

Clausen Fourth At World Championships

Seville, Spain, August 25--Fighting for a medal to the end, Curt Clausen finally had to settle for a fourth place finish in the World Championship 50 Km with a time of 3:50:55. Surprise winner of the race was 35-year-old Russian German Skurygin, who finished in 3:44:23, 3 1/2 minutes ahead of another surprise, Italy's Ivano Brugnetti. Nikolay Matyukhin in third was the only non-surprise in the top four, repeating his World Cup finish from May.

Clausen's finish is the best U.S. performance in a world class race (Olympics, World Cup, World Championships) since way back in 1973 when Ron Laird finished third in the World Cup 20 Km. Although Curt walked nearly 3 minutes faster at the World Cup in May, that race wasn't in the late summer heat of Spain and there he finished eleventh. The effect of the heat is evidenced in the fact that only three walkers went under 3:50 today, compared to 19 at Mezzidone in May, and only 14 broke 4 hours, compared to 45 at the World Cup. Furthermore, there were ten who dropped out in the heat. It was a race of survival and Curt not only survived, he excelled!

With his fourth and eleventh place finishes in the two premier races, Clausen will definitely be in the top ten when the world rankings come out at the end of the year. Laird was the last U.S. walker to accomplish that when he ranked fifth at 20 in 1973 (ORW rankings; *Track and Field News* had him fourth.) The only other U.S. walker in the top ten was Larry Young with a third at 50 and tenth at 20 in 1972 (both ORW and T&FN.) *Track and Field News* rankings started in 1971 and ORW rankings in 1972.

Latvian Aigars Fadejevs attacked the race boldly despite the heat and went through 25 Km in 1:52:01 nearly a minute ahead of Skurygin. However, the Latvian was soon on the sidelines with three red cards. (There were 11 DQs in the race, and perhaps the heat was a factor there too, as form can deteriorate with fatigue.) Skurygin was in control from there and had a three minute lead by 35 km, which he easily maintained to the finish.

Skurygin had finished fifth at the World Cup in May, but prior to that had never been a contender in international races. A sixth place finish in the 1994 European Championships earned him his only world top ten ranking. His only previous appearance at the World Championships saw him finishing 22nd in 1993. His best World Cup finish was 18th in 1995. However, he was certainly the strongest today as the favorites dropped by the wayside. World Cup winner Sergey Korepanov and silver medalist Tomasz Lipiec were both DQ'd, along with defending titlist Robert Korzeniowski. World Cup fourth place finisher and 1993 winner (and local favorite), Jesus Garcia, did not finish. Garcia had been third at 25 along with Russian Yevgeniy Schmalyuk (6th at the World Cup) who also failed to finish. Korzeniowski was challenging for the silver when he was pulled at 38 km.

Brugnetti made a strong surge through the field in the second half of the race to take the silver in a personal best of 3:47:54. He was 13th at 25 km, though just a minute back of third. Brugnetti's coach described him as a teenage tearaway who was more interested in playing cards than training. In recent years, he has started preparing seriously

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for races and realizing his potential. He finished 26th in this year's World Cup race and didn't even get his name spelled correctly in the ORW (not an unusual occurrence). We had it Grugnetti. Matyukhin was just 15 seconds behind the young Italian at 40 km, but Brugnetti hung on gamely and had 24 seconds at the finish.

Clausen, knowing he was well prepared, was unfazed by the conditions and the strength of the field. He was aggressive from the start, going out with the leaders. "I felt very relaxed and my heart rate was low for the first 10 Km (46:30)", he said. At that point he was in the middle of a group just 10 seconds off the lead. He continued to cruise, going through 20 in 1:31:38. By then, he was in fifth leading a group of seven walkers and 2 minutes behind Fadejevs (who was 75 seconds ahead of Skurygin at that point. When Curt hit 25 in 1:54:14, he was in sixth right on Korzeniowski heels and just 16 seconds out of third. By 30, he was fourth, but right with Brugnetti and Korzeniowski with Matyukhin and Valentin Massana right on his heels. They were 2:13 behind Skurygin. At 35, Curt was in third, just a second back of Korzeniowski (2:39:07), with Brugnetti right with him. They had 13 seconds on Matyukhin at this point and 12 on Korepanov, who was still in the hunt.

Curt continued to fight for the silver medal until 38 km. "I still had 10 beats to give on my heart rate monitor, but my thigh started cramping badly. At that point, I wanted to make sure I finished the race," Clausen said.

Still, he passed 40 in an American record 3:02:18, before 'slowing' to 48:37 for the last 10. At 40, he was fourth, but just 16 seconds behind Matyukhin. Contenders Korepanov and Lipiec were fifth and sixth at this point, but more than a minute and-a-half back of Curt. Both were DQd before they hit 45 Km.

While the heat could have been worse, dehydration set in as the temperatures climbed through the morning after the 7:45 am start. Clausen really began to feel it with 7 km to go, at which point his shoulders and arms cramped up.

"I didn't drink enough, but I drank enough to finish," Clausen said. In the last 5 km, Massana, more than 2 minutes behind Curt at 40, surged after Clausen and managed to close the gap from 1:08 to 30 seconds. However, Clausen sped the final 2 km to brush back the crowd favorite by a full minute. He summed up his performance, "Very satisfying."

The other two U.S. walkers had tough days as both were DQd. Al Heppner was the first to go, just 10 km into the race, while Andrew Hermann was pulled at 31 km. "I felt good early, but after 20 km, I started to suffer," Hermann said. "It's frustrating to work so hard to get here and then have this result." For Hermann, who spent the past year training in Barcelona with Massana, the race was his fourth 50 in six months. The Portland native had nothing but praise for Clausen. "Hats off to Curt. He had one hell of a race." Well, certainly Curt has moved into position as a contender for his country's first racewalking medal since 1972.

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Skurygin: "I only came here to win, to give it everything, as I'm getting too old now to be cautious anymore. Each championships might be your last at this age! I live in the center of Russia in the town of Eizeofsk, which is famous for winter sports, particularly Biathlon. So this is the first success that my home has had in athletics or any summer sport. I have concentrated for so many years on racewalking and now I have achieved such a big win, I will be able to concentrate more on the rest of my life to have a real family again and maybe to have children. The heat was very bad, but I was concentrating so hard it did not effect me greatly. 50 km has always been a strong event in Russia and I'm just continuing this long, proud tradition."

Brugnetti: This silver was as much of a surprise to me as it is to everybody else. I knew I was well trained. My winter training was very hard and so was the work I did in the spring. However, I couldn't ever expect anything like this. Actually I was coming to Seville with only the 20 on my mind but decided to change to the 50. I really didn't know where my limits were in this event. Only during the race did I realize it was possible for me to follow with the best walkers. After 30 km I felt very strong, but it was only when reaching the stadium that I was certain of what I was about to achieve. I'm very young and I hope this is just the starting point of my career."

Matyukhin: "I had only one aim, which was not to let my bronze medal be taken from me in the last 5 km. There was one part of the course where the sun shone on our backs and that section of the walking route was very hot and difficult. I had to rely on the fact that my technique is normally very good and so I didn't fear disqualification during the race. To have Skurygin ahead of me was a great encouragement for me and inspired me to continue walking fast as the weather got very hot."

Other notes: No official report on the race temperature, but one source has noted the temperature rose to 42C by the finish and another said about 35 C by mid-race. Those translate to about 107 and 95 F. Valentin Massana on the heat: "The heat turned the road into an inferno. It was bad enough to kill a horse."

Clausen paid a price for his final hour of suffering in the heat with an hour of postrace IV aid before being able to limp out of the medical tent. Jubilant nonetheless, he said, "I never bouth it that the others are better athletes than us. I consider myself better trained, better coached than any of them. And I work as hard, or ever harder than they do." Several walkers suffering from dehydration left the stadium on stretchers.

