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Segura, Sidoti star in final Alongi races; U.S. Junior records fall

Dearborn, Michigan, September 25-26 (Special to ORW from Steve Vaitones)--A strong win by Italy's Annarita Sidoti and a meet record by Mexico's Bernardo Segura brought the curtain down on the 15th annual--and final--Casimiro Alongi Memorial racewalks. This 1993 edition proved to be a grand finale for what has traditionally been the highest quality and most internationally represented race held in this country. Though missing several top U.S. walkers and the usual strong Canadian contingent, the attendant combination of athletes provided a fine show of walking.

Race morning at the popular 1 kilometer loop at Levagood Park brought conditions conducive for fast times; 60 degrees, overcast, and a threat of rain. First off the line was the women's international, with Sidoti and Victoria Herazo in the lead after one circuit. However, the U.S. Olympian, still not in top shape after an accident suffered at the World Indoor meet, lost contact and was disqualified after 7 km. Moving into second was an intensely focused Deb Van Orden. The Olympic Festival champion was always within striking distance, but the diminutive Italian, ninth at the World Championships in Stuttgart, maintained a just comfortable lead through her finish of 46:05. Van Orden recorded her second best time ever in 46:53. These top two were also winners of the style awards for foreign and U.S. competitors, respectively. Lynda Brubaker, Dana Yarbrough, Sally Richards-Kerr, and Gretchen Eastler all had personal bests in the race, with Sally also getting a U.S. master's record for the distance.

Five countries were represented in the men's race, including a four man Mexican team led by Segura. Disqualified at the World Championships, Segura came into the race as third fastest in the world for 1993 with a 1:19:39. This year's Italian representative, Giovanni Perricelli, is more a 50 km specialist with a 13th place finish at Stuttgart and a 20th place listing for the year in that event.

While it was shoulder to shoulder for the first laps, Segura gradually pulled ahead without challenge. His smooth style belied the fact that he was going very fast. To wit: with the gun for the final lap Perricelli looked to be close enough to be a threat until one realized that the lean Mexican had lapped the entire field. Crossing the line in 1:21:55, Segura bettered his own meet record of 1:22:01 (1991). Perricelli was second, better than 5 minutes behind.

First American was Gary Morgan in sixth, recording his seasonal best of 1:29:31 on his home course. One place behind him was surprising Andrew Herrman in 1:29:49, two

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minutes under his personal best. Three years ago, he was a member of the U.S. Junior team who all recorded 10 km personal record's in this meet. Others on that team also moved into the fast lane here; Philip Dunn was within seconds of his best in 10th and Tim Seaman was on pace for a 1:28 until he was DQ'd at 19 km. In 11th, 20-year-old Elliot Taub took another chunk off his best at 1:34:28, a 10 minute improvement since the DC 20 km in March. Also of note was the third place finish of 18-year-old Mexican Tito Palacios and the Puerto Rican national record of 1:31:01 by Jose Torres. Men's style winner for foreign athletes was Guillermo Rodriquez in fifth.

Held concurrently with the respective international races, the fifth annual U.S. vs Canada Junior Dual Meet again produced a slew of personal bests. Both races were controlled by the U.S. teams. The women's race at 5 km found Melissa Baker and Lisa Chumbley mixing it up at 4:46 for the first kilometer, with their last teammate at 5:15. After lap two, Debbie Iden took over team leader honors for good. Number two all-time on the track, the Wisconsin-Parkside freshman recorded a U.S. road best of 24:16, the third such Junior record set on this course, following Chumbley in 1992 and Gretchen Eastler in 1991. Chumbley was also under her old mark, as four of six recorded bests for the distance and the U.S. took the first five places.

The men's junior team displayed similar fortitude. After one lap, four were in the 20 km chase pack behind Segura and Perricelli. By 5 km, it was Will Van Axen and Al Heppner in the lead with sub 22 minute splits, followed by Kevin Eastler and Justin Marrujo. The latter's 22:18 looked pedestrian until put into historic perspective--it betters the existing U.S. road best set in 1991. The leaders worked together through 8 km, and at the finish, it was U.S. style award winner Van Axen in 43:16. The number two junior time ever, road or track, it shattered the 44:25 meet record set by Tim Seaman in 1991. The team appeared in jeopardy as first Heppner, on course for sub 44, and then Eastler, at sub-45 pace, were waved off the course. But Justin Marrujo's personal record 46:31 in second and two Canadian DQs assured the U.S. win. Five of the six junior men had lifetime bests.

The aggressiveness of the young U.S. men--Seaman, Heppner, and Eastler--even in the face of two red cards was commendable despite their obvious disappointment. Their "go for it" attitude mirrors the front racing of the new generation of U.S. distance runners, such as Bob Kennedy, Todd Williams, and Marc Davis, recently profiled in several articles. Special congratulations to Tom Eastler and Bettsie Baker, admirably completing their first international team manager assignments with the Juniors.

Master's races were held on Saturday and the men's winners just keep defying the aging process. James Carmines was overall and 50+ winner in 49:18, and 61-year-old Max Green showed that he can keep pace with many youngsters with his 51:29. The women's winner at 5 km was also in the 50-59 group, as Joanne Nedelco crossed the line in 26:53.

At an emotional awards ceremony, Frank Alongi noted that after 15 years of directing the race in memory of his brother, and with his upcoming retirement from Ford

Motor Company, it was time to step back. Frank was presented with several gifts and a standing ovation. While some elite U.S. athletes have noted that this fall race comes at "the wrong time of the year", the Casimiro Alongi Memorial racewalks drew more Olympians and International walkers and was the site of more personal bests than any other race in the country. The race provided an ideal course and race conditions and was the single most important factor in the development of a successful Junior program. As the song goes, "you don't know what you've got 'til its gone". Thanks Frank.

International 20 Km--1. Bernardo Segura, Mexico 1:21:55 2. Giovanni Perricelli, Italy 1:27:09 3. Tito Palacios, Mexico 1:28:08 4. Arturo Huerta, Canada 1:28:51 5. Guillermo Rodriquez, Mexico 1:29:23 6. Gary Morgan, Michigan 1:29:31 7. Andrew Hermann, N.Y. 1:29:49 8. Jose Torres, Puerto Rico 1:31:01 9. Nicolas Soto, P.R. 1:32:20 10. Phillip Dunn, N.Y. 1:33:46 11. Elliot Taub 1:34:28 12. Steve Pecinovsky, Arkansas 1:35:41 13. Curt Clausen, N. Car. 1:37:15 14. Herman Nelson, Wash. 1:37:22 15. Dave McGovern, Virginia 1:39:27 16. Paul Tavares, N.Y. 1:40:59 DQ--Curtis Fisher, Tim Seaman, Danny Fink

International 10 Km--1. Annarita Sidoti, Italy 46:06 2. Debora Van Orden, Colorado 46:53 3. Lynda Brubaker, Penn. 47:46 4. Pascale Grand, Canada 48:06 5. Dana Yarbrough, Texas 48:07 6. Kim Wilkinson, Calif. 48:21 7. Gretchen Eastler, Maine 49:24 8. Susan Armenta, Georgia 49:28 9. Jennifer Christiansen, Wisconsin 50:19 10. Lisa Sonntag, Indiana 51:00 11. Kalsa Ajaye, N.Y. 52:55 12. Kelly Watson, Wisconsin 53:15 13. Megan Garner-Holman, Colorado 53:59 DQ--Victoria Herazo

U.S.-Canada Men's 10 Km--1. William Van Axen, U.S. 43:16 2. Justin Marrujo, U.S. 46:31 3. Chris Herwig, Can. 48:39 4. Marc Ladouceur, Can. 50:40 5. Joseph Sheppard, U.S. 51:05 DQ--Al Heppner and Kevin Eastler, U.S.; Vincent Dery and Ryan Chamberlan, Can. U.S.--14 Canada--7

