

Ecuador, Russia, Poland Strike Gold in Atlanta

In an event that launched the 1996 Olympic track and field program, Ecuador's Jefferson Perez won his country's first-ever gold medal in any sport, overcoming a strong field to win the 20 Km racewalk. Three days later, Russia's world record holder, Yelena Nikolayeva, easily won the women's 10 Km when teammate Irina Stankina was pulled by the judges halfway through the race. Finally, an exciting 50 Km saw five walkers within 7 seconds of each other at the 40 Km mark (and eighth place less than a minute back of first. Poland's Robert Korzenowski finally prevailed over a fast-closing Mikhail Schennikov. This reversed their finish in order in the 20 Km where seventh and eighth left both a little hungry for something better at 50.

20 Km. The 22-year-old Perez, 1992 World Junior champion at 10 Km, moved away from Russian Ilya Markov in the final 400 meters to score a surprising win in 1:20:07. His final effort left Markov, the 1990 World Junior champ, 9 seconds back. Mexico's world record holder, Bernardo Segura, took the bronze, another 7 seconds back.

Perez was not a complete surprise. Certainly, a top-ten finish seemed quite feasible. But a medal was not predicted. A close third behind the Mexicans in the 1994 Pan Am Cup stamped him as one to watch, but he disappointed last year, finishing only 33rd in the World Championships. Earlier this year, he was 11th in the Eisenhüttenstadt race that included most of the world's best. (Markov was just seventh in that race won by Yevgeniy Misyulya, only ninth here.) Perez was the only walker among the leaders, if not in the entire race, to better his personal record, which had been 1:20:21.

Hungary's Igor Kollar led the field out of the stadium and onto the 2 Km course with most of the expected medal contenders in a pack not far behind him. But by 10 Km, Russia's Rishat Shafikov had pulled out from the pack. Martin Rudow, the chief judge for the race, reports that the Russian was looking magnificent, exhibiting the fairest display of high-speed Martin has ever seen. He covered the 4 Km between 8 and 12 Km in 14:54--a sub 1:19 pace--and moved to as much as a 100 meter lead.

The effort proved too much for Shafikov, however, as he seemed to lose his smooth style going into the final 2 Km. He gradually faded as Perez, Markov, Australia's Nick A'Hern, and Mexicans Segura and Miguel Rodriguez moved past him. Rodriguez was pulled by the judges, but the rest of this pack battled to near the finish before Perez's strong finish broke up the race. A'Hern got fourth and Shafikov settled for fifth after his brave effort to steal the race.

Rudow describes Perez as a smooth walker in the Mexican mode with lots of shoulder and hip flexibility and a good low arm carriage. Perez reported that in preparing for the Games, he trained alternately in the mountains and the hot beaches near his home. "I was ready for anything the weather could offer," he said. That weather was not as bad as expected; humid, but not as hot as many summer days in Atlanta. (Cont. on p. 3)

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Above: Women's Olympic 10 Km winner, Yelena Nikolayeva. (Jim Hanley photo).
Below: Nikolayeva and Irina Stankina just before Stankina's DQ. The photo suggests why she was removed. (Photo credit—I forgot who sent me this one, but they will let me know.)

Silver medalist Markov is 24 years old. After finishing only 30th in last year's World Cup, he came back with a fourth place finish in the World Championships. He has a personal best of 1:18:48, set earlier this year. Following the race, Markov said: "The decisive moment? This was about 3 Km from the finish when I tried to catch up to the leader. But frankly speaking, I had not the strength for it. It was too much heat and humidity for me." Segura, besides holding the world record of 1:17:26 set in 1994, has a third place finish in last year's World Cup. He is 26.

Curt Clausen the only U.S. entry had reportedly injured a hamstring earlier in the week and came up well short of his Trials' performance, when it had been hotter, finishing 50th in 1:32:11. Defending gold medalist, Daniel Plaza of Spain could manage only 11th. Other favorites off performances the past few years who came up short were Schennikov, Korzenowski, Mexico's Daniel Garcia (19th), Spain's Valentin Massana (20th), and Italy's Giovanni DeBenedictis (27th). Massana, like Korzenowski and Schennikov came back strong in the 50 to capture the bronze. Maybe doubling is the way to go.

Women's 10 Km. Nikolayeva and 1995 World Champion Stankina broke up the women's race early, moving away from the pack after 3 Km. Nikolayeva looked smooth and efficient, but Stankina was choppy and struggling to keep contact. When she was DQ'd at about 5 1/2 Km, the race was essentially over, with Nikolayeva on her own. She went on to win by 23 seconds with a 41:49. With the weather more oppressive than foretold, it was a very impressive performance. Another display of legal and fast walking, according to Martin Rudow.

Italy's Elisabetta Perrone took the silver, with China's Yan Wang close behind in third, and well clear of teammate Yan Gu. The third Chinese walker, Gao Hongmiao crossed the line in third, but had received her third red card just before entering the stadium. The finishers were pretty well spread out after the first three.

Michelle Rohl walked a strong race, going the second half to pass several competitors and wind up in 14th with a 44:29, not far off her best. Dave McGovern reports that her technique was rock-solid from gun to tape, which he says adds to the "bewilderment at her DQ in Eisenhuettenstadt." However, and not to distract from her performance in testing conditions, she did have one warning and two cautions from the judges, and another photo sent to us shows her just about as much out of contact as Stankina in the photo on page 2. But, the judges called what they could see, evidenced by five DQ's and numerous other warnings, and that's what is expected. Incidentally, Nikolayeva also had a warning and two cautions. Debbi Lawrence also walked well, finishing 20th in 45:32, and had no warnings. Victoria Herazo, who led the first 400 meters, was one of those DQ'd, going out at 8 Km.

Nikolayeva was no surprise having earned a number 1 World Ranking last year off her third in the World Cup and second in the World Championships. She ranked fourth in 1993 and third in 1994.

Men's 50 Km: The 50 proved to be the most interesting race and was highly competitive to the finish. Korzeniowski was on the lead after the first 2 Km, covered at a rather leisurely 9:33 (just under 3:59 pace). Then Spain's Valentin Massana took over. Better known for his 20 Km efforts on the international scene, Massana has won several Spanish 50 Km titles and has a best of 3:38:43 in 1994. He covered the second 2 km in 9:01 to open a clear lead on the pack and then continued to pull away, with only teammate Jesus Garcia attempting to follow.

By 14 Km, Massana had 19 seconds on Garcia and 38 seconds on the rest of the field, led by New Zealand's Graig Barrett. At that point, Korzeniowski moved up to third and began pursuit of the leader. At 20 Km, Massana had 1:31:10, Garcia 1:31:34, Korzeniowski 1:31:37, with Viktor Ginko, Russia; Ignacio Zamudio, Mexico; Tim Berrett, Canada; German Sanchez, Mexico; and Thierry Toutain, France at 1:31:38. Craig Barrett was at 1:31:39. Schennikov was in 16th, biding his time at 1:32:14.