The Australian team, with Nathan Deakes seventh in the 20, Dion Russell 13th here, and Kerry Saxby-Junna and Jane Saville 3-7 in the women's 20 (see reports to follow), is coached by Germany's Ron Weigel, who won this race in 1983 and finished second in 1987. He also won the 1987 World Cup and took second in 1991, and was second at both 20 and 50 in the 1988 Olympics and third at 50 in 1992. He had number one World Rankings in '83 and '84, second in '88, and third in '92, and was second at 20 km in both '84 and '88.

The results:

1. German Skurygin, Russia 3:44:23 (46:27, 1:30:54, 2:14:33, 2:58:15)
2. Ivano Brugnetti, Italy 3:47:54 (47:02, 1:32:38, 2:16:46, 3:01:47)
3. Nikolay Matyukhin, Russia 3:48:18 (46:30, 1:31:39, 2:16:46, 3:02:02)
4. Curt Clausen, U.S. 3:50:55 (46:30, 1:31:39, 2:16:46, 3:02:18)
5. Valentin Massana, Spain 3:51:55 (46:31, 1:31:39, 2:16:47, 3:04:35)
6. Robert Ihly, Germany 3:53:47 (46:57, 1:31:59, 2:19:26, 3:06:22)
7. Arturo DiMezza, Italy 3:53:50
8. Craig Barrett, New Zealand 3:54:38
9. Hongjian Yang, China 3:55:23
10. Rene Piller, France 3:56:39
11. Modris Liepins, Latvia 3:57:11
12. Theodoros Stamatopoulos, Greece 3:58:37
13. Dion Russell, Australia 3:59:23
14. Aleksandr Rakovic, Yugoslavia 3:59:56
15. Hongye Ma, China 4:01:28
16. Fumio Imamura, Japan 4:01:47
17. Milos Holusa, Czech Rep. 4:03:59
18. Spyros Kastanis, Greece 4:03:59
19. Yinhnag Wang, China 4:04:57 (the only country to finish all three athletes)
20. Roman Magdziarczyk, Poland 4:05:10
21. Gyula Dudas, Hungary 4:05:58
22. Pedro Martins,

Portugal 4:06:31 23. Bengt Bengtsson, Sweden 4:09:34 24. Carlos Mercenario, Mexico 4:09:40 25. Denis Franke, Germany 4:10:16 26. Pascal Servanty, France 4:11:02 27. Santiago Perez, Spain 4:11:30 28. Akihiko Koike, Japan 4:18:43 29. Jeff Cassin, Ireland 4:20:43 30. Klaus David Jensen, Denmark 4:32:06 DNF--Miguel Angel Rodriguez, Mexico; Yevgeniy Shmalyuk, Russia; Sergey Korepanov, Kazakhstan; Sylvain Caudron, France; Trond Nymark, Norway; Valentin Kononen, Finland; Jesus Angel Garcia, Spain; Viktor Ginko, Belarus; Giovanni Perricelli, Italy; and Joel Sanchez, Mexico. DQ--Andrew Hermann, U.S.; Tim Berrett, Canada; Robert Korzeniowski, Poland; Al Heppner, U.S.; Aigars Fadejevs, Latvia; Peter Tichny, Slovakia; Denis Trautmann, Germany; Jacob Sorensen, Denmark; Tomasz Lipiec, Poland; and Soltan Czukur, Hungary.

Markov Tops 20 Km Field

Seville, August 21--Four days earlier, on an even hotter day, Russia's Ilya Markov outclassed the field to win the 20 Km in 1:23:34, making up for his disqualification at this meet two years ago. Only seventh in this year's World Cup, last year's number one ranked walker had something to prove in this one. In proving it, he easily beat an old nemesis, Jefferson Perez who won both the 1996 Olympics and 1997 World Cup, while Markov settled for silver and bronze in those races. Despite Russia's proud history in racewalking, Markov became the first Russian to win the 20 at the World Championships.

Mindful of the heat, the walkers began at a conservative pace with 25 of them grouped at 21:10 after the first 5. Markov was leading the pack, however, with Guatemala's Julio Martinez and defending champion Daniel Garcia of Mexico on his heels.

At half way, Markov, Martinez, and Belarus' Yevgenyey Misyulya led a pack that still numbered some 20 athletes. Then Italy's Alessandro Gandellini made a break to lead at 15 km in 1:03:44. But Markov reacted quickly to establish a lead of his own and no one was able to follow as the Russian walked the final 5 in under 20 minutes. Perez was able to leave Garcia for the silver, but was no match for Markov, who won by 45 seconds, certainly one of the more decisive wins at this level in recent history. (Valentin Massana won by 35 seconds in the '93 World Championships and his countryman, Daniel Plaza, by 40 seconds at the '92 Olympics.) After the race, Markov noted that, "My victory in Budapest (European Championships) last year was my greatest victory until now. Today is very special to me as it is my wife's birthday. I can hear my wife crying for joy at this moment (he was on the phone). It was after 16 km that I knew the race was won, but to be honest, I only came here for the gold. The other colored medals would have been a disappointment."

Perez remarked, "The weather and the walking course were not to my liking today. The crucial point was at 15 km. I was already so tired, I could only think about trying to finish. I have not seen my family much in the last eight months. That is the price of training to reach the top." And from Garcia, "This performance will confirm that I will continue to Sydney. There was nothing special about my race today, but no major problems, either."

The race had little resemblance to the World Cup by the finish. World Cup winner Bernardo Segura didn't even finish. Runnerup Guohui Yu of China was 14th and bronze medalist Vladimir Adreyev of Russia was DQ'd. The only others besides Markov with fairly consistent performances were Garcia, fifth at the World Cup, and Gandellini, who finished fifth here and eighth at the World Cup.

For the U.S., Tim Seaman struggled to a 24th place in 1:35:58. Canada's Arturo Huerta, 10th at the World Cup, was DQ'd. As in the 50, attrition was high with seven dropouts and six DQs. I have no official report on the temperature at race time, but have seen a report showing a

temperature of 44 C (111 F) at some time during the day. It was probably somewhat cooler for the race, which started at 6:45 pm.

Results:

1. Ilya Markov, Russia 1:23:34 2. Jefferson Perez, Ecuador 1:24:19 3. Daniel Garcia, Mexico 1:24:31 4. Zewen Li, China 1:24:43 5. Alessandro Gandellini, Italy 1:24:51 6. Igor Kollar, Slovakia 1:25:25 7. Nathan Deakes, Austria 1:25:26 8. Giovanni De Benedictis, Italy 1:25:33 9. Ivan Trotskiy, Belarus 1:25:54 10. Michele Didoni, Italy 1:26:00 (Italy had the most impressive team performance with their 2-7 at 50, and 5-8-10 here. Russia, of course, had three medals--two gold--but their other three walkers didn't finish.) 11. Yevgeny Misyulya, Belarus 1:26:08 12. Alejandro Lopez, Mexico 1:26:17 13. Denis Llnglois, France 1:26:25 14. Guohui Yu, China 1:26:51 15. Francisco Javier Fernandez, Spain 1:27:23 (A disappointing meet for the hosts, who had hoped for much more than Massana's fifth place at 50) 16. Hatem Ghoul, Tunisia 1:28:36 17. Daisuke Ikeshima, Japan 1:29:03 18. Mikel Odriozola, Spain 1:29:03 19. Augusto Cardoso, Portugal 1:29:33 20. Yunfeng Liu, China (Again, China finishes all three) 21. Valeriy Borisov, Kazakhstan 1:31:38 22. Feodosii Chumachenko, Moldova 1:32:08 23. Claus Jorgensen, Denmark 1:34:47 24. Tim Seaman, U.S. 1:35:58 25. Jose Urbano, Portugal 1:37:50 26. Nick A'Hern, Australia 1:38:08 DNF--Mikhail Khmelnitskiy, Belarus; Bernardo Segura, Mexico; Sandor Urbanik, Hungary Luis Fernando Garcia, Guatemala; Andreas Erm, Germany; Aigars Fadejevs, Latvia; and Roman Rasskazov, Russia. DQ--Joao Vieira, Portugal; Arturo Huerta, Canada; Vladimir Andreyev, Russia; Robert Valicek, Slovakia; Birgir Fait, Sweden; and Julio Martinez, Guatemala.