U\U.S.-Canada Women's 5 Km--1. Debbi Iden, U.S. 24:16 2. Lisa Chumbley, U.S. 24:36 3. Danielle Kirk, U.S. 25:06 4. Milen Dupere, Can. 25;09 5. Debora Scott, U.S. 25:16 6. Mellssa Baker, U.S. 25:29 7. Joanne Fox, Can. 25:30 8. Abigail Saens, Mex. 25:47 9. Martine Rainville, Can. 26:08 10. Margaret Ditchburn, U.S. 26:55 11.Tracy Ross, Can. 27:18 12. Julie Falardeau, Can. 27:33 13. AnneMarie Oseald, Can. 28:14 14. Daignault, Can. 28:32 15. Alison Zabrenski, U.S. 29:27

Men's Open 10 Km--1. Pascal Pednealt, Can. 44:55 2. Rafael Pasillas, Mex. 45:14 3. Oscar Ramirez, Mex. 45:30 4. Zbigniew Sadlej, Mich. 46:16 5. Dan O'Brien, Mich. 47:41 6. Ian Whatley, S. Car. 48:31 7. Dave Lawrence, N.Y. 48:53 8. Carl Schueler, Colorado 49:22 9. Mike Hersey, Maine 52:00 10. Marlo Renteria, mex. 53:30 11. Guillermo Magat, Can. 53:37

Women's Open 10 Km--1. Sally Richards-Kerr, Col. 49:19 2. Peggy Miller, Col. 53:45 3. Ali DeWitt, Wls. 54;08 4. Patricia Jones, Can. 54:39 5. Therese Iknoian, Cal. 55:25 6. Anne Meyer, Hawaii 57:32 7. Diane Podsiacllik, Nich. 58:13 8. Eileen Lawrence, N.Y. 58:50

Master's 10 Km 40-49--1. Nicolas Bdera, N.Y. 51:15 2. Norm Frable, Tex. 51:27 3. Don Anderson, Ind. 53:31 4. Max Walker, Ind. 54:19 5. Dave Waddle, Mich. 54:28 6. John Bockovan, Cal. 55:56 7. William Goodwin, Penn. 56:51 8. Robert Campbell, Mich. 50-59--1. James Carmines, Penn. 49:18 2. Edgar Kousky, Ore. 51:22 3. Victor Sipes, Mich. 51:24 4. Marino Scerpella, Mich. 53:40 5. John Elwarner, Mich. 54:03 6. Terry McHoskey, Mich. 57:17 7. Robert Lubelski, Mich. 60:17 60 and over--1. Max Green,

Mich. 51:29 2. Jack Bray, Cal. 51:55 3. Sal Corrallo, Virginia 57:31 4. Richard Petruzzi, Cal. 59:09 5. Loren Porter, Mich. 65:30

Master's 5 Km 40-49--1. Jackie Jessup, Ind. 27:46 2. Kathy Frable, Tex. 27:49 3. Jolene Steigerwalt, Cal. 28:33 4. Kathy Lovell, N.M. 28:49 5. Maureen Hayden, Can. 30:50 50-59--1. JoAnn Nedelco, Cal. 26:53 2. Virginia Scales, Cal. 30:40 3. Sami Bailey, Ind. 30:57 4. Roberta Boyle, Nev. 41:34 60 and over--1. June Marie Provost, Can. 29:26 2. Ruth Eberle, Missouri 29:47

Women's Open 3 Km--1. Annelia Smith, Ind. 15:45 2. Kimberly Adams, Ind. 16:47 3. Elizabeth Paxton, Ca. 16:47 4. Majuy Napolitano, Can. 17:15 5. Robin McIntosh, Mich. 17:22 6. Rita Bogan, Ind. 17:53 (34 finishers)

Men's Open 3 Km--1. Francis Berube, Can. 17:17 2. Frederic Vincent, Can. 15:42 3. Nick Brunson, Ind. 16:22 4. Robert Hickey, Cal. 16:24 5. Vince Abell, Ind. 17:15 6.Martin Cadwell, Mich. 17:23 7. Frank Soby, Mich. 17:30 8. Thomas Masterson, N.Y. 17:39 9. William Peet, Ind. 17:45 10. Gary Myers, Can. 17:56 (29 finishers) Past Alongi Winners: 1979--Carlo Mattioli, Italy 1:26:30; 1980-- Mattioli 1:28:27; 1981--Maurizio Damllano, Italy 1:25:41; 1982--Ernesto Canto, Mexico 1:24:58; 1983--Raul Gonzalez, Mexico 1:27:54; 1984--Guillaume Leblanc, Canada 1:26:37; 1985--Leblanc 1:25:32; 1986--Leblanc 1:25:45; 1987--Carl Schueler, U.S. 1:26:30; 1988--Tim Berrett, UK 1:25:08; 1989--Tim Lewls, U.S. 1:22:17; 1990--Zbigniew Sadlej, Poland 1:23:40; 1991--Bernardo Segura, Mexico 1:22:01; 1992--Giovanni Perricelli, Italy 1:23:46.

Czech student captures two 100s in one

Xenia, Ohio, Sept. 25-26 (From ORW Publisher Emeritus Jack Blackburn)--Ivo Majetic, a Czech Republic student in computer science at the University of Houston, rather easily handled a 21-person field to take both the 100 Km and 100 Mile National Championships today. The race(s) was held on a 440-yard cinder track at the Ohio Veterans' Children's Home in Xenia in rather wet conditions with gusty winds and temperatures in the low to mid-50 F range. Ivo's time of 18:26:24 for the 100 miler is the best ever on U.S. soil. Alan Price, many-times champion at 100 miles, walked his usual gutsy race to place second, and a very steady Bob keating kept his presence known in third. The only other 100 mile finisher was Dave Thorp, who had nearly 8 minutes to spare on the 24 hour limit.

The 100 km race held concurrently saw the same finishing order with the exception of Chris Knott, who was fourth ahead of Dave Thorp. The former 50-km international was making one of his rare racing appearances in recent years. New Jersye's Isabel Stuper won the women's title, Price the Master's title, and Mike Michel the over-60 title.

Good performances were also turned in by over 40 students from OVCH and 15 adult volunteers who braved the wind and rain to count laps and supply aid and much encouragement to the field of tough old athletes. Vince Peters and his sweet wife of the Miami Valley Track CLub served as field commanders for the entire 24 hours and handled it masterfully. The Greene County Parks and Recreation Department supplied much backup support through the planning and execution stages.

100 Mile results: 1. Ivo Majetic 18:26:24 2. Alan Price 21:03:07 3. Bob Keating 22:01:46 4. Dave Thorp 23:52:16 Nial Monclal 84 miles, Chuck Hunter* 76 miles, Ray Franks 76 miles, Rich Myers* 70 miles, Mike Michel 63 miles (*Centurions)

100 Km results: 1. Ivo Majetic 11:03:42 2. Alan Price 11:45:35 3. Robert Keating 12:29:04 4. Chris Knotts 13:15:59 5. Dave Thorp 14:12 6. Ray Franks 17:37:34 7. Nial Mondal 14:42:18 8. Mike Michel 14:43:47 9. Chuck Hunter 16:01:59 10. Albert Cowan 16:03:30 11. Jack Blakcburn* 17:06:54 12. Isibal Stuper 18:17:02 13. Alva Gaskill 18:34:24 14. Rich Myers 20:10:49 15. Doug Brown 21:00:28

Nelson, Eastler beat the clock in 1 and 2 hour races

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 3 (Another Steve Valtones special)--Olympian Herm Nelson and Simmons College Junior Gretchen Eastler won their first Senior National championships at the USATF National a and 2 Hour Championships at the MIT track today. Steady rain greeted the 2 Hour walkers on the starting line in the day's first of three races. Nelson came cross country a week after a not-particularly-sharp performance in Dearborn, while challenger Gary Morgan had turned in a seasonal best there, albeit getting a slight hamstring strain in the race.

