

Holiday Greetings and Happy 2000

For 29 Years

ORW World and U.S. Rankings

Beginning in 1971, your editor has boldly ranked the world's foremost walkers for each year. The first rankings were for men at 20 and 50 Km. (There wasn't enough activity in the women's arena at that time to do any women's rankings.) In 1973, we added U.S. rankings for men at 20 and 50. The women came on board in 1979 as women's racing began to proliferate with rankings at both 5 and 10 km. We abandoned the 5 km rankings in 1985 when the 10 had become the predominate event. This year, the women are ranked at 20 km, which has become the International distance. The rankings are solely the editor's opinion based on the past year's competitions. Following the U.S. rankings are lists of the fastest times for the year. Thanks to Steve Vaitones for help with these. The World lists will follow next month.

1999 World 20 Km Rankings--Women

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| 1. Hong Liu, China
1:27:32 (1) World Cup 5/2
1:30:50 (1) World Champ. 8/27 | 6. Katarzyna Radtke, Poland
1:31:26 (14) World Cup 5/2
1:31:34 (5) World Champ. 8/27
1:34:20 (1) Polish Champ. |
| 2. Yan Wang, China
1:29:25 (5) World Cup 5/2
1:30:52 (2) World Champ. 8/27 | 7. Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia
1:29:01 (2) Adler 2/7
1:28:23 (4) World Cup 5/2
1:34:10 (12) World Champ. 8/27 |
| 3. Susana Feitor, Portugal
1:34:14 (1) Setubal 2/7
1:35:06 (1) Rio Maior 3/27
1:30:13 (9) World Cup 5/2
1:31:23 (4) World Champ. 8/27 | 8. Norica Cimpean, Romania
1:27:46 (1) Bekescsaba 3/28
1:27:48 (3) World Cup 5/2
DNF World Champ. 8.27 |
| 4. Kerry Saxby-Junna, Australia
1:32:24 (21) World Cup 5/2
1:31:18 (3) World Champ. 8/27 | 9. Claudia Iovan, Romania
1:29:39 (6) World Cup 5/2
1:33:17 (1) Eur U/23 Champ. 8/1
1:33:46 (11) World Champ. 8/27 |
| 5. Natalya Fedoskina, Russia
1:28:59 (1) Adler 2/7
1:26:35 (2) World Cup 5/2
DQ World Champ. 8.27 | 10. Jane Saville, Australia
1:31:58 (18) World Cup 5/2
1:32:13 (7) World Champ. 8/27 |

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The number one slot is obvious, Liu having won both the major races. . . Wang and Feitor seem equally clear choices for the next two spots as the only two besides Liu to finish in the top ten in both those races. Wang gets the second spot with her second and fifth, beating Feitor in both those races. . . Kerry Saxby-Junna, now the grand old lady of the sport, gets the fourth spot with her strong finish ahead of Feitor at the World Championships. . . Radtke, Nikolayeva, Cimpean, and Iovan are very close for the next spots. I give Radtke the nod with her strong World Championship race. Nikolayeva edges Cimpean, who had a fast time early in the season to go with her World Cup third place, but did not finish the World Championship race. Had Iovan been a little stronger in that latter race, she would probably have moved up a slot or two. . . Saville seems to have the best record of the rest. . . In the close, but no cigar category, Erica Alfridi, Italy, was sixth at the World Championship, but did not finish at the World Cup; Nadezhda Ryashkina, Russia, had three sub-1:30 races, but did not finish in the World Cup and did not compete in the World Championship; and Maya Sazonova, Kazakhstan, was just 6 seconds behind Saville at the World Championships and four places behind her at the World Cup.

1999 U.S. Women's 20 Km Rankings

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| 1. Michelle Rohl
1:36:27 (2) Nat. Invit. 3/20
1:36:50 (46) World Cup 5/1
1:33:17 (1) US Cham. 6/26
1:35:22 (3) Pan Am Games 7/26 | 5. Jill Zenner
1:37:19 (5) Nat. Inv. 3/20
1:40:30 (64) World Cup 5/1
1:39:08 (5) US Champ. 6/26 |
| 2. Joanne Dow
1:33:27 (1) Nat. Inv. 3/20
1:38:08 (53) World Cup 5/1
1:35:01 (2) US Champ. 6/26
1:36:33 (5) Pan Am Games 7/26
DQ World Champ. 8/27 | 6. Margaret Ditchburn
1:40:00 (3) Sacram. 2/14
1:37:35 (6) Nat. Inv. 3/20
1:46:26 (68) World Cup 5/1
1:45:18 (1) New York City 5/16
1:41:22 (7) Nat. Champ. 6/26 |
| 3. Susan Armenta
1:41:53 (8) Nat. Inv. 3/20
1:37:04 (3) Nat. Champ. 6/26
1:40:20 (31) World Ch. 8/27 | 7. Sara Standley
1:42:07 (9) Nat. Inv. 3/20
1:39:54 (6) US Champ. 6/26
1:41:41 (1) Edmonton 9/1 |
| 4. Danielle Kirk
1:38:22 (2) Sacram. 2/14
1:37:16 (4) Nat. Inv. 3/20
1:39:10 (58) World Cup 5/1
1:39:08 (4) US Champ. 6/26
1:43:27 (38) World Ch. 8/27 | 8. Teresa Vaill
1:37:38 (1) Nat. Inv. 3/20
DNF US Champ. 6/26 |
| | 9. Gretchen Eastler-Fishman
1:38:48 (1) New London 10/16
1:41:03 (1) Alexandria (1) 11/7 |

10. Cheryl Rellinger
1:44:20 (10) Nat. Inv. 3/20
1:42:52 (8) US Champ. 6/26

Dow beat Rohl in the season's first race, but Michelle won their other three meetings, including the USATF Championship race, to nail down the first spot. . . Armenta was third at the US Championships and the first US finisher at the World Championships, earning her the third spot. . . Kirk was always a spot ahead of Zenner when they raced and gets fourth ahead of Jill. . . Ditchburn and Standley are pretty much a toss-up, but we give Margaret the nod with her fast race at the National Invitational. . . Vaill did not finish the US Championship, but was impressive enough at the National Invitational to get the eighth spot. . . Eastler-Fishman gets ninth over Rellinger off two impressive late season races after missing the spring and summer season.

