, 1:04:26) 11. Vladimir Andreyev, Russia 1:26:26 (22:00, 43:37, 1:05:26) 12. Mingcai Li, China 1:26:26 (43:22, 1:04:45) 13. Nicholas A'Hern, Australia 1:27:11 (21:52, 43:10, 1:04:54) 14. Ignacio Zamudio, Mexico 1:27:24 (22:13, 43:27, 1:05:22) 15. Clodomiro Moreno, Columbia 1:27:33 (43:36, 1:05:12) 16. Magnus Morenius, Sweden 1:27:42 (21:57, 43:08, 1:04:48) 17. Orlando Diaz, Columbia 1:28:05 (43:35, 1:05:11) 18. Jacek Mueller, Poland 1:28:09 (22:11, 43:40, 1:05:46) 19. Denis Langlois, France 1:28:11 (43:44, 1:05:22) 20. Shaoguo Chen, China 1:28:31 (43:43, 1:05:09) 21. Walter Arena, Italy 1:28:39 (21:52, 43:16, 1:05:55) 22. Yevgeniy Misyulya, Belarus 1:28:39 (22:15, 43:37, 1:05:53) 23. Arturo DiMezza, Italy 1:28:41 (22:08, 43:08, 1:06:34) 24. Sergio Galdino, Brazil 1:29:02 (21:52, 43:35, 1:06:12) 25. Ademar Kammler, Brazil 1:29:02

(21:52, 43:47, 1:06:26) 26. Querubin Moreno, Col. 1:29:05 (22:09, 44:22, 1:06:45--a strong second half for the veteran--fourth in 1987--as he moved up from 41st at halfway) 27. Pavol Blazek, Slovak Rep. 1:29:18 (21:52, 43:21, 1:05:39) 28. Jean-Oliver Brosseau, France 1:29:20 (22:16, 44:28, 1:06:42) 29. Jose Sanchez, Mexico 1:29:36 (21:52, 43:07, 1:05:31) 30. Martial Fesselier, France 1:29:46 (4:19, 1:06:38) 31. Lingtang Pu, China 1:29:48 32. Sandor Urbanik, Hungary 1:30:02 33. Sbniew Sadlej, Poland 1:30:24 34. Stevan Beecroft, Australia 1:30:36 35. Janusz Golawski, Poland 1:30:49 36. Ruben Aricado, Mexico 1:30:57 37. Chris Maddocks, GB 1:31:04 38. Christophe Cousin, France 1:31:18 39. Fernando Vazquez, Spain 1:31:21 40. Dmitri Golos, Belarus 1:31:25 41. Johnathan Matthews, USA 1:31:28 (22:50, 44:46, 1:07:48--just the third finisher born before 1960, and the oldest of the three; the first person older is in 78th) 42. Peter Gabris, Slovak Rep. 1:31:34 43. Christian Couturier, France 1:31:39 44. Chris Britz, South Africa 1:31:51 45. Pauli Markus, Germany 1:31:55 46. Andrew Penn, GB 1:31:57 47. Allen James, USA 1:32:24 (22:26, 45:21, 1:08:49) 48. Grzegorz Mueller, Poland 1:32:26 49. Ralph Weise, Germany 1:32:24 50. Steve Partington, GB 1:32:45 51. Jan Olsson, Sweden 1:32:58 52. Zinyuan Mao, China 1:33:45 53. Rafael Martin, Spain 