Morgan stayed in contact through 5 Km splits of 23:06, 46:25, and 1:09:54, but the previous week's work caught up with the 1988 Olympian. Nelson was able to keep pace, hitting 1:33:09 at 20 Km as the rain let up. BEfore the race, Herm believed thaat the 2 Hour record was within reach with a good race, and his 25 km split of 1:55:57 was a personal best for the distance. But though the fifth 5 km was the fastest of the day at 22:48, there was too little time to make up the record distance, and he finished with 16 miles 182 yards, falling just over 1/2 lap short of Ray Sharp's 16 miles 433 yards dating back to 1982.

Although he is an Olympian and World Championship team member, this was Herm's first National title. He plans to return to serious base training for the next two months and then head "down under" to Australia for January and February. Only six walkers (one DQ) contested the 2 hour.

Skles cleared as the women's 1 hour took to the oval. Places were sorted out early on, as Pascale Grand, a day's drive from her home in Montreal, took off at the gun and was only challenged by two red cards picked up before the 30 minute mark. Her pace dropped back to 5 minutes per kilometer for a while, but she was still able to accumulate 7 miles 1046 yards for the hour. Gretchen Eastler, coming off a 40 second personal record at Alongi (and a ninth place the day before at the Codfish Bowl Collegiate cross country run) circled the track neither challenging nor being challenged, covering 7 miles 327 yards for her first USA Senior title. Eastler had previously earned two Junior 1 Hour wins. Tops in the Masters Division was Elton Richardson with 6 miles 596 yards, and age group (50-55) record.

The final event, one hour for juniors and masters, saw Kevin Eastler immediately shoot to the front of the pack. Passing the mile in just over 6:50, his objective was to hit a sub 46 for 10 km and let the remainder of the racae unfold as it would. Unfortunately, recurring tendonitis in his hip forced him of the track at 40 minutes. Master Joe Light of the host New England Walkers took over in fron and continued to his first masters win with 7 miles 366 yards. Ageless George COnway strode 4 miles 393 yards for the day's second masters record, this in the age 90-94 group. Junior honors went to Mike Hersey of Farmington, Maine, with 6 miles 1682 yards.

The meet was hosted by the New England Walkers, North Medford Club, and the New England association of USATF.

Senior Men's 2 Hour: 1. Her Nelson, Seattle, Wash. (32) 16 miles 182 yards 2. Gary Morgan, Clarkson, Mich. (33) 15 miles 905 yards 3. Stephen J. Peckikonis, Roslindale, Mass. (34) 12 miles 766 4. Will Desrosiers, Oxford, Mass. (34) 12 miles 752 5. Justin Kuo, Brookline, Mass. (38) 12 miles 536

Junior Men's 1 Hour: 1. Michael Hersey, Western Main Walkers (16) 11,195 meters 2. Caleb Simpson, WMW (17) 9411 meters

Masters Men's I Hour: 1. Joe Light, New England Walkers (46) 11,601 meters 2. Brian Savilonis, NEW (43) 11,447 3. Phil McGaw, North Medford Club (43) 11,212 4. Robert Ullman, NEW (44) 10,657 5. Tom Knatt, NEW (53) 10,353 6. Paul Schell, NMC (56) 10,250 7. Bob Aucion, NMC (51) 10,143 8. Charles Mansbach, NEW (49) 9797 9. John Micavich, un. (51) 9690 10. George lattarulo, NMC (45) 9469 11. John Gray, NMC (69) 9,463 12. Benno Stein, Park Walkers (55) 9,278 13. Cervin Robinson, PW (65) 9,052 14. Ron Kramer, un. (53) 8995 15. Michael Hoffer, NEW (54) 8959 16. Tom Reisz, NEW (47) 8892 17. Harold Thornley, NEW (66) 8590 18. Joe Bucclaglia, un. (56) 8322 19. John O'Brien, NEW (73) 8067 20. William Lonnroth, NEW (66) 7489 21. George Conway, NEW (90) 6797 (6 DQs)

Women's 1 Hour: 1. Pascale Grand, Canada (26) 12,223 meters 2. Gretchen Eastler, Simmons Col. (21) 11,565 3. Debbie Benton, Wolverine Pacers (36) 10,407 4. Valerie Meyer, Potomac Valley Walkers (35) 10,293 5. Elton Richardson, un. (54) 10,202 6. Nancy Lee Whitney, PVW (57) 9661 7. Meg Ferguson, NEW (43) 9612 8. Ann Doggett, Boston AC (28) 9330 9. Olga Figueroa, Indiana Racewalkers (47) 9296 10. Evelyn Bandlow, NEW (40) 9293 11. Kristin Tollefson (25) 9293 12. Maureen Robinson, NEW (37) 9283 13. Beth Young-Grady, Indiana Walkers (56) 9210 14. Judy Hastings, un. (35) 9160 15. Carolyn Wills, NMC (39) 9017 16. Jeanne Shepardson, NEW (59) 8990 17. Barbara Currier, NMC (43) 8579 18. Mary Hess-Hoffer, NEW (44) 8099 19. Donna Goguen, un. (47) 8049 20. Priscilla Frappier, NEW (43) 8042 21. Helen Lonnroth, NEW (67) 7699 22. Deborah COpeland, NEW 939) 7690 23. Darlene Pont Boag, un. (29) 7184 24. Lorelei Buben, un. (61) 7373 25. Joan Gilson, un. (60) 6755 26. Sarah Eales, un. (30) 5690 (5 DQs)

Other results

Metropolitan 5 Km Championship, New York City, Sept. 19--1. Marc Varsano 21:39 2. Gary Null (48) 23:03 3. Rupert Ravens 23:43 4. Michael Korol 23:46 5. Bruce Logan 24:41 6. Taka Amano (43) 25:05 7. Franco Pantoni (47) 25:06 8. Roberto Gottlieb 25:42 9. Kalsa Ajaye 25:55 10. Richard Harper (43) 26:14 11. Jerry Givner (48) 27:16 12. Herbert Zydek (55) 27:17 13. Michael Roth 27:18 14. Robert Barrett (59) 27:46 15. Sharon Lyons 27:50 16. Franco Clarlo (54) 29:13 17. James McGrath (56) 29:57 18. Sonia Monales (45) 30:08 19. Cervin Robinson (65) 30:12 20. Ana San Antonio (42) 30:20 (121 finishers) Empire State Games, Brockport, N.Y., 20 Km, Aug. 5--1. Elliott Taulo 1:38:34 2. Dave Lawrence 1:44:24 3. Vo Khang 1:50:52 4. Nick Bdera 1:51:29 5. Michael Roth 1:51:58 6. NElson Fisher 1:57:30 7. Brett Dixon 2:02:06 8. Robert Lubelski 2:11:11 Women's 10 Km, August 7--1. Kaisa Ajaye 53:56 2. Debra Scott 56:22 3. Mary Fanelli Lund 57:37 4. Suzanne Martin 57:54 5. Jennifer Praigo 58:50 6. Karen Fina 59:11 50 Km, August 7--1. Nelson Fisher 5:35:25 2. Mark Bagan 5:5l:19 Women's 5 Km, August 5--1. Debra Scott 26:31 2. Jennifer Praigo 27:07 3. Anne Lankowicz 27:39 4. Mary Fanelli Lund 27:40 5. Eileen Lawrence 28:14 6. JEnnifer Grego 29:22 (11 finishers Scholastic 5 Km, Aug. 5 Boys--1. David Michielli 23:44 2. Darren Eames 24:11