Things remained about the same for another 4 Km, when the pack decided to challenge, dropping the lap time to 8:56 and closing the gap to just 9 seconds by 26 Km. Tim Berrett took

over the lead during the next lap and at 30 Km, the order was T. Barrett 2:16:10; Ginko 2:16:11; Korzenowski and Massana 2:16:12; Zamudio, Daniel Garcia (Mexico), Sanchez, Jesus Garcia, and Toutain 2:16:13, and Valentin Kononen, Finland 2:16:14. Craig Barrett had dropped well off the pace. The lead pack remained close as Korzenowski took over the lead for good by 32 Km. He dropped the lap pace to 8:46, then 8:41, 8:50, and 8:43. But the others weren't flinching and at 40 Km, the order was Korzenowski 3:00:06; Massana and Zamudio 3:00:07; Daniel Garcia 3:00:08, and Ginko 3:00:13. Schennikov was now moving and was in sixth in 3:00:34. Kononen was seventh in 3:00:39, and Sanchez eighth in 3:01:01. Tim Barratt was another minute behind in ninth and the rest of the field appeared to be gone. Except for Italy's Arturo DeMezza who was on the move. Seventeenth at 30 km, he was up to 10th and closing on Berrett at 40.

After 42 Km, Korzenowski decided it was time to see who wanted to race. A lap in 8:34 found only Zamudio willing to respond, and even he dropped 3 seconds back. Massana was down by 12 seconds, and Schennikov, now fourth was still 36 seconds in back of the fleeing Pole. The others were dropping rapidly away, except for DiMezza, who was really rolling. He did an 8:24 lap to move to eighth at 44 Km and an 8:22 to take sixth at 46.

Korzenowski slowed a bit, but Zamudio was finished and trailed by 14 seconds with 4 Km to go, with Massana just 7 seconds behind him. Schennikov was fourth and Ginko fifth. On the final lap, Schennikov passed Massana with an 8:29 effort and closed to within 16 seconds of Korzenowski at the finish, gaining 10 seconds on the final lap. DiMezza continued to pour it on and moved all the way to fourth, with the spent Zamudio fading to sixth at the finish. DiMezza covered his final 10 Km in 42:22, compared to 43:12 for Schennikov, and 43:24 for Korzenowski. Zamudio took 46 minutes (which is still a 3:50 pace, and not so bad). However, Schennikov came from further back, placewise. He was 30th after the first 2 Km and still just 27th at 10 Km. DiMezza's worst placing was 26th at 14 Km.

For the U.S., Allen James and Andrzej Chylinski both walked strong races, though never in contention, to finish 24th and 26th. Allen went out a bit faster than Andrzej, who gained about a minute on him the second half. They finished in 4:01:18 and 4:03:13.

Korzenowski has had style problems in the past with DQs in the 1992 Olympics, when in medal contention, and the 1993 World Championships, as well as the 1994 European Championship 20 Km. He looked good throughout this race and had just two cautions. (Schennikov had one warning.) Highlights of his career before this one include a second in last year's World Championship 50 and a fourth in the 1993 World Championship 20. His personal record is 3:42:30. He has done 1:19:14 for 20.

Both Schennikov and Massana were debuting at 50 Km at this level of competition, but both have strong records at 20 Km. DiMezza came into the race with a personal best of 3:49:46 and a seventh in last year's World Championship. Massana is 26 years old and the other three all 28, so we can expect to see more of them.

(Reports gleaned from various sources including Martin Rudow, Dave McGovern, Phil Howell, and the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.)

Results (I was sure I had complete results on the women's race, but I can't find them as I go to press, so you get what I do have):

Women's 10 Km: 1. Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia 41:49 2. Elisabetta Perrone, Italy 42:12 3. Yan Wang China 42:19 4. Yan Gu, China 42:34 5. Rossella Giordano, Italy 42:43 6. Olga Kardapoltseva, Belarus 43:02 7. Karen Radtke, Poland 43:05 ... 12. Kerry Saxby, Australia 43:59 ... 14. Michelle Rohl, U.S. 44:29 ... 20. Debbi Lawrence, U.S. 45:32 ... 25. Janice McCaffrey, Canada 45:47 DQ--Victoria Herazo, U.S.

Men's 20 Km: 1. Jefferson Perez, Ecuador 1:20:07 2. Ilya Markov, Russia 1:20:16 3. Bernardo Segura, Mexico 1:20:23 4. Nick A'Hern, Australia 1:20:31 5. Rishat Shafikov, Russia 1:20:41 6. Aigars Fadejevs, Latvia 1:20:47 7. Mikhail Schennikov, Russia 1:21:09 8. Robert Korzenowski, Poland 1:21:13 9. Yevgeniy Misyulya, Belarus 1:21:16 10. Thierry Toutain, France 1:21:56 11. Daniel Plaza, Spain 1:22:05 12. Mikhail Khmelitskiy, Belarus 1:22:17 14. Sandor Urbanik, Hungary 1:22:18 14. Denis Langlois, France 1:23:08 15. Nischan Daimer, Germany 1:23:23 16. Giovanni Perricelli, Italy 1:23:41 17. Valeriy Borisov, Kazakhstan 1:23:47 18. Robert Ihly, Germany 1:23:47 19. Daniel Garcia, Mexico 1:24:10 20. Valentin Massana, Spain 1:24:14 21. Guohus Yu, China 1:24:30 22. Daisuke Ikeshima, Japan 1:24:54 23. David Kimtai, Kenya 1:25:01 24. Andreas Erm, Germany 1:25:08 25. Jiri Malysa, Czech Rep. 1:25:13 26. Sergio Galdino, Brazil 1:25:14 27. Giovanni DeBenedictis, Italy 1:25:22 28. Sewen Li, China 1:25:28 29. Claus Jorgensen, Denmark 1:25:30 30. Jan Staaf, Sweden 1:25:32 31. Jose Urbano, Portugal 1:25:50 32. Scott Nelson, New Zealand 1:25:52 34. Michele Didoni, Italy 1:26:29 35. Jean-Olivier Brousseau, France 1:26:27 36. Martin St. Pierre, Canada 1:27:15 37. Mohieddine Beni Daoud, Tunisia 1:27:27 38. Robert Valicek, Slovakia 1:27:35 39. Fernando Vazquez, Spain 1:27:49 40. Justus Kavulanya, Kenya 1:27:57 41. Feodosi Ciuracenco, Moldova 1:28:23 42. Arutro Huerta, Canada 1:28:28 43. Luis Garcia, Guatemala 1:28:33 44. Valdas Kazlauskas, Lithuania 1:28:38 45. Costica Balan, Romania 1:29:41 46. Pavol Blazek, Slovakia 1:30:04 47. Dion Russell, Australia 1:30:11 48. Tomas Kratochvil, Czech Rep. 1:31:04 49. Blaudia Bertolino, Brazil 1:31:30 50. Curt Clausen, U.S. 1:32:11 51. Jimmy McDonald, Ireland 1:32:42 52. Hubert Sonnek, Czech Rep. 1:39:37 53. Myint Htay, 1:42:28 DNF--Hector Moreno, Colombia DQ--Igor Kollar, Slovakia; Mingcai Li, China; Julio Martinez, Guatemala; Roberto Oscal, Guat.; Miguel Angel Rodriguez, Mexico; and Julius Sawe, Kenya.