Chinese One-Two in Women's 20

Seville, Aug. 27--Improving their World Cup performance of first and fifth, the Chinese duo of Hongyu Liu and Yan Wang took decisive one-two in the World Championship 20 Km today. On another hot day, Liu was more than 3 minutes slower than in Mezidon (1:27:32) with her 1:30:50 and Wang was just 2 seconds back at the finish. Not much was heard from the Chinese last year--they seem to come and go--but they certainly asserted themselves with the new 20 Km distance for women.

A surprise third was Australia's great veteran, Kerry Saxby-Junna. Ranked number one in the world in 1989 and 1990, Saxby has not been much of a factor in championship races since and was just 21st in the World Cup race. Her last world ranking was ninth in 1995. She must like the heat and the new distance. At 38, she is the oldest woman ever to win a medal in the World T&F Championships.

While the temperature was not as high as for the men's races earlier in the competition (it reached "only" 90 during the race, it was hot enough to have a significant effect on times. (That temperature is from a Reuters report; Al Heppner reports a starting temperature of 105. So, who knows. Obviously, it was hot all week, but, apparently, a fairly dry heat.) At the World Cup in May, six women bettered 1:30 and 61 were under 1:40. Here, only 30 were under 1:40 and the winner was nearly a minute over 1:30.

The race was walked conservatively, with a group of 16 together in 46:06, led by Italy's defending champion (at 10 km in 1997) Annarite Sidoti. Actually, the group had trailed Belarussia's Olga Kardopoltseva early, but she was shown two red cards and had to back off. Eventually, she got the third and was out. Sidoti dropped out early in the second half of the race and by 15 km the pack was reduced to eight.

Liu and Wang surged at that point and only Russia's Natalya Fedoskina was able to go with them. When Fedoskina got her third red card, the two Chinese women were on their own and battled all the way to the finish with Liu going clear only in the last 30 meters.

Liu said, "After 15 Km, I knew that I would win. The longer race is more suited to me, much better than the old 10 km." Wang, on the other hand, noted that "For me, I prefer the shorter distance of 10 km, so I can hardly complain about what I have achieved over 20. I am very proud of the fact that we have two Chinese medalists."

Saxby, who didn't even realize she had a medal when she finished, knowing only that she was in the top six (I don't really understand how you could be that unaware on a lap course), said "I woke up this morning and did not feel sick so I thought: 'this could be a good day'." She seems to have a history of feeling sick on the days of major races. Saxby won silver in 1987 when the 10 Km walk for women was first added to the championships, so it is fitting that she won a medal in the first 20. Further, she was somewhat of a pioneer in the event when Australia was experimenting with it as much as 10 years ago. (That's from an Australian press release. We have to note that it has been a championship event for women in the U.S. since 1977, so the Aussies "experiments" came a bit late.)

No one else was close to the medals. Portugal's Susanna Feitor was fourth, 65 seconds in back of Saxby and 11 ahead of Poland's Katarzyna Radtke. Except for the first two, the results had little resemblance to those from the World Cup race in May, as was the case with the men's races. Liu and Wang were 1-5 in that race. The other two medalists from Mezidon were Fedoskina (DQd) and Norica Cimpean from Romania, who did not finish. Yelena Nikolayeva, fourth at Mexidon, was only 12th here and sixth place Claudia Iovan 11th. Saxby, Feitor, and Radtke had been 21st, 9th, and 14th in the World Cup, and sixth place Erica Alfridi did not compete there. The rest of the top ten hear, had finished from 16th to 23rd earlier.

It was bad day for the U.S. Our leading hope, Joanne Dow, was disqualified after only 6 km, certainly a surprise since she has no history of style problems. Danielle Kirk went out hard for the first 10 km, but then paid the price and faded to 38th place in 1:43:27. Susan Armenta, walking a steadier pace, passed her teammate early in the second half and went on to a 31st place finish in 1:40:20 Results:

1. Hongyu Liu, China 1:30:50 2. Yan Wang, China 1:30:52 3. Kerry Saxby-Junna, Australia 1:31:18 4. Susana Feitor, Portugal 1:31:23 5. Katarzyna Radtke, Poland 1:31:34 6. Erica Alfridi, Italy 1:32:04 7. Jane Saville, Australia 1:32:13 8. Maya Sazonova, Kazakhstan 1:32:19 9. Kjersti Tysse-Platzer, Norway 1:32:42 10. Maria Vasco, Spain 1:33:35 11. Claudia Iovan, Romania 1:33:46 12. Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia 1:34:10 13. Christina Deskou, Greece 1:34:39 14. Natalaya Misyulya, Belarus 1:35:03 15. Hongmiao Gao, China 1:35:07 16. Yu Fang Yuan, Malaysia 1:35:31 17. Irina Stankina, Russia 1:35:42 18. Kristina Saltanovic, Lithuania 1:35:51 19. Svetlana Tolstaya, Kazakhstan 1:35:54 20. Nora Kelsir, France 1:36:17 21. Ilisabetta Perrone, Italy 1:36:24 22. Maria Urbanik-Rosza, Hungary 1:36:48 23. Fatiha Ouali, France 1:36:57 24. Yuka Mitsumori, Japan 1:37:23 25. Maria Guadalupe Sanchez, Mexico 1:37:31 26. Teresa Linares, Spain 1:37:51 27. Rosella Giordano, Italy 1:38:06 28. Aniko Szebenszky, Hungary 1:38:27 29. Jolanta Dukure, Latvia 1:38:34 30. Sonata Milusauskaite, Lithuania 1:39:56 31. Susan Armenta, U.S. 1:40:20 32. Gillian O'Sullivan, Ireland 1:40:33 33. Melanie Seeger, Germany 1:40:51 34. Maria Rosario Sanchez, Mexico 1:41:04 35. Natividad Tesita Collado, Guatemala 1:41:12 36. Geovana Irueta, Bolivia 1:41:17 37. Christina Kokotou, Greece 1:42:50 38. Danielle Kirk, U.S. 1:43:27 39. Mi-Jung Kim, Korea 1:46:36 DNF--Norica Cimpean, Romania, Larisa Ramazanovna-Khmelnitskaya, Belarus; Susan Vermeulen, South Africa; Valentina Savchuk, Ukraine; Monika Pesti, Hungary; Annarita Sidoti, Italy; Celia Marcen, Spain; and Miriam Romon, Ecuador. DQ--Joanne Dow, U.S.; Ivis Haydee Martinez, Spain; Natalya Fedoskina, Russia; Olga Kardopoltseva, Belarus; and Maria Graciela Mendoza, Mexico.

Mexicans Sweep, Dunn Takes Pan-Am Bronze

Winnipeg, Manitoba, July 29 (From Al Heppner)--A woozy Joel Sanchez and a fortunate Carlos Mercenario gave Mexico a 1-2 finish in racewalking at the Pan American Games on Thursday. Philip Dunn, in third, produced the first U.S. 50 km medal in 20 years (Marco Evoniuk was also third in 1979). Mexicans had also finished one-two in both men's and women's 20 Km races, as reported last month.