3. Phil Harty 26:46 Girls--1. Melissa Baker 25:18 2. Roselle Safran 25:30 3. Debra Carter 27:48 4. Kimberly Lando 29:21 Masters 5 Km, Aug. 5: 1. Nick Bdera (40-44) 25:36 2. Robert Barrett (55-59) 27:41 3. Frank Masterson (55-59) 27:58 4. Richard Incremona (45-49) 28:24 5. Frank Fina (60-64) 29:23 6. Robert Lubelski (50-54) 30:09 5 Km, Wilkes Barre, Penn., Sept. 18--1. Gary Morgan 20:57 2. Curtis Fisher 21:19 (Interesting, since this is the same date as the National 5 Km in Kingsport, Tenn., reported last month, in which Curtis also raced, along with Ray Funkhouser--7th below. Were the really in both places--possible depending on the times of the races--or has someone given me a wrong date?) 3. Marc Varsano 21:25 4. Danny Fink 21:31 5. Dave Marchese 21:50 6. Curt Clausen 22:06 7. Ray Funkhouser 22:28 (1st 40-44) 8. Teresa Vaill 22:36 9. Doug Fournier 23:17 10. Lynda Brubaker 23:20 11. Dave Doherty 25:42 12. Kaisa Ajaye 26:16 13. Ellen O'Shaughnessy 26:26 14. Maria Moulton 26:34 15. Pat Weir 26:58 (1st female 40-44) 16. Gloria Rawls 27:04 17. Phyllis Hansen 27:16 (2nd 40-44) 18. Ronald SHIelds 28:06 (ist over 50) 19. Patrick Drury 28:22 (1st 45-49) 20. Susle Suchoski 28:27 21. Dino Delaportas 28:35 (40-44) 22. Claude Letiem 29:04 (45-49) 23. Larry Freeman 29:15 (over 50) 24. Valerie Meyer 29:20 25. Mary Suchoski 29:54 26. John Nervettl 30:02 (over 50) 27. Allison Zabrenski 30:28 28. Patrick Grimes 30:29 29. Lou Butera 30:30 30. Andrea Robertson 30:37 (147 finishers, 7 DQs) East Coast Invitational Youth Track Meet, Fairfax, Va., July 23-25: 1500 meters, Girls 14 and under-1. Erica Hanami, N.Y. 7:22.60 2. Alison Aabrenski, Maryland 7:22.66 3. Yoland Kent, N.Y. 8:02.2 1500, Boys 14 and under--1. Danny Dalton, Ohio 7:47.4 2. David Anderson, Mayrland 8:45.3 3000 meters, Cirls 15-18--1. Roselle Safran, N.Y. 15:30.80 2. Corinne Cilling, Virginia 17:07.5 5000 meters, Boys 15-18--1. William Legett, Virginia 24:47.5 2. Everett Carson, D.C. 30:38 5 Km, Atlanta, Georgia, July 25--1. Allen James 21:16 2. Bert Starzer 26:22 3. Mark Danford 27:21 (1st 40-44) 4. Gary Langley 28:37 (1st 45-49) 5. Charles Carter 29:38 (40-44) 6. Dan Strohl 30:02 (45-49) (18 finishers) WOmen: 1. Patti Henderson 29:45 2. Patty Voyles 30:01 (24 finishers) 5 Km, Marietta, Georgia, August 14--1. Bert Starzer 25:21 2. Mark Danford 27:10 3. Jim Norvill 30:53 (11 finishers) Women: 1. Patti Henderson 29:51 (30 finishers) 5 Km, Orlando, Florida, Sept. 25--1. Steve Christlieb 28:28 (40-49) 2. Chuck McLaughlin 28:41 (50-59) (12 finishers) Women: 1. Christine Hoffman 31:30 (40-49) (12 finishers) 5 Km, Orlando, October 2--1. Edgardo Rodriquez 25:53 2. Burns Hovey 26:48 3. Chuck McLaughlin (53) 27:46 4. Ken Cutler 29:41 Women: 1. Christine Hoffman (42) 30:36 5 Km, Bridge City, Louisiana, Oct. 10--1. Sidney Holmes 27:30 Utah State Championships, Sept. 4: 1500 meters Girls 9 and 10--1. Brittany Allen 9:13 Boys 11 and 12--1. Andrew Ewell 9:14 Women's 3 Km--1. Teresa Aguirre (40-49) 18:40 (6 finishers) Men's 3000--1. Steve Hedges (40-49) 15:26 2. Neal Ewell (40-49) 17:20 (8 finishers) 10 Km, San Francisco, Sept. 12: Women--1. Therese Iknoian 55:11 2. JoAnn Nedelco 55:26 3. Sally Focacci 55:53 4. Robin Fujinaka 28:02 5. Sandy Womack 58:59 6. Laura Cribbins 59:51 7. Pam Thornton 60:31 (21 finishrs) Men--1. Jim Lenschau 47:34 2. Joe Sheppard 51:46 3. Jack Bray 52:08 4. Kirk DeFord 55:51 5. Skip Bockoven 55:51 6. John Schultz 57:04 7. Chuck Marut 58:22 8. Bill Moremen 60:44 (16 finishers) 22.8 Mile, Seattle, Sept. 2--1. Stan Chraminski 22:38 2. Bob Novak 23:19 3. Bruce Harland 24:08 4. Ann Tuberg 24:59 Half-Marathon, Seattle, Sept. 6--1. Stan Chraminski (45) 1:54:57 2. Bob Novak (44) 2:02:54 3. Steve Fredrikson 2:14:10 4. Bev LaVeck (57) 2:19:14 5. Claude Wrathall (58) 2:21:29

From other lands

(Here are all of the results that my computer cast into limbo after I had spent better than an hour at the keyboard last month. One is supposed to hit "save" every 10 or 15 minutes, but I always get carried away with forging ahead and neglect that duty. And that was the first time I had a large block of copy just disappear. I am good about backing things up once I am done. My address list, for example, is on two hard drives and two discs. Anyway, it's about time to save the results above before I plunge Into this next batch--the ones you were going to get last month.)