Men's 50 Km: 1. Robert Korzenowski, Poland 3:43:30 (46:20, 1:31:37, 2:16:12, 3:00:06) 2. Mikhail Schennikov, Russia 3:43:46 (46:44, 1:32:14, 2:16:48, 2:00:34) 3. Valentin Massana, Spain 3:44:19 (45:44, 1:31:10, 2:16:12, 3:00:07) 4. Arturo DiMezza, Italy 3:44:52 (46:33, 1:32:47, 2:18:06, 3:02:30) 5. Viktor Ginko, Belarus 3:45:27 (46:20, 1:31:38, 2:16:11, 3:00:13) 6. Ignacio Zamudio, Mexico 3:46:07 (46:20, 1:31:38, 2:16:13, 3:00:07) 7. Valentin Kononen, Finland 3:47:40 (46:20, 1:31:42, 2:16:14, 3:00:39) 8. Sergey Korepanov, Kazakhstan 3:48:42 (46:34, 1:32:38, 2:18:02, 3:02:31) 9. Daniel Garcia, Mexico 3:50:05 (46:21, 1:31:40, 2:16:13, 3:00:08) 10. Tim Berrett, Canada 3:51:28 (46:21, 1:31:38, 2:16:10, 3:02:07) 11. Alexander Rakovic, Yugoslavia 3:51:31 (46:46, 1:32:59, 2:18:44, 3:04:38) 12. Axel Noack, Germany 3:51:55 (46:44, 1:32:47, 2:18:12, 3:04:46) 13. Giovanni Perricelli, Italy 3:52:31 (46:34, 1:32:47, 2:18:31, 3:05:17) 14. Huigang Zhang, China 3:52:10 (46:44, 1:32:33, 2:18:10, 3:03:15) 15. Thomas Wallstrab, Germany 3:54:48 (47:24, 1:34:17, 2:21:17, 3:08:05) 16. Hector Moreno, Colombia 3:54:57 (47:44, 1:34:39, 2:21:25, 3:08:48) 17. Julio Urias, Guatemala 3:56:27 18. German Sanchez, Mexico 3:57:47 19. Rene Piller, France 3:58:00 20. Roman Mrazek, Slovakia 3:58:20 21. Stefan Malik, Slovakia 3:58:40 22. Jamie Barroso, Spain 4:01:09 23. Modris Liepins, Latvia 4:01:12 24. Allen James, U.S. 4:01:18 (47:39, 1:34:38, 2:21:25, 3:10:34) 25. Nikolay Matyukhin, Russia 4:01:49 26. Andrzej Chylinski, U.S. 4:03:13 (48:53, 1:37:13, 2:25:04, 3:13:31) 27. Milos Holusa, Czech Rep. 4:03:16 28. Martial Fessolier, France 4:04:42 29. Tadihiro Kosaka, Japan 4:05:57 30. Artero Lindman, Finland 4:07:58 31. Pascal Charriere, Switzerland 4:10:20 32. Peter Tichy, Slovakia 4:10:55 33. Craig Barrett, New Zealand 4:15:15 34. Chris Maddocks, Great Britain 4:18:41 35. Daugvinas Zujus, Lithuania 4:23:35 36. Jose Magalhaes, Portugal 4:27:37 DNF--Duane Cousins, Australia, 3:51:09 in 33rd at 46 Km; Giovanni DeBenedictis, Italy, 2:36:03 in 15th at 34 Km; Jesus Angel Garcia, Spain, 3:04:33 in 13th at 40; Jani Lehtinen, Finland, 3:00:51 in 37th at 36 Km; Yevgeniy Misyulya, Belarus, 2:17:41 in 15th at 30; Andrey Plotnikov, Russia, 1:51:32 in 30th at 24; Vitaliy Popovick, Ukraine, 1:58:38 in 12th at 26 Km; Hubert Sonnek, Czech Rep., 2:19:15 in 43rd at 28; Ronald Weigel,

Germany, 1:51:15 in 27th at 24. DQ--Simon Baker, Australia, 2:39:23 in 16th at 34 Km; Hugo Lopez, Guatemala, 1:53:16 in 33rd at 24; Xinyuan Mao, China, 1:34:06 in 32nd at 20; Herman Nelson, U.S., 48:54 in 50th at 10; Thierry Toutain, France, 2:33:54 in 5th at 34; and Yongsheng, Zhao, China, 1:40:37 in 6th at 22.

