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Dominant Performances in European Cup

Eisenhüttenstadt, Germany, June 17-18--No one was leaving victory to the final strides in the European Cup of Racewalking as all three races saw winners with decisive margins as they crossed the line. The men's 20 Km offered the closest finish, but Poland's Robert Korzeniowski still had about 50 meters in hand as he hit the tape in 1:18:29. The 1996 Olympic 50 Km champion continued to demonstrate his versatility as he bettered his personal record by 11 seconds. Second in this race two years ago, he left no doubt of his superiority this time. While the 50 remains his best event (he was also 1997 World Champion and ranked number one in 1996 and 1998), he has always been very competitive at 20 and ranked 5th and 6th in the world the last two years.

Second in the Euro Cup race was Germany's Andreas Erm who blistered his personal best by nearly 2 minutes. The effort left him well clear of Spain's Francisco Fernandez, whose third place finish led his country to the team title. There was no dominant team and Spain's 3-13-16 finish was good enough to edge Poland (1-7-27) by 3 points.

In the 50, Spain's 1993 World Champion and 1997 World Cup winner, Jesus Garcia, showed he is still a contender after a couple of off years. His 3:42:51 put him nearly 2 minutes clear of Yevgeniy Shmalyuk at the finish. The French completely dominated the team race as their trio finished within 31 seconds of each other in third, fourth, and fifth. Denis Langlois won the bronze in 3:47:38.

Olimpiada Ivanova, only fifth in the ultra-fast Russian championships race reported last month, was more than the rest of Europe could handle as she won the women's 20 Km by nearly a minute in 1:26:48. That would have been a world's best before the Russian Championship race a month ago. Italy's Elisabetta Perrone outlasted Norway's Kjersti Platzer for second in 1:27:42. The Italians were walk away winners of the team title with Erica Alfriedi and Annarita Sidoti finishing fourth and fifth. And their fourth walker, Christina Pellino, was ninth, ahead of anyone else's second finisher. Romania, led by Norica Cimpean in sixth, was a distant second. The first seven finishers bettered 1:30.

That Russian race, and very fast men's 20 and 50 at the same time, have raised a lot of suspicion around the world as to course measurement and judging. This result would seem to lend some validity to those races with Ivanova within 40 seconds of her time there and beating everyone else so decisively. On the other hand, Tamara Kovalenko who had 1:25:49 for fourth in the Russian race, managed just 1:33:07 in 21st place here. Nadezha Ryashkina, sixth in the Russian race, did not finish. The results:

Women's 20 Km: 1. Olimpiada Ivanova, Russia 1:26:48 2. Elisabetta Perrone, Italy 1:27:42 3. Kjersti Tysse Platzer, Norway 1:27:53 4. Erica Alfriedi, Italy 1:28:06 5. Annarita Sidoti, Italy 1:28:38 6. Norica Cimpean, Romania 1:28:59 7. Valentina Savchuk, Ukraine 1:29:16 8. Valentina Tsybulskaya, Belarus 1:30:19 9. Christina Pellino, Italy 1:30:42 10. Ana Maria Groza, Romania 1:31:08 11. Noka Leksir, France 1:31:25 12. Maria Urbanikne Rosza, Hungary 1:31:15 13. Daniela Cirian, Romania 1:31:30 14. Gillian O'Sullivan, Ireland 1:31:31 15. Vira Zozulya, Ukraine 1:31:40 16. Lyudmila Yemorova, Ukraine 1:32:02 17. Tatyana Ragozina, Ukraine 1:32:17 18. Eva Perez, Spain 1:32:24 19. Kristina Saltanovic, Lithuania 1:32:48

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20. Larisa Khmel'nitskaya, Belarus 1:32:53 21. Tamara Kovalenko, Russia 1:33:07 22. Encarna Granados, Spain 1:33:36 23. Lisa Kehler, G.B. and N. Ireland 1:33:57 24. Kathrin Boyde, Germany 1:34:13 25. Anita Liepina, Latvia 1:34:26 26. Anne Haaland Simonsen, Norway 1:34:34 27. Olga Kardapoltseva, Belarus 1:34:53 28. Beate Gummelt, Germany 1:34:57 29. Oyve Loukhane, Ireland 1:34:59 30. Christina Kikkotou, Greece 1:34:59 31. Alexandra Tziouti, Greece 1:34:59 32. Zuzana Blazekova, Slovak Rep. 1:35:07 33. Sonata Milusauskaite, Lithuania 1:35:13 34. Melanie Seeger, Germany 1:35:26 35. Athina Papagianni, Greece 1:35:29 (53 finishers, 1 DQ, 11 DNF) Teams: 1. Italy 11 2. Romania 29 3. Ukraine 38 4. Belarus 55 5. Russia 58 7. Spain 77

Men's 20 Km: 1. Robert Korzeniowski, Poland 1:18:29 2. Andreas Erm, Germany 1:18:42 3. Francisco Fernandez, Spain 1:18:56 4. Jiri Malysa, Czech Rep. 1:19:18 5. Dmitriy Yesipchuk, Russia 1:19:56 6. Aigars Fadejevs, Latvia 1:20:18 7. Tomasz Kipiciowski, Poland 1:20:48 8. Artur Meleshkevich, Belarus 1:20:52 9. Valentin Kononen, Finland 1:21:09 10. Anthony Gillet, France 1:21:28 11. Giovanni DeBenedictis, Italy 1:21:43 12. Costica Balan, Romania 1:21:43 13. David Marquez, Spain 1:21:44 14. Michele Didoni, Italy 1:21:53 15. Igor Kollar, Slovakia 1:22:25 16. Jorge Silva, Spain 1:22:34 17. Denis Nizhegorodov, Russia 1:21:47 18. Robert Heffernann, Ireland 1:22:43 19. Arturo DiMezza, Italy 1:22:46 20. Robert Ihly, Germany 1:23:00 21. Nischan Daimer, Germany 1:23:14 22. Milos Holusa, Czech Rep. 1:23:24 23. Silviu Casandra, Romania 1:23:51 24. Birgir Fait, Sweden 25. Andriy Kovenko, Ukraine 1:24:49 26. Theodoros Stamatofoulos, Greece 1:24:57 27. Grzegorz, Poland 1:25:02 28. Peter Korcok, Slovakia 1:25:11 29. Robert Valicek, Slovakia 1:25:14 30. Daugvinas Zujus, Lithuania 1:25:27 (59 finishers, 5 DQs including Yevgeniy Misyulya, Belarus and Sandor Urbanik, Hung.) Teams: 1. Spain 32 2. Poland 35 3. Germany 43 4. Italy 44 5. Russia 66 6. Slovakia 72

