

Korzeniowski Rules the 50: Ivanova, Fernandez Dominant at 20

Munich--If anyone could possibly have doubted the superiority of Poland's Robert Korzeniowski over 50 Km, he certainly put those doubts to rest in the European Championships held here. Defending his European title, the two-time Olympic and World Championship gold medalist buried the field while walking the fastest 50 Km on record. During his 3:36:39 effort, he flew away from any pretenders to the crown by covering the stretch between 20 and 40 km in 1:25:11, which would have been good for 18th place in the 20 Km race two days earlier. At the finish, he was more than 3 1/2 minutes ahead of Russia's Aleksandr Voyevodin and nearly 8 ahead of Spanish ace Jesus Garcia. He finished 62 seconds under Andrei Perlov's previous world best, set in 1989.

The 20 Km races also ended in dominating performances. Olimpiada Ivanova continued the dominance she showed last year when she won the World Championship, speeding to a 1:26:42 victory. The 31-year-old Russian walked a masterful, even-paced race. No one could come close to matching her over the second half of the race. At the finish, her teammate Yelena Nikolayeva was nearly 400 meters back with Italy's Erica Alfridi a close third.

A day earlier, Spain's Francisco Fernandez proved that his world's best 20 Km earlier in the summer, in which he left Korzeniowski well in his wake, was no fluke. Leading from the start, he was never really challenged and left Vladimir Andreyev some 79 seconds back as he breezed across the line in 1:18:37, a championship record. His teammate, Juan Manuel Molina, edged Viktor Burayev for third, 2 minutes behind the leader. 2001 World Championship gold and silver medalists, Roman Rasskazov and Ilya Markov, were not on hand.

In the women's race, Ivanova took command before the half-way point. Overing the first 5 Km in 21:46 and the second in 21:40, she sailed through the first 10 in 43:26, 13 seconds ahead of Nikolayeva. The rest of the field was more than a minute behind Ivanova so she had just one woman to beat at that point.

Beat her she did. Stepping up to a 21:31 on the third 5, she extended her lead to 50 seconds as she passed 15 Km in 1:04:57. She hung on well with a 21:45 on the final 5. Meanwhile, Alfridi closed on Nikolayeva the second half, but couldn't quite get in contact. Trailing by 49 seconds at 10, she cut that to 40 seconds at 15, and was just 13 seconds behind at the finish. In the process, she got away from Ireland's Gillian O'Sullivan, who was right with her through 15, but dropped 13 seconds back at the finish. The rest of the field was strung out behind.

Ivanova, besides her World title in 2001, also walked the fastest 20 in history last year--1:24:50. The 36-year-old Nikolayeva won the 1996 Olympic gold at 10 Km, but cannot match Ivanova now. Alfridi dropped a spot from her silver medal at 10 Km in the 1998 European Championships.

Fernandez, 25, was in control from the start and had his only scare in the race when he collided with an official as he neared the Stadium. Nearly falling, he recovered quickly and moved on to his commanding win. Seventh in the 2000 Olympics and ranked as high as number four in the world (1998), the Spaniard has really moved to the fore this year, establishing himself as the

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favorite in October's World Cup competition. As have Ivanova and Korzeniowski.

The next two medalists were surprises. Although third in the 2000 Olympics, the 35-year-old Andreyev was not expected to show that sort of form again and was left off last year's World Championship team in favor of a youth movement that produced a sweep of the medals. Molina is just 23 and had never been in such a situation before, as he edged out last year's number two ranked walker, Burayev. Of course, Burayev is just 19 and has a rather bright future himself. While the two leaders were well clear of the field, the race was tight behind them, with the next 11 finishing within a minute.

In the 50, Korzeniowski was content to go through the first 10 km in just 44:46, a sub 3:44 pace. At that point, 11 walkers were grouped at the front, most of them probably hoping this was a fast start and a more comfortable pace would prevail. Not to be. Korzeniowski accelerated to 43:25 on the next 10, hitting 20 Km in 1:28:11. At that point only Latvia's Aigars Fadejevs and Russia's German Skurygin were desperately trying to hang on, 5 seconds behind. Voyevodin was already 35 seconds back and Garcia 70 seconds. The rest of the field was stringing out behind.

When Korzeniowski knocked another minute off his pace, doing the third 10 in 42:28. Skurygin and Fadejevs pushed to stay close, with the Russian making the best effort. But as they finished the first half of the race, Skurygin was 44 seconds behind and Fadejevs another 10 seconds in arrears. He continued to fade and was finally DQ'd somewhere in the second half. By 30 Km, Skurygin was down by 1:25, but had 37 seconds on Voyevodin and better than 2 minutes on Garcia.

Korzeniowski was not about to let up. Relentlessly, he covered the next 10 just slightly slower—42:43. Skurygin had to give up the chase and go into survival mode, being passed by Voyevodin just before the 40 km mark. Korzeniowski now led by more than 3 minutes, with Skurygin 7 seconds in back of Voyevodin, but still nearly 3 minutes ahead of Garcia, so it looked like two medals for the Russians.

Letting up only slightly, Korzeniowski cruised through a final 10 in 43:17, having covered the final 30 in 2:08:37, a time only a few men have achieved. Voyevodin was very strong himself, covering the final 10 in 43:48 and hung on well to overhaul and move well clear of a struggling Skurygin. Norway's Trond Nymark was a surprise in fifth as he walked a superbly paced race through 45 Km and then hung on to stay ahead of France's Denis Langlois, who had led him through the first 30 Km. Here are the results of the races.