batch--the ones you were going to get last month.) 20 Km, Bekecsabe, Hungary, March 28--1. Igor Kollar, Slovakia 1:21:50 2. Gyuia Dudas, 1:22:24 3. Jacek Muller, Poland 1:23:30 4. Alex Rakovic, Yug. 1:23:37 5. Vladimir Osxtrovski, Israel 1:23:37 6. Roman Mrazek, Slovakia 1:23:47 7. Zbigniew Sadly, Poland 1:23:55 8. Peter Gabris, Slov. 1:24:10 9. Janusz Goslawski, Pol. 1:24:25 10. Grzegors, pol. 1:24:49 11. Sandor Urbanik 1:25:25 Women's 10 Km, same place--1. Anika Szebenszki 45:04 2. Kamila Holpuchova, Czech Rep. 45:05 3. Ildiko Olyes 45:06 4. Andrea Alfoldi 45:09 20 Km, Olomuc, Chech., April 3--1. Hubert Sonnek 1:25:02 2. Stefan Malik 1:25:36 50 Km, Prerov, Czech. April 25--1. Milos Holusa 3:59:48 2. Hubert Sonnek 4:08:29 Women's 10 Km, Prague, May 23--1. Maricella Chavez, Mex. 44:10 2. Kamila Holpuchova 44:20 3. Marinel Rebollo, Mex. 44:46 4. Evan Machuca, Mex. 44:53 5. Maria Colin, Mex. 45:45 20 Km, same place--1. Bernardo Wegura, Mex. 1:22:26 2. Miguel Rodriquez, Mex. 1:22:26 3. Carlos Mercenario, Mex. 1:23:13 4. Alberto Cruz, Mex. 1:24:26 5. Ignacio Zamudio, Mex. 1:24:54 6. German Sanchez, Mex. 1:25:03 7. Ruben Aricardo, mex. 1:25:33 8. Jirl Opava 1:25:35 50 Km, Podebrady, Czech., May 6--1. Carlos Mercenario, Mex. 3:52:55 2. German Sanchez, Mex. 4;01:06 3. Miguel Rodriquez, Mex. 4:06:10 4. Stefan Malik 4:09:08 Women's 10 Km (track), Torino, Italy, April 4--1. Ileana Salvador 43:07.6 2. Annarita Sidoti 43:34 3. Perrone 44:02 20 Km, Rome, April 4--1. Giovanni Perricelli 1:23:17 2. Walter Arena 1:23:26 3. Spagnulo 1:24:43 Italian 50 Km Championship, Feb. 21--1. De Gaetano 3:51:54 2. Massimo Quiriconi 3:55:14 3. Penocchio 3:55:57 4. Cimarusti 3:59:05 5. Bianchi 4:00:04 6. Walter Arena 4:03:21 7. Corritore 4:03:57 8. Fizialetti 4:05:19 9. Mistretta 4:05:44 10. Romanzi 4:06:32 11. Ruzzier 4:06:38 12. Casini 4:07:45 13. Genco 4:09:03 14. Parcesepe 4:09:34 50 Km, Bergen, Norway, May 8 (track)--1. Dennis Terraz, France 3:56:19 2. Jose Urbano, Port. 3:57:30 3. Modris Llepinsh, Latvia 4:05:21 Women's 5 Km, same place--1. Susana Feitor, Port. 21:01.8 Women's 10 Km, same place--1. Kerry Junna Saxby, Australia 42:22.6 2. Ileana Salvador, Italy 42:24 3. Sarl Essayah, Fin. 42:37 4. Katarzyna Radtke, ol. 42:48 5. Gabrielle BLythe, Australia 44:12 6. Susan Zemkova, Slovakia 47:12 20 Km, same place--1. Nick A"Hern, Austrlai 1:20:13 2. Walter Arena, Italy 1:22:16 3. Valentin Kononen, Fin. 1:22:23 4. Peter Gabris, Slovakia 1:23:28 5. Magnus Moreius, Sweden 1:25:16 6. Simon Baker, Australia 1:27:05 20 Km, Naumburg, Germany, May 1--1. Robert Korzenowski, Pol. 1:25:11 Women's 10 Km, same place--1. Madelein Svensson, Swed. 43:54 20 Km, Rio Maior, Port., April 3--1. Jose Urbano 1:25:32 Women's 10 Km, same place--1. Susana Feitor 43:44 2. Madelein Svensson, Swed. 44:19 20 Km, Sesto s. Giovanni, Italy, May 1--1. Mikhail Schennikov, Russia 1:21:13 2. Giovanni de Benedictis 1:23:14 3. Giovanni Perricelli 1:23:14 4. Josef Urbanik, Hung. 1:24:06 5. Didoni 1:24:19 6. Dudas, Hungary 1:25:19 Women's 10 Km, same place--1. Ilean Salvador 43:09 2. Annarita Sidoti 43:36 3. Yelena Saiko, Russia 43:44 4. Sari Essayah, Fln. 44:15 5. Elisabetta Perrone 45:02 6. Maria Rosza, Hung. 45:06 7. Andrea Alfoldi, Hung. 46:32 8. Ilyes Ildiko, Hung. 46:36 Spanish 20 Km Championship, Barcelona, Jan. 24--1. Valentin Massana 1:26:32 Spanish 50 Km

Championship, Reus, Feb. 14--1. Valentin Massana 3:46:11 2. Jesus Garcia 3:48:06 3. Daniel Plaza 3:52:33 4. Basilio Labrador 3:52:44 5. A. Marin 3:52:48 6. Denis Terraz, France 4:03:30 7. F. Ruiz 4:05:37 20 Km, Barcelona, July 3--1. Yevgeniy Misyula, Belarus 1:23:38 2. Pavol Blazek, Slovakia 1:24:06 3. Igor Kollar, Slov. 1:24:20 4. Giovanni Perricelli, Italy 1:24:56 WOmen's 5 Km, same place--1. Reyes Sobrino 22:56 20 Km, Adler, Kaukasas, Russia, Feb. 14--1. Dmitri Dolnikov 1:19:41 2. Nicolal Matyuchin 1:19:43 3. Vladimir Andreyev 1:19:43 4. Wyatscheslaw Tschnrepanov 1:19:52 5. Ilya Markov 1:20:19 6. Artur Schumak, Belarus 1:20:38 7. Dmitri Golos, Bel. 1:20:42 8. Mikhail Schennikov 1:20:43 9. Viktor Ossipov 1:20:52 10. Mikhail Chemlnizki 1:21:15 11. Yuriy Gordoyev 1:21:30 12. Sergei Tyulenyev 1:21:31 13. Igor Plotnikov 1:21:32 14. Andrey Makarov 1:21:14 15. Oleg Plastun 1:21:59 16. Yuriy Kuko, Bel. 1:22:09 17. Valeriy Borrissov, Bel. 1:22:13 18. Aleksei Perschin 1:21:59 19. Sigitas Vainauskas, Lith. 1:22:26 20. Sergei Korepanov, Kas. 1:22:43 21. Konstantin Natscharkin 1:22:50 22. Aleksel Kronin 1:22:50 23. Arvidas Valnauska, Lith. 1:22:51 24. Andrei Popov 1:22:52 25. Yuriy Shubok, Bel. 1:23:02 26. Ritis Arbecauskas, Lith. 1:23:08 27. Aleksandr Leskov 1:23:13 28. Aleksei Kusnezov 1:23:30 29. Aldksandr Archipov 1:23:35 30. Metschislav Veshel, Bel. 1:23:55 30 Km, same place--1. Aleksandr Potaschov 2:04:00 2. Viktor Ginko, Bel. 2:05:36 3. Andrzel Plotnikov 2:05:53 4. Anatoliy Grigorev 2:06:27 5. Vyatscheslav Smirnov 2:07:26 6. Oleg Troshin 2:09:20 7. Sergel Katurayev 2:09:35 8. Mikhail Schltiksov, Bel. 2:10:10 Women's 10 Km--1. Yelena Arschinzeva 42:03 2. Yelena Saiko 42:04 3. Yelena Grusinova 42:34 4. Olimpiada Ivanova 42:37 5. Yuliya Korolyova 43:37 6. Lidya Fessenko 43:56 7. Yevgeniya 44:12 8. Irina Tolstik, Bel. 44:22 9. Valentina Zybulskaya 44:26 10. Natalia Misyulya 44:34 11. Leondda Yuchnevitsch, Bel. 44:35 12. Vera Makolova 44:50 13. Marina Koshneva 44:54 14. Ludmila Mayorova 45:13 15. Irina Putinzeva 45:13 15. Vera Koshomina 45:18 (Thus far, the break up of the Soviet Union and the loss of state support for athletic programs does not seem tohave affected the depth of talent in racewalking to any recognizable extent.) 20 Km, Eisenhuttenstadt, Germany, May 1--1. Ronald Weigel 1:23:51 2. Bernd Gummelt 1:25:10 3. Axel Noack 1:29:41 Women's 10 Km,same place--1. Beate Anders 43:16 2. Kathrin Born 46:12 3. Simone Thrustl 46:59 11 Nations Meet, Eschborn, Germany, June 12: 35 Km--1. Robert Korzenowski, Pol. 2:28:30 (World's best ever performance) 2. Valentin Massana, Spain 2:30:33 3. Daniel Plaza, Spain 2:31:26 4. Victor Ginko, White Russia 2:31:58 4. Yevgeniy Misyulya, WR 2:32:33 6. Miguel Rodriquez, Mex. 2:32:53 7. German Sanchez, Mex. 2:33;09 8. Alexandre Potashov, WR 2:33:59 9. Jeusu Garcia, Spain 2:34:20 10. Hartwig Gauder, Ger. 2:34:42 11. Carlos Mercenario, Mex. 2:35:16 12. Axel Noack, Ger. 2:35:57 13. Ronald Weigel, Ger. 2:35:54 14. Vyatscheslav Smirnov, Russia 2:35:57 Team: Spain 88, White Russia 85, Mexico 78 20 Km--1. Bernardo Segura, Mex. 1:19:39 2. Daniel Carcia, Mex. 1:19:42 3. Frantz Kostyukovich, WR 1:20:03 4. Jacek Mueller, pol. 1:20:09 5. Yuriy Kouko, WR 1:20:41 6. Robert Ihly, Ger. 1:21:26 7. Jean Olivier Brousseau, France 1:21:35 8. Stefan Johansson, Swed. 1:21:51 9. Magnus Morenius, Swed. 1:22:38 10. Gzegorz, Pol. 1:22:38 11. Pavol Blazek, Slovakia 1:22:41 12. Denis Langlois, France 1:22:51 13. Jose Sanchez, Mex. 1:22:55 14. M. Orlov, Rus. 1:23:01 15. Jaime Barroso, Spain 1:23:02 16. Arthur Choumak, WR 1:23:19 17. Jan Staaf, Swed. 1:23:23 18. Ignaclo Zamudlo, Mex. 1:23:36 19. A. Makarov, Rus. 1:23:44 20. Basillo Labrador, Port. 1:23:44 21. Fernando Vazquez, Spain 1:23:46 22. Dmitir Golos, WR 1:24:08 Team: Mexico 84, White Russia 79, Sweden 69 Women's 10 Km--1. Annarita Sidoti, Italy 42:41 2. Larissa Ramazanova, Rus. 42:47 3. Madelein Svensson, Swed. 42:52 4. Katarzyna Radtke, Pol. 42:55 5. Beate