Men's 50 Km: 1. Jesus Garcia, Spain 3:42:51 2. Yevgeniy Shmalyuk, Russia 3:42:51 3. Denis Langlois, France 3:47:38 4. Rene Piller, France 3:47:49 5. Sylvain Laudron, France 3:48:09 6. Mario Avellaneda, Spain 3:49:50 7. Denis Trautmann, Germany 3:50:28 8. Santiago Perez, Spain 3:51:24 9. Francesco Galdenzi, Italy 3:53:01 10. Ikonu Wymakk, Norway 3:53:24 11. Mike Trautmann, Germany 3:53:57 12. Thomas Wallstab, Germany 3:54:20 13. Alessandro, Mistretta, Italy 3:54:38 14. David Boulanger, France 3:56:52 15. Stefan Malik, Slovakia 3:57:25 16. Jacob Sorensen, Denmark 3:58:09 17. Jamie Costin, Ireland 3:59:02 18. Oleksiy, Shelest, Ukraine 3:59:27 19. Zoltan Czukur, Hungary 4:01:16 20. Virgilio Soares, Portugal 4:01:27 21. Benjamin Leroy, Belgium 4:01:46 22. Marek Janek, Slovakia 4:02:42 23. Pedro Martins, Portugal 4:03:28 24. Fredrik Sweden 4:03:42 25. Peter Ferrari, Sweden 4:04:34 26. Anton Trotsky, Belarus 4:04:58 27. Ugis Bruvelis, Latvia 4:06:55 28. Steve Hollier, G.B. 4:07:18 29. Pascal Charrere, Switz. 4:07:59 30. Alexander Aruurshevski, Belarus 4:08:35 (49 finishers, 4 DQs, 14 DNF including Axel Noack, Germany) Teams: 1. France 2. Spain 3. Germany 4. Italy 5. Russia 6. Slovakia 7. Portugal

Junior Men's 10 Km: 1. Alexander Kuzmin, Belarus 41:16 2. Jan Albrecht, Germany 41:17 3. Andre Katzinski, Ger. 41:59 4. Sergei Ostapuk, Belarus 42:04 5. Benjamin Kutinski, Pol. 42:11 6. Patrick Ennemoss, Italy 42:24 7. Aleksandr Stokov, Russia 42:21 8. Frank Werner, Ger.

42:33 9. Paul Gassebner, Italy 42:40 10. Ivano Medagli, Italy 42:51 11. Mieczko Lyp, Poland 42:56 12. Tomas Cambal, Spain 42:58

Rohl, Zenner Prevail At 15 Km

Elk Grove, Illinois, May 21—Mike Rohl and Jill Zenner were easy winners at the USATF National 15 Km Racewalk today. In the men's race, Rohl's 1:08:39 effort put him more than a mile ahead of runnerup Pablo Gomez. Zenner had a good 1:11:38 effort to beat Debbi Lawrence by nearly 4 minutes. However, we hasten to point out that Debbi was better than 5 minutes faster a week earlier on her way to 20 Km (see May ORW) and perhaps regarded this more as a training spin than a competition. Victoria Herazo followed Lawrence home and was the first master finisher, male or female. Following Richard McGuire's impressive 1:19:16, which led all master's males, there was a real ding-dong battle between three others, with Jim Carmines, the oldest of the trio, finally besting Max Walker by 7 seconds and Leon Jasionowski by 20 seconds in 1:22:21. What the race may have lacked in elite competitors, it made up for in numbers as 45 athletes, male and female, toed the line, with 38 of them finishing. In addition, Lyn Brubaker reportedly continued after the finish of the 15 and did 20 km in 1:47:48, but she isn't listed in the 15 km results. One would assume she was around 1:20 at 15, which would have placed her fourth among the women. The results:

Women—1. Jill Zenner (25) 1:11:38 2. Debbi Lawrence (38) 1:15:33 3. Victoria Harazo (40) 1:17:03 4. Donna Chamberlain (43) 1:23:35 5. Lee Chase (46) 1:27:03 6. Abigail Oliver (39) 1:28:13 7. Jackie Reitz (51) 1:28:38 8. Debbie Topham (47) 1:34:08 9. Janet Higbie (58) 1:38:57 10. Kathleen Frable (54) 1:43:47 11. Joan Berman (63) 1:48:05 12. Kathy Finch (45) 1:49:58 13. Joan Grossman (53) 1:53:29 DQ—Cheryl Rellinger, Jo Presser
Men—1. Michael Rohl (35) 1:08:39 2. Pablo Gomez (28) 1:18:49 3. Richard McGuire 1:19:16 4. Rod Craig (42) 1:21:00 5. Mike DeWitt (49) 1:21:35 6. Jim Carmines (56) 1:22:21 7. Max Walker (53) 1:22:28 8. Leon Jasionowski (55) 1:22:41 9. Norm Frable (54) 1:24:37 10. Ed Fitch (39) 1:24:50 11. Ken Lampar (42) 1:28:45 12. Eric Smith (18) 1:30:10 13. Paul Johnson (62) 1:30:16 14. Lee Hyland (58) 1:31:29 15. Ray Everson (65) 1:34:09 16. Klaus Thiedmann (45) 1:34:18 17. Ron Shields (57) 1:35:37 18. Mike Rose (39) 1:36:46 19. Al DuBois (68) 1:37:26 20. Craig Woodall (46) 1:37:51 21. Jack Starr (71) 1:37:54 22. Bernie Finch (60) 1:42:26 23. Bob Stewart (67) 1:47:23 24. Craig Haugaard (18) 1:47:23 25. Paul Geyer (80) 2:07:54

Super 20 In Kenosha

Kenosha, Wis., June 3—On an ideal morning for racing, two more women added their names to the list U.S. athletes that have met the Olympic "A" standard for 20 Km (1:36:00, the time required for a nation to send three competitors to the Olympics). Susan Armenta and Jill Zenner brought the list to eight and Gretchen Fishman and Sara Standley just missed making it ten.

Zenner took the pace out fast and was nearly a half-minute ahead as she passed the first 5 in 23:02. Armenta was in fourth, 38 seconds back. Over the next 5, Armenta caught and edged away from Fishman and Standley, but made little dent on Zenner's lead as they went through 10 in 46:35 and 47:13. At 15 Km, Zenner still led by 27 seconds, but Armenta was starting to close. She caught Jill at 17 km and the pair walked together until the final kilometer, when Armenta proved too strong and went on to a 1:34:44 to 1:34:50 win. It moved them to fourth and fifth on the U.S. All-Time list (See May ORW). Fishman and Standley also finished strongly and missed the A standard by just 26 and 39 seconds.

Adding their names to the list of Trials qualifiers (1:48 and under) were Samantha Cohen and Debbie Benton. Cohen went out fast to get a cushion for the later stages of the race, covering

the firts 5 km in 25:32 and passing 10 52:04. She then slowed considerably, but hung on well enough to make her goal with 75 seconds to spare. Benton, on the other hand, knowing she needed 27 minute 5 km splits went out at that pace and stuck doggedly to it with 5 km splits of 26:56, 26:59, 26:59, and 26:47

Results of this and other races on a great morning's racing.