1:33:45 54. Nikolay Matyukhin, Russia 1:34:05 55. Gyula Dudas, Hungary 1:34:36 56. Martin St. Pierre, Canada 1:34:51 57. Peter Zanner, Germany 1:35:01 58. Mark Donahoo, Australia 1:35:06 59. Dave McGovern, USA 1:35:25 (22:50, 45:31, 1:08:53) 60. Pauli Pirjeta, Finland 1:35:46 61. Darrell Stone, GB 1:35:57 62. Roman Mrazek, Slovak Rep. 1:36:12 63. Igor Pasteruk, Ukraine 1:36:16 64. Sergio Sapgnulo, Italy 1:36:29 65. Ian Whatley, USA 1:36:53 (23:38, 48:01, 1:12:32--moved from 76th on final 5 Km) 66. Frants Kostyukevich, Belarus 1:36:58 (Seeing people like Mrazek, Spagnulo, and Kostyukevich, normally in the low 1:20s, clear back here let's you know what a factor the heat was, and how amazing the strong finish of the top six was.) 67. Riecus Blligant, South Africa 1:36:59 68. Vyacheslav Cherepanov, Russia 1:37:06 69. Artur Shumak, Belarus 1:37:15 70. Vladimir Druchik, Ukraine 1:37:26 71. Scott Nelson, New Zealand 1:37:36 72. Aldo Bertoldi, Switz. 1:38:47 73. Caryl Meyer, South Africa 1:39:13 74. Marcos Aguiluz, Honduras 1:39:17 75. Gilbert D'Aoust, Canada 1:39:32 76. Marc Varsano, USA 1:39:47 (23:20, 48:00, 1:12:44) 77. Bela Breznal, Hungary 1:40:40 78. Bernard Binggeli, Switz. 1:40:45 79. Arto Hokkanen, Finland 1:40:55 80. Gary Little, New Zealand (age 51) 1:41:13 (48:21 at 10 Km--the heat even got to the tough old men) 81. Jacob Sorenson, Denmark 1:41:36 82. Matti Heikkila, Fin. 1:42:08 83. Claus Jorgensen, Denmark 1:42:43 84. Klaus Jensen, Denmark 1:42:47 85. Roberto Oscar, Guatemala 1:43:31 86. Karoly Farago, Hungary 1:43:55 87. Hugo Lopez, Guat. 1:44:05 88. Jaime Rodriguez, Col. 1:44:57 89. Urbain Girod, Switz. 1:45:18 90. Francisco Guzman, El Salvador 1:50:07 91. Julio Martinez, Guat. 1:51:40 92. Graeme Jones, New Zealand 1:52:42 93. Balmore Elias, El. Sal. 1:54:41 94. Luis Rodriguez, El Sal. 2:00:58) DQ--Dmitriy Dolnikov, Russia 1:06:05 in 25th place at 15 Km; Anatolliy Kozlov, Ukraine 1:09:13 at 15; DNF--Claudio Bertolino, Brazil; Dorel Firica, Can.; Xiaoguang Sun, China; Ralf Rose, Germany; Luis Garcia, Guat.; Boris Molina, Hond.; Rafael Valladares, Hon.; Craig Barrett, NZ; Shane Donnelly, NZ; Pascal Charriere, Switz.; Stefan Johansson, Swed.