Anders, Ger. 43:09 6. Rimma Makarova, Rus. 43:54 7. Encarna Granadas, Spain 43:54 8. Leonarda Yukhnevitch, WR 44:02 9. Yelena Saiko, Rus. 44:11 10. Natali Misyulya, WR 44:36 11. Kathrin Born, Ger. 44:43 12. Irina Tolstik, WR 44:48 13. Yelena Archintseva, Rus. 45:13 14. Valentian Tzyboukskaia, WR 45:13 15. Eva Machuca, Mex. 45:26 Team: Russia 85, Germany 68, White Russia 68 Junior Men 10 Km--1. Michele Didonl, Italy 41:21 2. Dmitry Esipchk, Rus. 41:33 3. Alejandro Lopez, Mex. 41:34 4. Dmitiri Kotchkaev, Rus. 41:40 5. Jorg Valentin, Ger. 41:45 6. Tobias Persson, Swed. 42:05 7. Lukasz Szela, Pol. 42:10 8. Vladimir Stankin, Rus. 42:30 Team: Russia 88, Germany 76, Poland 62 Junior Women 5 Km--1. Natalia Trofinmova, Rus. 22:07 2. Irina Stankina, Rus. 22:10 3. Maribel Rebollo, Mex. 22:26 4. Maria Vasco, Apain 22:32 5. Svetlana Nivontova, Rus. 22:35 6. Olga Panfrerova, Rus. 22:37 7. Elena Ryzhova, WR 23:16 8. Yvonne Anders, Ger. 23:20 9. Linda Tanggren, Swed. 23:22 10. Nora Leksir, France 23:41 Team: Russia 95, Germany 73, Shite Russia 72 Team Totals: Men--1. White Russia 219 2. Mexico 193 3. Russia 185 4. Germany 177 5. Spain 177 6. Poland 174 7. France 129 8. Slovakia 128 9. Sweden 120 10. Italy 112 11. Great Britain 63 Women: 1. Russia 150 2. Germany 141 3. White Russia 140 German Women's 10 Km Championship, Kerpen, May 23-1. Beate Anders 43:12 2. Kathrin Born 45:13 3. SImone Thrust 46:40 German 20 Km Championship, same place--1. Michael Lohse 1:25:11 German 50 Km Championship, same place--1. Hartwig Gauder 3:52:46 2. Axel Noack 3:55:44 3. Volkmar Scholz 3:56:06 4. Thomas Wallstab 3:59:59 5. Ralf Weise 4:04:01 6. Rainer Driesen 4:04:21 Japanese 50 Km Championship, Wajima, April 4--1. Fumio Imanura 3:56:17 (Natinal record) 2. Hirofumi Sakaim 4;08:12 Japanese 20 Km Championship, Otsu, March 14--1. Tautomay Takushima 1:23:52 2. Hirachi Sukai 1:24:53 3. Hidebarn Fishida 1:25:43 Japanese Women's 10 Km Championship, same place--1. ? 44:51 2. Yuko Sato 44:53 3. Maria Colin, Mexico 45:11 4. Yuka Ueoka 45:18 5. Yuka Mitsumori 45:47 20 Km, Cochabamba, Col., April 4--1. Jefferson Perez, Ecuador 1:26:19 2. Hector Moreno, Col. 1:26:24 20 Km, Port Elizabeth, S. Afr.-1. Stefan Johansson, Swed. 1:24:52 2. Chris Britz 1:26:22 Ukraine 50 Km Championship. ALuschta, Feb. 21--1. Vitaliy Popovitch 3:51:44 2. Soika 3:55:58 3. Bardutscenko 3:59:08 4. Kotyar 4:04:25 5. Yamschtschikov 4:05:50 Women's 5 Km, same place--1. Rogosina 21:22.6 2. Leonenko 22:20 20 Km Russe, Bulgaria, April 10--1. Costel Balogn 1:23:46 5 Km, Bratislava, Slovakia, June 1--1. Josef Pribilinec 19:31.12 2. Josef Urbanik, Hung. 19:36.29 3. Duda, Hung. 19:56.64 Women's 10 Km, Reus, Spain, Feb. 14--1. Kaczmarska, Poland 42:12 100 Miles, Sint Oedenrode, Neth., May 22-23--1. Richard Brown, Eng. 16:50:28 2. Ad Leermakers 18:52:46 Women: 1. Sandra Brown 19:46:32 International Match, Cardiff, July 7: Wales 28, Isle of Man 27, Denmark 24:--30 Km--1. Steve Partington, IoM 2:16:52 20 Miles, Canberra, Australia, May 13--1. Nick A'Hearn 2:24:35 2. Paul Copeland 2:29:13 Women's 5 Km, same place--1. Kerry Junna Saxby 21;08 2. Jane Saville 22:07 Women's 20 Km, Canberra, June 26--1. Susan Narbey 1:47:28 German 5 Km Championship, Duisberg, July 10--1. Beate Anders 20:55.75 2. Kathrin Born 21:49.3 5 Km, Lille, France, July 2 -1. Frantz Kostyukevich, Belarus 18:31.76 2. Robert Korzenowski, Poland 3. Josef Pribllinec, Slovakia 18:36.84 Women's 5 Km, Jyvaskyla, Fin., June 12--1. Sari Essayah 21:20.57 20 Km, Debrecen, Hungary, May 15--1. Urbanik 1:23:31 2. Dudas 1:23:49 20 Km, Budapest, May 29--1. Dudas 1:23:19 East Asian Games, Shanghai, May 14--Women's 10 Km--1. Shunxiu Li, China 45:00.32 2. Yingzhi Cui, China 46:088.07 3. Yuko Sato, Japan 46:29.39 20 Km--1. Chaoguo Chen, CHina 1:21:30 2. Mingcai Li, China 1:22:19 3. Tsutomu Takuschina, Japan 1:22:41 20 Km, Livorno, Italy, July 10--1. Mikhail Schennlkov, Russia 1:18:33 2. Yuriy Kuko, Bel.