Men's 20 Km, August 6—1. Francisco Fernandez, Spain 1:18:37 2. Vladimir Andreyev, Russia 1:19:56 3. Juan Manuel Molina, Spain 1:20:36 4. Viktor Burayev, Russia 1:20:36 5. Ivan Trotskiy, Belarus 1:20:52 6. Yevgeniy Misyulya, Belarus 1:20:56 7. Alessandro Ganelini, Italy 1:21:03 8. Robert Herffelman, Ireland 1:21:10 9. Lorenzo Civallero, Italy 1:21:12 10. Andrey Stadnichuk, Russia 1:21:29 11. Andre Hohne, Germany 1:21:38 12. Joao Vieira, Portugal 1:21:55 13. Jiri Malysa, Czech Rep. 1:22:12 14. Roman Magdziarczyk, Poland 1:22:57 15. Benjamin Kucinski, Poland 1:24:38 16. Augusto Cardoso, Portugal 1:24:59 17. Erik Tysse, Norway 1:25:06 18. Peter Barto, Slovakia 1:25:36 19. Jan Albrecht, Germany 1:25:58 20. Milos Holusa, Czech Rep. 1:26:53 21. Theodoros Stamatopoulos, Greece 1:26:53 22. Radovan Elko,

Slovakia 1:27:47 23. Milos Bartovsky, Slovakia 1:28:54 DQ—Michele Didoni, Italy; Eleftherios Thanopoulos, Greece; Andrew Drake, Great Britain; Andrei Makaraov, Belarus; Gintaras Andriuskevicius, Lithuania; and Predrag Filipovic, Yugoslavia

Women's 20 Km, August 7—1. Olimpiada Ivanova, Russia 1:26:42 (21:46, 43:26, 1:04:57) 2. Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia 1:28:20 (21:46, 43:39, 1:05:47) 3. Erica Alfridi, Italy 1:28:33 (22:28, 44:28, 1:06:27) 4. Gillian O'Sullivan, Ireland 1:28:46 (National record) (22:29, 44:28, 1:06:27) 5. C. Stef-Iovan, Rumania 1:29:57 (22:38, 45:13, 1:07:32) 6. Elisabetta Perrone, Italy 1:30:25 (22:38, 45:12, 1:07:42) 8. Annarita Sidoti, Italy (1:31:19 (22:28, 44:41, 1:07:42) 9. A. Tsoumeleka, Greece 1:31:25 (Nat. record) 10. Eva Perez, Spain 1:31:38 11. A. Pagagianni, Greece 1:31:45 12. Beatriz Pascual, Spain 1:32:38 13. Olive Loughnane, Ireland 1:33:08 14. Melanie Seeger, Germany 1:33:40 15. Inis Henriques, Portugal 1:35:07 16. Nevena Mineva, Bulgaria 1:35:28 17. Vera Santos, Portugal 1:37:19 DNF—Maria Vasco, Spain; Milusauskaite, Oith.; Jolanta Dukure, Larvia; and Natalya Fedoskina, Russia DQ—Yelena Ginko, Belarus; Kjersti Platzer, Norway; Olga Lukyanchuk, Ukraine; and Norica Cimpean, Romania.

Men's 50 Km, August 8—1. Robert Korzeniowski, Poland 3:36:39 (44:46, 1:28:11, 2:10:39, 2:53:22) 2. Aleksandr Voyevodin, Russia 3:40:16 (44:47, 1:28:46, 2:12:41, 2:56:28) 3. Jesus Garcia, Spain 3:44:33 (44:49, 1:29:21, 2:14:18, 2:59:28) 4. German Skurygin, Russia 3:48:58 (44:46, 1:29:21, 2:12:04, 2:56:35) 5. Trond Nymark, Norway 3:50:16 (45:29, 1:30:51, 2:15:59, 3:01:18) 6. Denis Langlois, France 3:50:47 (44:47, 1:29:21, 2:14:27, 3:01:42) 7. Aleksandr Rakovic, Yugoslavia 3:51:47 (46:49, 1:32:52, 2:18:54, 3:04:58) 8. Francesco Galdenzi, Italy 3:52:17 (46:04, 1:31:47, 2:17:12, 3:03:21) 9. Modris Liepins, Latvia 3:52:36 (1:55:45 at 15) 10. Grzegorz Sudol, Poland 3:54:35 (1:55:45) 11. Peter Korcok, Slovakia 3:55:34 12. Santiago Perez, Spain 3:55:50 13. F. Svensson, Sweden 3:56:32 14. S. Kastanis, Greece 4:00:31 15. David Boulanger, France 4:03:20 16. Pedro Martins, Portugal 4:03:39 17. Benth Bengtsson, Sweden 4:07:03 18. Rene Piller, France 4:07:20 19. Ugis Bruvelis, Latvia 4:14:39 20. Maraek Janek, Slovakia 4:19:08 DNF: Marco Giungi, Italy (1:53:23 at 25); and Jorge Costa, Portugal (1:38:26 at 20) DQ—Giovanni DeBenedictis, Italy (1:31:16 at 20); Aigars Fadejevs, Latvia (1:50:14 at 25); Miguel Odriozola, Spain (1:51:47 at 25); Jiri Malysa, Czech Rep. (1:32:50 at 20, appears to be the only walker to double); Jacob Sorenson, Denmark (1:32:52 at 20); Martin Pupis, Slovakia (1:11:30 at 15); Jamie Costin, Ireland (1:56:25 at 25); Tomas Lipiec, Poland (1:06:48 at 15); and Yuriy Andronov, Russia (45:11 at 10)

Steamy Conditions Don't Deter Perez, Vaill

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Aug. 18 (With contributions from Al Heppner, Vince Peters, and Steve Vaitones)—Ecuador's Jefferson Perez, the 1996 Olympic 20 Km champ, took control of the USATF National 10 Km Racewalk after the first lap and walked to victory in an impressive 39:59. Curt Clausen was second in 42:20, claiming the U.S. Championship. Teresa Vaill handled the women's field, winning by nearly 2 minutes in 48:43. The conditions did not favor fast efforts with the temperature already topping 80 F and the relative humidity hovering around 90 percent at race time.

Tim Seaman and Perez were the early leadaers, but Clausen, who was hanging a few meters back, put in a 4:02 fourth kilometer to overtake Seaman. "I didn't expect to race with Jefferson and Tim, I used them to help pace me without worrying about staying with them. But I felt good, so I picked it up to catch Tim and then I just kept going," said Clausen.

Meanwhile, Perez, who also won the 1997 World Cup 20 and was second in the 1999 World Championships, was pulling away. "The weather was a little hot and the course was very challenging. I was trying to walk about 41 minutes, but I felt good around 4 or 5 Km and I thought I could do better. I picked up the pace and was able to do the second half faster," said Perez.