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21. New Zealand 91 22. Denmark 85 23. Ukraine 83 24. Canada 82 25. Guatemala 73 26. El Salvador 62 27. Honduras 36

Men's 50 Km: 1. Carlos Mercenario, Mexico 3:50:28 (48:23, 1:34:55, 2:20:52, 3:05:48--his 1:29:26 for the final 20 would have captured 29th place in the 20) 2. Jesus Garcia, Spain 3:52:44 (48:42, 1:35:06, 2:20:52, 3:05:48) 3. German Sanchez, Mexico 3:54:15 (48:23, 1:34:56, 2:20:54, 3:06:24) 4. Miguel Rodriguez, Mexico 3:54:22 (48:23, 1:34:57, 2:20:53, 3:06:15) 5. Tim Berrett, Canada 3:55:12 (48:23, 1:34:56, 2:20:43, 3:06:57) 6. Valentin Kononen, Finland 3:57:28 (48:24, 1:34:59, 2:20:55, 3:07:52) 7. Simon Baker, Australia 3:58:36 (48:24, 1:34:55, 2:20:47, 3:08:22) 8. Hartwig Gauder, Germany 3:59:10 (48:23, 1:34:57, 1:57:56, 3:08:03) 9. Giuseppe De Gaetano, Italy 4:00:19 (49:18, 1:36:51, 2:24:47, 3:12:30) 10. Jean-Claude Corre, France 4:01:12 (50:09, 1:36:13, 2:23:55, 3:11:41) 11. Martin Bermudez, Mexico 4:01:37 (48:23, 1:34:55, 2:20:48, 3:10:07) 12. Rene Piller, France 4:02:33 (48:45, 1:36:13, 2:23:48, 3:12:52) 13. Tomas Lipiec, Poland 4:03:09 (48:54, 1:36:13, 2:23:48, 3:12:18) 14. Quiriconi Massimo, Italy 4:04:11 (49:21, 1:37:10, 2:25:12, 3:14:19) 15. Basilio Labrador, Spain 4:04:35 (1:38:37, 2:27:37, 3:16:03 (moved from 22nd place on final 10 Km; from 35th in second half) 16. Jose Marin (age 42) 4:04:37 (49:18, 1:36:50, 2:24:52, 3:13:54) 17. Andreas Marin, Spain 4:04:52 (49:17, 1:36:49, 2:24:47, 3:15:35) 18. Thierry Toutain, France 4:05:16 (48:26, 1:34:57, 2:20:52, 3:07:03--folded last 10 and dropped from sixth; needed 31:08 for last 5) 19. Paolo Bianchi, Italy 4:05:29 (50:10, 1:38:44, 2:27:37, 3:16:03--walked second half faster and moved from 36th at 25 Km) 20. Jaime Barroso, Spain 4:06:28 (49:20, 1:37:10, 2:24:47, 3:13:54) 21. Giacomo Cimarrusti, Italy 4:08:07 (in 48th at 25 Km) 22. Alain Lemercler, France 4:08:46 23. Valery Spitsin, Russia 4:08:53 (dropped eight places in final 10) 24. Per-Ulf Sjoeholm, Sweden 4:09:36 25. Axel Noack, Germany 4:10:19 (a not too successful attempt to move up from 20) 26. Bruno Penocchio, Italy 4:10:37 27. Michael Harvey, Australia 4:10:54 28. Oleg Bandurchenko, Ukraine 4:11:11 29. Pascal Kleffer, France 4:12:16 30. Miguel Solis, Mexico 4:12:53 31. Jan Klos, Poland 4:13:05 32. Jan Holender, Poland 4:13:19 33. Karl Ahonen, Finland 4:13:59 34. Antero Lindman, Finland 4:14:15 35. Andrei Plotnikov, Russia 4:14:45 36. Harold Van Beek, Holland 4:15:08 37. Rytis Arbaciauskas, Lithuania 4:15:45 38. Andrej Chylinski, USA 4:17:36 (51:37, 1:41:53, 2:31:06) 39. Kestutis Uerepcikas, Lith. 4:18:17 40. Stefan Malik, Slovak Rep. 4:18:51 41. Les Morton, GB 4:19:29 42. Anatoly Grigoryev, Russia 4:20:20 43. Veljo Savikko, Fin. 4:21:36 44. Denis Jackson, GB 4:22:12 45. Sergel Katurayev, Russia 4:22:48 46. Julius Urias, Guatemala 4:23:52 47. Pavol Szikora, Slovak Rep. 4:23:58 48. Craig Brill, Australia 4:24:43 49. Henrik Kjellgren, Sweden 4:25:20 50. Vyacheslav Smirnov, Russia 4:27:34 51. Herman Nelson, USA 4:27:44 (49:39, 1:40:45, 2:33:07, 3:28:57) 52. Torben Kristiansen, Denmark 4:28:44 53. Laszlo Sator, Hungary 4:29:05 54. Alexandr Stiglenko, Kirghistan 4:29:26 55. Zoltan Czukur, Hung. 4:30:40 56. Mikhail Shitkov, Belarus 4:31:01 57. Dave Marchese, USA 4:31:43 (49:39, 1:39:45, 2:32:20, 3:30:47) 58. Ervin Lexzky, Hung. 4:33:24 59. Miroslav Bosko, Slov. Rep. 4:34:22 60. Henk Plasman, Holland 4:37:26 61. Ton Van Andel, Holland 4:38:28 62. Istvan Czaba, Hun. 4:39:34 63. Sigita Vainauskas, Lith. 4:39:59 64. Aleksej Aleksandrov, Kirg. 4:40:43 65. Rasmus Irls, Denmark 4:47:09 66. Dan O'Connor, USA 4:48:19 (52:19, 1:45:46) 67. Arturo Huberta, Can. 4:51:23 68. Jorge Citalan, Guat. 4:53:24 69. Aksel Bendesen, Den. 4:53:44 70. Johan Moerdyk, South Africa 4:55:45 71. Pedro Huntjens, Hol. 4:57:21 72. Peer Jensen, Den. 5:02:56 73. Oliver Mundell, South Africa 5:05:36 74. Gerard Moerdyk, South Africa 5:09:02 75.