1999 U.S. Women's 20 Km List

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| 1:33:17 Michelle Rohl, Moving Comfort | 1:50:16 Sally Richards, un. Colorado |
| 1:33:27 Joanne Dow, New England Walkers | 1:51:44 Lisa Sonntag, un. Indiana |
| 1:37:04 Susan Armenta, So. Cal. Walkers | 1:52:43 Kelly Murphy-Glenn, un. Oregon |
| 1:37:16 Danielle Kirk, So. Cal. Walkers | 1:53:09 Anne Lankowicz, un. New York |
| 1:37:19 Jill Zenner, Miami Valley TC | 1:58:17 Janet Comi, Niagara RW |
| 1:37:35 Margaret Ditchburn, Walk USA | 1:58:41 Joanne Nedelco, Golden Gate RW |
| 1:37:38 Teresa Vaill, un. New York | 1:58:47 Loretta Schuellein, CW Post College |
| 1:38:48t Gretchen Eastler-Fishman, un., Mass. | 2:00:31 Jackie Reitz, Indiana RW |
| 1:39:54 Sara Standley, un. Cal. | 2:00:35 Deb Iden, Parkside AC |
| 1:42:53 Cheryl Rellinger, un. Michigan | 2:00:59 Carmen Jacinsky, un., Oregon |
| 1:47:20 Donna Chamberlain, Shore AC | 2:02:26 Abigail Oliver, Indiana RW |
| 1:47:55 Dana Yarbrough, Park RW | 2:03:46 Tara Shea, Mercury LIAC |
| 1:48:57 Lyn Brubaker, Shore AC | |

1999 World Men's 20 Km Rankings

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| 1. Ilya Markov, Russia
1:20:37 (1) Rio Maior 3/27
1:21:42 (7) World Cup 5/1
1:23:05 (11) Calella 5/9
1:18:50 (2) Turku 5/22
1:23:34 (1) World Champ. 8/21 | 4. Jefferson Perez, Ecuador
1:22:02 (1) Nat. Inv. 3/20
1:20:46 (3) Pan Am Games 7/26
1:24:19 (2) World Champ. 8/21 |
| 2. Bernardo Segura, Mexico
1:22:47 (1) Naucalpan 3/14
1:20:20 (1) World Cup 5/1
1:20:17 (10) Pan Am Games 7/26
DNF World Champ. 8/21 | 5. Guohoi, China
1:20:21 (2) World Cup 5/1
1:21:02 (5) Callella 5/9
1:26:51 (14) World Champ. 8/21 |
| 3. Daniel Garcia, Mexico
1:22:48 (2) Naucalpan 3/14
1:21:21 (5) World Cup 5/1
1:19:05 (4) Eisenhutenstadt 5/8
1:20:28 (2) Pan Am Games 7/26
1:24:31 World Champ. 8/21 | 6. Robert Korzenowski, Poland
1:20:52 (4) World Cup 5/1
1:18:39 (1) Turku 5/22
1:20:48 (1) Polish Champ. 7/3
1:19:49 (1) Hildesheim 9/12 |

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| 7. Alessandro Gandellini, Italy | 9. Vladimir Andreyev, Russia |
| 1:24:26 (3) Campobasso 3/13 | 1:20:00 (3) Adler |
| 1:21:49 (8) World Cup 5/1 | 1:20:29 (3) World Cup 5/1 |
| 1:22:10 (9) Calella | 1:22:35 (1) L'Hospitalet 5/ |
| 1:21:01 (1) Catania 5:30 | DQ World Champ. 8/21 |
| 1:24:51 (5) World Champ. 8/21 | 1:19:57 (10) Cheboksary 9/5 |
| 8. Zewen Li, China | 10. Igor Kollar, Slovakia |
| 1:24:03 (18) World Cup 5/1 | 1:21:13 (1) Dubnica 4/10 |
| 1:26:10 (19) Eisen. 5/8 | 1:25:15 (6) World Champ. 8/21 |
| 1:24:43 (4) World Champ. 8/21 | |

The picture is much more cloudy here than with the women with nothing clear cut at the top. But Markov's decisive win at the World Championships, along with a seventh at the World Cup and a very fast race in Turku seem to earn him number one. . . Segura couldn't finish in the heat at the World Championships, but his World Cup and Pan Am wins, in which he beat Garcia twice and Perez once, are good enough for the number two slot. . . Garcia nudges Perez for third with his consistent record in the two big races and his Pan Am win over Perez. Perez chose to walk the 50 at the World Cup, missing a chance at a higher placing here. . . Yu gets fifth off his close second at the World Cup and decent World Championship race. . . Korzeniowski had a good World Cup race and beat Markov in the fast Turku race, but chose the 50 at the World Championships and can go no higher than sixth. . . Gandellini had the most consistent record other than Markov and Garcia at the two big races and earns the seventh spot. . . Li had two rather poor races to start the season but came through strongly in the World Championships to take eighth. . . Andreyev's DQ at the World Championships cost him a lot of ground after an impressive World Cup performance and two other quick races. . . Kollar's sixth at the World Championships earn him the final spot.

1999 U.S. Men's 20 Km Rankings

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| 1. Curt Clausen | 4. Andrew Herrman |
| 1:24:49 (3) Nat. Invit. 3/20 | 1:26:50 (4) Nat. Inv. 3/20 |
| 1:24:52 (4) La Coruna 5/18 | 1:28:18 (8) La Coruna 5/15 |
| 1:23:34 (1) Nat. Champ. 6/27 | 1:25:52 (4) Nat. Champ. 6/27 |
| 1:23:39 (6) Pan Am Games 7/26 | |
| 2. Tim Seaman | 5. Kevin Eastler |
| 1:23:50 (2) Nat. Inv. 3/20 | 1:27:17 (60) Nat. Invit. 3/20 |
| 1:27:20 (35) World Cup 5/1 | 1:32:41 (71) World Cup 5/1 |
| 1:24:33 (11) Eisenhüttenstadt 5/8 | 1:26:41 (5) US Champ. 6/27 |
| 1:23:42 (2) Nat. Champ. 6/27 | 1:32:20 (6) World Univ. Games 7/11 |
| 1:28:28 (9) Pan Am Games 7/26 | |
| 1:35:58 (24) World Champ. 8/21 | 6. Sean Albert |
| | 1:27:39 (1) Sacram. 2/14 |
| | 1:31:30 (10) Nat. Inv. 3/20 |
| | 1:27:53 Eisen. 5/8 |
| 3. Jonathan Matthews | 1:34:15 (12) La Coruna 5/15 |
| 1:25:27 (4) Nat. Inv. 3/20 | 1:26:54 (6) US Champ. 6/27 |
| 1:20:38 (63) World Cup 5/1 | |
| 1:24:50 (3) Nat. Champ. 6/27 | |