Clausen continued to extend his lead on Seaman who finished third in 43:27. With Perez not eligible, Clausen picked up the US title and the \$1000 first place prize. Junior Ben Shorey finished fourth and led the U.S. Junior National Team to victory over Team Canada. Two other juniors, Jake Dalebout, were fifth and sixth. Former National Junior Team member Eric Smith, now 20 and on the comeback trail, was eighth, the final man under 50 minutes. From Enon, Ohio, Eric is now studying at Digipen Institute in Seattle.

Vaill led from start to finish to claim the women's title, with Jill Cobb (nee Zenner) walking second the whole way and finishing in 50:40. Vaill established a commanding lead early and had the race in hand when she passed 5 Km in 23:43 minutes with Cobb well back in 24:59 and 17 seconds ahead of Moore.

"I was just hoping to get a good race. You can't expect a fast time in these conditions. I walked a comfortable pace, but it was hard to push myself because the race spread out so early," Vaill said. But as she nears her 40th birthday in November the veteran of 20 years in the very top echelons of the sport has the experience to cope with any conditions.

Cobb's comment on the conditions was: "Miserable! I was dumping two cups of water on me every time I passed the table. But it was just too hot out. My time was pathetic, but the effort showed that my training is progressing satisfactorily." She and Vaill will both be on the U.S. World Cup team competing in Italy in October. As compensation for her 'pathetic' time but stalwart effort, Cobb picked up the \$600 second prize.

Rapid riser, 36-year-old Jolene Moore of the Parkside A.C., finished third in 51:24, leaving three-time Olympian Michelle Rohl in fourth. Rohl is still battling back after the birth of her fourth child.

In the U.S.-Canada junior match, the top six U.S. male walkers finished ahead of their Canadian counterparts to score a 16 - 3 win. The women scored a 1-2-3 sweep for a 16 - 6 win. For the men, Shorey, a twotime Junior National Champion and a sophomore-to-be at U.W.-Parkside, was first in 47:23. He was followed by Jake Dalebout of Taylorsville, Utah and Adam Staier of Farmington, Maine, who is entering his freshman year at Mansfield University in Pennsylvania where he will walk and run for Mike Rohl. Anne Favolise of Columbia, Maine and UW-Parkside led the women in 53:24. Maria Michta of Nesconset, N.Y. and three-time match winner Robyn Stevens completed the U.S. sweep.

Overall results:

Women: 1. Teresa Vaill, Pine Plains, N.Y. 48:43 2. Jill Cobb, Fairborn, Ohio 50:40 3. Jolene Moore, Northbrook, Ill. 51:24 4. Michele Rohl, Mansfield, Penn. 52:33 5. Sam Cohen, Racine, Wis. 52:59 6. Anne Favolise (19), Columbia, Maine 53:24 7. Maria Michta (16), Nesconset, N.Y. 53:33 8. Robyn Stevens (19), Vacaville, Cal. 54:50 9. Rebecca Lavalley (18), Canada 55:03 10. Christine Fina, Lancaster, N.Y. 56:26 11. Sara Perry, Sunrise, Fla. 56:27 12. Alice Tan (19), Queens, N.Y. 13. Erin Taylor, Elmhurst, N.Y. 57:36 14. Raachel Lavalley (16), Canada 57:59 15. Gloria Rawls (45), Mountain Top, Penn. 58:25 16. Laura Feller, Syracuse, N.Y. 58:28 17. Erica Adams (15), Spartanville, S.C. 18. Chelsea Rodriguez (16), Canada 58:41 19. Lauren Olivieri (17) Hauppauge, N.Y. 58:59 20. Sherry Brosnahan (50), Bridgewater, N.J. 59:15 21. Loretta Schuelein, Queens Village, N.Y. 59:44 22. Jessi Scardina (19) Pleasant Prairie, Wis. 59:46 23. Brigitte Farly (18), Canada 59:56 24. Karen Fina (51), Lancaster, N.Y. 60:04 (The mother of 10th place Christine) 25. Jasmine Brooks (16), Peru, Maine 61:01 26. Olga Beschastnykh (18), Brooklyn 61:51 27. Kataie Fileccio (17), Mernck, N.Y. 63:23 28. Jennifer Marlborough, Brooklyn 63:42 29. V Campbell (47), State College, Penn. 67:27 30. Ora Kurland (46), New Rochelle, N.Y. 70:43 31. Ruby Tolbert (60), Wilkes-Barre 72:50 32. Eileen Druckenmiller (4), Emmaus, Penn. 72:50 33. Lana Kane (62), Conestoga, Penn. 74:54 34. Donna Shrenberg (6), Huntington, N.Y. 78:38 35. Isabel Keeley (55), Freehold, N.J. 88:55
Men: 1. Jefferson Perez, Ecuador 39:59 2. Curt Clausen, Chula Vista, Cal. 42:20 (20:53 at 5) 3. Tim Seaman, North Babylon, N.Y. 43:27 (20:56) 4. Ben Shorey, Ellsworth (19), Maine 47:23

(22:22) 5. Jake Dalebout (19), Taylorsville, Utah 47:45 (23:27) 6. Adam Staier (19) Farmington, Maine 49:29 (23:42) 7. Bill Vayo, White Plains, N.Y. 49:34 (24:07) 8. Eric Smith (20), Enon, Ohio 49:36 9. Zach Pollinger (16), Mahwah, N.J. 50:27 10. Keith Luoma (4), Martinez, Georgia 50:48 11. Luke Dalebout (18), Taylorsville, Utah 51:41 12. Nicholas Bdera (53), Roosevelt Island, N.Y. 52:12 13. Chris Diaz (166), McAllen, Texas 52:15 14. John SOuchek, Little Silver, N.J. 54:24 15. Michael Hain (19), Canada 53:28 16. Joseph Trapani (16), Lake Grove, N.Y. 54:03 17. Steve Pecinovsky (47), Woodbridge, Vir. 54:42 18. Jonathan Chasse (19) Reedfield, Maine 55:28 19. Mike Bartholomew, Levittown, N.Y. 55:20 20. Dave Doherty, Arlington, Vir. 57:23 21. Erik Litt, Philadelphia 57:45 22. Shawn Frederick (49), Palisades, N.Y. 59:43 23. Tom Quattrocchi (51), Spotswood, N.J. 59:58 24. Bob Barrett (68), Smallwood, N.Y. 59:59 25. Jim McGrath (65), Medford, N.Y. 61:46 26. Ron Shields (59), Loysville, Penn 63:25 27. Jack Starr (74), Newark, Del. 64:52 29. Richard VanBenthuyzen (53), Monmouth Beach, N.J. 30. Dave Romansky (64), Pennsville, N.J. 69:23 31. Ed Gawinski (75), Wilmington, Del. 74:37 32. Damian Smith, Plains, Penn 84:50 DQ--Carl Kane, Al Heppner, and Theron Kissinger
Jr. Women: 1. Favolise, US 2. Michta, US 3. Stevens, US 4. Rebecca Lavalley, Can. 5. Rachel Lavalley, Canada 6. Adams, US 7. Rodriguez, Canada 8. Scaradina, US 9. Farly, Canada 10. Brooks, US
Jr. Men: 1. Shorey, US 2. J. Dalebout, US 3. Staier, US 4. Pollinger 5. L. Dalebout 6. Diaz, US 7. Hain, Canada 8.