Aleksandr Germanov, Kirg. 5:12:01 DQ--Aleksander Potashov, Belarus (1:35:06 in 12th at 20); Stanislav Vezhal, Belarus (2:54:16 in 34th at 35 Km); Allan King, GB; Bo Gustafsson, Swed. (1:36:14 in 21st at 20 Km). DNF--Viktor Ginko, Bel.; Paulo Avila, Brazil; Ademir Domingues, Brazil; Nelson Rocha, Brazil; Jeff Cassin, Can.; Edel Davila, Cuba; Mario Fernandez, Cuba; Jonge Lopez, Cuba; Rieto Nurmi, Fin.; Mark Easton, GB; Bernd Gummelt, Germany (23rd in 2:25:01 at 30 km); Thomas Wallstab, Ger.; Nelson Funes, Guat; Arrydas Vainauskas, Lith.; Jacek Pednarek, Pl.; Roman Parolek, Slov. Rep.; Jan Zahoncik, Slov. Rep.; Yuriy Kotklar, Ukraine; Vitaliy Popovich, Ukraine (35th at 40 Km); Paul Wick, USA (50:06, 1:39:58, 2:31:51, 3:00:36 at 35 in 54th place).

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Past World Cup Winners: Men: 1961 Great Britain 1963--Great Britain 1965--German Democratic Republic (GDR) 1967--GDR 1970--GDR 1973--GDR 1975--USSR 1977--Mexico 1979--Mexico 1981--Italy 1983--USSR 1985--GDR 1987--USSR 1989--USSR 1991--Italy **Women:** 1977--Great Britain 1979--USSR 1983--China 1985--China 1987--USSR 1989--USSR 1991--USSR

Is that enough World Cup stuff? Well on to...

OTHER RESULTS

5 Mile, Westerly, Rhode Island, April 25--1. Joe Light (45) 39:06 2. Bob Ullman (44) 44:55 3. Louis Free (63) 49:31 **3 Km, Schnectady, N.Y., April 21--**1. Bill Crowe 16:05 3. Jerry Havasay 17:02 **1 Mile, Arlington, Virginia, April 18--**1. Daniel Kornhauser 8:35 2. Jim Goldstein (44) 8:34.3 3. Dave Kodner 8:39.5 4. Jim Lemert (57) 8:57.3 5. Cori Colling (14) 9:13.8 6. William-Jesse Leggett (16) 9:16.7 **3 Km, same place--**1. William-Jesse Leggett 14:10.4 2. Alan Price (46) 14:49.9 3. Dave Kodner 16:18 4. Jack Boltano (60) 16:29.3 5. Jim Goldstein 16:34.9 6. Dan Kornhauser 17:21 7. Jim Lemert 17:39 8. Bill O'Reilly (67) 18:42 9. Nancy Whitney (57) 18:43 **5 Km, Newport News, Virginia, April 24--**1. George Fenigsohn 25:37 2. Mary Gibbons 26:56 3. Dennis Hughes 17:04 4. Harry Watson 27:16 5. Mark Brannan 29:23 **Further Penn Relays results, Philadelphia, April 24:** Men's 10 Km (First 5 last month) 6. Gary Null 47:31 7. Ken Fox 49:15 8. William Leggett 49:53 9. Chad Eder 51:06 10. Ralph D'Amato 53:58 11. Luis Rodriguez 54:37 12. Briam Rosse 57:05 **Master's Mens 5 Km--**1. Ray Funkhouser 21:29.31 (on his