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| 7. Al Heppner | 9. Mike Rohl |
| 1:29:02 (7) Nat. Inv. 3/20 | 1:29:49 (9) Nat. Inv. 3/20 |
| 1:34:35 (81) World Cup 5/1 | 1:47:36 (110) World Cup 5/1 |
| 1:26:50 (21) Eisen. 5/8 | DNF US Champ. 6/27 |
| 1:29:34 (7) US Champ. 6/27 | |
| DQ World Univ. Games 7/11 | 10. Gary Morgan |
| | 1:33:00 (12) Nat. Inv. 3/20 |
| 8. Philip Dunn | 1:33:36 (9) US Champ. 6/27 |
| 1:29:13 (8) Nat. Inv. 3/20 | |
| 1:36:01 (14) La Doruna 5/15 | |
| 1:32:12 (8) Nat. Champs | |

Well, as it turns out, the first eight rank in the same order than they finished in the USATF Championship race, but that wasn't the sole deciding factor. But nothing else that happened during a long season seemed to justify any alteration in that order. . . The only change then is moving Mike Rohl ahead of Gary Morgan for the ninth spot off his impressive race at the National Invitational.

1999 U.S. Men's 20 Km List

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| 1:23:34 Curt Clausen, NYAC | 1:33:56 Theron Kissinger, New Mexico RW |
| 1:23:42 Tim Seaman, NYAC | 1:34:14 Mark Green, Las Vegas RW |
| 1:24:50 Jonathan Matthews, New Balance | 1:34:46 Warrick Yeager, US Navy |
| 1:25:52 Andrew Hermann, adidas | 1:36:37 Steve Pecinovsky, Potomac Val. TC |
| 1:26:41 Kevin Eastler, US Air Force | 1:37:43 Mike DeWitt, UW Parkside |
| 1:26:50 Al Heppner, Potomac Valley TC | 1:39:27 Will Leggett, UW Parkside |
| 1:26:53 Sean Albert, N.J. Striders | 1:39:28 John Soucheck, Shore AC |
| 1:29:13 Philip Dunn, adidas | 1:39:43 Rick Holt, un. |
| 1:29:49 Mike Rohl, adidas | 1:39:56 Greg Dawson, Park RW |
| 1:32:52 Dave McGovern, NYAC | 1:40:34 Don DeNoon, un. Illinois |
| 1:33:00 Gary Morgan, NYAC | 1:41:37 Keith Luoma, Augusta RW |

1999 World 50 Km Rankings

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| 1. German Skurygin, Russia | 5. Curt Clausen, USA |
| 3:40:54 (5) World Cup 5/2 | 3:54:38 (1) US Champ. 2/14 |
| 3:44:23 (1) World Champ. 8/25 | 3:48:04 (11) World Cup 2/14 |
| | 3:50:55 (4) World Champ. 8/25 |
| 2. Nikolay Matyukhin, Russia | 6. Tomasz Lipiec, Poland |
| 3:40:13 (3) World Cup 5/2 | 3:40:08 (2) World Cup 5/2 |
| 3:48:18 (3) World Champ. 8/25 | DQ World Champ. 8/25 |
| | 3:53:40 (1) Polish Champ. |
| 3. Sergey Korepanov, Kazakhstan | 7. Valentin Massana, Spain |
| 3:39:22 (1) World Cup 5/2 | 4:06:45 (7) Span. Champ. 3/21 |
| DNF World Champ. 8/25 | 3:45:29 (8) World Cup 5/2 |
| | 3:51:55 (5) World Champ. 8/25 |
| 4. Ivano Brugnetti, Italy | |
| 3:51:45 (26) World Cup 5/2 | |
| 3:47:54 (2) World Champ. 8/25 | |

8. Robert Ihly, Germany
3:49:22 (18) World Cup 5/2
3:51:06 (2) Naumburg 6/6
3:53:47 (6) World Champ. 8/25

10. Jesus Garcia, Spain
2:44:40 (4) World Cup 5/2
DNF World Champ. 8/25

9. Craig Barrett, New Zealand
3:48:14 (13) World Cup 5/2
3:54:38 (8) World Champ. 8/25
4:13:33 (1) NZ Champ. 11/7

Skurygin and Matyukhin are easy picks for the first two spots. The two were by far the most consistent in the two big races. Skurygin, with his very impressive win in the steamy world championships, gets the nod for number one. Korepanov's win and fast time in the World Cup give him third place, despite his failure to survive the heat in the World Championships. Brugnetti's second ahead of Matyukhin in the World Championships was just enough to give him fourth ahead of Curt Clausen, fourth in that race and with a superior performance at the World Cup. Lipiec had a great World Cup race, but was DQ'd in the World Championships, and is a very narrow pick over Massana for sixth. The Spaniard was more consistent in the two races than anyone but the two rankings leaders. Ihly finished two spots ahead of Barrett in the World Championships and gets eighth over the New Zealander, who was right in their with Massana and Clausen for consistency. Garcia earns the final spot with his fourth place World Cup finish, and despite his DQ at the World Championships. Yevgeniy Shmalyuk, Russia, and Viktor Ginko, Belarus, sixth and seventh at the World Cup didn't finish the World Championship race, and Arturo DiMezza, Italy, seventh at the World Championships didn't finish the World Cup race.