USATF National Masters T&F Meet, Orono, Maine: Women's 5 Km Racewalk, August 9--

35-39--1. Jean Tenan 28:50.02 40-44--1. Heidi Hauch 27:24.92 2. Monetta Roberts 29:13 3. Eileen Druckenmiller 33:46 45-49--1. Debbie Topham 28:02.28 2. Virginia Fong 33:20 3. Kathy Finch 33:45 50-54--1. Gayle Johnson 27:27.71 2. Sherry Brosnahan 28:03 3. Marianne Martino 28:27 4. Lily Whalen, Can. 28:33 5. Judith Witt 29:58 6. Carol Wilkinson 31:52 7. Cathy Mayfield 32:25 8. Doris McGuire 33:55 9. Sandy Backer 35:07 10. Elisabeth Price 36:23 55-59--1. Kathy Frable 30:48.26 2. Mary Baglin 31:22 3. Jolene Steigerwalt 31:29 4. Trish Caldwell 32:12 5. Darlene Backlund 32:58 6. Pat Walker 35:32 7. Toni Olshan 38:17 60-64--1. Elton Richardson 31:02.91 2. Lois Dicker 31:09 3. Janet Higbie 31:13 4. Doris Cassels 32:11 5. Lana Kane 37:11 6. Kay Cella 39:45 65-69--1. Bev LaVeck 30:10.12 2. Shirley Dockstader 32:26 3. Joanne Elliot 33:40 4. Joan Berman 34:08 70-74--1. Claire Elkins 41:17 80-84--1. Jane Dana 38:09
Men's 5 Km, August 9--35-39--1. Dave McGovern 22:43.03 40-44--1. Rod Craig 24:15.65 2. Michael Piplani 32:55 45-49--1. Bill Reed 26:35.51 2. Pedro Santoni 26:40 50-54--1. Bohdan Bulakowski, Poland 25:18.42 2. Richard McGuire 25:42 3. Mike DeWitt 25:59 4. Joe Light 27:10 5. Ross Barranco 33:13 55-59--1. Leon Jasionowski 24:58.05 2. Bob Keating 25:10 3. max Walker 26:14 4. Norm Frable 26:50 5. Marc Olshan 29:04 60-64--1. Paul Johnson 26:52.28 2. Paul Hammer 28:52 3. Tom Knatt 29:55 4. John Backlund 31:22 5. James Scheller 32:26 6. Bernie Finch 32:46 7. Winston Crandall 32:50 8. Carl Kane 34:14 65-69--1. Jack Bray 27:14.82 2. Robert Cella 29:19 3. Allyn Evans 31:06 4. Ed Lane 31:60 5. Arvid Rolle 33:28 6. Spencer Parrish 34:58 70-74--1. Alfred DuBois 28:57.77 2. Jack Starr 31:39 3. Lloyd McGuire 33:56 4. Cliff Elkins 33:58 5. Louis Free 34:49 6. George Solis 37:06 75-79--1. Ed Gawinski 33:19.37 2. Marvin Goldberg 33:31 80-84--1. John Levinsohn 38:45.86 2. Paul Geyer 39:57 3. Tim Dyas 41:12 85-89--1. William Patterson 45:18.36
Women's 10 Km, Aug. 11--35-39--1. Jean Tenan 59:37 40-44--1. Marci Gutsche 54:55.50 2. Heidi Hauch 55:31 3. Monetta Roberts 61:35 4. Eileen Druckenmiller 67:34 45-49--1. Debbie Topham 61:17.80 2. Virginia Fong 67:34 3. Kathy Finch 71:15 50-54--1. Sherry Brosnahan 57:30.70 2. Gayle Johnson 57:52 3. Lily Whalen, Canada 58:17 4. Marianne Martino 58:27 5. Carol Wilkinson 65:37 6. Cathy Mayfield 67:00 7. Doris McGuire 70:07 8. Sandy Backer 72:55 55-59--1. Jolene Steigerwalt 65:11.90 2. Kathy Frable 66:18 3. Trish Caldwell 67:25 4. Darlene Backlund 69:36 5. Joanne

Harriman 69:42 6. pat Walker 76:02 60-64--1. Elton Richardson 64:02.80 2. Lois Dicker 64:04.10 3. Janet Higbie 64:36 9Hey! These ladies had two really competitive races.) 65-69--1. Bev LaVeck 62:18.90 2. Shirley Dockstadter 66:55 3. Joanne Elliot 69:52 70-74--1. Claire Elkins 1:26:21.50 75-59--1. Jane Dana 1:17:07 **Men's 10 Km, August 11--35-39--1. Dave McGovern** 49:51 40-44--1. Rod Craig 51:31.90 2. Tommy Aunan 62:55 45-49--1. Bill Reed 55:56.79 2. Pedro Santoni 57:39 50-54--1. Bohdan Bulakowski 52:47.85 2. Richard McGuire 54:03 3. Brian Savilonis 55:31 4. Mike DeWitt 56:12 5. Ross Barranco 67:57 55-59--1. Leon Jasionowski 52:47.96 2. Max Walker 55:07 3. Norm Frable 56:38 4. David Baldwin 58:35 5. Marc Olshan 59:21 6. Bill Harriman 59:36 7. Charles Mansbach 65:55 60-64--1. Paul Johnson 57:51.52 2. Paul Hammer 60:46 3. Tom Knatt 65:52 4. John Backlund 66:04 5. James Schller 67:10 6. Carl Kane 70:12 7. Bernie Finch 71:57 65-59--1. Jack Bray 58:05.05 Bob Barrett 58:43 3. Robert Cella 60:19 4. Avid Rolle 67:05 5. Ed Lane 69:29 70-74--1. Alfred DuBois 62:53.56 2. Jack Starr 66:08 3. Cliff Elkins 70:36 4. Louis Free 72:39 5. Cervin Robinson 77:08 6. George Solis 77:38 75-59--1. Ed Gawinski 74:23 80-84--1. Paul Geyer 1:21:00.43 2. John Levinson 1:23:49 85 and up--1. William Patterson 1:33:18.40