The results of today's race were in doubt for nearly 1 1/2 hours. At first, officials disqualified Mercenario, claiming he was given assistance along the course. The Mexicans appealed, and the officials overturned their original decision.

The two Mexicans, along with Dunn and Gary Morgan, were the only ones from the field of seven to finish the race in oppressive heat. Another walker was disqualified and two others dropped out.

Sanchez's first major international victory, in 4:06:31, was the sixth straight by a Mexican in the Pan-Am 50 Km. They have not lost since Larry Young won in 1971. There was no race in 1975, and Raul Gonzales won in 1979 and 1983, Martin Bermudez in 1987, and Mercenario in 1991 and 1995.

When Sanchez finished, he appeared dazed. After answering a couple of questions, he began to wobble and was escorted into the medical tent. "I was very tired in the final laps," he said, after taking 25 minutes to recover. "I began to feel the temperature. I felt lost at the end of the race. My muscles were fatigued because your body just needs to relax."

Sanchez and Tim Berrett of Canada were locked in a tight duel for the lead through 35 km. Then the weary Berrett dropped out and Sanchez had the lead. "The Canadian was looking strong, but when he went out it was all over," Sanchez, the silver medalist in the 1991 Pan Am 20 km, said. The results:

1. Joel Sanchez, Mexico 4:06:31 2. Carlos Mercenario, Mex. 4:09:48 3. Philip Dunn, US 4:13:45 4. Gary Morgan, US 4:40:29 DNF--Hector Moreno, Columbia and Tim Berrett, Canada. DQ--J.L. Pino Loez, Cuba

Good Tuneup For Clausen

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Aug. 1 (From Al Heppner)--Continuing his dominance on the American racewalking scene, Curt Clausen pulled away from Tim Seaman at the 7 kilometer mark to win the National 10 Km title in 43:08. At the same time, Michelle Rohl once again took care of her competition, winning the women's race in 47:49.

Record high temperatures and a soaking humidity reaped havoc on performances at this meet. Combine these conditions with a rolly course, and any walker's hope of a fast time was crushed before the gun went off.

As planned, Clausen and Seaman (44:53) worked together through 7 km at which point Seaman slowed because he received a few cautions. Clausen held pace. Sean Albert (46:37) finished third to give the ARCO Olympic Training Center group a podium sweep.

"For me the race was a great tuneup for the World Championships," Clausen said. "I felt very comfortable at 4:20/km pace, which is plenty for the 50.

The race continued the year long battle between Clausen and Seaman in what may soon become the best rivalry in American racewalking history. (Ed. Let's reserve judgment on that.) The two have combined to break seven American records this season. Clausen holds a slight 4-3 advantage so far this year, including three in a row and his efforts are aided by flawless technique. The 31-year-old has seen only a single red card on the board this year.

The women's race was equally competitive with Michelle Rohl and Joanne Dow working together early. Susan Armenta was out in third. Rohl, this year's national outdoor champion,

foiled Dow (48:37) again and hasn't lost to an American since Dow beat her in March at the National Invitational 20 Km. Armenta faded after 3 km and was caught by two-time Olympian Debbi Lawrence for third (49:26). Lawrence, injured most of the season, was making her 1999 debut and was closing on Dow by finish. The results:

Men: 1. Curt Clausen 43:08.2 2. Tim Seaman 44:54 3. Sean Albert 46:08 4. John Soucheck 50:12 5. Dave Lawrence 52:53 6. Ramos Heber 53:49 Under 19--1. Patrick Ryan 55:08 Masters Overall--1. Lawrence 2. Rod Craig 54:51 3. Bruce Booth 55:31 55-59--1. Jack Lach 58:23 2. Ron Shields 60:30 60-64--1. Jim McGrath 61:53 65-59-1. Louis Free 70:53 70-74--1. Jack Starr 65:33 2. Bill Flick 68:33 3. Ed Gawinski 73:21

Women: 1. Mchelle Rohl 47:49.2 2. Joanne Dow 48:38 3. Debbi Lawrence 49:27 4. Susan Armenta 50:02 5. Cheryl Rellinger 51:55 6. Donna Chamberlain 52:14 7. Margaret Ditchburn 53:24 8. Lisa Kitzing 55:18 9. Dorit Attias 56:54 10. Anne Marie Oswald, Can. 57:38 Under 19--1. Kitzing 55:18 2. Chris Fina 59:46 Masters Overall--1. Chamberlain 2. Janet Comi 58:02 3. Karen Fina 60:43 4. Gloria Rawls 61:26

WAVA Championships (World Masters), Gateshead, England

Some outstanding performances by U.S. athletes, including a sweep of the medals in the women's age 40-44 10 km. Here are the results.

Women's 10 Km, Aug. 1: 40-44--1. Lyn Brubaker, U.S. 49:24 2. Victoria Herazo, U.S. 49:46 3. Debbie Benton, U.S. 53:20 4. Barbara Neil, South Africa 54:25 5. Lynette Bentris, Australia 54:50 6. Elizabeth Corran, GB 55:59 (18 finishers) 45-49--1. Sally Richards, U.S. 53:15 2. hester Van Den Berg, South Africa 54:38 3. Maira Alice Silbva Fernandes, Portugal 54:50 4. Sherry Brosnahan, U.S. 58:08 5. Lioldmila Nitiagovskaia, Russia 59:28 (26 finishers) 50-54--1. Ann Lewis, G.B. 59:03 2. Annelore Werner, Germany 59:13 3. Celia Johnson, Australia 60:47 4. Donna Cetrulo, U.S. 61:07 5. Patricia Roberts, U.S. 62:28 (19 finishers) 55-59--1. Heide Maeder, Switzerland 55:52 2. Waltraud Seiler, Germany 56:35 3. Joann Nedelco, U.S. 56:59 4. Janet Higbie, U.S. 62:04. .6. Hansi Rigney, U.S. 65:28 (34 finishers) 60-64--1. Josette Sommier, France 60:43 2. Lindsay Hatz, South Africa 62:31 3. Maureen Spelman, G.B. 64:36 4. Jill Langford, G.B. 66:00 5. Ruthe Everson, U.S. 67:33 6. Joan Berman, U.S. 67:40 (22 finishers) 65-69--1. June-Marie Provost, Canada 62:53 2. Denise Leclerc, France 66:18. .5. Margaret Peters, U.S. 71:12 70-74--1. Jean Knox, Australia 70:21 2. Anna Villet, South Africa 71:28 3. Miriam Gordon, U.S. 71:32 4. Joan Rowland, U.S. 73:51 (12 finishers) 75-59--1. Ursula Theune, Germany 77:28 2. Lenore Marvin, Canada 79:22 80-84--1. Britta Tibbling, Sweden 74:13 (The best performance of the event on an age-graded basis, scoring 91.84%) 85-89--1. Margit Lindgren, Sweden 87:30 **Men's 20 Km, Aug. 1:** 40-44--1. Chris Maddocks, G.B. 1:35:28 2. Mark Donahoo, Australia 1:37:44 3. Noel Carmody, G.B. 1:39:54 4. Mark Green, U.S. 1:41:11 5. Rosario Petrunaro, Italy 1:43:00 6. Henk Plasman, Netherlands 1:44:10 (17 finishers) 45-49--1. Robert Cervi, Italy 1:34:42 2. Fabio Ruzzier, Italy 1:39:09 3. Frantisek Parys, Czech Rep. 1:40:07 4. Mike Whitmore, South Africa 1:42:54 5. Shamsheer Sangwan, India 1:46:19 6. Yves Mederle, France 1:47:19. .11. Brian Savilonis, U.S. 1:54:27 (22 finishers) 50-54--1. Brian Adams, G.B. 1:46:26 2. Johan Siegele, Austria 1:48:20 3. Richard McGuire, U.S. 1:49:28 4. Bernard Bingelli, Switzerland 1:50:41 5. Norm Frable, U.S. 1:50:45 6. Mario Fiori, Italy 1:50:56 (27 finishers) 55-59--1. Don DeNoon, U.S. 1:46:48 2. Dieter Zschiesche, Germany 1:47:31 3. Richard Friedlander, U.S. 1:48:17 4. Bob Dobson, G.B. 1:55:50 5. James Carmines, U.S. 1:55:55 6. Shaun Lightman, G.B. 1:57:24. .11. Victor Sipes, U.S. 2:00:45 (29 finishers) 60-64--1. Dario Isidro Ramirez Castel, Columbia 1:47:13 2. Brian Gore, G.B. 1:53:22 3. Dave Romansky, U.S. 1:56:38 4. Murray Dickinson, Australia 1:57:32 5. Romolo Pelliccia, Italy 1:58:18 6. Eric Saxby, New Zealand 1:58:27 7. Colin Young, G.B. 1:59:19. .9. Ray Everson, U.S. 2:06:21. .11. Paul Johnson, U.S. 2:10:00 (29 finishers) 65-59--1. Max Green, U.S. 2:00:53