way to third place finish in 10) 2. Gary Null 32:11.88 (also on his way to 10) 3. Jim Carmines 24:41 4. Franco Pantoni 24:43 5. Norm Frable 25:21 6. James Brochin 26:22 7. Alan Robinson 28:45 Men's Junior 10 Km--1. Will Van Axen 45:53 2. William Legget 49:53 3. Chad Eder 51:06 4. Ralph D'Amato 53:58 5. Luis Rodriguez 54:37 6. Briam Rosse 57:05 Women's 5 Km (First 5 last month. Gretchen Eastler in second did not have the unbelievable break through we reported last month. Her time was 23:47, not 21:47. But that was still a one minute improvement on her best. As I recall, I can blame the N.Y. Times for this one.)--6. Debbie Scott 26:02 7. Phyllis Hansen 26:19 8. Pat Weir 26:19 9. Roselle Safran 26:43 10. Anne Lankowicz 26:46 11. Kathy Frable 27:49 12. Jennifer Parigo 27:57 13. Sandy Troia 27:58 14. Alison Zabrenski 27:58 15. Jennifer Greg 28:02 16. Elton Richardson 28:22 17. Kim Lando 28:47 29. Bess Beste 29:27 19. Susi Coan 19:50 Women Masters: 1. Hansen 2. Weir 3. Frable 4. Richardson 5. Beste Women Juniors; 1. Debbie Iden 24:04.42 2. Lisa Chumbley 24:20 3. Melissa Baker 26:02 4. Scott 5. Safran 6. Lankowicz 7. Parigo 8. Zabrenski 9. Greg 10. Lando 11. Coan 1500 meters, Berea, Ohio, May 1--1. Ron Laird 7:30 2. Keith Reichley 7:45 3. Don Bredle 7:47 4. Tim Bailey 8:15 5. Dave Liebal 9:03 6. Joyce Prohaska 9:29 7. Jim Janos 9:43 8. John Davis 9:43 5 Km, Dearborn, Mich., April 18--1. John Elwaraner 25:05 2. Terry McHoskey 26:25 3. Marino Scerpella 30:25 10 Km, Dearborn, May 9--1. Victor Sipes (50) 54:26 2. Max Green (61) 56:35 (just back racing after injury) 3. Marino Scerpella (52) 59:56 4. Gerry Bocci (55) 60:26 Women's 5 Km, sameplace--1. Diane Podsiadlik 29:27 Southeastern Masters 5 Km, Raleigh, N.C., April 30--1. James Carmines (49) 25:19.3 2. Norm Frable (47) 25:53 3. Presley Donaldson (59) 27:54 4. Ray McKinnis (53) 27:56 5. Eric Bigham (46) 28:02 6. Edward Gawinski (66) 29:49 7. Madho Singh (63) 30:31 Women: 1. Kathy Frable (47) 29:36 2. Judith Glodston (43) 29:47 3. Lois Dicker (53) 31:25 5 Km, Winter Park, Florida, April 24--1. Steve Christlieb 27:55 2. John Alers 28:38 Women: 1. Christine Hoffman 30:18 2. Valerie Scott 31:32 Florida State 10 Km Championship, Women, Orlando, April 25--1. Sara O'Bannon 59:31 2. Linda Stein 60:37 Men: 1. Eric Schmook 49:46 2. Edgardo Rodriguez 53:53 3. Mark Danford 57:53 4. Bob Cella (55-59) 57:58 5. Bob Fine (60-64) 59:44 6. Tom White (60-64) 60:10 7. Gerry Gomes (60-64) 60:19 8. Jim Burkhart 61:57 5 Km, Miami, April--1. Mark Danford 23:45 2. Brian Mair 27:39 3. Gerry Gomes 28:38 4. Carey Witkow 28:44 5. Stanford Blake 30:07 Women: 1. June Marie Provost 29:39 5 Km, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, April 15--1. Mark Danford 28:51 2. Bob Fine 29:00 Florida State 20 Km, Lake Worth, May 15--1. Lee Duffner (57) 1:58:09 2. Bob Cella (55) 2:05:11 Florida State 8 Km, same place--1. Sara O'Bannon 46:05 2. Linda Stein (45) 47:58 3. Gerry Gomes (60) 49:58 5 Km, Miami, May 1--1. Darryl Morrison 29:59 2. Perry Brandon 30:18 Women: 1. Sara O'Bannon 28:10 2. Linda Stein 28:51 3 Mile, New Orleans, May 8--1. Don Lee 26:32 2. Sidney Holmes 27:44 Women: 1. Sharon Lewis 27:50 2. Becky Comeaux 28:08 3. Eva Beck 30:22 20 Km, Kenosha, Wis., April 18--1. Rob Cole 1:32:553 2. Tim Seaman 1:32:54 3. Lennie Becker 1:38:23 4. Alex Major 1:59:24 DNF--Don Lawrence 48:00 at 10 10 Km, same place--1. Al Heppner 47:50 2. Will Prieschel 49:49 3. Kelly Watson 50:57 4. Jennifer Zalewski 51:17 5. Steve Harvey 52:01 6. Don Mowles (50) 52:12 7. Holly Wick 52:42 8. Chad Eder 53:00 9. Gayle Johnson (44) 54:32 10. Matt Rutyna (61) 56:31 (The Polish Olympian and long-time Chicago resident, a friendly rival in days past, returns to the racewalking wars with a highly impressive performance) 11. Ali DeWitt 57:13 12. Joyce Decker (59) 61:30 (35 finishers) 5 Km, Denver, April 4--1. Mike Blanchard 25:37 2. Sheri Young 30:11 3. Charlie Corder (49) 30:29 5 Km, Aurora, Colorado, May 2--1. Mike Blanchard 25:29 2. Lori Rupoli (41)