Other Results

Metropolitan 3 Km, New York City, Aug. 11--1. Bill Vayo 13:34 2. Zach Pollinger (15) 14:04 3. Nicholas Bdera (53) 14:25 4. Gary Null (57) 15:33 5. Erin Taylor 16:01 6. Olga Beschastnykh (18) 16:16 7. Alice Tan (19) 16:27 8. Jennifer Marlborough 17:49 9. Louanne Pennesi (47) 18:03 10. David Lee (47) 18:10 11. Marc Varsano 18:10 12. Michael Dawkins (42) 18:34 13. Jon Walam (51) 18:51 14. Edward Hamilton (48) 18:58 15. Brian Culley (61) 19:02 (38 finishers, 2 DQs) **N.Y. State Empire Games: Women's 10 Km, Aug. 1--1. Crissy Fina 57:23 2. Laura Feller 57:54 3. Cheryl Rellinger 58:34 4. Karen Fina 60:02 5. Alice Tan 62:03 6. Alessandra Cappellino 56:59 (9 finishers) Men's 10 Km, Aug. 1--1. Allen James 47:09 2. William Vay 51:08 3. Mel McGinnis 51:12 4. Nicholas Harding 52:50 5. Michael Tarantino 53:31 6. Israel Soto Duprey 54:18 7. Greg Dawson 58:43 8. Robert Williams 59:05 9. James Miner 62:53 10. Michael 62:59 Women's 5 Km, Aug. 2--1. Christi Tagliaferri 26:43 2. Erin Taylor 27:17 3. Laouren Olivieri 27:39 4. Cheryl Rellinger 27:57 5. Olga Beschastnykh 28:05 6. Laura Feller 28:25 7. Lorraine Horgan 29:45 8. Eileen Lawrence 31:48 9. Patricia Jones 32:08 Men's 5 Km, Aug. 2--1. William Vay 23:50 2. Mel McGinnis 24:21 3. Michael Tarantino 24:28 4. Israel Soto Duprey 25:45 5. Greg Dawson 25:54 6. James Miner 28:33 Women's 20 Km, Aug. 3--1. Chrissy Fina 1:56:45 2. Erin Taylor 2:01:43 3. Cheryl Rellinger 2:03:54 4. Karen Fina 2:05:03 5. Loretta Schuellein 2:05:37 6. Alice Tan 2:07:15 7. Eileen Lawrence 2:20:23 (1 DQ) Men's 20 Km, Aug. 3--1. Mel McGinnis 1:50:04 2. Joseph Trapani 1:50:45 3. Bruce Logan 1:52:35 4. Israel Soto Duprey 1:54:02 5. James Miner 2:02:06 6. Lon Wilson 2:12:46 1 Mile, Alexandria, Vir., June 23--1. Karsten Brown 9:39.6 3 Km, same place--1. Jim Wass 17:29.1 8 Km Alexandria, July 4--1. Virginia Inglese (41) 51:39 2. Victor Litwinski 52:40 3. Michael Schwed 55:30 4. Lois Dicker 56:30 1 Mile, Alexandria, July 7--1. Karsten Brown 9:33 3 km, same place 1. Victor Litwinski 18:02.6 2. Karsten Brown 18:37 **AAU National Jr. Olympics, Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 4-5: Sub-Bantam Girls (age 9) 1500 meters--1. Claudia Ortiz, Texas 9:08.56 2. Nicole Woelper, Texas 8:19 3. Krystal Mirless, Texas 10:07 Sub-Bantam Boys 1500--1. Ian Geer, Ohio 8:30 2. Brandon Downs, Fla. 9:42 3. Takeen Andrews, Georgia 10:08 Bantam Girls (10) 1500-1. Irais Villa, Illinois 8:39.01 2. Maria Vallarreal, Texas 8:49 3. Danielle Plunkett, Penn. 9:08 4. Brooke Shannon, Texas 9:17 Bantam Boys 1500-1. Correy Abbate, Texas 9:34.02 2. Patrick Wiley, Georgia 9:46 3. Marcos Kellar, Texas 9:48 Sub-Midget Girls (11) 1500--1. Alesha Cain, Mass. 8:42 2. Stephanie Martinez, Illinois 8:45 3. Jeannette Avitia, Texas 8:54 Sub-Midget Boys 1500--1. Nicholas Parker, Illinois 8:17.82 2. Andres Jaime, Texas 8:25 3. Chris Stuart, N.J. 8:31 Midget Girls (12) 1500--1.****