2. Giancarlo Parodi, Italy 2:04:44 3. Jack Bray, U.S. 2:04:52 4. Nicolaas Schroten, Netherlands 2:04:55 5. Kenneth Walters, Australia 2:05:07 6. Robert Barrett, U.S. 2:05:28 7. Matt Rutyna, Poland (and Chicago) 2:06:23 (45 finishers!) 70-74--1. Robert Schouckens, Belgium 2:10:14 2. Alois Balcarik, Czech Rep. 2:16:52 3. Karl Abolins, G.B. 2:18:28 4. Robert Eisner, U.S. 2:19:32 (21 finishers) 75-59--1. Rudolf Blixt, Sweden 2:19:52 2. Len Creo, G.B. 2:21:58 3. Charles Colman, G.B. 2:22:34 4. Noritake Masashi, U.S. 2:27:13 (9 finishers) 80-84--1. Joseph Bouillon, France 2:44:14 2. Herbert Appell, U.S. 2:46:48 (6 finishers) 85-89--1. James Grimwade, G.B. 2:24:00 (the best performance at 94.89%! Next was Castel in 60-64 at 91.32%) 2. Theune Gerhard, Germany 3:01:10 **Women's 5 Km, Aug. 6:** 40-44--1. Lyn Brubaker, U.S. 24:04.23 2. Victoria Herazo, U.S. 24:38 3. Lynette Ventris, Australia 25:37 4. Lidia Carriego, Argentina 26:55 (12 finishers, 3 DQs) 45-49--1. Linda Abbott, South Africa 33:50 Sally Richards, U.S. DQd 50-54--1. Annelore Werner, Germany 27:34.03 2. Jacqueline Bonnet, France 27:43 3. Patricia Roberts, U.S. 28:07 4. Ann Lewis, GB 28:35 5. Celia Johnson, Australia 28:54 6. Kathy Frable, U.S. 28:59 7. Donna Cetrulo, U.S. 29:05 (17 finishers, 2 DQs) 55-59--1. Heidi Maeder, Switzerland 27:07.07 2. Waltraud Seiler, Germany 27:23 3. JoAnn Nedelco, U.S. 27:44 4. Janet Higbie, U.S. 29:47 5. Suzanne Synal-Griffen, U.S. 30:29 6. Hansy Rigney, U.S. 31:22 (18 finishers, 1 DQ) 60-64--1. Margaret Brooke, Hong Kong 30:49.02 1. Jolene Steigerwalt, U.S. 30:59 (12 finishers, 1 DQ) 65-69--1. June-Marie Provost, Canada 30:52.14 2. Denise Leclerc, France 32:01. .5. Margaret Peters, U.S. 35:23 (12 finishers, 1 DQ) 70-74--1. Beryl Randle 30:55.06 2. Jean Knox, Australia 33:12. .4. Joan Rowland, U.S. 34:59 5. Annie Barker, U.S. 35:56 6. Emily Sheffield, U.S. 35:59 (13 finishers, 1 DNF) 75-59--1. Ursula Theune, Germany 37:31.76 (3 finishers, 2 DQs) 80-84--1. Britta Tibbling, Sweden 34:48.49 (Again, the highest age-graded score of 96.35%, although I am more impressed by Randle's 30:55 in the 70s, which scored just 93.11) 2. Fan Benno-Caris, U.S. 41:29 (4 finishers) 85-59--1. Margit Lindgren 42:21.59 2. Nora Wedemo, Swed. 45:47 **Men's 5 Km Aug. 6:** --40-44--1. Chris Maddocks, G.B. 21:12.94 2. Mark Donahoo, Australia 21:57 3. Mark Green, U.S. 22:14 4. Henk Plasman, Netherlands 22:38 5. Mikhail Kisselev, Russia 22:55 6. Daniel Duboscq, France 23:45 (13 finishers, 1 DQ) 45-49--1. Robert Cervi, Italy 21:43.1 2. Hristos Karagiorgos, Greece 22:10 3. Fabio Ruzzier, Italy 22:37 4. Mike Whitmore, South Africa 22:55 5. Bohdan Bulakowski, Poland 23:19 6. Jiri Janousek, Czech Rep. 24:12. .12. Bill Reed, U.S. 25:37. .16. Brian Savilonis, U.S. 28:34 (21 finishers, 6 DQs) 50-54--1. Anthony King, Ireland 22:45.31 2. Andrew Jamieson, Australia 22:53 3. Brian Adams, G.B. 23:02 4. Robert Care, G.B. 23:19 5. John Hall, G.B. 23:55 6. Richard McGuire, U.S. 24:07. .8. Norm Frable, U.S. 24:50. .12. Lawrence Titus, U.S. 25:36. .18. Bob Novak, U.S. 26:47. .22. John Mansback, U.S. 30:39 (24 finishers, 4 DQs, 1 DNF) 55-59--1. Don DeNoon, U.S. 23:28.74 2. Richard Friedlander, U.S. 23:34 3. Dieter Zschiesche, Germany 24:38 4. Anthony Johnson, Australia 25:25 5. Peter Hannell, G.B. 25:38 6. Bill Purves, Hong Kong 25:42 7. John Elwarner, U.S. 25:55. .11. Victor Sipes, U.S. 26:44. .23. Bernie Finch, U.S. 30:49 (27 finishers, 4 DQS including Jim Carmines and Ed Kousky, U.S.) 60-64--1. Dario Ramirez Castel, Columbia 24:42.73 2. Brian Gore, G.B. 25:02 3. Dave Romansky, U.S. 25:59 4. Eric Saxby, New Zealand 26:53 5. David Stevens, G.B. 27:01 6. Paul Johnson, U.S. 27:10. .13. Ralph Garfield, U.S. 30:03 (23 finishers, 3 DQs, 1 DNF) 65-59--1. Gerhard Weidner, Germany 25:05.02 This is the highest age-graded performance of the entire meet at 96.42% for the former world record holder at 50 km, who was very competitive at the world class level into his early 40s) 2. Jack Bray, U.S. 27:01 3. Max Green, U.S. 27:21 4. Robert Barrett, U.S. 27:32 5. Giancarlo Parodi, Italy 27:55 6. Nicolaas Schroten, Netherlands 28:00. .8. Matt Rutyna, Poland 28:16 9. Stuart Summerhayse, Canada 28:32. .16. Carl Acosta, U.S. 30:00. .22. Tom White, U.S. 31:01. .36. Elliott Denman, U.S. 34:45 (42 finishers, 9 DQs, 1 DNF) 70-74--1. Bob Mimm, U.S. 30:51.30 2. Alois Balcarik, Czech Rep. 31:02 3. Mario Aguayo Letelier, Chile 31:25 4. Bill Moremen, U.S. 31:56 (17 finishers, 8 DQs) 75-79--1. Len Creo, G.B. 33:26.31 2. Mahashi Nortake, U.S. 34:12 3. Paul