Other results

10 Km, Bourne, Mass., June 23--1. Brian Savilonis 50:32 2. Bill Purves 54:20 3. Joe Light 55:08 4. Stan Sosnowski 58:06 **New England 5 Km Championship, Dedham, Mass., June 28--1.** Joanne Dow (33) 23:20 2. Lynda DeWitt (33) 26:12 3. Chris Anderson (42) 28:45 4. Mary Claire Hess (46) 30:23 (9 finishers) **Men:** 1. Brian Savilonis (46) 24:43.1 2. Bill Purves (52) 25:29.4 3. Stan Sosnowski (46) 27:58 4. Bob Ullman (47) 27:41 5. Tom Knatt (55) 28:01 6. Richard Ruquist (58) 28:12 7. Bill Marriman (49) 28:26 8. Justin Kuo (41) 28:32 9. Charles Mansbach (51) 30:08 (14 finishers) **10 Km, Dedham, Mass., July 4--1.** Steve Vaitones (40) 53:29 2. Joe Light (48) 54:37 3. Bill Purves 55:42 4. Stan Sosnowski 59:08 5. Bill Harriman 59:22 6. Justin Kuo 60:08 **New England 15 Km, Boston, July 13--1.** Brian Savilonis 1:19:15 (25:46, 52:21) 2. Bill Purves 1:22:40 3. Richard Ruquist 1:32:58 4. Charles Mansbach 1:35:57 5. Jack Boitano (63) 1:39:09 **Women:** 1. Chris Anderson 1:31:57 2. Meg Savilonis (46) 1:35:44 **10 Miles, Narragansett, July 26--1.** Brian Savilonis 1:23:49 2. Bill Purves 1:29:41 3. Joe Light 1:30:52 4. Meg Savilonis 1:42:05 (8 finishers) **5 Km, Manchester, Ver., July 28--1.** Lynda DeWitt 26 plus 2. Paul Ippolito 31:02 **8 Km, Alexandria, Virginia, July 4--1.** Philip Dunn 35:12 2. John Gersh (48) 48:37 **1600 meters, Alexandria, June 9--1.** B.E. Booth (48) 7:49.2 **3 Km, same place--1.** Booth 15:01.30 2. Jim Goldstein (47) 16:01 3. Victor Litwinski (52) 18:04 **Women:** 1. Fran Carnevale (44) 17:44 **3 Km, Alexandria, June 23--1.** Jim Goldstein 16:11 2. Claude Letien (49) 16:26 3. John Gersh 17:41 **Women:** 1. Fran Carnevale 17:56 **3 Km, Alexandria, July 7--1.** Philip Dunn 12:12.50 2. Jim Goldstein 16:22 3. Dick Jirousek (53) 17:35 **Women:** 1. Alison Zabrenski (17) 15:53 **3 Km, Alexandria, July 21--1.** Philip Dunn 11:56.30 2. B.E. Booth 14:33 3. Claude Letien 16:34 4. John Gersh 16:43 5. Bill O'Reilly (70) 19:48 **Women:** 1. Marykirk Cunningham 14:29 2. Fran Carnevale 17:27 **National Scholastic Girl's 3 Km, Raleigh, N.C., June 15--1.** Lisa Kutzing, Port Jefferson, N.Y. 15:50.93 2. Keri Cohn, Greenlawn, N.Y. 15:35 3. Alison Zabrenski, Bowie, Maryland 16:14 4. Laurie Starr, Albuquerque 16:25 **National Scholastic Boy's 5 Km, same place--1.** Brian Fanning, Commack, N.Y. 24:59.65 2. Ted Kohnen, Smithtown, N.Y. 26:17 3. Glenn Anderson, Northport, N.Y. 27:36 4. Vincent Robustelli, Kings Park, N.Y. 27:55 **1500 meter, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., June 15--1.** John Fredericks 7:16 2. Rod Vargas 8:07 (both age 45-49) 3. Bob Cella 8:15 (55-59) **3 Km, same place--1.** Fredericks 14:51 2. Vargas 16:29 3. Cella 16:43 4. Bob Fine (65-59) 17:13 **Women--1.** Rosewitha Sidelko 17:37 2. Elizabeth Nelson 17:38 3. Donna Pape 17:48 **5 Km, Denver, June 8 (unjudged)--1.** Mike Blanchard 25:28 **5 Km, Denver, June 16--1.** Dee Walker 26:29 2. Christine Vanoni (45) 28:53 3. Lori Rupoli (45) 30:15 **5 Km, Aurora, Col., June 22--1.** Marianne Martino (45) 28:36 2. Christine Vanoni (45) 29:41 **10 Km, Loveland, Col., June 22--1.** Alan Yap (53) 56:01 2. Lonnie Schreiner (52) 56:30 3. Nicki Miller 61:04 **5 Km, Lakewood, Col., June 29--1.** Sally Richards (43) 27:16 2. Daryl Meyers (53) 29:18 3. Christine Vanoni 29:23 **5 Km, Lyons, Col., June 30--1.** Dan Pierce 26:01 2. Daryl Meyers 27:15 **5 Km, Evergreen, Col., July 4--1.** Mike Blanchard 25:28 2. Dan Pierce 25:54 3. Alay Yap 26:32 4. Sally Richards 26:31 5. Scott Richards (46) 26:39 6. Christine Vanoni 28:48 **10 Km, Kentfield, Cal., June 30--1.** Jack Bray 56:53 2. John Schulz 56:54 **20 Km, same place--1.** Jim Stuckey 2:04:39 **5 Km, Kentfield, July 21--1.** Jack Bray 25:55 2. John Schulz 27:33 3. Shoja Torabian 27:55 4. Jim Stuckey 28:51 5. Ed Lane 29:30 6. Virginia Fong 29:55 7. Lani Leblanc 30:03 **5 Mile, Sacramento, Cal., July 4--1.** Dick Petruzzzi 48:12 2. Terri Brothers 48:36 **1 Mile,**

Sacramento, July 7--1. Fred Belt 7:39 **1 Hour, Marin, Cal., June 23--1.** Jack Bray 11,014 meters 2. Shoja Torabian 10,524 3. Brenda Carpino 9736 **5 Km, Seattle, July 13--1.** Stan Chraminski 25:42 2. Bob Novak 26:57 **Northwest Masters 5 Km, Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 3--1.** Stan Chraminski (48) 24:45.49 2. Bob Novak (47) 26:07 3. Doug Vermeer (42) 27:28 4. Bev LaVeck (60) 29:13 5. Paul Kaald (63) 30:18 6. David Kolva (48) 30:46 **1 Mile, Seattle, Aug. 10--1.** John Hans Melcher 8:22.5 2. Bev LaVeck 8:58 3. Evan Shull 9:00 **5 Km, Seattle, Aug. 10--1.** Stan Chraminski 15:25 2. Bob Novak 26:24 3. Bruce Harland 28:32