1. Susan Armenta, SC Walkers 1:34:44 (23:40, 47:13, 1:11:06) 2. Jill Zenner, Miami Valley TC 1:34:50 (23:02, 23:33, 24:04, 24:11) 3. Gretchen Fishman, Boston 1:36:26 (23:30, 47:21, 1:11:41) 4. Sara Standley, Mt. View, Cal. 1:36:39 (23:28, 47:22, 1:11:58) 5. Samantha Cohen, Parkside AC 1:46:45 6. Debbie Benton (42), Detroit 1:47:41 7. Abby Oliver, Indiana Walkers 1:56:29 (DQ--Gayle Johnson (51), Columbia, Missouri)
Men's 20 km--1. Mike DeWitt (49) 1:47:01 2. Bernie Finsh (58) 2:15:39 Women's 10 Km--1. Molly Lavecek 48:22 2. Amber Antonia (20) 49:12 3. Deb Iden 49:17 4. Ali Bahr 51:16 Men's 10 Km--1. Matt DeWitt 44:37 2. Lachlan McDonald 45:16 3. Steve Quirke 46:50 4. Will Leggett 50:57 5. Mike Stanton 52:06 3 Km--1. Al DuBOis (68) 16:08 2. Kathleen Stuper 16:18 3. Ron Winkler (49) 17:56 4. Tina Peters (12) 18:49

Junior Nationals, Denton, Texas, June 23

Men's 10 Km--1. Tristan Van Ruoss, unattached 47:34.71 2. Benjamin Shorey, un. 47:39.57 3. Jim Heys, U-W Parkside 54:01.27 4. Daniel Pendergast, Maine RW 55:47.91 5. Eric Smith, Miami Valley TC 56:10.59 6. Johnathan Chasse, Maine RW 57:24.54 7. Jeffrey Sprague, Maine RW 57:29.17 8. Jeremy Martin, Maine RW 57:38.01
Women's 10 Km--1. Robyn Stevens, Westwind Flyers 55:21.98 2. Emma Carter, Heartland RW 57:15.95 3. Elizabeth Paxton, S.C. Walkers 59:33.89 4. Anne Favolise, Maine RW 61:09.70 5. Amanda Bergeron 62:26.98 6. Elizabeth Murphy 63:51.05

Other Results

New England 20 Km, Charlestown, R.I., June 4--1. Donna Chamberlain, Penn. 1:53:17 2. Gloria Rawls, Penn. 1:58:08 3. Lee Chase 2:01:35 4. Mary Flanagan 2:23:35 (6 finishers, 1 DNF, 1DQ) Men--1. Bob Keating 1:53:00 2. Brian Savilonis 1:53:41 3. Jim Carmines, Penn. 1:54:41 4. Andy Cable 2:00:01 5. Dick Ruquist 2:03:18 6. Stan Sosnowski 2:04:03 7. Bill Harriman 2:08:33 8. Bob Ullman 2:08:44 9. Charlie Mansback 2:13:48 **Women's 5 Km, same place**--1. Maryanne Torrellas 24:42 2. Jean Tenan 29:37 **Men's 5 Km, same place**--1. Nick Manuzzi 25:00 2. Joe Light 26:49 3. Tom Knatt 29:31 **5 KM, Cambridge, Mass., June 11**--1. Bob Ullmann 27:55 2. John Costello 28:43 3. Dick Ruquist 28:59 Women--1. Joanne Dow 23:02 (course record) **Canon Half-Marathon, Long Island, May 7**--1. Ramos Heber 2:02:22 2. Greg Dawson 2:04:04 3. Nick Bdera (51) 2:10:56 4. Sherwin Wilk (61) 2:18:35 5. Lon Wilson (52) 2:21:04 6. Loretta Schuellein 2:21:06 (51 finishers) **9 Mile, Lakewood, N.J., May 28**--1. Dorit Attias 1:17:19 2. Jack Lach (56) 1:18:01 3. Dave Romansky (64) 1:19:06 4. Pat Bivona (59) 1:26:44 5. Richard VanBenthuyzen (51) 1:30:03 6. Donna Cetrulo (52) 1:30:26 7. Elliott Denman (66) 1:45:02 **Footlocker National H.S. Championships, June 17: Girl's 3 Km**--1. Jean Tinnelly, N.Y. 15:53.49 2. Anne Favolise, Maine 16:35 3. Anne Dumas, N.Y. 17:03.24 4. Jen Woodbury, Maine 17:07.34 5. Elizabeth Murphy, Okla. 17:27.76 6. Alessandra Vavas, N.Y. 17:31.41 (10 finishers) **Boy's 3 Km**--1. Benjamin Shorey, Maine 13:24.06 2. Timothy Fay, N.Y. 14:04.74 3. Eric Tonkyn, S.C. 14:10.50 4. Daniel Pendergast, Maine 14:19.40 5. Varujan Dulgarian, N.Y. 14:35.10 6. Daniel Gurick, N.Y. 14:46.90 7. Tim Greiner, N.Y. 14:47.83 8. Jon Chasse, Maine 14:54.52 9. Jeff Sprague, Maine 15:13.50 10. Adam Staier, Maine 15:44.02 **Ohio 8 Km, Franklin, June 18 (track)**--1. Cheryl Rellinger 41:55 2.