29:59 3. Stuart Sonne (55) 30:04 4. Charlie Corder 30:17 10Km, Boulder, May 1--1. John Spuhler 46:28 2. Sally Richards-Kerr (40) 52:14 3. Peggy Miller 54:59 20 Km, same place--1. Alan Yap (50) 1:53:41 5 Km, Arapahoe, Col., May 2--1. Mike Blanchard 25:52 5 Km, Denver, May 8--1. Curtis Fisher 21:44 2. Akbar Khalsa 28:22 3. Christine Chase 28:57 4. Scott Richards (43) 29:50 5. Charlie Corder 30:36 5 Km, Denver, May 9--1. Daryl Meyers (50) 29:21 5 Km, Studio City, Calif., May 2--1. Wayne Wurzbarger 26:54 2. Steve Avellaneda 27:32 3. Donna Cunningham 27:41 4. Steve Leitner 27:41 5. Carl Acosta 28:43 6. Ben Garcia 29:30 (144 finishers) 10 Km, San Francisco, April 17--1. Dave Marchese 44:43 Masters: 1. Steve Petrakis 53:28 2. Bill Penner 54:25 3. Peter Giachetti 56:37 4. Bill Moreman 61:23 Women: 1. Susan Armenta 49:46 2. Kim Wilkinson 50:31 3. Chris Sakelarios 51:36 4. Karen Stoyanowski 54:24 5. Therese Iknolan 56:55 DQ--Cindy March Masters Women: 1. Sandy Womack 59:00 5 Km, Sacramento, Cal., March 27--1. Tommy Aunan 25:11 2. Karen Stoyanowski 26:08 3. Larry Green 26:44 4. Sally Focacci 27:20 5. Bob Eisner 30:19 (12 finishers) 50 plus 5 Km, Palo Alto, March 10--1. Jack Bray 26:13 2. Kirk DeFord 27:08 3. Bill Moreman 30:21 5 Km, Abbotsford, B.C., April 30--1. Chris Herwig 24:00 2. Sian Spacey 24:18 3. Stan Chraminski 24:21 4. Bob Novak 25:10 5. Joanne Fox 25:54 6. Tracy Ross 26:26 ANIA District 5 Km, Ellensburg, Wash., May 6--1. Chris Herwig 26:26 2. Patrick Lindsay 26:51 3. Gary Briggs 27:22 Women's 3 Km, same place--1. Joane Fox 15:37 2. Valerie Chan 16:50