Geyer, U.S. 37:04 4. John Levinson, U.S. 37:16 (8 finishers, 5 DQs) 80-84--1. Torsten Stale, Sweden 35:37.44 2. Alois Bucher, Switzerland 36:02 3. Herbert Appell, U.S. 36:09 (10 finishers, 2 DQs) 85-89--1. Philip Lawrence, U.S. 42:21.22 (3 finishers, 1 DQ) 95+--1. R. Waldo McBurney, U.S. 57:06.80 2. Julius Spielberg, U.S. 62:26

Other Results

USATF National Junior Olympics, Omaha, Neb.: Bantam Girl's 1500 meters--1. Carla Redfearn, Texas 8:35.63 2. Allison Snocowski, N.J. 8:51 (14 finishers, 2 DQs) Midget Girl's 1500--1. Audra Curtis, Maine 7:40.60 2. Keelin Yenny, Illinois 7:55 3. Christina Peters, Yellow Springs, Ohio 8:14 4. Christina Farrell, N.J. 8:25 (20 finishers, 2 DQs) Youth Girls 3 Km--1. Shannon Gillespie 15:33.43 2. Robyn Lee, Kansas 17:19 3. Ann Marie Nemeth, Penn. 17:50 (14 finishers, 2 DQs) Intermediate Girl's 3 Km--1. Robyn Stevens, Cal. 14:34.41 2. Lori Williams, Iowa 17:22 (10 finishers) Young Women's 3 Km--1. Katherine Rulapaugh, Iowa 15:09.18 2. Samantha Wycoff, N.J. 16:12 (4 finishers) Bantam Boy's 1500meters--1. Eric Lawson, Ill. 8:53.44 2. Chasen Golucke, Texas 8:59 (10 finishers, 2 DQs) Midget Boy's 1500--1. Jared Swehosky, Oregon 8:03.80 2. James Waters, N.C. 8:19 3. Paul Regul, Ill. 8:19 4. Michael Rabenberg, Missouri 8:24 (16 finishers, 3 DQs) Youth Boy's 3 Km--1. Scott Jensen, Penn. 16:23.75 2. Zachary Pollinger, N.J. 17:13 3. Joseph Knox, Ill. 17:17 4. Kyle Schielack 17:31 (15 finishers, 2 DQs) Intermediate Boy's 3 Km--1. Tristan Von Ruoss, Ark. 12:55.18 (breaks Kevin Eastler's old record of 13:13.20) 2. Eric Tonkyn, S.C. 13:44 3. Luke Dalebout, Utah 14:41 4. Jake Dalebout, Utah 15:05 5. Ben Shorey, Maine 15:25 6. Caio Soares, Florida 15:43 (13 finishers, 1 DQ) Young Men's 3 Km--1. Dan Dalton, Ohio 13:48.59 2. Eric Smith, Ohio 14:39 3. Eric Pasko, Col. 15:40 4. Javin Martin, Kansas 16:18 (7 finishers, 1 DQ) **5 Km, Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 8--1.** Bo Ullman 28:21 2. John Costello 30:00 3. Randy Stafford 30:10 **USATF Eastern Regional 5 Km, Springfield, Mass., Aug. 14--1.** Maryanne Torrellas (41) 25:47 2. Ann Percival (41) 29:58 3. Jean Tenan 30:10 4. Holly Wenninger 30:45 **Men--1.** Bob Keating (52) 23:58 2. Larry Titus (50) 26:12 3. Brian Savilonis (49) 26:19 4. Robert Ullman (50) 28:20 5. Bill Harriman (52) 28:21 **Metropolitan 3 Km, New York City, Aug. 8--1.** Gary Null (54) 14:20 2. Rifkhat Sultanov (54) 14:46 3. Michael Korol (40) 15:37 4. Richard Harper (44) 16:09 5. Jim McGrath (62) 16:21 6. Bruce Logan 16:26 7. David Lee (45) 16:53 8. Alina Zeleznova (17) 16:56 9. Lisa Vellucci (20) 17:45 10. Julian Santos (27) 17:47 (47 finishers, 3 DQs) **3 Km, Alexandria, Va., June 13--1.** Tracy Walters 17:52 2. Lois Dicker (59) 18:22 **3 Km, Washington, D.C., June 27--1.** Victor Litwinski (55) 17:44 **Ohio Walk Week, Yellow Springs, Ohio: 1500 meters, July 22--1.** Brian Davis 7:40 2. Bill Whipp 8:37 3. Tina Peters 8:46 3. Joyce Prohaska 9:35 4. Jack Mortland 9:38 (The results say Jack Shuter, but Jack got discouraged by a long thunderstorm delay and went home, so I have to admit this was me. Shows why I don't compete much anymore. Despite maintaining an average of about 30 miles a week forever, I seem unable to generate any semblance of speed anymore.) **10 Km, July 22--1.** Dave McGovern 46:01.1 (On 44 minute pace early, but the heat and humidity made it a very tough chore on this night.) 2. Jill Zenner 49:37 3. Chris Knotts 54:20 4. Ed Fitch 57:05 5. Sherry Watts, Ontario 58:44.1 (Canadian 45-49 record) 6. Al Cowen 59:32 7. Chuck Newell 71:08 **USATF Youth Roadwalk Nationals, July 24--3 km--Tina Peters (11) 1:53 Gwen Undersood (12) 19:17 5 Km--Eric Smith (17) 25:59 Brian Davis (15) 29:45 5 K, Aug. 25--1.** Sherry Watts 29:55 2. Christina Moore 31:55 (7 finishers), end of Ohio Walk Week. **Indiana State 10 Km, Evansville, Aug. 21: Open Male 1.** Mike Rohl 51:17.16 2. Will Walden 57:17 **Open Female--1.** Michelle Rohl 51:17.79 **Age 35-30 Male--1.** Drew Swonder 53:09 **35-30 Female--1.** Abigail Oliver 59:26 **40-44 Male--1.** Steve Clutter 59:51 **45-49 Male--1.** Mike Bird 60:18 **Wisconsin State 3 Km, Madison, June 19--1.** Michelle Rohl 12:47.52 2. Alice Winkler 19:39 **Male--1.**