Barb Whip (55-59) 58:11 3. Miriam Jackobs (60+) 59:23 Men--1. Steve Pecinovsky (45-49) 39:20 2. Eric Smith (18) 46:17 3. Geoff Robbins (40-44) 48:50 4. Bill Whip (55-59) 52:16 5. John Fischer (55-59) 54:45 6. Jack Shuter (60+) 56:23 **National City 5 Km, May 27** (site unreported)--1. Cheryl Rellinger 24:45 2. Gary Morgan 25:12 3. Kevin Hill 29:52 4. Denise Steinberg 29:53 5. Stephanie Konsza 30:08 6. Ryan Purcell 30:12 **Indiana State 3 Km, Terre Haute, June 11**--1. Lou Held (45-49) 14:39 2. Max Walker (50-55) 15:05.4 3. Robert Head (45-49) 16:07.7 Women--1. Abigail Oliver 16:57.7 2. Janet Higbie (58) 17:51.2 3. Babr Stayton (45) 17:59 **Indiana State Games 5 Km, Evansville, June 6** Women--1. Tish Roberts (50-54) 7:53.14 2. Janet Higbie (55-59) 8:49.39 3. Sami Bailey (60-64) 9:28.43 Men--1. Max Walker (50-54) 7:09.37 2. Randy Stiles (50-54) 7:51.94 3. Lee Hyland (55-59) 7:55.54 4. Ray Everson (65-59) 8:44.93 5. Jerry Lambert (60-64) 9:14.15 **5 Km, Elk Grove, Ill., May 21**--1. Keelin Yenney (13) 29:33 2. Paul Regul (11) 30:00 **10 Km, same place**--1. Saulius Zaliauskas 57:03 2. Rimantas Simkevicius (40) 59:01 **20 Km, Kenosha, Wis., June 25**--1. Victoria Herazo 1:43:05 (24:30, 50:01, 1:16:02) 2. Amber Antonia, UW Parkside 1:45:26 (25:34, 51:54, 1:18:31)--Amber was in only her fifth walking race and this was only the second time she has ever gone more than eight miles, running or walking, racing or training. Now she is qualified for the Olympic Trials. 3. Heidi Hauch, Scottsdale, Ariz. 1:47:26 (26:23, 52:56, 1:20:07)--She is also added to the list of Trials qualifiers. She started walking 2 years ago with the Leukemia Team in Training program and did three marathons in around 4:20 (10 minute mile pace). Coming under the tutelage of Dave McGovern, she is now a very competitive racewalker and hung on well in hot, steamy conditions.) 4. Gayle Johnson 1:56:32 (1:26:23 at 25 Km, U.S. 50-54 age group record 5. Dorit Attias 1:56:56 DNF--Lee Chase, 15 km in 1:29:12; Gretchen Fishman, 10 Km in 49:50; and Sally Richards, 7.5 Km in 40:35 **Women's 10 Km, sameplace**--1. Debbi Lawrence 46:08 2. Cheryl Rellinger 52:49 3. Ali Bahr 52:53 **Men's 20 Km, same place**--1. Mike DeWitt 1:51:09 **Men's 15 Km, --1. Lachlan McDonald 1:14:32 DNF--Matt DeWitt, 50:50 at 10 5 Km, same place**--1. Mike Stanton 24:59 2. Kathleen Stuper 29:00 **5 Km, Wichita, Kan., May 24**--1. Bruce Cooper 30:04 (45-49) 2. Richard Ortiz (60-64) 32:02 Women--1. Norma Weiser (45-49) 32:06 **5 Km, Greeley, Col., May 6**--1. John Tarin (47) 25:19 2. Lonnie Schreiner (56) 26:19 **5 Km, Thornton, Col., May 20**--1. Peggy Miller (46) 29:13 2. Lorie Rupoli (48) 30:39 **10 Km, Broomfield, Col., May 27**--1. Pataty Gerhke 53:58 2. Eric Pasko (18) 56:23 3. Sally Richards (46) 56:42 **New Mexico State 3 Km**--1. Winston Crandall (55-59) 8:44.99 Women--1. Karen Jeffrey (40-44) 8:29.06 **3 Km, Albuquerque, N.M., May 27**--1. Mark Adams 15:12.84 **Pacific Assn. 20 Km, Palo Alto, Cal., May 17**--1. Ian Whatley (41) 1:37:37 2. Roger Welborn (48) 2:13:38 3. Sam Huddleston 2:18:09 4. Fred Dunn (71) 2:19:37 Women--1. Heidi Hauck (40) 1:51:16 2. Roselle Safran 1:54:44 **10 Km, same place**--1. Bill Penner 58:53 Women--1. Robyn Stevens (17) 52:44 **Alongi Walks, Kentfield, Cal., May 28** Men's 5 Km--1. Marco Evoniuk (40-44) 23:49 2. Eric Poulsen (45-49) 25:47 3. Rezak Gharfara 26:17 4. Joe Berendt (40-44) 26:37 5. Jack Bray (67) 27:47 6. Mario Renteria (45-49) 28:16 7. Nick Sakelarios 28:48 Women--1. Susan Armenta 23:36 2. Victoria Herazo 24:09 3. Lisa Sonntag 24:47 4. Ann Lee (50-54) 31:44 6. Doris Cassels (60-64) 31:52 **Seniors 5 Km, Sacramento, Cal., June 4**--1. Jack Bray (67) 28:30 2. Keith McConnell (56) 30:39 3. Robert Eisner (71) 32:02 **1500 meters, same place**--1. Jack Bray 7:48 2. Keith McConnell 8:23 3. Fred Belt (60) 9:12 Women: 1. Trish Caldwell (54) 9:00 2. Sand Womack (51) 9:04 **3 Km, Kentfield, Cal., June 11**--1. Jack Bray 16:25.3 2. Peter Corona 18:24 3. Marge Garner 18:28 4. Ann Lee 18:29 5. Doris Cassels 18:59 **1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal., June 25**--1. Susan Armenta 11,920 meters 2. Joe Berendt 10,834 3. Jack Bray 10,302 4. Karen Stoyanowski (45-49) 10,290 5. Ed Lane (60-64) 9450 6. Perer Corona (70-74) 9403 7. Shirley Dockstader (65-69) 9272 8. Stu Kinney (60-64) 9267 9. Ann Lee (50-54) 9265 10. Doris Cassels 9246 (35 finishers) **Aloha State Games 10 Km, Honolulu, June 11**--1. Eugene Kitts (50-54) 62:36 (First we've heard of the former international

50 km walker in some time.) Women--1. Sharon Gilligan (60-64) 74:49 **Art Keay Racewalks, Toronto, May 28: 20 Km**--1. Gordon Mosher 1:36:38 10 Km--1. Gordon Mosher 44:23 (Not sure if these were separate races or if he went on from here to 20 Km; probably the latter.) 2. Jean-Sebastien Beuacage 44:24 3. Reynald Carranza (42) N.Y. 50:35 4. Rod Craig (41) Mich. 51:02 5. Dave Lawrence (43), N.Y. 53:38 6. Bill Purves (56), Hong Kong 56:23 7. Ross Barranco(50), Mich. 58:41 8. Stuart Summerhayes (66) 58:42 9. Mike Freeman (57) 59:23 10. Don Ramsden (52) 61:08 Women's 10 Km--1. Jone-Ann Bender 49:28 2. Catherine Sousa-Neves (19) 55:08 3. Lily Whalen (48) 59:16 4. Sherry Watts (47) 60:10 5. Eileen Lawrence (47), N.Y. 62:15 6. June-Marie Provost (66) 62:21 Women's 5 Km--1. Rebecca Lavalee (16) 27:03 2. Jennifer Henry (17) 28:23 **15 Km, Taranaki, N.Z., June 17**--1. Craig Barrett 1:03:59. . . 3. Gary Little (58) 1:16:05 (49:11 at 10 Km) **20 Miles, Canberra, Australia, June 11**--1. Dion Russell 2:21:35 2. Craig Barrett, N.Z. 2:21:35 3. Nick A'Hern 2:29:53 (Not sure if this was 20 miles or 32 Km. The results show 20 Miles (32 Km), but the two are not equivalent. 32 Km is about 200 meters short of 20 miles. The women's results that follow, are for 16 Km, with no mention of 10 miles, and it is noted that Kerry Saxby-Junna continued to 32 Km in 2:41:43. So presumably, the actual distances are 32 and 16 km. Probably I should have made that assumption originally and not shown 20 miles at all, then all of this discussion would be unnecessary. And, of course, with my computer, I could still go back and do that and wipe out all of this drivel, but what would be the fun in that. **Women's 16 Km, same place**--1. Lisa Paolini 1:16:25 2. Kerry Saxby-Junna 1:19:39 3. Cheryl Webb 1:20:18

Choose from these, then walk with ease

Fri. July 7	5 Km, Seattle (C)
Sat. July 8	5 Km, Denver, 8 am (H)
	West Regional 5 Km, Norwalk, Cal. (Z)
July 9	Eastern Regional 3 Km, Connecticut(N)
	5 Km, Cambridge, Mass (N)
	3 Km, Alexandria, Vir. (J)
	1 Mile, Miami (Q)
Mon. July 10	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
Sat. July 15	2.8 Miles, Seattle, 9 am (C)
	5 Km, Lakewood, Col., 8 am (H)
	10 Km, Long Island, 9 am (F)
Sun. July 16	Women's 20 Km Olympic Trials, Sacramento
	5 Km, Albuquerque (W)
Mon. July 17	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
Thur. July 20	1500 and 3000 meters, Cedarville, Ohio (M)
Sat. July 22	Men's 20 Km Olympic Trials, Sacramento
Sun. July 23	3 Km, Alexandria, Vir. (J)
	5 Km, Long Island, 8 am (F)
Mon. July 24	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
Sat. July 29	East Regional Masters 5 Km, Springfield, Mass. (N)
Sun. July 30	5 Km, Kentfield, Cal. (P)
	Doc Tripp Memorial 5 and 10 Km, Broomfield, Col. (H)
Mon. July 31	5 Km, Long Branch, N.H., 6:45 pm (A)
Sat. Aug 5	5 Km, Ft. Collins, Col., 8 am (H)
Sun. Aug. 6	3 Km, Alexandria, Vir. (J)
	Metropolitan 3 Km, New York City, 9 am (G)