1999 U.S. 50 Km Rankings

1. Curt Clausen
3:54:38 (1) US Champ. 2/14
3:48:04 (13) World Cup 5/2
3:50:55 (4) World Championships 8/25

2. Al Heppner
3:58:45 (2) US Champ. 2/14
DQ World Cup

3. Andrew Hermann
4:02:30 (3) US Champ.
4:08:47 (60) World Cup
3:58:57 (9) Naumburg 6/6
DQ World Champ. 8/25

4. Philip Dunn
4:04:44 (4) US Champ. 2/14
3:59:53 (45) World Cup 5/2
4:13:45 (3) Pan Am Games 7/29

5. Gary Morgan
4:15:05 (6) US Champ. 2/14
4:13:13 (67) World Cup 5/2
4:40:29 (4) Pan Am Games 7/29

6. Andrzej Chylinski
4:20:47 (7) US Champ. 2/14
4:27:52 (79) World Cup 5/2

7. Theron Kissinger
4:20:57 (8) US Champs. 2/14

8. Mark Green
4:26:37 (9) US Champs 2/14

9. Marco Evoniuk
4:30:35 (10) US Champs. 2/14

10. Steve Pecinovsky
4:38:18 (11) US Champs. 2/14

As in the 20, the finish places at the National Championships basically decide the rankings. Jonathan Matthews had a 4:33:50 in September, but since he did not finish in the Championship race, Pecinovsky still gets the nod for 10th place.

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3:49:04 Curt Clausen, NYAC
3:58:45 Al Heppner, Potomac Valley TC
3:58:57 Andrew Hermann, adidas
3:59:53 Philip Dunn, adidas
4:13:13 Gary Morgan, NYAC
4:20:47 Andrzej Chylinski, NYAC
4:26:37 Theron Kissinger, New Mexico RW
4:26:37 Mark Green, un. Nevada
4:3:35 Marco Evoniuk, un. Calif.
4:33:15 Jonathan Matthews, New Balance

4:38:18 Steve Pecinovsky, Potomac Val. TC
4:38:37 Will Leggett, UW Parkside
4:43:20 John Soucheck, Shore AC
4:56:57 Ioan Froman, un. Michigan
4:59:40 Doug Johnson, Kentucky Walkers
5:01:17 Vince Sheehan, un. New Mexico
5:08:06 Keith Luoma, Potomac Valley TC
5:09:20 Bob Keating, New England Walkers

Some results to finish off the year

1 Hour, Alexandria, Virginia, Oct. 3--1. Kora Bouffert 10,876 meters (Kora, 33, is a new member of the Potomac Valley Club from France. Her husband is with the French embassy and 3 weeks after this race she was back in France for an 8 Hour race in which she covered 72.5 kilometers in 7:56:28, which would place her around 5:30 for 50 km at an even pace. She was the only walker representing a U.S. club in the race. Furthermore, she and her husband have had the good sense to subscribe to the ORW.) 2. Alison Zabrenski 10,611 3. Alan Price (52) 4. Jim Goldstein (51) 9610 5. Victor Litwinski (56) 9530 6. John Gersh (52) 9081 7. Lois Dicker (60) 9039 (9 finishers, 1 DQ) **1 Hour, Alexandria, Nov. 7**--1. Jim Carmines (56) 11,551 m 2. Kora Bouffert 11,035 3. Alison Zabrenski 10,932 4. Tim Good (40) 10,806 5. Alan Price 9793 6. Victor Litwinski 9196 7. Lois Dicker 9058 (13 finishers, 2 DQs) **South Region 1 Hour, Coastal Carolina U., S.C., Nov. 20**--1. Keith Luoma 12,529 m 2. Ian Whatley (age 40-44) 12,199 3. Rick Austin (45-49) 9917 4. Curtis Gourley (45-49) 9768 5. Heinrich Looser (60-64) 9668 6. Bob Dawson (60-64) 9153 7. Mike Michel (65-69) 8952 (14 finishers) **Women:** 1. Irmgard Looser (60-64) 8142 (4 finishers) **5 Km, Doraville, Georgia, Nov. 27**--1. Randy Miller 28:40 2. William Vicory 31:30 (6 finishers) **5 Km, Tropical Park, Fla., Nov. 20**--1. Rodolfo Piime 23:26 2. Rod Vargas (50) 26:22 3. Philip Moss (44) 26:26 4. Daniel Koch (56) 30:48 (29 finishers) **5 Km, Miami, Dec. 4**--1. Rodolfo Piime 24:01 (28 finishers) **1/2 Marathon, Orlando, Fla., Dec. 11**--1. C.S. Monte Carlo 2:13:45 2. Ray Jenkins 2:17:46 3. Phil Brown 2:24:39 (7 finishers) **Women:** 1. Edna Ramsey 2:25:18 (12 finishers) **5 Km, Mobile, Alabama, Dec. 4**--1. Vicki Merry 27:38 2. Becky Weaver 31:56 (10 finishers) **Men:** 1. Josh Ginsburg 21:44.5 2. Nick Burrows 26:56 (4 finishers) **3 Mile, Cline, Penn.**--1. John Pollard (60) 33:04 2. Dan Gumbish (52), Buckeye Striders 34:29 (The Buckeye Striders is a ne club trying to make "strides" in the Columbus area through the inspiration of Melissa Ungerleider, an Atlanta transplant) **5 Km, Los Angeles, Nov. 14**--1. Victoria Herazo (40) 24:40 2. Daniel Thompson (46) 27:43 3. Stuart Ray (57) 32:19 (12 finishers) **Long Beach 1/2 Marathon**--1. Tim Staats 2:14:11 2. Carl Acosta 2:14:53 3. Arvid Rolle 2:18:38 4. Mel Schultz 2:19:05 5. Florence Braun 2:19:14 6. Sloan Zistroa 2:19:34 7. Cindy Eggert 2:26:57 (By any chance a relative of mine. The E. in John E. Mortland is for Eggert, my mother's maiden name.) **5 Km, Roseville, Cal., Nov. 7**--1. Pradeep Chand, Fiji 23:36 2. Joe Berendt (44) 25:36 3. Jack Bray (66) 26:42 4. Karen Stoyanowski (44) 27:06 5. Brenda Usher-Carpino (50) 28:13 6. Stu Kinney (58) 31:17 (30 finishers) **1 Hour,**

Kentfield, Cal., Nov. 14--1. Shoja Torabian 11,002 meters 2. Karen Olson 10,002 3. Ed Lane 9940 4. Peter Corona 9298 5. Shirley Dockstader 9289 6. Virginia Fong 9283 7. Doris Cassels 9104 8. Ann Lee 9083 (37 finishers) **2.8 Miles, Seattle, Nov. 8--1.** Stan Chraminski 23:59 2. Bob Novak 25:27 3. Mike Loran 27:40