SUMMER OUTINGS FOR THE HEEL AND TOE CROWD

Tue. June 8	3 Km, Seattle (C)
Wed. June 9	1 Mile, Holmdel, N.J., 6 pm (A)
Fri. June 11	5 Km, Lisle, Illinois (CC)
	2 Mile, Lakewood, Col., 7 pm (H)
Sat. June 12	Masters 5 Km, Los Gatos, Cal., (N)
	5 Km, Evansville, Indiana (BB)
	5 Km, Chicago, Illinois (EE)
	Northeast 5 Km Championship, Dedham, Mass. (I)
	5 Km, Miami (Q)
	5 Km, Overland Park, Kansas (K)
	5 Km, Denver (H)
Mon. June 14	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:30 pm (A)
June 17-19	USA Mobil Outdoor Championships, Men's 20 Km, Women's 10 Km, Eugene, Oregon (R)
	5 Km, Lockport, Illinois (CC)
Sat. June 19	10 Km, Albany, N.Y. (F)
	Two 5 Kms and a 10 Km, Denver (H)
	5 Km, Sacramento (D)
	5 Mile, Evansville, IN (P)
Sun. June 20	2 Mile, New Orleans, 8 am, (M)
	5 Km, Denver (H)
Mon. June 21	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:30 pm (A)
June 26-27	US Jr. T&F Champ., Men's 10 Km, Women's 5 Km, Spokane, Wash.
Fri. June 25	4 Miles, Kansas City (S)



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OLYMPICS DETERMINE MEN'S RANKINGS; SOVIET WOMEN DOMINATE

The ORW's annual rankings of the world's walkers (and the top U.S. walkers) is usually a rather exciting task. But in 1988, the men's ranking are determined almost entirely by the finishing order at the Seoul Olympics. Everyone concentrated on those two races and the top men had little other competition against one another. On the women's side, there were no significant International races. As a result, the Soviet women completely dominate the rankings based on their multiple fast races. The U.S. rankings are little less cut and dried.

The ORW launched its World Rankings for men at 20 and 50 Km in 1971 and added U.S. rankings at the same two distances 2 years later. This marks the tenth year we have ranked the women at 10 Km, both world and U.S. We weren't omitting women before that time because of sexism--the ORW has always covered women's results--but simply because there wasn't enough activity to justify rankings.

These rankings are strictly a subjective judgment on the part of your editor as to who were the top 10 walkers in each event for 1988. For each distance, a list of the fastest performers for the year follows the rankings. The fastest aint necessarily the best. For the rankings, we consider performance in major competitions and records in head-to-head competition against other top performers, as well as times. No awards to the top rankers other than the plaudits of hundreds of ORW readers. So, on to the rankings.

1988 WORLD 20 KM RANKINGS

1. Josef Pribilinec, Czech.

DQ L'Hospitalet 4/24
1:21:34 (1) Cze C 7/17
1:19:57 (1) Oly Games 9/23

2. Ronald Weigel, GDR

1:22:05 (1) Potsdam 3/19
1:23:54 (2) Dusseldorf 6/19
1:20:57 (1) GDR Ch 6/24
1:20:00 (2) Oly Games 9/23

3. Maurizio Damilano, Italy

1:22:07 (1) Senigallia 6/26
1:20:04 (3) Oly Games 9/23

4. Jose Marin, Spain

1:25:50 (1) Villadecans 1/31
1:22:41 (4) L'Hospitalet 4/24
1:22:42 (2) La Coruna 6/5
1:25:47 (1) Barcelona 6/8
1:23:05 (1) Sp. Ch 8/12
1:20:34 (4) Oly Games 9/23

5. Roman Mrazek, Czech

1:27:19 (4) Monterey 3/27
1:24:38 (3) Naumburg 5/1
1:21:53 (1) Trnava 5/8
1:25:36 (1) Banska Bys. 5/28
1:21:41 (2) Czec. Ch 7/17
1:20:43 (5) Oly Games 9/23