Mike Rohl 12:23.22 2. Matt DeWitt 13:52.21 3. Mike DeWitt 14:40 (1st 45-49, but clobbered by son) 4. Al Dubois 16:35 (1st 65-59) 5. Ron Winkler 17:07 (2ns 45-49) **Badger State Games, Madison June 24, 3 Km--1.** Matt DeWitt 13:52.71 2. Al Dubois 16:53 3. Ron Winkler 17:20 **5 Km, Columbia, Missouri, July 25--1.** Dave Coutts (43) 26:14 2. Gayle Johnson (50) 27:53 3. Dave Price 28:20 4. Steve Lipe (43) 30:09 (12 finishers.) **3 Km, Missouri City, Texas--1.** Morgan Humphrey (14) 16:24 2. Dominic Byrd (12) 16:27 **3 Km, Houston, June 4--1.** Dominic Byrd 16:27.3 **3 Km, Houston, June 17--1.** Dominic Byrd 16:40 **1 Mile, Houston, July 9--1.** Bob Watson 7:57 2. Lisa Chumbley 8:52 **1 Mile, Houston, July 23--1.** Bob Watson 8:09 2. Lisa Chumbley 8:53 **5.5 Km, Seabrook, Texas, Aug. 7--1.** Bob Watson 31:10 2. Lisa Chumbley 32:40 **5 Km, Lakewood, Col., July 10--1.** Daryl Meyers (57) 28:30 2. Lorie Rupoli (48) 29:26 **5 Km, Ft. Collins, Col., Aug. 7--1.** Terry Femmer (47) 26:41 2. Lonnie Schreiner (56) 27:29 3. Les Olson (48) 29:26 4. Steve Santana (48) 29:35 6. Margaret Hennessey (46) 29:54 **5 Km, Prescott, Ariz., Aug. 7--1.** Jim Stuckey (60+) 29:39 2. Bob Daniel (55+) 32:19 3. John Kelly (65+) 32:46 **1 Mile, Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 15--1.** Ric Holt 7:02 2. Joe Berendt 7:38 3. Bill Penner 7:46 4. Karen Stoyanowski 8:22 (9 finishers, 2 DQs) **French National 20 Km, Aug. 1--1.** Denis Langlois 1:24:24 2. Anthony Gillet 1:27:27 3. David Boulanger 1:28:29 4. Eddy Riva 1:29:25 (24 under 1:40) **French National Women's 10 Km, Aug. 1--1.** Nora Keskir 45:45 2. Fatiha Oualif 46:11 3. Anne Catherine Berthonnaud 47:45 4. Valeris Nadaud-Leveque 48:15 (20 under 55:00) **World Military Games 20 Km, Zagreb, Croatia, Aug. 13--1.** Aigars Fadejevs, Latvia 1:21:42 2. Marco Giungi, Italy 1:21:47 3. Andrei Makarau, Belarus 1:22:56 4. Dmitri Esepchouk, Russia 1:23:44 5. David Kimutai, Kenya 1:24:47 6. Antony Gillet, France 1:24:52 7. Xiao Dong He, China 1:25:51 8. Vladimir Stankine, Russia 1:27:16 9. Peter Korok, Slovakia 1:27:19 **European Junior 10 Km, Riga, Latvia, Aug. 7--1.** Putenis Maris, Latvia 40:27.37 2. Vladimir Potemin, Russia 40:29 3. Jose Dominguez, Spain 40:35 4. Yevgeniy Demkov, Russia 40:39 5. Aivars Kadaks, Latvia 40:43 6. Radovan Elko, Slovakia 40:54 7. Ivan Shuler, Belarus 41:52 8. Aledsandr Kuzmin, Belarus 41:58 9. Jan Albrecht, Germany 42:12 10. Fabian Deuter, Poland 42:21 11. Acacio Diogo, Portugal 42:24 12. Ricardo Vendeira, Portugal 42:33 (A report on the race suggests that there was "little walking for any of the first three at the end". So, one might ask, where were the judges? Or was this an uneducated observation?) **European Junior Women's 5 Km, Riga, Aug. 6--1.** Larisa Sofronova, Russia 21:40.77 2. Daniel Carian, Romania 21:47 3. Rita Turova, Belarus 21:49 4. Ludmila Yefimkina, Russia 21:56 5. Rosa Mantecon, Spain 22:10 6. Elisa Rigauda, Italy 22:18 7. Anne Simonsen, Norway 22:26 8. Krista Ranta-Pere, Finland 22:39 9. Joanne Baj, Poland 22:37 10. Maria Gaikova, Slovakia 22:50 11. Blazekova Zuzana, Slovakia 22:52 12. Ines Henriques, Portugal 23:14 **Norwegian Women's 5 Km Championship, Byrkjelo, Aug. 8--1.** Kjersti Tysse-Platzer 21:19.45 **Norwegian Men's 10 Km, sameplace--1.** Kristian Lyssand 43:33.75 2. Erling Andersen 43:40 (Probably should have been at the World masters; he must be well past 40 by now.) 3. Trond Nymark 44:45 **New European Under 23 20 Km Championships, Aug. 1: Women--1.** Claudia Iovan<Romania 1:33:17 2. Lyudmila Dedekina, Russia 1:34:02 3. Melanie Seeger, Germany 1:34:17 4. Vanessa Espinosa, Spain 1:34:38 5. Lisa Barbieri, Italy 1:35:32 6. Monica Svensson, Sweden 1:37:07 (10 finishers, 1 DNF, 1 DQ) **Men--1.** David Marquez, Spain 1:23:42 2. Semyon Lovkin, Russia 1:24:04 3. Alfo Corsaro, Italy 1:24:25 4. Juan Molina, Spain 1:25:24 5. Jose Silva, Spain 1:26:26 6. Maik Berger, Germany 1:27:17 7. Franck Selree, France 1:28:37 8. Pavel Nikolayev, Russia 1:29:12 (13 finishers, 4 DQs, 2 DNF)--From the number of DQs reported in the many international events reported this month, it would appear that judging is getting stricter or walkers are getting looser. **Zealand National 10 Km, Hamilton, Aug. 7--1.** Tony Feek 42:03 2. Gary Little (55-59) 48:47 **Women--1.** Diane Barrett 44:52 **20 Km, Sydney, Australia, Aug. 1--1.** Carren Bown 1:27:45 2. Luke Adams 1:29:55

Your ORW Menu of Upcoming Events

- Sat. Sept. 11 2.8 Miles, Seattle, 9 am (C)
5 Km, Los Angeles, 8 am (B)
- Sun. Sept. 12 5 Km, JHollywood, Fla., 7:30 am (Q)
Ohio 8 Km, Bexley (CC)
5 Km, Nassau Bay, Texas (Y)
- Sat. Sept. 18 Canadian National 50 Km and Women's 20 Km, Edmonton
4 Mile, Larkspur, Cal., 8:30 am (E)
5 Km, Morganfield, Ky., 8:30 am (N)
5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
- Sun. Sept. 19 5 Km, Denver, 8:30 am (H)
National USATF 40 Km, Ft. Monmouth, N.J. (A)
National USATF Masters 5 Km, Kingsport, Tenn.
- Sat. Sept. 25 5 Km, Chicago (S)
10 Km, Long Island, 9:30 am (F)
2 Mile San Mateo, Cal. (R)
- Sun. Sept. 26 5 Km, Denver, 8 am (H)
- Sat. Oct. 2 Michigan 10 Km Championship, Flushing (I)
3 Miles, Livingston, Texas (Y)
5 Km, Denver, 8 am (H)
- Sun. Oct. 3 **National USATF 1 and 2 Hour, Worcester, Mass. (G)**
Portland (Oregon) Marathon and 5 miles (Z)
1/2 Marathon, Sandy Hook, N.J., 9 am (A)
5 Km, Miami, 7:30 am (Q)
1 Hour, Alexandria, Vir. (J)
1/2 Marathon, Sacramento, Cal. (P)
- Sat. Oct. 9 5 and 10 Km, Los Angeles (B)
1 Hour, Planation, Fla., 7:30 am (Q)
North Region 5 Km, Lawrence, Ind. (V)
5 Km, Arvada, Col. 9 am (H)
- Sun. Oct. 10 5 Km, League City, Texas (Y)
10 Mile Handicap, Coney Island, N.Y., 9 am (F)
1 Hour, Aurora, Col., 9 am (H)
1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal. (P)
- Sat. Oct. 16 5 Km, Miami, 8 am (Q)
- Sun. Oct. 17 15 Km, Seaside Heights, N.J. (A)
Metropolitan 30 Km, New York City, 8 am (F)
- Sat. Oct. 23 5 Km, Aurora, Col., 9 am (H)
10 Km, Monterey, Cal. (R)
5 Km, Miami, 7:30 am (Q)
- Sun. Oct. 24 5 Miles, Freehold, N.J., 9 am (A)
10 Km or more, as you choose, Kenosha, Wis. (O)
1/2 Marathon and 5 Km, Denver, 8 am (H)
- Sat. Oct. 30 South Region 15 Km, Tulsa, Oklahoma (Y)
5 Km, Chicago (S)
- Sun. Oct. 31 North Region 50 Km, Ohio (M)
- Sat. Nov. 6 1 Hour, Alexandria, Virginia (J)
- Sun. Nov. 7 50 Km and Women's 20 Km, Arlington, Virginia (J)