Australian 50 Km Olympic Trial, Melbourne, Dec. 12--1. Dion Russell and Nathan Deakes 3:52:53 (walked together the whole distance) 3. Duane Cousins 3:59:54 4. Tony Sargisson, New Zealand 4:06:58 5. D. McGrath 4:07:33 6. Shane Pearson 4:14:07 7. Liam Murphy 4:17:53 **20 km, same place--1.** Nick A'hem 1:22:24 2. Troy Sundstrom 1:26:37 **Women's 20 Km, same place--1.** Natalie Saville 1:36:32 2. S. Wolowiec 1:36:51 3. Wendy Muldoon 1:41:14 4. Lara KaraAli 1:42:17 **Australian Schools Championships, Dec. 9:** Women's Under 16 1500 meters--1. Laura Johnson 6:38.13 2. Kate Connelly 6:47 3. Lisa Grant 6:51 Women's Under 20 5 Km--1. Renee McAskill 24:46.09 2. Catherine Ranger 25:14 Men's Under 16 1500--1. Jarred Tallent 6:11.49 2. Kiel Roberts 6:11.96 3. Aaron Mellor 6:22 4. Damian Pryer 6:26 Men's Under 5 Km--1. Douglas Connolly 19:58.64 2. Scott Hollaway 21:41.32

Racing Opportunities To Begin the Year 2000

Sun. Jan. 9	Indoor 1 Mile, Hanover, N.H., 9 am (N)
Sat. Jan. 8	2.8 Miles Seattle, 9 am (C)
Sun. Jan. 9	Indoor 1 Mile, Hanover, N.H., 9 am (N)
	Indoor 3 Km, Arlington, Vir. (J)
	Indoor 1 Mile, New York City, 11 pm (F)
Sat. Jan. 15	7 Km, Miami, 8 am (Q)
Sun. Jan. 16	San Diego Marathon and 1/2 Marathon, 5:30 am
	5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
Sat. Jan. 22	Indoor 5 Km (?), Carbondale, Ill. (X)
Sun. Jan. 23	Women's 20 Km, Men's 30 Km, Open 5 Km Chula Vista, Cal. (B)
	Indoor 3 Km, Arlington, Vir. (J)
	5 Km, Miami, 7:30 am (Q)
	Indoor 3 Km, Boston, 9 am (N)
Sat. Jan. 29	NALIA Women's 3 Km and Men's 5 Km Indoors, Findlay, Ohio (Collegiate)(M)
Sun. Jan. 30	San Francisco Half Marathon and 5 Km, 8 am (P)
	5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
	Rose Bowl 10 Mile Handicap and 5 Km, Pasadena, Cal., 7:30 am (B)
Sun. Feb. 6	Las Vegas 1/2 Marathon, 6:45 am (P)
	Indoor 3 Km, Arlington, Vir. (J)
Sat. Feb. 12	2.8 Miles, Seattle, 9 am (C)
Sun. Feb. 13	USATF National 50 Km and Olympic Trial, Sacramento, Cal.
	5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
	Indoor 1 Mile, Somerville, Mass., 1 pm (N)
	3 Km Mall Walk, Bridgeport, Conn., 9:30 (Z)
Fri. Feb. 18	New England Indoor 3 Km Championship, Boston, 6 pm (N)
Sat. Feb. 19	5 and 10 Km, Washington, D.C. (J)
Sat. Feb. 26	Florida State 20 Km, Cooper City (Q)
Sun. Feb. 27	20 Km, Vancouver Island, Victoria, B.C. (C) or jacquie@limcorp.com
Sun. March 5	International 20 Km, Vancouver, B.C. (C) or gdrag@direct.com
	5 Km, Miami, 7:45 am (Q)
Sat. March 11	2.8 Miles, Seattle, 9 am (C)

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2000 National Championships

Following is information we have at this time on the schedule for USATF National Racewalks in 2000. The Men's 50 Km is in conjunction with the Olympic Trials in Sacramento on Feb. 13, as shown above. Both the men's and women's 20 Km will also be a part of the Trials in Sacramento in July. We don't have an exact schedule for that meet as yet. The other races are:

April 16, Flushing, Mich. Senior and Masters Men's 30 Km, Masters Women's 20 Km. Contact Urban Walkers, c/o Mark O'Donnell, 5214 Ole Saybrook, Grand Blanc, MI 48439, Ph. 810-238-3349, FAX 810-238-3356

May 21, Elk Grove, Illinois Senior Men's and Women's 15 Km, Junior Men's 15 Km, Masters Men's and Women's 15 Km. Contact: Diane Graham-Henry, 442 W. Belden, Chicago, IL 60614, ph. 630-953-2052, FAX 630-953-2053, e-mail: arcaswiss@aol.com.

August 12, Wilkes Barre, Penn., Senior Men's and Women's 10 Km. Contact Jim Wolfe, 220 Lasley Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706, ph. 570-821-6504, FAX 570-821-6558, e-mail: jim.wolfe@sima.com.

September 17, Fort Monmouth, N.J., Senior and Masters Men's 40 Km, Masters Women's 40 Km. Contact Shore Athletic Club, Elliott Denman, 28 North Locust Avenue, West Long Branch, N.J., ph. 732-222-9080, 732-494-7644

October 1, Worcester, Mass., Senior Men's 2 Hour, Senior Women's, Junior Men's and Women's, Master Men's and Women's 1 Hour. Contact New England Walkers, c/o Justin Kuo, 39 Oakland Road, Brookline, MA 02445, ph. 617-731-9889, FAX 617-731-9062, e-mail: jkuo@usatfne.org.

October 14, Senior Men's and Women's 5 Km, Master Men's and Women's 5 Km. Contact: Bobby Baker, ph. 423-349-6406, e-mail: bbaker@preferred.com