	5 Km, Evergreen, Col., 8 am (H)
	Edmonton International 5, 10, 20 Km and Canada-USA Junior Dual Meet (X)
Mon. Aug. 7	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
Aug. 10-13	USATF Masters Outdoors T&F Championships, Eugene, Oregon
Sat. Aug. 12	USATF 10 Km Championships, Men and Women, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (Y)
Sun. Aug. 13	5 Km, Cambridge, Mass., 9:30 am (N)
	2.8 Miles, Seattle, 9 am (C)
Mon. Aug. 14	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
Sat. Aug. 19	USATF Nat. Youth Road Walk Championships, Yellow Springs, Ohio (M)
Sun. Aug. 20	5 Km, Denver, 8 am (H)
	3 Km, Alexandria, Vir. (J)
	USATF Nat. Youth Road Walk Championships, Yellow Springs, Ohio (M)
Mon. Aug. 21	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
	5 Km, Brentwood, L.I., N.Y. (F)
Sun. Aug. 27	5 Km, Castle Rock, Col., 8 am (H)
Mon. Aug. 28	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
Sun. Sept. 3	5 Km, Hauppauge, L.I., N.Y., 7 pm (F)
Mon. Sept. 4	8 Km, Kentfield, Cal. (P)
	20 Km, Sante Fe, N.M. (W)
Sun. Sept. 10	1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal. (P)
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Jefferson Perez, Olympic Champion

Ecuador's Jefferson Perez, who has been training at the ARCO Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, will defend his Olympic 20 Km gold medal in Sydney. Jefferson has been the world's most consistent 20 Km walker over the last 5 years. Ranked number one in the world in 1996 off his Olympic triumph, he has followed that with number 2 ORW Rankings in 1997 and 1998 and a number four ranking last year. He was the 1997 World Cup winner and 1999 World Championship silver medalist. He seems primed for a solid competitive effort in defending his title with impressive wins in Bergen and Turku in May. Laura Arcoletto and Polly Wright interviewed Jefferson for the April issue of the *IAAF News*. That interview follows.

In Atlanta, you won the first Olympic medal in any sport for your country. How did this make you feel?

Sometimes, sportsmen or sportswomen only win, but other times they triumph. Winning the gold medal in Atlanta was a dream come true for me. Nevertheless, the reaction of all the people in Ecuador, who were brought together because of that one single medal was the real triumph, for which I still thank God.

You were also the youngest ever Olympic walking champion?

Yes, it was the first time that a walker under the age of 25 had managed to win an Olympic gold. Having been the first made me feel particularly happy.

What were the repercussions for you personally coming home to Ecuador with Olympic gold?

In my country, people are very emotional. At that time, they would have given me everything they could possibly have afforded had that been necessary. But you know, time goes by and things change. People change and forget.

Do you feel that your victory in Atlanta made an impact on the people of your country and made racewalking more popular in Ecuador and in the South America region?

Yes, it made it possible for the people in my country to watch the Games on television and understand what huge efforts athletes have to endure. The fact that Ecuador won the gold medal and Mexico the bronze at these Olympic Games helped us to show that we benefit from extraordinary natural resources—such as high altitude—here in South America. And that our natural resources ought to be exploited.

It is well known that after Atlanta you made a religious vow to walk 459 Km from Quito to your hometown of Cuenca. Could you explain your reasons for doing this?

When one has a dream, one has to wish for it with all one's heart and with all one's strength of soul. That way, all the energy in the universe stops in order to make the dream come true. This is possible thanks to God, the one and only Creator of the world. I am nothing more than an instrument of His will and desire. I train and prepare to the best of my ability in order to serve Him.

You are also the South American 20 Km record holder. Do you see any promising athletes who may soon be able to threaten your record?

At the moment, I don't know of any youngsters with such capacities. It is nevertheless, my desire that one day, a young athlete will come along who is able to better my mark. I would then know that somebody has trained better than I have and I would be happy to know that I have contributed to that.

Where was your passion for walking born?

Racewalking in Ecuador was almost unknown. Nevertheless, when I started walking, I felt there was a possibility for the event to go further. Racewalking is something that requires, in addition to

strength, endurance and coordination, many other qualities that have allowed me to develop in an extremely balanced way.

What is a "normal" day of training for you?

When I am not studying, I train for approximately 6 to 8 hours each day. This work is divided between physical preparation, psychological preparation, strength exercises, and other drills. (Ed. *That doesn't really tell us a whole lot, does it?*)

How are your preparations going for Sydney 2000? Do you feel that you can defend your Olympic title?

I have always had many dreams in my mind. Throughout the history of the Olympic Games, there have been so many Olympic Champions, but very few, if any, double Olympic Champions in racewalking. (Ed. *None since Vladimir Golubnichiy's two 20 Km golds in 1960 and 1968. Before that, there was John Mikaelsson with 10 Km golds in 1948 and 1952, Ugo Frigerio with 3 and 10 km golds in 1920 and 10 Km gold in 1924, and George Larner at 3500 meters and 10 miles in 1908.*) Therefore, with the help of God, I am preparing to regain my Olympic title in Sydney. Even if I do not succeed, I will have done everything possible to win that title. Even more than that, I swear I'll kill myself trying to win. For it is not always the strongest or the fittest who wins but the one who really believes he can make it.

Canada's Mr. Olympics

(The April-May 2000 issue of *Athletics*, Canada's track and field magazine had a feature on "Mr. and Mrs. Olympics", two athletes who had qualified for five Olympic Games. One of them is racewalker Alex Oakley, a fierce competitor I had the privilege of competing against. He often came "south" to compete in our national races. Here is the portion of their article featuring Alex. (Charmaine Crooks, a 400 and 800 meter runner, was the other featured athlete.)

Unlike today, athletes in the 1950s tended to leave the sport shortly after they graduated from university. Few athletes would have made their Olympic debut as late in life as Oakley did at the age of 28. (Ed. I think it was 30, since they list his birth year as 1926 and he first competed in the 1956 Olympics). But then again, Oakley was not your average athlete. For starters, he was part of the rare breed of athletes who competed in the racewalk. At a time when runners were considered strange, walkers were seen as down right bizarre. (Amen.) He lived a spartan life, trained with fierce determination, and had the longevity to compete in five Olympics over 20 years. Born in Newfoundland in 1926, Oakley moved to Ontario in search of work. While searching for work, he was introduced to racewalking by his brother-in-law, and soon came under the tutelage of Joseph Mahone. He soon settled in Oshawa and began working for General Motors.

His first introduction to the Olympics ended in disappointment. In an event governed by strict rules defining legal form, the athletes are caught between the desire to walk faster and the necessity to retain their technique. Oakley fell afoul of the rules and was disqualified midway into the 20 Km. It would prove to be his only disqualification in an international career bridging three decades.

In an era where professional track and field was non-existent, the key to competing much beyond university lay in finding a sympathetic employer. This proved to be Oakley's advantage. While many of his competitors were struggling to mix work and training, General Motors was quick to accommodate his training and racing schedule. His job required that he deliver parts from one end of the enormous GM plant to the other. Day after day, he would walk up to 16 km while carrying parts, and then complete an additional 16 to 20 km after work.