1:19:08 3. Yuriy Gordeyev, Rus. 1:19:53 4. Vladimir Andreyev, Rus. 1:19:56 Women's 10 Km, same place--1. Ileana Salvador 41:30 2. Elisabetta Perrone 41:56 3. Olympiada Uvanova, Rus. 42:24 Malyasian Championships, September 20-21: 10 Km--1. S. Karunanithi 45:56 2. P. Ravidran 47:33 3. S. Sethupatthy 48:13 Women's 10 Km--1. Cheng Tong Lean 53:21 2. Satinar Long 55:06 WOmen's 5 K--1. Cheng Tong Lean 24:40 2. Satinah Long 26:31 3. K. Selvarani 26:57 World Masters Championships, Japan, October 11-16: These just came in today's mail as I was about to put the finishing touches on this so you'll just get highlights this month with more complete results next month. U.S. winners in the women's 5 Km were Bev LaVeck (55) 28:51.46 and Ruth VanSandt (70) 35:50.45. Canada's June-Marie Provost (60) was alos a winner in 29:45.98. In the men's 5 Km Jack Bray (60, 25:09.66; Bob Mimm (65) 28:23.68; and Giulio dePetra (80) 35:58.41 were winners. In the road walks (women's 10 and men's 20) the U.S. had 44 medal winners, led by Don DeNoon, who easily won in the age 50 class with a 1:34:55, beating all those younger than he in the process. Mimm (2:02:20 and ddPetra (2:29:00) repeated their wins, and Max Green a close second to Bray in the 5 won in 1:52:34, with Jack third. LaVeck (58:37), VanSandt (76:15, and Provost (60:53) repeated their wins, and Miriam Gordon (65) was also a winner in 65:28. The U.S. won team golds in W35, W45, W65, W70, M45, M50, M60, and M70.

A HUGE PTERDACTYL TOLD US ABOUT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Nov. 7	5 Mile, Manalapan, N.J. (A)
Sat. Nov. 13 Sun. Nov. 14 Sat. Nov. 20	5 Km, Los Angeles (B) New England 10 Km, Concord, Mass. (I) 1 Hour, Foothill College, Cal. (BB) 1 Hour, Seattle (C) 1 Hour, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
Sun. Nov. 21	10 Km, Washington, D.C., 8:30 am (HH) 10 Km, Gretna, Louisiana, 8 am (M)
Fri. Nov. 26	Coney Island 10 Mile, Brooklyn, N.Y., 9 am (NO
Sun. Nov. 28	5 Mile, Freehold, N.J. (A)
Sat. Dec. 4	1 Hour, Long Branch, N.J. (A) 5 KM, New York City, 10 am (O) 5 Km, Columbia, Missouri (U)
Sun. Dec. 5 Sat. Dec. 11	Marathon and 5 Km, Alamagordo, N.M. (G) South Carolina 10 Km, Florence, S.C. (K) 5 Mile, Point Pleasant, N.J. (A) 5 Km, Seattle, 9 am (C)
Sun. Dec. 12	10 Mile, Columbia, Missouri, 9 am (U) 2 Mile, New Orleans, 4 pm (M) 5 Km, Folsom, Cal. (D) 5 Km, New York City, 10 am (O)
Sat. Dec. 18	25 Km, New Orleans, 8 am (M)
Sun. Dec. 19	3 and 5 Km, Salem, Oregon (X) 5 and 10 Km, Washington, D.C., 8:30 am (CC) 5 Km, New York City, 10 am (O) 1 Hour, Long Branch, N.J. (A)

Sun. Dec. 26 Frl. Dec. 31 10 Mile, Asbury Park, N.J., 10 am (A)

Sat. Jan. 1

1 Hour, Long Branch, N.J. (A) 8 Km, Washington, D.C., 12 noon (CC)

Sun. Jan. 9

1 Mile Women, 2 Mile Men, Hanover, N.H. (I)

9 Km, New Orleans, 9 am (M)

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FROM HEEL TO TOE

It is now reported that the Alongi Meet will continue, but not quite in the International form it has taken up until now. Vance Genzlinger of the Wolverine Pacers indicates that the club is committed to continue to conduct the September event. They'd especially like to expand the junior component with the U.S.-Canada meet, and are also looking for suggestions on how the event might be restructured. . .From Jim Hanley: "I just read the September issue and saw that Bev LaVeck said that in my timing article example number 6 was wrong. No it isn't! Example number six was not mine at all but an actual part of Rule 32 section 9(c) on page 35 of the 1993 Competition Rules. (Ed. He enclosed a copy of

the rule.) So how do you get 2:09:44 from 2:09:44.08? (It wasn't a typo.) Simple. A marathon (or any other road race) is reported in 5 digits (2:09:44 or 2:09:45. Take one more digit, as per the rule, and your time now reads 2:09:44. Since the last digit is zero, you do not round up to the next higher second. Remember, you must ignore all additional 1/100's (the 8 1/100's in this case) under this brand-new rule. Now you know why I wrote the darn article in the first place. People keep changing rules that affect us and even some of the best people in our sport, like Bev LaVeck, are not always sure of the changes." . . . Comments from Steve Valtones, who seems to be responsible for a large part of this issue: "Two comments. First, I often hear that people area conducting a 1 hour postal race at a particular site. To clarify the terminology, a race director puts on a race at a site. A "postal competition" is, as one might conclude, conducted by mail. Results are submitted by mail (nowadays it might be via fax), from around a region or around the country, and performances are compared, ranked, and placed. For example, in the postal competition organized by the Shore AC for many years, races and individuals may or may not decide to send in results from a race to be scored in the postal." (Ed. A matter of semantics, perhaps, but worth noting. I often get schedules showing National Postal 1 Hour at some particular place and time. I just put this in the ORW schedule as a 1 Hour race at that site--at least that has been my intent, though I may have erred ata times-having recognized myself what Steve is saying. If the intent of a race is to enter results in a postal competition, that can be shown in parens, or something, but the individual race can't be a postal race. That doesn't come about until a lot of sites mail in their results.) "Second, regarding Junior Olympics and specifically AAU racewalking activity, individuals involved in racewalking should make every effort to work with USATF programs. While the AAU conducts youth track meets and their national level sports festival is a national Junior Olympic event, conduct of several meets is the extent of involvement with the sport. AAU youth meets may have stronger activity than USATF in some parts of the country, through historical ties of event director or youth clubs, but the bottom line is that their programs stop at age 18 and there is no overall T&F development program. USATF, as national governing body for the sport, has specific rights to the Junior Olympic name for track and field, and runs programs for all abilities of youth, open, and masters--a lifetime in the sport. And with racewalking in particular, it is the only organization doing the work of development with regards to organized clinics, camps, and regional communications. While some athletes, parents, and coaches may choose AAU over USATF meets because of cost of traveling to Nationals, or the better chance to win a medal, I hope that those involved in racewalking will give their full support to the USATF programs, which are the backbone of the event in the country.". . . More bad press for the sport, and this from a publication that has been generally favorable to the sport, Athletics, Canada's national T&F magazine, and one that has a racewalker, Roman Olszewski as its Technical Editor. (Roman had nothing to do with the following comment.) This was the final paragraph of a summary by Paul Gains on the World Championships 20 Km: "As the officials continued their orgy of disqualifications literally pulling athletes off the track as they approached the finish line, a slow motion picture of the winner, with both feet off the ground, appeared on the giant television screen. One wonders how long it will take for IAAF bureaucrats to realize that racewalking cannot be effectively controlled and the only sensible thing to do would be to remove it from the championship program.". . .A note from an Australian newspaper: "The longest fund-raising walk in history begins in Sydney today when 46yearOold Nobby YOung sets out from Marion Place heading north on Highway One. Nobby, an Australia Post delivery manager, aims to raise funds for Life Education Centres

around Australia by beaating the world record of a 12,000 km walk over 11 months. "I will travel right around mainland Australia on Highway One," Mr. Young saind. 'It will be a continuous effort requiring an average of 55 km a day to reach my target.' If he achieves his goal, he will make it into the Guiness Book of Records for the longest continuous walk ever made."