From Heel to Toe

Millenium mania and a churlish editor. A few issues back I made some comment on celebration of the new millenium coming a year early. Actually, some will say it comes a few years too late, accepting that our calendar supposedly begins the A.D. years with the birth of Christ. That event was c. 3 B.C. That's another story. With the calendar we now have in place and seem to accept, a new millenium doesn't start until the old one ends, in this case, at the end of the year 2000. Of course, all of those zeros are irresistible so we will celebrate a year ahead. Actually, I pretty much accepted that inevitable outcome a couple of years ago. Suggesting otherwise is futile, and my wife brands me as a bit of a boor when I do so. (However, I found at Thanksgiving dinner that I have solid support of a brother-in-law.) Now I find that I am more than just a boor and should accept the inevitable more quietly. The December *Smithsonian* magazine carries an article entitled "Taking the Measure of Time". Jonathan Betts, the curator of horology at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England, the epicenter of world time, comments on millenial activities there. He duly notes that the beginning of the year 2000 is not the *real* millennium, but merely the beginning of the countdown to it. "Say I owe you twenty dollars and pay you back a dollar at a time. You don't consider the debt settled until I've given you the last penny of the 20th dollar. By the same token, we won't have finished the millennium until we've finished the 2000th year--and that doesn't happen until December 31, 2000." But the Royal Observatory has no intention of raining on the millennium parade. "When the zeros come," said Betts, "we're going to be celebrating ahead of schedule along with everyone else. It would be rather churlish not to, wouldn't it?" Oh, that your churlish editor, a bit of a boor, could be so accepting. . . **Olympics timetable.** The schedule for the racewalks for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney is: Friday, September 22, 12:50 pm--Men's 20 Km; Thursday September 28, 10:45 am--Women's 20 Km; Friday September 29, 8 am --Men's 50 Km. . . **Masters meets.** The National Masters T&F Championships, including racewalks, are set for Boston, March 24-26 (Indoors) and Eugene, Oregon, August 10-13 (Outdoors). Boston will also be the indoor site in 2001, 2002, and 2003. The outdoor meet will be in Baton Rouge, La. in 2001 and Orono, Maine in 2002. . . **50 Km Trials.** The address for information on the 50 Km Olympic Trials in Sacramento on Feb. 13 is 2000 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Track and Field, Sacramento Olympic Trials Office, P.O. Box 511, Sacramento, CA 95812, Phone 1-877-873-9690. . . **Palle Lassen remembered.** Denmark's Palle Lassen was a long-time IAAF racewalk chairman and also for many published a newsletter and a series of booklets of racewalk statistics. That effort was carried on by Egon Rassmussen until his death several years ago. Those materials provided a great source for the *Ohio Racewalker* for many years. Thus, we were saddened to receive the following press release from IAAF headquarters in Monte Carlo: "It is with great sadness that the IAAF has learnt of the death of Palle Lassen. He died on December 2 from complications following major heart surgery, five days after his wife had also passed away. He would been 80 years old on December 7. Mr. Lassen, one of Denmark's greatest athletics aficionados, was a renowned statistician (he was Treasurer of the Association of Track & Field Statisticians), but above all was dedicated to the specialty of racewalking. He was first elected to the IAAF Walking Committee in 1968, and became its Chairman in 1972. His competence and dedication in this post ensured that he was greatly respected throughout the world. So important was his contribution to the development of international racewalking that he was made an Honorary Life Member of the IAAF Racewalking Committee in 1991. In 1991, the IAAF also awarded Mr. Lassen the IAAF Veteran Pin in recognition of his long service to the cause of world athletics. . . **Arco Races.** This release from Al

Heppner: The first walk on the road to the upcoming Summer Olympics will take place at the ARCO Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Cal., where athletes from eight countries will compete in the 30 Km (men) and 20 Km (women) racewalks. And there should be plenty of local elementary school children to cheer them on. The January 23 race, which is being billed as "The Road to Sydney", will serve as a tune-up race for the US Men's squad as the 50 Km Olympic Trials follow three weeks later in Sacramento. "The race will provide some guidance in terms of what pace to shoot for in the trials," said defending US 50 Km champion Curt Clausen. The US walkers, many of who train at the Center, will have plenty of guidance in the race. The star-studded field will include Olympic Champion Jefferson Perez of Ecuador and Mexico's World Champion Daniel Garcia. The US women will be competing at the Olympic 20 Km distance with the objective of meeting the Olympic qualifying standard of 1:36. They will have the 1992 Olympic gold medalist Yueling Chen of China to lead the way. Chen, now living near San Diego and hoping to compete for the US in Sydney, may already have her US naturalization papers by race time. Two members of the Mexican World Cup team will also compete in the race. The US team should have plenty of fan support. Just two days before the race, local elementary school children will participate in "Walk With an Olympian". In this program, the students will interact with Olympic racewalkers, compete in age group competitions, and learn about how the heart operates during exercise. "Within an hour after the program was announced, over 500 students were signed up by their schools," said Sharon Hilledge, the resource teacher for the Chula Vista Achool District. Racewalkers at the ARCO Training Center have reached thousands of local elementary school children through various programs including "Adopt-An-Olympian" which involves weekly e-mail interaction between the students and an athlete and "Exercise the Dream" where the students are taught racewalking. Part of the proceeds from the event will go to Sharp Medical Center's "Spirit of Caring" mobile health clinic, which provides primary and preventive care to area children. "The entire event is a great way to involve the community and get people excited about the Olympics," Clausen said. . . **Training Center residents.** There are now ten athletes training under Enrique Pena at the Olympic Training Center: Sean Albert, Curt Clausen, Philip Dunn, Kevin eastler, Al Heppner, Andrew Hermann, Tim Seaman, Susan Armenta, Danielle Kirk, and Margaret Ditchburn. Pena also continues to coach Jefferson Perez. **Honors.** Allen James, two-time Olympian and the dominant U.S. walker through the middle '90s, was recently honored as the Western Washington University Track and Field Athlete of the Century. Jonathan Matthews and Lyn Brubaker were named as the outstanding male and female masters walkers for 1999 by USATF Master Track and Field. Matthews, 42, was third behind Curt Clausen and Tim Seaman in the the National 20 Km with a masters record 1:24:50 and also set U.S. masters records at 10 and 15 km. He is qualified for the Olympic Trials at both 20 and 50 km. Brubaker, also 42, won both the 5 and 10 at the WAVA championships and set a new U.S. masters record at 15 km. Finally, Mike DeWitt, long-time coach at U. of Wisconsin-Parkside and still competitive himself, was given the Mike Riban Award as the Outstanding Contributor at the USATF convention. Mike expresses his appreciation for the reward, richly deserved we must note, as follows: "From my first involvement in racewalking over 30 years ago, the Wisconsin and Chicago area racewalking people have been so supportive of my efforts, first as an athlete, then as a coach. People like Mike Riban and Larry Larson were my first real contacts in the racewalking community. From that first race on Thanksgiving of 1969 at Riis Park in Chicago until this moment, their efforts motivated me to work hard and keep reaching for the next level. The next great person that helped me was Bob Lawson, my track coach at UW-Parkside. He spent a lot of time finding out about racewalking and developing his own program that helped to put UWP on the racewalk map. I have been fortunate to be able to keep it growing and strong. From those key people have come all of the UWP racewalkers who were motivated to not only attend Parkside, but to work hard and follow a training plan that allowed them to develop and continue beyond college to earn so many honors. There is also the dedicated Parkside AC Master Walkers who have all of the enthusiasm

of the college athletes and more as they work to improve their times, technique, and age grades. Lastly and most importantly, I would like to make sure that everyone knows that my wife Pam of 28 years, my four children, along with the support of the Parkside "family" have been the key and constant factors throughout the past 30 years, for without their support, I am certain that many of the positive outcomes of those years would not have occurred."