Allison Snochowski, N.J. 7:33 2. Corina Ortiz, Tex. 8:31 3. Nicole Klein, N.J. 8:40 Midget Boys 1500--1. Eric Lawson, Illinois 7:16.20 2. Ricardo Vergara, Texas 7:29 3. Roberto Vergara, Texas 7:30 4. Paco Villa, Illinois 8:19 5. Abraham Villarreal, Texas 8:20 Youth Girls (13-14) 3 Km--1. Dana Vered, N.J. 16:01.87 2. Chelsea Clark, Penn 17:37 3. Amanda Johnson, Ken. 17:57 Youth Boys 3 Km--1. Ryan Ashley, Vir. 18:07.84 2. Jeremy Evans, Fla 18:08 Intermediate Girls (15-16) 3 Km--1. Ashleigh Piscotta, N.C. 17:45.24 2. Kelli Johnson, Ken. 18:21 (11 finishers) Intermediate Boys 3 Km--1. JC Koziel, S.C. 14:34.89 (Meet record) 2. Chris Diaz, Texas 14:52 3. Adrian Jaime, Tex. 16:49 (8 finishers) **Ohio 5 Km Championship, Cincinnati, Aug. 11--1. Eric Smith 23:43 2. Mike Lindsay (40-44) 29:36 3. Geoff Robbins (45-49) 29:42 4. Ralph Dehner (50-54) 29:58 5. Jerry Muskal (40-44) 30:06 6. John Fisher (55-59) 30:17 7. David Kremer (55-59) 30:21 8. Darryl Davis (50-54) 30:23 9. Lawrence Stebbins (40-44) 31:28. .13. Jack Shuter (70-74) 35:25 (a6 finishers, 1 DQ) Women--1. Jill Cobb 24:03 2. Rima Makarova 26:22 3. Sara Sheets 26:51 4. Dona Johnson (45-49) 33:43 5. Miriam Jackobs (60-64) 35:22 (10 finishers) **North America, Central America, and Caribbean (NACAD 20 Km, San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 11--1. Christian Berdeja, Mexico 1:32:20 2. Stephen Quirke, U.S. 1:44:20 DNF--Donald Cote, Canada Women--1. Marina Crivello, Canada 1:52:50 (Yep, those were the only walkers drawn to this regional track and field event) 10 Km, Boulder, Col., May 27--1. Mike Blanchard (40) 56:30 2. Scott Richards (52) 58:18 3. Teresa Aragon (41) 59:04 4. Steve Gardiner (48) 59:24 5. Patty Gehrke 64:39 6. Jerry Davis 64:47 5 Km, Aurora, Col., June 22--Daryl Meyers (59) 28:29 2. Neil Horton (60) 30:56 5 Km, Denver, June 30--1. Mike Blanchard 29:04 2. Lorie Rupoli (51) 31:21 3. Carolyn Fleck 32:06 4. Peter Kukale (48) 32:26 5 Km, Evergreen, Col., July 4--1. Mike Blanchard 28:41 2. Daryl Meyers 30:21 3. Path Thrall (52) 31:11 4. Kathy Thrall (51) 31:39 5. Carolyn Fleck 31:51 5 Km (track), Aurora, Col., July 6--1. Mike Blanchard 28:15 2. Carolyn Fleck 31:18 3. Sherrie Gossert (49) 41:43 4. Dennis Vealsquez (48) 32:19 5 Km, Kalewood, Col., July 13--1. Mike Blanchard 28:58 2. Daryl Meyers 19:51 3. Dennis Valasquez 32:05 4. Patty Gehrke 32:33 10 Km, Aurora, Col., July 28--1. Mike Blanchard 57:47 2. Marianne Martino (52) 61:54 3. Peter Armstrong (57) 62:15 5 Km, same place--1. Daryl Meyers 31:13 Colorado Senior Games, Greeley, Aug. 3-4: 1500 meters--1. Daryl Meyers 8:21 2. Ray Franks (67) 8:22 3. Sherrie Gossert 8:59 5 Km--1. Daryl Meyers 29:44 2. Sherrie Gossert 32:00 3. Klaus Timmerhaus (78) 35:44 Los Angeles All Comers Meets 1 Mile Summer Series: Fastest performers--Ray Parker (55) 8:06.9; Andy Hecker (47) 8:23.6; Donna Cunningham (55) 8:38.3; Yoko Eichel (54) 8:43.2; Takashi Yagisawa (55) 8:53.3; Deo Jaravata 8:54.3; Alan Ede 9:46.6; Amelia Adams (15) 10:05.6 California State Senior Games 1500 meters, San Jose, Aug. 3 1. Dick Petruzzini (65-59) 8:16.99 2. Bob Weeks (60-64) 8:43 3. Gary Steck (60-64) 8:53 4. Stu Kinney (60-64) 9:00 5. Gary Mader (55-59) 9:07 5 Km, same place--1. Yoko Eicher (55-59) 28:34.6 2. Juan Garcia (60-64) 29:46 3. Dick Petruzzini 30:35 4. Gary Steck 30:38 5. Bob Weeks 31:25 6. Stu Kinney 31:37 5 Km, DeAnza, Cal., July 13--1. Laura Cribbins 30:32 1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal., July 14--1. Ed Perrot 10,831 meters 2. Joe Berendt 10,712 3. Jack Bray 10,497 4. Shoja Torabian 10,281 5. Desmond Canning 9601 6. Paula Mendell 9372 7. Ed Lane 9229 8. Kim Froshin 9200 9. Doris Cassels 9140 10. Nicole Goldman 9132 11. Jim Scheller 9115 12. Ed Flint 9086 13. Anne Lee 9071 14. Shirley Dockstadter 9058 (34 finishers) 1 Mile, Sacramento--1. Robyn Stevens (19) 7:14.18 2. Paula Mendell (52) 8:58 3. Nicole Goldman (43) 9:09 4. Bekka Mims (15) 9:25 5. Mary Baglin 9:28 6. Andree Enos 9:32 7. Trish Caldwell (56) 9:43 Men--1. Ed Parrot 7:37.21 2. Alike Okamitsu (10) 8:45 3. Jim Scheller (61) 9:41 4. Bob Rose (50) 9:51 1 Hour, Kentfield, June 23--1. Jack Bray 10.319 2. Peter Corona 9344 3. Doris Cassels 9059 4. Desmond Canning 9055 (16 finishers) 5 Km, Sparks, Nev., July 20--1. MJ Baglin 31:31 2. Susan Martinovich 31:49 Men--1. Joe Berendt 27:52 2. Bill Penner 29:49 3. Dick Petruzzini 31:38 4. Art Klein 42:05 Oregon State Games 3 Km, Mt. Hood CC, July 13--1. Carmen Jacinski 16:31.86 2. Mireille Jeukens****