USATF National Masters, Spokane, Wash., Aug. 16 and 18: Women's 5 Km: 30--1. JoAnni Cole-Hansen, Idaho 29:11.69 35--1. Kelly Murphey-Glenn, Idaho 26:24.96 2. Teresa Aragon, N.M. 27:58.04 3. Jackie Kerby-Moore, N.M. 28:50.02 40--1. Phyllis Hansen, N.J. 26:43.12 2. Peggy Miller, Col. 27:04.88 45--1. Marianne Martino, Col. 27:21.64 2. Jeannette Smith, Ind. 27:43.06 3. Gayle Johnson, Missouri 28:26.86 4. Sandy Womack, Cal. 29:13.98 5. Brenda Carpino, Cal. 29:59.34 50--1. Kathleen Frable, Tex. 29:58.11 2. Lani LeBlanc, Cal. 230:17.63 55--1. Elton Richardson, N.Y. 29:35.86 2. Roberta Hatfield, Nev. 31:51.16 60--1. Bev LaVeck, Wash. 29:02.88 (National Record) 2. D. Joanne Parks, Mich. 30:16.58 **Guest--June-Marie Provost, Can. 30:55.83 65--1.** Ruth Eberle, Missouri 30:01.91 (National Record) 70--1. Joan Rowland, N.Y. 35:11.24 75--1. Jane Dana, Cal. 36:18.97 (National Record) 85--1. Dorothy Roberts, Cal. 44:47.39 (4 DQs in total) **Men's 5 Km:** 35--1. Michael Blanchard, Col. 25:46.91 40--1. Warrick Yeager, Cal. 22:20.24 45--1. Stan Chraminski, Wash. 25:10.67 3. Steven Hedges, Utah 26:45.48 4. Shoja Torabian, Cal. 27:15.43 5. Andrew Smith, N.C. 28:43.01 50--1. James Carmines, Penn. 24:36.17 2. Norman Frable, Tex. 26:00.60 3. Victor Sipes, Mich. 26:57.38 **Guest--David Crabb 27:34.96 4.** David Bickel, N.D. 29:47.98 55--1. John Elwarner, Mich. 26:04.92 2. John Schulz, Cal. 28:18.05 3. Bernie Finch, Wis. 29:30.76 4. Calvin Brown, Wash. 29:58.53 60--1. Jack Bray, Cal. 25:15.20 2. Max Green, Mich. 25:21.93 3. Dick Petruzzzi, Cal. 28:20.00 4. Carl Acosta, Cal. 28:47.69 5. Ray Everson, Ind. 28:57.78 6. Ed Lane, Cal. 30:33.80 65--1. Jack Starr, Del. 28:59.31 2. Vance Genzlinger, Mich. 29:40.19 3. Robert Eisner, Cal. 29:58.01 4. Edward Gawinski, Del. 30:08.82 5. Robert Fine, Fla. 30:12.10 70--1. Masashi Noritake, Cal. 35:08.90 75--1. Paul Geyer, Minn. 36:31.70 80--1. Bill Tallmadge, Ken. 40:07.20 (9 DQs in total) **Women's 10 Km:** 35--1. Kelly Murphey-Glenn, Idaho 54:11 2. Jackie Kerby-moore, N.M. 58:53 3. Teresa Aragon, N.M. 59:32 40--1. Phyllis Hansen, N.J. 55:14 2. Peggy Miller, Col. 55:56 45--1. Marianne Martino, Col. 56:07 2. Jeannette Smith, Ind. 57:28 3. Gayle Johnson, Missouri 58:44 4. Brenda Carpino, Cal. 61:37 50--1. Lani LeBlanc, Cal. 1:03:06 2. Judy Heller, Ore. 1:04:11 55--1. Elton Richardson, N.Y. 1:01:09 2. Roberta Hatfield, Nev. 1:05:39 3. Beth Young-Grady, Ind. 1:06:10 60--1. Guest--June-Marie Provost, Can. 1:03:42 1. D. JoAnne Parks, Mich. 1:03:59 3. Shirley Dockstader, Cal. 1:04:43 65--1. Charlotte Walker, Cal. 1:15:21 70--1. Joan Rowland, N.Y. 1:13:24 75--1. Jane Dana, Cal. 1:19:53 (3 DQs in total) **Men's 20 Km:** 30--1. Colin Peters, Wash. 1:46:46 35--1. Michael Blanchard, Col. 1:47:35 40--1. Warrick Yeager, Cal. 1:38:55 45--1. Stan Chraminski, Wash. 1:48:39 2. Shoja Torabian, Cal. 1:52:23 3. Steve Petrakis, N.M. 1:57:02 4. Andrew Smith, N.C. 2:02:09 5. Art Grant, Ala. 2:03:14 50--1. James Carmines, Penn. 1:45:48 2. Norman Frable, Tex. 1:48:09 **Guest--David Crabb 1:52:48 55--1.** John Elwarner, Mich. 1:56:47 2. Calvin Brown, Wash. 2:07:54 60--1. Max Green, Mich. 1:49:30 2. Jack Bray 1:52:23 3. Carl Acosta, Cal. 2:02:08 4. Ray Everson, Ind. 2:06:14 65--1. Robert Eisner, Cal. 2:10:18 2. Bill McClaren, Minn. 2:10:38 3. Vance Genslinger, Mich. 2:12:29 70--1. William Flick, Penn. 2:07:10 (National Record) 75--1. Paul Geyer, Minn. 2:39:21 (DQs in total)

For the thrill of competition, try these

- Sat. Sept. 7 5 Km, Atlanta (D)
5 Km, Cleveland, Ohio (FF)
5 and 10 Km, Lansing, Mich. (O)
5 Km, Kenner, Louisiana, 6:30 pm (X)
5 Km, Larkspur, Cal., 9:30 am (P)
- Sun. Sept. 8 Florida State 3 Km, Miami (DD)
North Zone 1 and 2 Hour, Milwaukee, Minn. (EE)
5 Km, St. Louis, Mo. (S)
USATF National 40 Km, Ft. Monmouth, N.J. (A)
- Sat. Sept. 14 1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal., 8 am (P)
5 and 10 Km, Dearborn, Mich. (Z)
U.S. Masters 5 Km, Kingspot, Tenn. (CC)
5 Km, New Orleans, 8 am (X)
5 Km, Seattle, 9 am (C)
- Sun. Sept. 15 Cheetah Chase 5 Km, Providence, R.I. (R)
5 Km, Alexandria, Virginia, 9 am (JO)
1 Hour, Warren, Mich. (O)
5 and 10 Km, Pasadena, Cal., 7:30 am (B)
5 Km, Miami, 7:30 am (Q)
- Sat. Sept. 21 5 Km, Morganfield, Kentucky, 8:30 am (E)
- Sun. Sept. 22 **USATF National 15 Km Championships, Elk Grove, Ill. (AA)**
Eastern Regional 10 Km, West Long Branch, N.J. (A)
- Sat. Sept. 28 Alongi International Races, Dearborn, Mich. (Z)
5 Km, New Orleans, 8 am (X)
- Sun. Sept. 29 20 Km, Albuquerque (W)
1 Hour, Ft. Monmouth, N.J., 10 am (A)
- Sat. Oct. 5 3 Mile, Atlanta (D)
WAVA North and Central American and USATF South Region 8 Km
Championship, Columbia, S.C. (I)
5 Km, New Orleans, 8 am (X)
5 Km, Kalamazoo, Mich., 9 am (N)
5 Mile, Indianapolis (V)
- Sun. Oct. 6 5 Km, Coconut Grove, Fla., 8 am (Q)
1 Hour, Alexandria, Vir., 10 am (J)
13.1 Miles, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
- Sat. Oct. 12 5 Km, Atlanta (D)
5 Km, Seattle, 9 am (C)
- Sun. Oct. 13 5 Km, New Orleans, 8:30 am (X)
5 Mile, Deal, N.J., 9 am (A)
5 and 10 Km, Dearborn, Mich. (Z)
USATF National 1 and 2 hour, Cambridge, Mass. (G)
3 Km, St. Louis (S)
1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal., 8 am (P)
- Wed. Oct. 16 5 Km, Chicago (AA)
- Sat. Oct. 19 5 Km, Atlanta (D)
5 Km, Indianapolis (V)
- Sun. Oct. 20 Western Regional 8 Km, Las Vegas, Nev., 7:30 am (T)