The 1960 Games would prove to be his most successful. He doubled in the 20 and 50, finishing sixth and ninth, respectively. His finish was Canada's highest individual placing in the Games and earned him the honor of being named the top Canadian amateur athlete for the year.

Alex Oakley was not the type that would let this type of success go to his head. He continued his daily routine of hard training and simple living. His lifestyle shunned most of the luxuries that today's athletes take for granted. He frequently slept in the cab of his truck, raced in collared dress shirts, and spent his leisure time hunting in the back woods of Ontario or playing music for his friends. His mental toughness became legendary among his peers.

"He was the toughest competitor I ever raced," recalls Pat Farrelly. "At about 25 miles you'd think he was dead, and then he'd surge back and overtake everyone."

It is this same toughness that would drive him to complete long training walks in bitterly cold winter conditions. His training partners were in awe when he persisted in finishing a 20 mile walk despite severe genital frostbite. Prior to the Montreal Olympic finals, he slipped in the shower and broke two ribs. Needless to say, this did not deter him.

Oakley would again complete the double in Tokyo in 1964. He struggled in the 20, but finished a solid 14th in the 50. No one could have been blamed had they thought that this would be the last Olympics for the 38-year-old athlete. By the time the Mexico Olympics arrived, Oakley's fitness had ebbed, and he decided not to contest a position on the team. It appeared his walking career was over.

To everyone's surprise, a pattern emerged that would repeat itself throughout the '70s. Oakley would grow tired of his retirement and his enthusiasm for training and racing would return. He would throw himself into an intense effort to drop the extra 20 to 30 pounds he had gained and to return to his former state of fitness. Time and time again, however, he would soon be back racing like he was 20 years old.

At age 46, Oakley lined up in Munich to race 50 km. He placed a respectable 21st in a time that was one of his career's fastest. The following year, the 47-year-old would record his fastest 20 km ever. It would seem that this man could defy the effects of aging.

The appeal of competing in front of the home crowds in Montreal was enough to entice Oakley into one more Olympics. By then, he was 50 years old, and more than twice the age of most of his competitors. As he entered the Olympic stadium, the crowds rose to their feet in a standing ovation. His final Games would end in a 35th place finish—not bad considering he raced with two broken ribs. Although he was well back in the field and 10 minutes off of his best time, he received the honor due a five-time Olympian.

After his final retirement from racing, he moved back home to Newfoundland. There he lives in the country near Witness Bay Line in a simple home without a telephone or hydro electricity. He still spends his leisure time hunting, playing music, and walking 8 km every day.

Even now, athletes across the country are busy training in hopes of earning the distinction of being Olympians. For most, it will be the highlight of their athletic careers. It will mark the achievement of something that they could only have dreamt of reaching. Crooks and Oakley have been so prolific in their Olympic participation that they make qualifying for the Games seem routine. For them, the title Olympian is insufficient. Perhaps Mr. and Ms. Olympics would better suit their accomplishments.

From Heel to Toe

Red faced. Last month we noted that the first renewal we received after raising our rates included a \$3.00 gift, which was reassuring. So how did we reward that faithful subscriber? We forgot to change his expiration date on the computer, and, consequently, sent him another renewal notice. Some gratitude, huh? . . . **Olympic Trials.** The women's 20 Km at the Olympic Trials in

Sacramento on July 16 is shaping up as the most competitive racewalking trial in U.S. history, men or women. At last count, I see 26 women qualified to compete (under the 1:48 standard). The first eight have met the Olympic A standard of 1:36, so barring a real dark horse winning the race, we should avoid the fate of both the men's and women's marathons, where only the winner qualified for Sydney even though there were athletes who had met the A standard. The top 12 are less than six minutes apart in their qualifying times (from Michelle Rohl's 1:31:51 to Margaret Ditchburn's 1:37:35) and the last 10 less than 3 minutes apart, so even if we concede the race to Michelle (and I hope the other competitors are not doing so) the fight for other spots should be fierce. Rohl is certainly a strong favorite to win the race and, seemingly, would need an utter collapse to miss the team. Joanne Dow is well ahead of the rest on time (more than a minute with her 1:33:27), but has been fighting injury and may not be in that form come trials time. Her recent 23:02 for 5 Km shows she is at least back in form, but is she ready to hold up for a swift 20 in the heat? So she comes in as an unknown factor. Likewise, Yueling Chen. The 1992 Olympic 10 Km champion qualified in January with a 1:35:46. That was a 2 1/2 minute improvement on her 20 Km debut a year earlier. Those seem to be her only two serious races since coming to the U.S. six or seven years ago. We know she is a competitor—she has an Olympic gold—but where her preparation has taken her remains a bit of a mystery. So, two spots seem wide open. Debbi Lawrence has years of experience to go with her third fastest qualifying time (1:34:40) and she will certainly be prepared. But Susan Armenta (1:34:44), taking full advantage of her training at the Arco Center, and Jill Zenner (1:34:50) are right there and both showed great improvement and staying power in their last race. Will they be able to make the next step? And what about Sara Stevenson (1:35:22) who has come from nowhere to contention. Now that she knows what 20 Km is all about, will she make another big leap forward? Quite possible. Never to be discounted is Teresa Vaill (1:35:45), veteran of many international races and a fierce, if somewhat inconsistent, competitor. Those are the eight with an A standard—if they make the top three, they are on their way to Sydney. Nipping at their heels are Gretchen Fishman (1:36:26), veteran Sara Standley (1:36:39) with international experience, and ARCO Training Center athletes Danielle Kirk (1:36:46) and Maragaret Ditchburn (1:37:35). But if any of these four are to make the team, they must not only finish in the top three, but also get under 1:36, either in the Trials or in some subsequent race. It should be exciting, but I'm not going to tell you how it's going to come out. The men's Trial is a different story entirely. No one has met the A standard (1:23:00) and the heat of Sacramento doesn't seem to be the place anyone will. So, there is a good chance we will be sending only one 20 Km walker—or none; I'm not sure if there is a scenario for that or not. The B standard (needed to send even one athlete) is 1:25 and only Curt Clausen, Tim Seaman, and Jonathan Matthews have met that—Andrew Hermann missed by 5 seconds in Spain last month. (I'm not sure what has been spelled out in the case that someone who has not met the B standard wins the Trial. Does the highest placing B standard qualifier go? What if none of them even finish the race?) Clausen is racing in the Trial but has said he will compete only at 50 in Sydney. Hermann is also on the 50 team and probably prefers that race for Sydney, so even if he should win the Trial and get under 1:25, he might also pass. Tim Seaman has been battling injuries, but showed he may be ready for the Trials with a 1:25:47 in Finland last month. Jonathan Matthews has kept a low profile since the 50 Km Trials. He will be 44 years old by the time of the Trials, which he discounts, but will he be able to duplicate his great effort in last year's Nationals when he met the A standard (but lost to Clausen and Seaman)? At this point, no one else seems poised to move under 1:25, particularly in the heat of Sacramento, or to challenge Tim Seaman if he is healthy. So assuming Clausen and Hermann are not interested in the 20, it appears to be a race between Tim Seaman and Jonathan Matthews for an Olympic berth. We have to go with Tim. . . **Russian Championships.** As noted in our report on the European Cup in this issue, the performances at the Russian Championships, reported last month, raised a lot of eyebrows around the world. Many suggested that the course was obviously mismeasured. Bob Bowman queried