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SECOND CLASS POSTAGE
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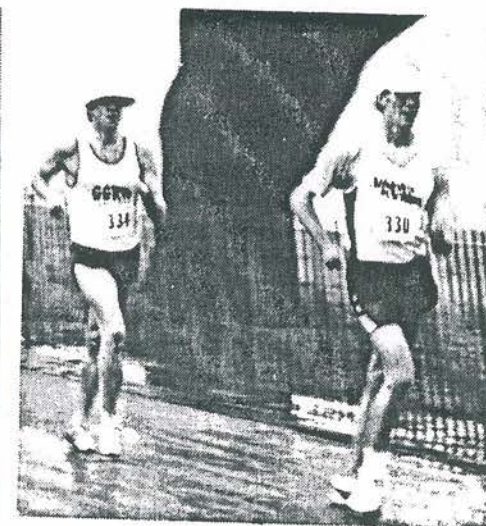
IAAF Judge, and the author of the sport's best selling, now in its third edition. He also has a videotape on training. For further information on the seminar contact Paul Geyer, Ski & Travel International, Inc., P.O. Box 630096, Miami, FL 33163. Phone 305-935-6063. . Useless, but perhaps interesting, information department: Last month's Ohio Racewalker was circulated to 666 enthusiasts; 634 in the U.S., distributed as follows--California 68, New York 66, Pennsylvania 40, Ohio 39, Florida 37, New Jersey 36, Texas 31, Michigan 26, Colorado 23, Illinois 19, Virginia 18, Massachusetts 17, Connecticut 15, Washington 14, Indiana 13, Maryland 12, Louisiana 10, Missouri 10, Wisconsin 10, Georgia 9, Kentucky 9, Minnesota 9, Utah 9, North Carolina 8, Oklahoma 8, Oregon 8, South Carolina 8, Iowa 7, Arizona 6, New Mexico 6, Tennessee 6, Arkansas 5, Kansas 5, Delaware 3, Rhode Island 3, Alaska 3, District of Columbia 2, Hawaii 2, Nevada 2, Maine 2, Alabama 1, Idaho 1, Mississippi 1, Nebraska 1, Puerto Rico 1, North Dakota 1, South Dakota 1, West Virginia 1, Wyoming 1; and 32 in other lands--Canada 19; Australia 4; England 2; Israel 2; Bermuda 1; Denmark 1; HJong Kong 1; Japan 1; and New Zealand 1.

LOOKING BACK

30 Years Ago (From the May 1963 Race Walker, edited by Chris McCarthy)--Ron Zinn won the National 10 Km on the track in Chicago with an American record of 46:35.4. The other famous RON--Laird--was a distant second in 47:46. However, he led the New York AC to a one-point team victory over the Ohio Track Club, who had Jack Blackburn (48:00) and Jack Mortland (48:07) in third and fourth. Mortland was more concerned about his marriage just a few weeks hence. . Zinn also won the National 2 Mile in St. Louis with a 14:03.2 ahead of Akos Szekely and a honeymooning Mortland. (Yes, a 30th anniversary in June). Laird edged Matt Rutyna for fourth. . The British 50 Km went to Ray Middleton in 4:16:43.

20 Years Ago (From the May 1973 ORW)--Mr. Consistency we called him. Bill Weigle won the National 50 Km in Des Moines with a 4:22:37. That marked his fourth 50 in 11 months with times ranging from 4:20:09 to 4:22:53. John Knifton was second in 4:30:20 and Ron Laird third in 4:37:51. . England's Roger Mills captured our 1 Hour title, covering 8 miles 252 yards, some 72 yards ahead of John Knifton. Todd Scully and RON Daniel followed, with the first seven bettering 7 1/2 miles.

10 Years Ago (From the May 1983 ORW)--Mexico invaded the U.S. and Martin Bermudez led the field home in the National 50 Km in Monterey, Cal. His 3:50:43 was nearly 10 minutes ahead of countryman Felix Gomez. Marco Evoniuk won the U.S. title in 4:01:43, with Jim Heiring second in 4:07:28, just behind a third Mexican, Marcelino Colin. Dan O'Connor and TOM Edwards followed, with 8 under 4:30. . Two weeks earlier, Colin came home first in the National 15 Km in Santa Monica, his 1:02:58 edging Canada's Marcel Jobin (1:03:07). Heiring was the National Champion in 1:03:26, a minute ahead of Sam Shick. Larry Walker, Pete Timmons, and Dave Cummings followed. . Also at Santa Monica, Susan Liers-Westerfield won the women's national 15 Km in 1:17:17, 50 seconds ahead of Teresa Vaill. Carol Brown and Vicki Jones were third and fourth.



National Invitational Walks. Top photo: Tim Berrett (left) and Mikhail Khmelitsky duke it out in 20 Km. They finished one-two. Master's walker Norm Frable has been lapped. Bottom left: Teresa Vaill moves toward her decisive 10 Km win. Bottom right: Allen James (in front) and Jonathan Matthews on their way to third and fourth place finishes in the 20. (Tracy Briggs photos.)