- 5 Km, St. Louis (S)
1 Hour, Alexandria, Vir. (J)
Eastern Regional 30 Km, New York City (F)
- Sat. Oct. 26 Henry Laskau 5 Km and 10 Km (Q)
- Sun. Oct. 27 5 Mile, Freehold Twp., N.J., 9 am (A)
5 and 10 Km, Dearborn, Mich. (Z)
1 Hour, St. Louis (V)
- St. Nov. 2 1 Hr., 10,30, and 50 Km, Washington, D.C. (J)
- Sun. Nov. 3 4 1/2 miles, San Francisco (P)
1 Hour, Alexandria, Vir., 10 am (J)
Eastern Regional 50 Km, Washington, D.C. (J)
5 Km, Miami, 8 am (Q)
- Sat. Nov. 9 5 and 10 Km, Miami, 7:30 am (Q)
5 Km, Seattle, 9 am (C)
- Sun. Nov. 10 10 Km and Florida State 20 Km (Q)
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FROM HEEL TO TOE

No need my talking about NBC's coverage of the Olympic walks, since you all saw its near non-existence. However, I did hear from John Allen in Buffalo that Tom Brac had an 8-minute segment on racewalking early one morning, which I missed, and that it was quite good. John also reported on Canadian Broadcasting Corporation coverage of the 20, which showed some of the race at around 15 km and then showed finishers from the winner to about the 1:28 mark. And Robert Dodson in El Paso taped the races from Mexican TV. He didn't say how much of the races they showed. His comments on what he saw are interesting, however. He says: "I was astounded by the amount of bent knees in the 20, even by the winner. I saw the Mexican actually running; he was warned, but still finished. The 50 Km was much better. The judges must have learned a lot. The top walkers had excellent form, particularly Schennikov." I guess it's all a matter of perspective. We have already noted some of Chief Judge Martin Rudow's comments. He also said, "Judging was good; Perez had two warnings, but was better than that. Markhov had no warnings; third placer Segura had two. A'Hern had no cautions or warnings, a real inspiration: you can walk fast at the international level and be completely legal at the same time." And Dave McGovern commented: "Perez screamed the last 2 km, including a long downhill stretch into the stadium in a 2 km split of about 7:38. And he looked great doing it. This is what NBC should have shown. Incredible athletes in one of the most exciting races in memory, and what will probably be remembered by any track fan who saw it as one of the most exciting races of these Olympic Games" Dave also added: "I spoke to Rodriguez after his late-race DQ, and his view was that in a race of such intensity, if you feel strong, you have to punch your competitors. You can't think about judges, time, technique, or whether you left the water running when you left the house. You have to hammer at all costs. In his case, the cost was three red dots on the DQ board, but he certainly wasn't trying to lift. He, like everyone else in the race, was just trying to walk as fast as possible under less than perfect conditions." . . . And those comments bring to mind a clipping Bob Steadman sent me from a March 8 column in the *Melbourne Age* that discussed Kerry Saxby-Junna. After quoting the IAAF's new Rule 191.1 that defines racewalking, the columnist continued: "The insistence that racewalking be judged by the human eye is germane. Twelve days ago, when Saxby-Junna set her 34th world best or world record for walking events, a newspaper photograph clearly showed her with both feet off the ground. Allied with a newspaper column that, justifiably questioned the relevance of track walking to Australian athletics in an Olympic year, it reignited the controversy about the legality of Saxby-Junna's action. Let's be quite clear about this. Saxby-Junna frequently does lose contact with the ground. So, too, does every world-class road walker due to the speed and power they generate. Equally clearly, this loss of contact is readily visible only in slow motion, or in the frozen pose of a photograph, not to the judges' eyes. To imply that his is cheating is all a bit of a beat-up. Walking is not everyone's cup of tea, but to suggest that all world-class racewalkers are cheats is outrageous." . . . Viisha Sedlak will be presenting a racewalking clinic in Cave Creek, Arizona on November 9. The full-day (9 am to 4 pm) clinic will focus on how to racewalk efficiently, how to stay motivated, how to reduce body fat, proper stretching techniques, how to train smart, racing preparation and strategies, and nutrition for the competitor. Clinic fee is \$75 before October 15, \$85 after. Contact Kathy Thrall, P.O. Box 4663, Cave Creek, AZ 85331 for further details or to register. . . We mentioned Ron Laird's new book last month. Please note that the \$27.50 cost included postage. Write him at 4706 Diane Drive, Ashtabula, OH 44004 or call him at 216-998-1371 to order. . . Also note that Elaine Ward's video, *Basics of the Technique of Racewalking*, is now available at the reduced price of \$16.95, plus \$3.00 for shipping. Contact Elaine at the North American Racewalking Foundation, PO Box 50312, Pasadena, CA 91115 to order or for information on other materials available through the Foundation. The phone/FAX number is 818-577-2264. . . Other racewalking Olympians who helped carry the Olympic torch across the country (besides your editor) were

Victoria Herazo, Gary Morgan, and Ron Laird. I don't know why the many others out there passed up the opportunity. At least two other racewalkers participated in the relay, Deborah von Seutter in Mississippi and Kati McIntire in Arizona. Deborah noted that one of the motorcycle escorts told her that he'd been through several states with the Relay and that she was the first "fast walker" that he'd seen. She proudly told him, "I'm a racewalker; yes, I am!" Kati, a classmate of mine at Upper Arlington, Ohio H.S., class of 1953, carried a heavy burden with her, having lost her husband of 36 years, Don, just a few days before. Don was the senior pastor at Prescott, Arizona United Methodist Church. Ready to give up the relay, Kati was encouraged by friends and relatives to continue, noting that it was a special way to honor Don, who had helped prepare her and was so proud of her. A Georgia state trooper who accompanied the torch had heard about Kati's story and her husband's death. He phoned home and requested his congregation send messages of courage through prayer to help Kati. "It was magical," said Kati about the feelings she had as she ran through Kingman for the celebration of the lighting the cauldron. . . Olga Leonenko of the Ukraine, who finished seventh in the last year's World Cup 10 Km in Beijing was later disqualified for a doping offense. The first such incident we know of to touch our sport.