LOOKING BACK

25 Years Ago (From the October 1968 ORW)--The Mexico Olympics saw an excellent perfromance by the U.S. racewalking contingent. In the 20 Km, Soviet ace Vladimir Golubnichiy won his third Olympic medal and second gold in 1:33:59 (Mexico City's 7000 foot altitude and polluted air affecting performances), holding off local facorite Jose Pedraza,who finished in a near flat out run in 1:34:00 to the cheers of his countrymen and consternation of the Judges, who apparently feared for their heads. Nikolai Smage, USSR, was third in 1:34:03 and Rudy Haluza a brilliant fourth for the U.S. in 1:35:01. TOm Dooley was 17th in 1:40:08 and a sick Ron Laird 25th. At 50, East Germany's Christoph Hohne was unchallenged, as he overcame the altitude and extreme heat to win by 10 minutes in 4:20:14. Antal Kiss of Hungary was second and Larry Young third in a gutty 4:31:56. Eighth at the mid-point, Larry was able to hod his pace and move through the field in the second half. Goetz Klopfer passed three men in the final 5 km to take 10th in 4:39:14. Dave Romansky, also sick, was a distant 26th.

15 Years Ago (From the October 1978 ORW)--Allen Price won the National 100 mile in record time--18:57:01--with Paul Hendricks second in 19:10:37. The race saw a record 10 finishers, including the first woman Centurion in this country, Elsie McGarvey, who finished in 22:52:31. Leonard Busen and Bob Chapin joined the two leaders in finishing under 20 hours. . .THe U.S. defeated Canada in a dual meet, which included races at 10 and 20 Km. The 30 went to Canada's Maracel Jobin in 2:19:33, but the U.S. took the next three spots--Dan O'Connor 2:24:05, Marco Evoniuk 2:24:05, and Carl Schueler 2:33:54. Jim Heiring (44:44) led a U.S. sweep of the 10 Km, with Ron Daniel doing 46:32 and Pete Doyle 47:56. . .In San Francisco, Neal Pyke set an American 1 Hour record, covering 8 miles 1081 yards. The old record was 8 mi 746 by Ron Laird, a mark that Wayne Glusker missed by only 15 yards in second place. Tom Dooley was just a yard behind Wayne.

5 Years Ago (From the October 1988 ORW)—It was Olympic time In Seoul, Korea, and veteran walkers dominated. In the 20, Czech Josef Pribilinec, 1983 World Champion, blistered the final 5 km in 19:18 to edge the GDR's Ronald Weigel with a brilliant 1:19:57. Weigel was just 3 seconds back at the finish. Italy's Maurizio Damilano, the 1980 gold medalist, started to lose the other two just before the 15 km mark and had to settle for third in 1:20:14 ahded of Spain's Jose Marin, 1985 World Cup winner. For the U.S., Gary Morgan had a personal best while finishing 37th in 1:27:26, and Jim Heiring was just 4 seconds further back. Tim Lewis finished 44th in 1:31:00. In the 50, Soviet Vyacheslov Ivanenko emerged from the shadow of the GDR's great duo, Hartwig Gauder and Weigel, to take the gold in 3:38:29. Ivanenko started to pull away at the 40 km mark and covered the final 10 km in 42:00, but had really decided the issue with a 20:39 between 35 and 40. While the Germans hung on to that, they couldn't continue for another 10 km as Ivanenko did. Weigel finished in 3:38:56 and Gauder in 3:39:45. Marco Evoniuk, only 40 seconds off the lead at 30 Km, hung on for 22nd place in 3:56:55, with Carl Schueler 23rd in 3:57:44. The third American, Andy Kaestner, finished in 34th with 4:12:49. . . Tim

Berrett won the Alongi International 20 km in 1:25:09 with Giorgio Damilano (Maurizio's brother) second in 1:27:30. Herm Nelson was the First U.S. finisher with 1:34:32 in fifth. In the women's 5 Km, Mexico's Graciela Mendoza beat Debbi Lawrence 22:54 to 23:01. Sweden's Monica Gunnarsson had 23:02 in third.

The Late Don Johnson

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Last month we noted the passing of Don Johnson on the eve of the World Masters Championships, an event at which he was a fixture. The following is excerpted from a moving and fitting tribute to Don written by Elliott Denman in the Asbury Park press.

In recent years, Little Silver's own Don Johnson had gotten used to being asked If he were any relation to that "other" Don Johnson of "Miami Vice", Hollywood, and behond. Little Silver's Don, of course, had a terrific response each time. "I had the name long before that other guy had it," he'd say.

No one ever saw him in a T-shirt under a white jacket. The track suit was his attire of preference and few others ever wore one with the sytle and distinction he did.

The special joy of master's T&F is that there's always a new five-year age group to aspire to. Masters athletes will never concede to getting old, or even older. To them, it's "moving up" and very few Americans moved up as well as Don Johnson.

He'd been a member of state championship track teams at Long Branch High School under noted coach Mel Rahn in the mid-1930s. He'd been a terrific middle-distance runner for the "old" Shore Athletic Club and his adventures as a teammate of such notables as John Borican--later voted the greatest half-mile, 1000 yarder in ths history of indoor track--provided magnificant telling.

He went off to World War II, rose to first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, navigated perious missions in the Pacific theater, and returned home to make a new start. He married, was father to son Greg and daughter Karen, and rose up through the civilian ranks at Fort Monmouth, from apprentice instrument maker to full-blown engineer, whose concepts contributed to the success of the American helicopter. It had taken him long years attending night classes at Rutgers to earn his engineering degree, but here, always, was a man with a mission.

As a founding father of the "new" Shore Athletic Club he made a remarkabale return to competition, but now as a racewalker, as well as a runner. There were the sprints of 1 mile and 5 km to handle, as well as tests of body and soul as long and tough as the 52.5 mile route from London to Brighton, and the 50 miles around local high school tracks and ascents of Pike's Peak. Don Johnson handled them all typically with style and distinction. Of course. That was his essence.

Long-time teammate and traveling companion Bob Mimm knew him as a man who had friends in every corner of the planet. Wither he'd wander, virtually every continent included, there would be a "Hi, Don" from a friendly face. Dave Romansky, Olympian and natinal champion, knew him as one of the most "easy-going" athletes he ever met, a fellow who knew how to break the tension on the eve of a major event with a smile or a good story.

His agreement with buddy Harry Drazin was that they'd keep on training and point to a big match race about two decades down the road. "I'd be 100 and he'd be 96 1/2," said Drazin. It would have been a race for the ages. Such was their youthful spirit and stride that few of their friends seemed to doubt it would take place.

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