19:01 Men--1. Pat Detloff (50-54) 15:27.16 2. Rob Frank (45-49) 15:33.41 3. Ed Kousky (60-64) 17:00 4. George Opsahl (60-64) 17:01 **Masters 5 Km, Gresham, Oregon, June 22--1. Pat Detloff (50-54) 25:45.59 2. Rob Frank (45-49) 26:08 3. Stan Chraminski (50-54) 26:45 4. Bob Novak (50-54) 27:22) 5. Ed Kousky (60-64) 28:55 6. Doug Vermeer (45-49) 29:10 7. George Opsahl (60-64) 30:03 8. Bart Kale (45-49) 30:58 Women--1. Bev LaVeck (65-59) 30:03 2. Donna Lafayette (55-59) 33:18 **1 Mile, same place--1. Pat Detloff 7:44.25 2. Rob Frank 7:56 3. George Opsahl 9:15 2.8 Miles, Seattle, July 13--1. Stan Chraminski 24:06 2. Bob Novak 24:33 3. Ann Tuberg 26:43 Inland Northwest Masters, Pullman, Wash., July 27--1. Bob Novak 27:57 2. Bart Kale 30:59 5 Km, Seattle, July 27--1. Stan Chraminski (54) 26:51.03 2. Bob Novak (53) 26:59 3. Doug Vermeer (48) 28:33 4. George Opsahl (60) 28:40 5. Bart Kale (40) 29:42 6. Ann Tuberg (42) 29:44 7. Bev LaVeck (66) 31:07****

Canadian Junior 10 Km, Kitchener, Ont., July 26--1. Megan Huzzey 54:07.55 2. Rebecca Lavallee 54:32 3. Rachel Lavallee 59:58 Men--1. Michael Hain 51:16.93 2. Han Li 51:23 British Commonwealth Games: Women's 20 Km, July 28--1. Jane Saville, Australia 1:36:34 (48:13 at 10) 2. Lisa Kehler, England 1:36:45 3. Yu Fang Yuan, Malaysia 1:40:00 4. Natalie Saville, Australia 1:42:38 5. Simone Wolowiec, Australia 1:43:10 6. Gabrielle Gorst, N.Z. 1:44:48 Men's 20 Km, July 28--1. Nathan Deakes, Australia 1:25:25 (41:19 at 10) 2. Luke Adams, Aust. 1:26:03 3. David Rotich, Kenya 1:28:20 4. Andy Penn, England 1:29:15 Men's 50 Km, July 30--1. Nathan Deakes 3:52:40 2. Craig Barrett, N.Z. 3:56:42 3. Tim Berrett, Canada 4:04:25 4. Duane Cousins, Aust. 4:09:59 5. Tony Sargisson, N.Z. 4:13:19 6. Steve Hollier, England 4:16:46 African 20 Km Championship, Tunis, Aug. 6--1. Hatem Ghoulia, Tunisia 1:26:41.06 2. Moussa Aouanouk, Algeria 1:30:27 3. Karim Boudhiba, Tunisia 1:35:05 4. Rezki Yahi, Algeria 1:43:28 Women's 10 Km, same place--1. Nagwa Ibrahim Ali, Egypt 49:26 2. Bahia Boussad, Algeria 49:57 3. Grace Wanjiru, Kenya 51:35 4. Dounia Minouni, ALgeria 52:36 Women's 10 Km, Piacenza, Italy, July 29--1. Erika Alfridi 43:05 2. Rossella Giordano 43:14 3. Elisabetta Perrone 43:28 4. Elisabetta Rigauda 43:29 5. Gisella Orsini 43:31 6. Athina Papagianni 45:35)16 under 50:00) Men's 20 Km, same place--1. Giovanni DeBenedictis 1:23:04 2. Lorenzo Civallero 1:23:56 3. Francesco Galdenzi 1:24:30 4. Ivano Brugnetti 1:26:08 5. Alfio Corsaro 1:26:50 6. Nicos Katsilas 1:26:53 7. Diego Dafagna 1:27:03 8. Gian Luca Trombetti 1:27:13 9. Marco DeLuca 1:28:11 10. Vincenzo Magliulo 1:28:22 11. Domenico DeCeglia 1:28:33 12. Tiziano DeSantis 1:29:04 13. Andrea Manfredini 1:29:09 14. Georgioa Argyropolous, Greece 1:29:15 15. Bengt Bengtsson, Sweden 1:29:42 16. Massimo Passoni 1:29:51 (24 under 1:36)

With No Further Ado, Here Are Races To Do

Sat. Sept. 7 5, 10, and 20 Km, Edmonton, Can. (C)
 Sun. Sept. 8 10 Km, Oakland, Cal. (B)
 5 Km, Cambridge, Mass., 9:30 am (AA)
 10 Km, Los Angeles, 8 am (Y)
 Sat. Sept. 14 2.8 Miles, Seattle, 9 am (C)
 2 Miles, San Mateo, Cal. (B)
 Weinacker Cup 5 and 10 Km, Marysville, Mich. (S)
 5.2 Miles, Interlaken, N.J. (A)
 4 Miles, Larkspur, Cal. (B)
 Sun. Sep. 15 5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
 Sat. Sep. 21 1/2 Marathon, Chatfield State Park, Col., 8 am (H)
USATF National 5 Km, Kingsport, Tenn. (U)
 Sun. Sept. 22 1 Hour, Alexandria, Vir., 9 am (O)