An open letter from ORW Publisher Emeritus and co-founder, Jack Blackburn, a five-time Centurion (those who have completed 100 mile races in under 24 hours):

I am addressing this letter to people who might want to help form an organization of the purpose of promoting ultra-distance racewalking. Those of you who follow or participate in this activity couldn't help noticing that the National Championships for 75 Km, 100 Km, and 100 miles are no longer being held. There have been several people expressing to me a hunger to reestablish these races on a regular basis.

We also may need to look at the reality of the currently stated legal form for shorter races and discuss modifications for the ultra walks. It would also be helpful if we could establish some type of ranking system.

I would like from you some feedback on the following:

- Races you know about or would like to see held
- Any other folks you feel might want to be involved in this project.
- Purposes and structure for this type of organization.
- Types of events you would be interested in, such as relays, cross country, point-to-point races, etc.
- Thoughts on age groups.
- Anything else you can think of.

Write or call me soon.

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Final Reminder to Bid for 1997 Championships

Bids for 1997 racewalk championship races are due on Saturday, October 5, 1996. If you are planning to host a U.S. Championship next year, you are already working on the structure of your race. Bids must be submitted in written form on the approved USA TRACK AND FIELD RACE WALKING COMMITTEE RACE WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP BID APPLICATION, which you can obtain from the address below. Please be sure to read the text and fill in all items on both sides. Very important inclusions are the signatures of your association president/executive director and Racewalk Committee Chairperson, and certified course number and copy of diagram. Remember to send six copies to Lori Maynard as per instructions on the bid form. Bruce Douglass' address is changed from that on the form to: 14 Willow Lane, Ledyard, CT 06639.

In addition to the usual U.S. Championships, 1997 requires trials races for the IAAF Racewalking World Cup to be held in Podebrady, Czech Republic, April 19-20. In order to meet this date, the women's 10 Km and men's 20 Km trials need to be held in late March and the 50 Km will again be a February date with the 15-16th weekend being optimum. Sal Corrallo has already expressed a desire to host the 10/20 Km Trials in conjunction with his National Invitational, which is scheduled for the last weekend in March. The 50 Km Trial, *for which we are seeking bidders*, will serve as our U.S. Championship and the trial race for the World Championships of Athletics.

Bid forms are available from Duffy Mahoney, USA T&F, P.O. Box 120, Indianapolis, IN 46206-0120, 317-261-0500, FAX 317-261-0481; or from Lori Maynard, 2821 Kensington Road, Redwood City, CA 94061, phone/FAX 415-369-2801. Call Lori with any questions or requests.

LOOKING BACK

30 Years Ago (From the August 1966 ORW)--In the National 40 Km in Long Branch, N.J., Ron Laird prevailed in 3:31:14, some 7 minutes ahead of Ron Kulik. Jim Clinton was third, and then came youngsters Bob Kitchen and Steve Rebman. . . Chris McCarthy, 1964 Olympian, emerged briefly from retirement to take second in a 15 Km race won by Bob Gray. His 1:23:01 nearly matched the pace he had carried for 50 Km in Tokyo 2 years earlier.

25 Years Ago (From the August 1971 ORW)--Larry Young and Goetz Klopfer captured gold medals at the Pan American Games in Cali, Columbia. Goetz upset Tom Dooley at 20 Km, 1:37:30 to 1:38:16 (Very high altitude). At 50, Young watched a huge lead dissolve to 10 yards with 1 1/2 miles to go and then rallied to edge Mexico's Gabriel Hernandez 4:38:31 to 4:38:46. Larry needed 61 minutes over the final 10 Km, as heat and altitude took their toll. John Knifton was third in 4:44:15. . . Soviet Nikolai Smaga captured the European 20 Km title in 1:27:20, covering the final 5 Km in 21:30. Gerhard Sperling, GDR; Paul Nihill, GB; and Peter Frenkel, GDR, were also under 1:28. A Soviet also won the 50, with Veniamin Soldatenko upsetting the GDR's Christoph Hohne, 4:02:22 to 4:04:45. The Strasbourg-to-Paris 525 Km event went to Luxembourg's Jose Simon in 73:10.

15 Years Ago (From the August 1981 ORW)--Todd Scully captured the 20 Km race at the National Sports Festival in 1:29:13 and Vincent O'Sullivan took the 50 in 4:28:58. Marco Evoniuk had 1:25:50 in the 20, but was DQ'd. Dan O'Connor (1:30:12) and Jim Heiring (1:31:28) followed Scully. Wayne Glusker, Steve Pecinovsky, Bob Rosencrantz, and Steve Vaitones were all under 4:45 in the 50. . . Tim Lewis had three good races in England while travelling with the U.S. junior team--21:47 for 5 Km and 44:12 and 45:33 for 10. . . Italy's Olympic gold medalist, Maruizio Damilano, won the Alongi Memorial 20 Km in Dearborn, Michigan with

1:25:41 with Marco Evoniuk a close second in 1:26:40. . . Alan Price won the second annual Doc Blackburn 75 Km in Springfield, Ohio in 7:39:51. Jack Blackburn was second in 8:22:11.

5 Years Ago (From the August 1991 ORW)--In the World T&F Championships in Tokyo, Italy's 34-year-old Mauricio Damilano defended the 20 Km racewalk title he had won 4 years earlier. He overhauled Mikhail Schennikov in the final 400 meters to win in 1:19:37. Three months earlier, Schennikov had won the World Cup 20 in San Jose, Cal., with Damilano only eighth in that one. The USSR's Yevgeniy Misulya (1:20:22) held on to take the bronze ahead of Italy's Giovanni DeBenedictis and Spain's Valentin Massana (both 1:20:29). . . In the women's 10 Km, Alina Ivanova, USSR, prevailed in 42:57, ahead of Madeleine Svensson, Sweden, and Sari Essayah, Finland, both 43:13. The race showed a complete reversal of form from San Jose, where Ivanova was DQ'd, Svensson finished 13th, and Essayah was 16th. . . In the U.S. Olympic Festival, Debbi Lawrence bettered her own U.S. record at 10 Km, winning in 45:28.4. Victoria Herazo (46:38) and Michelle Rohl (47:25) followed. Allen James won a fast 20 in 1:26:24, ahead of Gary Morgan (1:26:57) and Andrzej Chylinski (1:27:34). Bobby Briggs was impressive at 50, winning in 4:19:24, 6 minutes ahead of Dan O'Connor. Paul Malek was third in 4:27:46. . . Colombia's Hector Moreno won the Pan American Games 20 Km in 1:24:58, beating Joel Sanchez of Mexico. Tim Lewis was seventh in 1:31:07. Mexico's Carlos Mercenario won the 50 in 4:03:09, a minute ahead of countryman Miguel Rodriguez.