1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal. (P)

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From Heel to Toe

Not much heel and tocin' this month with the plethora of race reports and results that have nearly filled this issue. Several things I had expected to include will have to wait until next month. But, sapsce for a few tidbits. **The Chinese secret?** From Runner's World/USATF coverage of the World Championships: Watermelon, the latest marathon secret: Everyone's looking for an advantage in Saturday's men's marathon, expected to be run in hot conditions, and the crack Japanese runners believe that they've found one. Says Nabuyuki Sato, captain of the Japanese marathon team: "We will be taking a lot of watermelon during the race. We've been doing this all year in training, and it has given us good results. We learned it from the Chinese Walkers." (Note that the Japanese finished 3-6-7 in the men's marathon and the 2 - 8 in the women's. And the Chinese were one-two in the walk. So, let's all go for the watermelon. . . **Qualifying races.** For anyone who has a legitimate chance of making U.S. Trials standards or Olympic A/B standards, the Monterey Peninsula Walk Walk Walk Club has offered to keep their course open (aproximately 1 hr 50 min) during the annual 10 Km Megawalk on October 23 at Cal Statae Monerey Bay Campus. It's a 1 km certified loop. Contact Hansi Rigney 831-626-6602, e-mail rigney@redshift.com for further information. Also note in the above schedule that the Potomac

Valley Club has scheduled a 50 Km on November 7, which will offer an opportunity for those seeking a 50 qualifier. With the 50 Olympic Trial in February, there will be few chances.

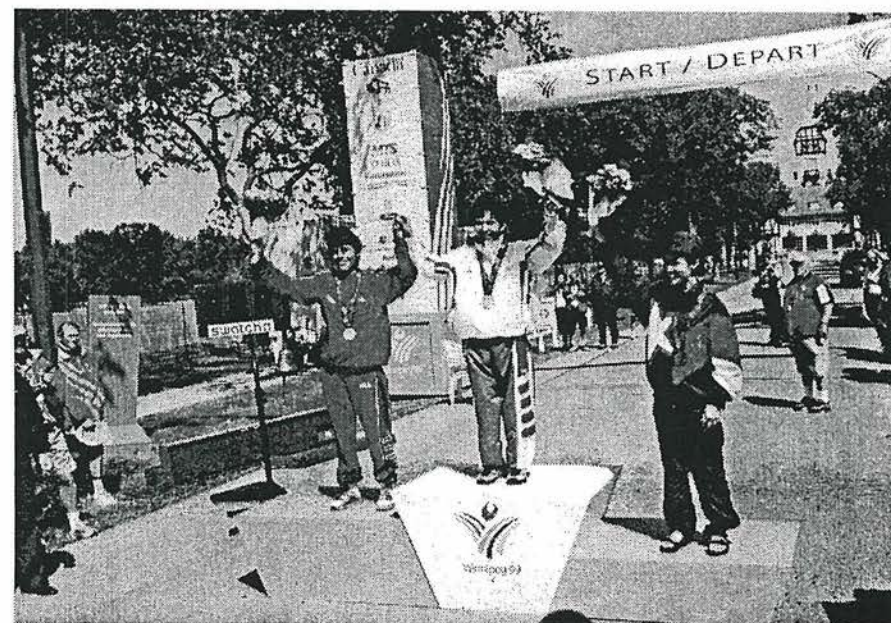
Looking Back

15 Years Ago (From the August 1984 ORW)--In the L.A. Olympics, Mexico captured both gold medals in the persons of Ernesto Canto and Raul Gonzalez. In the 20, defending titlist Maurizio Damilano, Italy, led Canto by 8 seconds after 8 Km, but was no match for the Mexican over the final 5. Canto won in 1:23:13 with Gonzalez also catching the Italian to take the silver in 1:23:20. Damilano was another 6 seconds back and Canada's Guillaume Leblanc, only a second back of Canto starting the final 5 km, finished a brilliant fourth in 1:24:29. For the U.S., Marco Evoniuk stayed close to the leaders through 10 km and then hung well for seventh place in 1:25:42. Jim Heiring finished 23rd in 1:30:20 and Dan O'Connor 33rd in 1:35:12. In the 50 eight days later, Damilano hung with Gonzalez through 35 km, but when the Mexican accelerated at that point, Maurizio had no answer and dropped out at 40. Gonzalez won easily in 3:47:26 with Sweden's Bo Gustafsson second in 3:53:19 and Italy's Sandro Bellucci third in 3:53:45. Carl Schueler captured sixth for the U.S. in 3:59:46. Vincent O'Sullivan was 14th in 4:22:51 and Marco Evoniuk dropped out after 25 km, which he reached in 1:55:51, 2 minutes back of the leaders. The fields were weakened by the absence of most Eastern European walkers due to the Soviet boycott of the Games.

10 Years Ago (From the August 1989 ORW)--At the U.S. Olympic Festival in Norman, Oklahoma, Mark Fenton won at 35 Km in 3:03:50, Richard Quinn at 20 in 1:32:23, and Debbi Lawrence in the women's 10 with a 49:21.8. Carl Schueler (1:33:00) and Curt Clausen (1:34:00) followed Quinn. Lawrence was unchallenged in the very hot conditions, with Wendy Sharp second in 51:41 and Victoria Herazo third in 51:54. In a seven-nation match, Italy's Maurizio Damilano won the 35 km in 2:31:52, guest Kerry Saxby from Australia the women's 10 in 43:13, France's Thierry Toutain the 20 in 1:23:42, Spain's Valentin Massana the junior 10 in 41:32, and Kathrin Born of the GDR the junior women's 4 in 22:07. The Paris-to-Colmar 521 Km race went to Roger Quemener in 64:35, 26 minutes ahead of Pheulpin.

5 Years Ago (From the August 1994 ORW)--In the European Championships in Helsinki, Finland's Sari Essayah, the defending world champion, won the women's 10 Km in 42:37. Essayah lead all the way, but had only six seconds on Italy's Annarita Sidoti and Russia's Yelena Nikolayeva-Kuznetsova, who were given the same time in their near photo finish for the silver. The 20 was a walk-away victory for Russia's Mikhail Schennikov in 1:18:45. Yevgeniy Misyulya, Belarus was second in 1:19:22 with Valentin Massana (1:20:30) trailing far behind in third. In a U.S.-Canada Junior match, Anya-Marie Ruoss won the women's 3 km in 13:53.71 and Justin Marrujo the men's 5 in 22:12.25. Deborah Iden (14:28.59) and William Van Axen (22:15.81) completed one-two sweeps for the U.S.

(Note: There is nothing for earlier years, because I just realized that last month's Looking Back covered both July and August for 1969, 1974, and 1984. That came about when I didn't have space for the feature in 1989 and doubled up the next month.)



Pan-American Games Racewalks Medalists on the Stand. As reported last month, the Mexicans were one-two in both men's and women's 20 Km races. Above: Daniel Garcia (silver), Bernardo Segura (gold), and Jefferson Perez, Ecuador (bronze). Below: Maria Sanchez (silver), Graciela Mendoza (gold), and Michelle Rohl, U.S. (bronze). (Steve Vaitones photos.)