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The following article appeared in the *Monterey Herald* (Cal.) a week the Giulio de Petra Magawalk in October (see November ORW for results of the race)

Recalling A World-Class Racewalker

by Mary Baker

He surfaced at 4 o'clock every morning, arms pumping, heels striking, hips swiveling in the Naples darkness. The street urchins gawked and taunted. "The Crazy Man" was out walking again, walking as if already, he were running behind. So furious. So fast. So funny looking.

But Giulio de Petra--the inspiration for Saturday's 19th annual Giulio de Petra Megawalk at CSU Monterey Bay--was just practicing. Literally putting one foot in front of the other with hopes of becoming the world's greatest racewalker. He gave no pause to the urchins' snickers. de Petra once mocked a man, too, who was walking this same sort of brisk walk.

As the story goes, it was 1924 when a forlorn 14-year-old de Petra was sitting in the infield of a school track. de Petra was having a dismal time competing. He couldn't run as fast. Couldn't jump as high. Suddenly, he noticed a man walking toward him. It was an awkward gait, as if the feet were trying mightily to keep up with the body.

de Petra decided to settle in behind the racewalker, mimicking his style. Annoyed, the man quickened his pace. Surely, he could leave this ill-mannered boy behind. But de Petra never disappeared. Finally, the man gave up, leaving the track in frustration. Three months later, de Petra won the student racewalking championship in southern Italy. And "Walk, don't run" began to take on a whole new meaning for a boy who once couldn't keep up. de Petra went on to become one of Italy's greatest.

"My mother, Hella, used to train with him," said Hansi Rigney, de Petra's daughter. "And she had to ride her bicycle to stay with him." Hella's husband was finishing 5 km in 23 minutes. People run them in 46. But as circumstance would have it, de Petra never made it to the Olympics.

In 1928, precisely when he was peaking, Olympic officials cancelled the racewalking event after they couldn't agree on an appropriate race length. The competition was reinstated in 1932, but the distance had gone from 10 km to 50. de Petra was best at about 25. He decided to skip the gathering in Los Angeles.

Surely, thought de Petra, he would be there for the Berlin Games four years later. But in 1935, he was drafted into the Italian army and sent to Ethiopia, where he remained until 1937. "Then came the war," Rigney said. "Then it was too late."

And then de Petra moved to America, eventually arriving in Carmel in 1951. Almost 30 years went by before he decided to take another walk. His first step was teaching a racewalking class at Monterey Peninsula College. Then he organized the Walk, Walk, Walk Club.

"He got a huge entourage of people interested in this strange way of walking," Rigney said. In one national race he organized at Quail Lodge, 72 competitors showed up. "That's unheard of for racewalking," Rigney said. "He became Mr. Racewalk in this area." At 70 and 80 years old, he still was scurrying along.

He told people, however, that when he died, he hoped beyond hope it would happen when he was out walking. De Petra had just finished a practice walk in the Carmel Highlands two days after Father's Day in 1995. He was almost home when he collapsed. He died at age 84 of an apparent heart attack--disappeared into a comforting darkness very much like a Naples morning.

Walker "Sticks It" On 11 Runners

by Dudley Harris

This wasn't quite a rerun of the fable, "The Tortoise and the Hare", because the winning distance in the 6-day Colac, Australia, event in November was 925.6 km, the fifth furthest run since it began in 1984.

But the sole racewalker, Gerald Manderson, started at 12th out of 17, worked his way up to ninth on Day two, sixth on Day 3, equal fifth on Day 4, and then stayed in sixth for the final two days.

The first two places went to Czech runners, then a Canadian, with R. Bell of Florida fourth. In fifth place was Australia's N. Grayling with 628.8 km, closely followed by New Zealand's Centurion racewalker Gerald Manderson with 622.4 km (385 3/4 miles). Then a gap to the seventh placer, who ran 570.4 km.

Gerald's splits by day were 120.8 km, 98.4 km, 111.6 km, 94.8 km, a blistered 74.4 km, and a final blistering 122.4 km--which final day's total was second only to that by the winning runner.

So the Australian 6-day walk title, which began in 1996 with a Kiwi, Norman Morriss, and claimed in 1997 by an Australian Peter Waddell, is now back in New Zealand.

Regretfully, this year is likely to have been the final 6-day event in the small country town of Colac in Victoria.

Looking Back

30 Years Ago (From the December 1969 ORW)--The ORW made a Man of the Decade Award to Charlie Silcock, who did so much to promote the sport in those years, and a Walker of the Decade Award to Ron Laird. Ron Zinn, Rudy Haluza, and Larry Young ranked behind Laird for the latter award. Goetz Klopfer did 20 Km in 1:32:24 on a San Francisco track.

25 Years Ago (From the December 1974 ORW)--Jack Boitano, the National Racewalk Chairman at that time, won the Coney Island 10 Mile Handicap in 1:34:43. Fast time honors went to Ron Laird with a 1:13:29. . .Laird also scored a 1500 meter/2 mile double at an indoor meet in Pittsburgh with a 6:06.7 and 14:05. . .Included in this issue were some interesting excerpts from a 1910 book on racewalking by Hugh Innes.