Defending Our Event

In the June issue of *Track and Field News*, Editor Garry Hill speculated on what track and field events should go if someone decides to streamline the program. He talked about which events were "logical" and which weren't. After going through categories of sprints, middle distances, long distances, hurdles, jumps, and throws, and noting which events within each were not logical, he stated: "The walks obviously would be gone in a second." Among those who came to our defense was Jonathan Matthews, who penned the following letter to Mr. Hill (not yet published, except here):

It is the tediously slow schedule of most track meets and a lack of informative public address commentary that keeps athletics from being more broadly entertaining and popular. Typically, fans have to wait 10 minutes between events and then are left sitting in the dark concerning the potentially intriguing characters and dramas that they are about to witness, due to infrequent announcements that are limited to not much more than identification of the participants. Cutting the pause between events to 5 minutes maximum and filling that gap with informative commentary on the event just finished and the one to come will keep audiences engaged and satisfied with their track and field experience. A "race call" during the longer events is also needed to help fans to understand and appreciate what they are witnessing.

Eliminating some events will not make athletics more popular. Event variety is one of athletics greatest strengths. The public is fascinated by seeing the many ways that the basic human movements (walking, running, jumping, and throwing) are manifested in competition by superbly trained athletes. These four basic athletic modes are the foundation of athletics. Eliminated walking? ("The walks would obviously be gone in a second." Walking is the most fundamental of the four basic human movements in which athletics is rooted. And not only that, on those rare occasions when the walks are given track space during the body of a meet, they are typically among the most popular events. Back in the "good old days," the last two events in the Millrose Games were the mile walk and the mile run. The heated battles in those walks typically brought down the house. More recently, in the Commonwealth Games in Vancouver, the decibel

meter revealed that the fans got into the exciting head-to-head battle in the women's 10 Km walk more than any other event.

The general public is fascinated by racewalking simply because everyone walks every day. From this foundation of daily personal experience, people are intrigued to see how startlingly fast superbly trained competitive walkers are able to move. To call for the elimination of racewalking is to misunderstand the fundamental attraction of athletics, which is the competition celebration of athletic excellence in the basic human movements: walking, running, jumping, and throwing.

Well said, Jonathan!

Canadian All-Time Racewalking Lists

(Numbers in third column are finishing place in race, @ indicates enroute to longer distance.)

20KMW

1:21:13 R	GUILLAUME LEBLANC 62	1	ST. LEONARD	OCT 05 86
1:22:39 R	TIM BERRETT 65	8	BERGEN NOR	MAY 15 92
1:23:12 T	MARTIN ST. PIERRE 72	1	LAVAL	JUL 02 95
1:24:49 R@	MARCEL JOBIN 42	-	ST. LOUIS DE TERREBON	JUN 19 82
1:26:39 R	DOREL FIRICA 59	4	DEARBORN MI	SEP 27 92
1:26:40 T	FRANCOIS LAPOINTE 61	2	OTTAWA	JUL 31 82
1:27:22 R	ARTURO HUERTA 64	1	WELLAND	OCT 29 95
1:28:06 R	MICHEL LAFORTUNE 65	11	ST. LEONARD	OCT 05 86
1:28:18 R	DANIEL LEVESQUE 63	4	PASADENA	NOV 01 86
1:28:19 R	PAUL TURPIN 64	12	ST. LEONARD	OCT 05 86
10				
1:29:44 R	GILBERT DAOUST 66	2	WASHINGTON DC	MAY 23 93
1:30:51 R@	HELMUT BOECK 52	-	ETOBICOKE	MAR 06 83
1:32:38 T	MARTIN ARCHAMBAULT 61	2	OTTAWA	JUL 31 87
1:32:48 R	KARL MERSCHENZ 36	-	DOWNSVIEW	MAY 07 66
1:33:32 R	BENOIT GAUTHIER 67	67	L'HOSPITALET, ESP	MAY 27 89
1:34:06 T	NICOLE MARRONE -	-	TORONTO	NOV 17 62
1:34:11 T	ALEX OAKLEY 26	-	TORONTO	NOV 17 62
1:34:24 R	FELIX CAPELLA 30	-	TORONTO	NOV 17 62
1:34:33 R	JAAN ROOS 37	-	TORONTO	MAR 31 8-
1:34:38 R@	GLENN SWEAZEY 54	-	ETOBICOKE	MAR 06 8-

50KMW

3:47:48 R	MARCEL JOBIN 42	2	ST. LOUIS DE TERREBON	JUN 20 81
3:48:15 R	FRANCOIS LAPOINTE 61	14	SEOUL	SEP 30 88
3:50:23 R	TIM BERRETT 65	7	STUTTGART GER	AUG 21 93
3:56:46 R	GUILLAUME LEBLANC 62	4	MEXICO CITY	APR 05 92
4:07:23 R	MARTIN ARCHAMBAULT 61	4	ROTTERDAM HOL	JUN 05 88
4:19:41 R	GLENN SWEAZEY 54	3	ETOBICOKE	MAY 04 81
4:22:29 R	FELIX CAPELLA 30	-	DOWNSVIEW	JUN 16 68
4:25:23 R	HELMUT BOECK 52	4	ETOBICOKE	MAY 04 81
4:26:59 R	ALEX OAKLEY 26	-	BORDEN	SEP 28 63
4:27:23 R	KARL MERSCHENZ 36	-	DOWNSVIEW	JUN 16 68
10				
4:28:15 R	PATRICK FARRELLY 35	1	NORTH YORK	APR 09 78
4:28:57 R	JAAN ROOS 37	3	MONTREAL	JUN 10 84
4:29:14 R	JEFFREY CASSIN 71	10	UITSLAG NETH	OCT 13 95
4:33:47 R	MARCO RODRIGUEZ 61	68	L'HOSPITALET ESP	MAY 28 81
4:36:07 R	MARK HENDERSON 58	10	ST. LEONARD	OCT 04 86
4:47:42 R	FRANK JOHNSON 48	-	TORONTO	JUL 16 72
4:44:18 R	BOB STEADMAN -	-	TORONTO	JUN 11 72
4:45:00 T	SERGE LABELLE -	6	MONTREAL	OCT 23 83
4:48:06 R	ROMAN OLSZEWSKI 50	3	DOWNSVIEW	APR 13 75
4:50:54 R	MAX GOULD 17	4	PALO ALTO CA	MAR 13 77



Below: About 3 Km into the Olympic 50 with Valentin Kononen (left), Jesus Garcia, Yongsheng Zhao, and Valentin Massana in front. (Jim Hanley photo)

Above: Germany's Beate Gummelt leads in the early stages of the Olympic 10 Km. Photo by my forgotten photographer.)