the IAAF Office and received the following communique from Jane Boulter in the Competitions Office: "Sandro has asked me to inform you that we have just received from the Russian Federation a statement certifying the validity of the course measurement at the past Racewalking Russian Championships. The course complies to the IAAF and ARAF racewalking rules." As we noted, some Russian athletes who were part of those championships walked comparable times at the Euro Cup. . . **Other Olympic teams.** Australia has named Jane Saville, Kerry Saxby-Junna, and Lisa Paoline to their women's 20 Km team; Nick A'Hern, Nathan Deakes, and Dion Russell to the men's 20 Km; and Deakes, Russell, and Duane Cousins to the 50. Four Irish walkers have met the A standard and will be going to Melbourne: Robert Heffernan at 20, Jamie Costin at 50, and Gillian O'Sullivan and Olive Loughnane in the women's 20. . . **World Cup.** Next year's World Cup of Racewalking was scheduled for Turin, Italy, May 19-20. However, this is now uncertain as the future Cups will be held in the fall of even-numbered years. So Turin may be switched to the fall of 200s. More definite is the following one scheduled for Naumberg, Germany in September or October 2004. . . **Marathon Walking.** Coach, clinician, international competitor, author, glib commentator, and all-around raconteur Dave The Rave McGovern has just published another book—*The Complete Guide to Marathon Walking*. And that's all I know about it at this time. Interested? Write Marathon Book, 43 Hathaway Road, Mobile AL 36608. It costs \$17.95 plus \$@ shipping and handling. Add \$1 for Canadian orders, \$7 for overseas. . . **Edmonton International.** You will see on our schedule of races the Edmonton International on August 6. Here is how Canadian Roger Burrows describes it: "The Edmonton International Racewalk (EIRW) is what we in Canada call 'Holly's Meet' after international walker Holly Gehrke, who got it going in 1996 (and is just starting to train again after the recent birth of her third son!) This year, we've taken the meet out of beautiful Hawrelak Park in order to put it on the World Championship 2002 course. It is what we call an Associated Event for the World Championships—a chance for the World Championship staff and volunteers to get involved in a real-live competition. It won't be full 'dress rehearsal' (that will be next year). But, for example, we'll all be able to see what northeast Edmonton looks like with some of the main streets closed down. The city authorities helping us will get a feel for the set up of a racewalk. We'll be able to embark on the serious, detailed planning for next year better informed. So, if you've ever wanted to know what it feels like to be Korzeniewski, Perez, or Sidoti driving for the Stadium with all the hounds of hell in pursuit, or you just feel like a spin on the course where the 'big boys and girls' are going to be speeding along next year, here's your chance! Feel free to contact us, we'll tell you which bus to take. Who knows, we may ever be able to arrange for a display of the Northern Lights in the crystal air of one of our Alberta nights. My e-mail is RBURR014@uottawa.ca (That 0 is a number, not a letter.). . . **Clinic.** Ray Funkhouser, former national champion, will conduct a walking clinic at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, N.J. on Sat. July 22 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. He will teach efficient walking and specific racewalking techniques, walkingsafety, how to start a walking program, choosing shoes, and related topics. Call 732-224-2880 to register or for further information. . . **Ah! So maybe runners are failed walkers.** Irish walker Pierce O'Callaghan provides the following item of interest with the comment "We've all heard the crap that walkers are failed runners. . . Well, read on. . . Prague, May 22—Athletics fans are used to multi-talented performers—sprinter/long jumpers, heptathletes, decathletes—but Alina Ivanova is rather different. She's a champion sprint-walker who graduated to being a top-class marathon runner with her success in Sunday's Prague International Marathon. Given that the longest Olympic walk, at 50 Km, is further than the marathon, Ivanova's former speciality, the 10 Km walk, virtually qualifies as a 'sprint'. She won that event in the IAAF World Championships in Tokyo in 1991. It looked as if she had won the Olympic title too, a year later. But half an hour after the event, the Barcelona judges disqualified her for 'lifting'. (Ed. Giving Yueling Chen her gold.) "I didn't want to walk any more after that. In fact, I only did one more racewalk, in Denmark, but I can't remember where," she said after the Prague victory. Instead, she took the advice of a friend from her home town of

Cheboksary, 600 km south of Moscow, and she took up marathon running. The friend knew what she was talking about. She was Valentina Yegorova, the Barcelona Olympic champion, who would also win silver in Atlanta. Ivanova started training with Yegorova, and soon she was running and winning marathons herself—three victories in 15 races—but none of the caliber of Prague, and certainly not in the time that she ran for victory. She won in 2:27:42, taking 4 minutes off her best, and putting her in line for an Olympic place in the Russian marathon squad alongside Yegorova, who is already selected. This performance came despite the refusal of U.S. immigration authorities to give her a visa to go for her usual winter training in Florida. She had made a mistake in her visa application. So she was confined to her home town, where temperatures can fall to minus 30 degrees celsius in winter. On the other hand, Cheboksary is situated at 1000 meters altitude, and her elite group—three women under 2:30 for the marathon—pays a male friend, Sergey Smolin, to pace them in their fast runs. "He has run 2:23 for the marathon, so it is perfect for us. We also go to Sochi (on the Black Sea), where it is warmer, and to Kislovodsk, which is also at 1000 meters altitude. But that is a bit close to Chechnya. So in fact, a cold winter turned out to be a recipe for a hot performance. Ivanova is one of four sub 2:28 women with credentials for the two remaining Olympic places, to be chose in June. But her manager, Luis-Felipe Posso (Ed. probably not a hometown lad), says, "Whenever she has competed in international events, she has always run well, so I think she is very well respected by the federation as someone who can deliver. I'm sure she will be selected." (And she can lift to her heart's content. Incidentally, speaking of unusual doubles, I once did the 440 hurdle-1 mile walk double at the Ohio AAU meet, and a 440 hurdle, 2 mile steeplechase double at an all-comers meet. But then, as I recall, Willie Atterbury once did that latter double at the national championships.). . . **Racewalk representation?** Poland's Robert Korzeniewski, Olympic 50 Km champion and now Euro Cup 20 km champion, is one of 44 athletes up for election to eight spots on the International Olympic Committee's Athletics Commission. Voting will take place in the athletes' village in Sydney.

Looking Back

35 Years Ago (From the June 1965 ORW)—Art Mark covered 34 1/2 laps up and down a shopping center mallway to win the McKeesport (Pa.) "International" 20 Km in 1:38:06 with your editor 53 seconds back. Jack Blackburn finished in just over 1:40 and Don DeNoon was well back in fourth. (A memory of this race is that the center opened for business before the race was completed and Chuck Herman and other race officials were running around shouting at innocent people leaving shops to "Look out for the walkers." I felt more compassion for those people who only came to shop than I did for myself and the other competitors. Later, the national 20 was held several times at this shopping center and later a national 35 Km, but they had the good sense to move these races onto the parking lot, where the only problem in mid-summer was the blazing sun reflecting off the blacktop of the shadeless course.) . . . Dean Rassmussen, fifth in the McKeesport race, won the Naional 50 in extreme heat, struggling tyhrough in 5:03:33. Bruce MacDonald, Elliott Denman, Paul Schell, and Goetz Klopfer followed. . . The National 30 km in Los Angeles went ot Ron Laird in 2:41:17 and Jack Mortland (yes, your editor) captured the National 10 km on the Stagg Field track in Chicago on another blazing hot day with a 48:19. Mark, DeNoon, Rassmussen, Ron Daniel, and a sluggish Laird followed.