20 Years Ago (From the December 1979 ORW)--Mexico's Daniel Bautista, winner of the World Cup in a blazing 1:18:49 and with a world record of 1:20:07 on the track, led the ORW World 20 Km Rankings. His teammate Domingo Colin was second ahead of three Soviets. Mexicans Raul Gonzales, Martin Bermudez, and Enrique Vera were ranked 1-2-3 in the 50. Gonzales faded to fourth in the World Cup after building a huge lead with proved to a killing pace, but had a World Record of 3:41:39 on the track. Great Britain's Marian Fawkes was ranked number one in the Women's 10 km. Leading the U.S. rankings were Neal Pyke (20), Marco Evoniuk (50), and Susan Liers (10). . .Canada's Marcel Jobin led the National 25 Km race in Las Vegas with a

1:52:27 as Jim Heiring claimed the national title in second (1:57:28). Marco Evoniuk, Ray Sharp, Dennis Reilly, and Tom Dooley followed. . . Jobin also won the National 35 Km in Houston, his 2:37:16 leaving John Knifton better than 18 minutes back. Dooley and Bill Ranney were next. . . Chris Hansen stormed through 10 Km in 43:06 in Seattle with Steve DiBernardo second in 44:29. . . In Kiev, Soviet Nikolai Udovenko bettered the listed World Record for 30 Km recording 2:08:16 on the track, but was short of Jose Marin's (Spain) 2:08:00 earlier in the year.

15 Years Ago (From the December 1984 ORW)--Leading the World Rankings for the year were Mexico's Ernesto Canto (20), the GDR's Ronald Weigel (50), and Olga Kristop, USSR (10). Top ranked in the U.S. were Marco Evoniuk (20), Carl Schueler (50), and Ester Lopez (10). . . This issue included a report by Dr. Howard Palamrachuk on TAC's first Racewalk Sports Medicine Science Seminar.

10 Years Ago (From the December 1989 ORW)--Kery Saxby, Australia; Ileana Salvador, Italy; and Beate Anders, GDR were 1-2-3 in the ORW World 10 Km rankings. Lynn Weik, Teresa Vaill, and Debby Lawrence topped the U.S. rankings. In the World 20 Km rankings, it was Fratts Kostyukevitch, Yevgeniy Misyula, and Mikhail Schennikov, all USSR. In the U.S., Tim Lewis, Gary Morgan, and Mark Manning were on top. At 50 Km, we ranked Simon Baker, Australia; Andrei Perlov, USSR; and Stanislav, Vezhel, USSR as the top three in the world, and Paul Wick, Herm Nelson, and Tim Lewis as the top three in the U.S.. . . Mexico's Carlos Mercenario blistered the New York City Marathon in 3:11:56, beating the UK's Chris Maddocks by nearly 2 minutes and Sweden's Bo Gustafsson by 6 1/2. Perlov was fourth in a star-studded field.

5 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1994 ORW)--Gustafsson topped the New York City Marathon field this time in 3:33:28, 31 seconds ahead of Allen James. Dave Marchese was third. . . Sari Essayah, Finland; Anna Rita Sidoti, Italy; and Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia were ranked 1-2-3 in the World at 10 Km, with Michelle Rohl, Teresa Vaill, and Debby Van Orden atop the U.S. rankings. At 20 Km, Mikhail Schennikov, Russia; Bernardo Segura, Mexico, and Yevgeniy Misyulya, Belarus were the world leaders and Allen James, Jonathan Matthews, and Andrzej Chylinski led the U.S. The 50 Km World rankings saw Valeriy Spitsyn, Russia; Thierry Toutain, France; and Giovanni Pericelli, Italy on top, while Allen James, Jonathan Matthews, and Herm Nelson led the U.S.

Really Looking Back

Reference in the de Petra article above to the phrase "Walk, Don't Run" reminded me of the 1966 movie by that name starring Cary Grant and Jim Hutton. At the time, some were looking at the movie as a possible promotional vehicle for the sport. For those of you who have never seen, or even heard of, this classic, here is my review from the September 1966 ORW (Vol. II, Number 7). I don't know if you can find this film on video or not.

Dropped down to one of the local cinemas a couple of weeks ago to take in the celebrated "Walk Don't Run" and found it rather enjoyable. I can't knock the picture very much now because my revered *Playboy* has just come out with a favorable review. However, in light of some of the criticism we have received, I fail to see how Messrs. Silcock and MacLachlan can condone this film. It is a romantic comedy, filled with innuendo, double entendre, and just plain, blatant, outright references to (if you will pardon the expression) sex.

The plot really has nothing whatsoever to with racewalking, which is purely incidental. As a matter of fact, throughout the movie our hero manages to avoid revealing in what sport he competes as he is obviously ashamed and self-conscious about competing in racewalking. I don't

think apologists really serve to boost the image of the sport. He does at one time come close to an admission when he allows to being pretty fast in college but having slowed down considerably now that he has found one thing in which he can compete. But, to his immediate relief, the subject is suddenly changed before he has to make the cruel admission.

Near the end of the movie, his secret is finally out as the Olympic 50 km gets under way. There was no one in the field that looked like a particularly good example of a racewalker. In my opinion, Cary Grant, who hops in clad in his under shorts, is the best looking walker of the bunch. One contestant who drops out at some stage of the race turns out to be a reporter who wanted to get a first hand story. Surprisingly enough, he was still right with the pack, which would seem to indicate it is no feat to stay with some slow-moving, Olympic-type 50 km walkers. I really can't see where the movie did anything for the sport, other than bringing it the attention of the public in about the same vein it is usually brought to their attention.

But, as stated, walking was in no way essential to the plot, and it was a mildly entertaining movie in other aspects. Having been in Tokyo, I particularly enjoyed their portrayal of the Japanese people. Although it was, of course, overdone, it was quite typical of how these people act and react in their gracious and humble way. There were many obvious inaccuracies in regard to the Olympics, records, etc., but obvious only to the few educated and interested in these matters. Overall, an enjoyable evening.

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Another little note of passing interest in that issue concerned the outstanding distance runner Gerry Lindgren, who had competed in the Tokyo Olympics (1964) 10 Km a few months after finishing high school. (Jim Ryun competed in the 1500 at the same Games with his final year of high school still ahead of him.) Anyway, here is the item:

In another race in the Northwest on August 4, Jim Bean won a mile in 7:12.2 with Gerry Lindgren a close second. No official time on Gerry, but it was said to be about 7:15. Gerry used to like to imitate we walkers and he has good natural style. He obviously has the strength for the distances and could probably clean us all if he wanted to turn to walking. But why should he when he can clean them all in running and get a lot more out of it. (Gerry also finished second in a Junior National 15 Km, perhaps this same year, in about 1:20, as I recall. I could search it out, but I won't bother. Maybe Jim Bean will fill me in.)