30 Years Ago (From the June 1970 ORW)—Dapper Dave Romansky dominated the news with wins in the National 10 and 20 and the Zinn Memorial 10, along with American records at 3 Km and 2 Miles. In the 20 at McKeesport, Dave pulled clear of Tom Dooley in the final 5 km on the hot blacktop to win in 1:35:35. Dooley had 1:36:04. No one else was close as Ron Kulik, Steve Hayden, Goetz Klopfer and John Knifton rounded out the top six. . . In the 10, Dave left Klopfer

after a mile on the Stagg Field tartan and went on to record a quick 44:23. Klopfer had 46:56 with Laird, Mortland, Greg Diebold, and Jerry Bocci following. . In the Zinn race the next day on a cinder track, the order was the same, except that Diebold went home and Bob Henderson moved up from seventh to sixth. Dave slowed to 44:34 and Goetz was closer with 46:27. Laird had 48:53 and the aging Mortland 49:22. Dave's two records in separate races were 12:23 for 3 Km and 13:00.6 for 2 miles. . The Canadian 20 Km went to Maracel Jobin in 1:35:42 and Wilf Wesch won the British title in 1:31:47.

25 Years Ago (From the June 1975 ORW)--Tom Dooley, in a comeback year, won the National 20 in San Francisco in 1:35:52 with Bob Henderson 25 seconds back. John Knifton, Dave Romansky, and Bill Ranney also finished under 1:38. . The Mexicans were really starting to be seen in racewalking and won an international match from West Germany and Great Britain in London. Domingo Colin beat Bernd Kannenberg in the 20 with 1:26:37 to 1:25:55. Gerhard Weidner won the 50 in 4:03:52 with Pedro Aroche next in 4:08:42. . East Germans also showed good speed with Hans-Georg Reimann winning the annual Naumburg 20 km in 1:26:30. Karl-Heinz Stadtmüller was second in 1:27:19. Weidner also won the 50 there in 4:06:42. . The U.S. 5 Km title went to Laird in rather slow 22:08.6, with John Knifton, Tom Dooley, Bill Ranney, and Larry Walker all under 22:45. . Steve Cassarella won the National Juunior 10 km in 53:50. . The Zinn Memorial 10 Km in Chicago went to Larry Young, starting a comeback with an eye to 1976, in 47:49, just ahead of Dooley.

20 Years Ago (From the June 1980 ORW)--The U.S. Olympic team, which was destined not to compete due to President Carter's boycott, was completed with the 20 Km trial. Jim Heiring and Marco Evoniuk tied for first in 1:27:12, with Dan O'Connor an untroubled third in 1:29:05. Todd Scully (1:30:28), Larry Walker (1:31:06), and Carl Schueler (1:31:17) took the next three spots. With Evoniuk and O'Connor already on the 50 km team (along with Schueler), Scully and Walker joined Heiring on the 20 km squad. . In the National T&F Meet, Sue Brodock won titles at both 5 and 10 km. In the 5, her swift 23:19.1 left Susan Liers nearly 80 seconds back. Bonnie Dillon and Ester Lopez took the next two spots. The margin was even greater at 10 as Brodock won in 51:01 to Liers 52:33.6. Lopez was again third with Vicki Jones fourth. . Tim Lewis emerged as a names for the future, winning the National Junior 10 Km in 46:50.6 ahead of Ed O'Rourke (48:30.4) and Tom Edwards (48:35.6). . Mexico's Ernesto Canto covered 20 km in Rousse, Bulgaria in 1:19:02, beating Gennadiy Terechov by just 9 seconds. . His countryman Raul Gonzalez did 50 on the track in Bergen, Norway in 3:43:42 leaving Soviet walker Vladimir Rezayev more than 6 minutes behind. At the same site, Mexico's Daniel Bautista did 20 on the track in 1:21:06, beating Czech Josef Pribilinec (1:21:39) and Canto (1:22:41). . Ray Sharp won the National 5 km in 20:27.8, with Todd Scully (20:33.5) and Jim Heiring (20:47.6) capturing second and third.

15 Years Ago (From the June 1985 ORW)--Tim Lewis pulled away from Marco Evoniuk over the second half of the race to win the National 20 in Indianapolis. His 1:28:27 left Marco 51 seconds back. Todd Scully edged Paul Wick for third, 1:30:12 to 1:30:24. Andy Kaestner and Garry Morgan followed. . In the women's National 10 at the same site, Maryanne Torrellas ruled in 48:38. Teresa Vaill (49:26), Debbi Lawrence (50:26), and Ester Lopez (50:55) were next. . The National 5 Km was held in Denver, with Torrellas (23:52.8) and Jim Heiring (20:21) winning the titles. Lopez, Vaill, and Lawrence trailed Torrellas. Dave Cummings (20:40) beat Lewis (20:56) for second in the men's race with Evoniuk fourth. . Ian McCombie captured the British National 20 in 1:22:37.

10 Years Ago (From the June 1990 ORW)--National titles went to Debbi Lawrence and Tim Lewis. Lawrence pulled steadily away from Teresa Vaill and Sara Standley over the second half of

the 10 Km to win in a National record 46:14.4. Vaill finished in 46:54.2 and Standley in 47:08.5. Wendy Sharp, Debora Van Orden, and Victoria Herazo followed. Lewis was never challenged as he won the 10 in 1:27:28. Doug Fournier, Paul Wick, and Carl Schueler also finished under 1:30. . A women's 10 Km in Milan saw Kerry Saxby, Australia; Sari Essayah, Finland; and Maria Rosza, Hungary all under 45 minutes with Saxby winning in 44:31. Five days later she did a 20:40 for 5 km in Barcelona.

5 Years Ago (From the June 1995 ORW)--Teresa Vaill and Allen James successfully defended their national titles and 10 and 20 Km, respectively in Sacramento. Vaill was 14 seconds ahead of Michelle Rohl in 45:01, with Debbi Lawrence (45:46), Victoria Herazo (45:53) and Deborah Van Orden (46:03) in hot pursuit. James was an easy winner in 1:24:46, nearly 2 1/2 minutes ahead of Herm Nelson. Gary Morgan was third in 1:28:41, followed by Philip Dunn, Curt Clausen, Tim Seaman, William Van Axen, and Rob Cole, all under 1:30. . Herazo won the women's National 20 in Albany, N.Y. in 1:35:39, nearly 12 minutes ahead of Lisa Sonntag. She broke Lynn Weik's national record of 1:36:28 and also bettered her own national record at 15 km (1:10:27). At the same site, Lukasz Szela (1:55:22) beat Philip Dunn (1:57:02) for the National 25 km title. Curt Clausen (1:57:22) was third. . In the National 10 Km at Niagara Falls, Dave McGovern (43:15) beat Wojciech Szela (43:29) for the title. Rob Cole (43:40), Lukasz Szela (43:58), and Curt Clausen (44:19) followed. Debbi Lawrence won an accompanying women's race in 45:47 with Canada's Janice McCaffrey second in 47:16.