10 Km, Houston (L)
 5 Km, Denver, 8 am (H)
 Sat. Sept. 28 **National 1 Hour and 2 Hour, Long Island (K)**
 North Regkon 5 Km, Chicago, Illinois (I)
 Sun. Sept. 29 1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal. (P)
 1 Hour, Royal Oak, Mich. (S)
 1 Hour, Denver, 9 am (H)
 1 Mile, College Station, Texas (L)
 Sat. Oct. 5 5 Km, Bristol, N.H. (AA)
 Sun. Oct. 6 Sacramento Half-Marathon (E)
USATF National Junior 5 Km, Boston (AA)
 Half Marathon, Sandy Hook, N.J. (A)
National USATF 5 Km, New England (AA)
 Sat. Oct. 12 West Regional 1 Hour, Denver (H)
 5 Km, Friendswood, Texas (L)
 Sun. Oct. 13 1 Hour or 5 Km, Kentfield, Cal. (P)
 Long Beach Half-Marathon (Y)
 1 Hour, Alexandria, Vir., 10:30 am (O)
 East Regional 30 Km, New York City, 8 am (G)
 Mon. Oct. 14 10 Km at Huntsman World Senior Games, St. George, Utah (N)
 Tues. Oct. 15 1500 meters at Huntsman Games, St. George, Utah (N)
 Sun. Oct. 20 **National USATF Masters 20 Km, Coconut Creek, Florida, 7:15 am (D)**
 Detroit Marathon (S)
 5 Mile, Freehold Twp., N.J. (A)
 1 Mile, Kentfield, Cal. (P)
 Fri. Oct. 25 5 Km, Denver, 6 pm (H)
 Sat. Oct. 26 10 Km, Seaside, Cal. (B)
 Sun. Oct. 27 Coney Island 10 Mile Handicap, Brooklyn, NY, 9 am (J)
 Sun. Nov. 3 1 Hour, Alexandria, Vir., 9 am (O)
 5 Km, Kentfield, Cal. (P)
 Sat. Nov. 9 100 Miles, El Cajon, Cal. (F)
 Sun. Nov. 10 East Regional 50Km, Hauppauge, N.Y. (K)
 1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal. (P)
 Sat. Nov. 16 20 Km, San Francisco area (B)
 Sat. Nov. 23 5 and 10 Km, D.C. area, 8 am (O)
 Sun. Nov. 24 1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal. (P)
 Sat. Dec. 14 South Regional 5 Km, Houston (L)
 Sat. Dec. 21 5 and 10 Km, D.C. area, 8 am (O)
 Sun. Dec. 29 Polar Bear 10 Mile, Asbury Park, N.J. (A)
 Marathon and Half-Marathon, Mobile, Alabama (T)

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FROM HEEL TO TOE

U.S. Team. Probable rosters at this time for the U.S. at the World Cup October 12-13 are:
 Women's 20 Km--Amber Antonia, Susan Armenta, Jill Cobb, Joanne Dow, and Teresa Vaill
 Men's 20 Km--Sean Albert, Matt Boyles, Kevin Eastler, Theron Kissinger, and John Nunn
 Men's 50 Km--Curt Clausen, Philip Dunn, Al Heppner, Steve Quirke, and Tim Seaman. The entire team is expected to compete at the National 1 and 2 Hour on Long Island September 29 as a final tuneup. . . **The Challenge.** The IAAF Council has followed up on its April 2002 decision to create an annual IAAF World Racewalking Challenge. They have agreed on important details, but have not announced these. However, they have announced a list of the competitions to be included in the Challenge in 2003. These are, Sesto San Giovanni (Milano), Italy; Naumberg, Germany; Rio Major, Portugal; La Coruna, Spain; Shanghai, China; and an event in Mexico. The four European competitions all have a long history. And Mexico has had its Racewalking Week for many years. While details are not yet known, presumably the Challenge will operate along the lines of the IAAF's Cross Country Challenge, Multi-Events Challenge, and T&F Golden League and Grand Prix, with individual places in the challenge determined by points accumulated throughout the series of races. . . **UWP Track.** The University of Wisconsin-Parkside and Racewalking International have embarked on a fund raising venture to install curbing on both the indoor and outdoor tracks at the University. This will allow performances on the tracks to be submitted for record purposes. Earlier this month, for example, Ann Favolise walked a 50:21 for 10 Km on the UWP track, bettering the national junior record. But, records can be set only on curbed tracks, the curb ensuring that athletes have walked the full distance. The fund raising goal for curbing both tracks is \$12,000, and RWI has pledged to match each dollar donated, so UWP needs to raise \$6000. Donations can be sent to University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Mike DeWitt, Track Coach, Athletics, Kenosha, WI 53141-2000. Each \$20 donated will buy one meter of curbing, and those donating 5 meters or more will have their initials punched into the rails. All who donate will have their names inscribed on a plaque that will be posted at the facilities.

LOOKING BACK

40 Years Ago (From the August 1962 American Race Walker, edited by Chris McCarthy)--Ron Laird left the rest of the field from the start and cruised to an easy win in the National 35 Km in Seattle. His 3:20:21 effort left Ed Glander more than 20 minutes back at the finish. Claude Wrathall was third. . . John Allen won the New York state 2 mile in 14:38.5 with George Shilling second. . . John Harwick won the Jr. National 30 Km ahead of Regis Brown (who eventually achieved international status as Jerry Brown). . . Olave Yli Tokala walked a 6:45 mile in Providence.

35 Years Ago (From the August 1967 ORW)--Laird was the star of the month and then some. He first won the Pan American 20 Km title in 1:33:05, leaving an up-and-coming Mexican walker, Jose Pedraza nearly 2 minutes behind. Later, Ron did a 43:10.4 10 Km on the road in England, a 44:36.8 American record on the track in Germany, and a 1:28:18 20 Km to beat 1964 Olympic 50 Km gold medalist, Abdon Pamich, in Italy. Larry Young walked the same three European races in 45:19, 46:22, and somewhere in the low 1:30s, after winning the Pan Am 50 Km in 4:26:21. . . With those two in Europe, Tom Dooley had his best ever distance race to win the National 40 Km in 3:30:10, 2 minutes ahead of Goetz Klopfer. . . Bob Kitchen showed his great promise at the distances with a third place finish in 3:34:04. . . Dooley was fourth in the 20 and Klopfer third in the 50 at the Pan Am Games.

30 Years Ago (From the August 1972 ORW)--Larry Young completed a busy July with a win in the Senior 40 Km in Long Branch, N.J. in what seems a very slow 3:39:59.4. However, with the temperature at 93 F and the humidity high, it was no insignificant performance. John Knifton was 8 minutes back and Todd Scully was the only other walker able to better 4 hours in the conditions. . . Jeanne Bocci won the women's National 1500 meters in 6:59.1 over Lynn Olsen and Sue Brodock. A week later, she did 6:50.4 to beat the same two, with Brodock ahead of Olsen this time. . . The Strasbourg-to-Paris 500+ Km race went to Luxembourg's Josey Simon in 67:03:28, with Belgium's Robert Schouckens second.

25 Years Ago (From the August 1977 ORW)--Young won his eighth National 50 Km title and fourth in a row with a 4:19:58 clocking in Columbia, Missouri. Taking the lead from Dan O'Connor just after 20 Km, Young pulled away gradually the rest of the race. Augie Hirt went with Young briefly, but couldn't hold the pace and was soon repassed by O'Connor, who took second in 4:24:06. Hirt had 4:25:50, Tom Dooley 4:26:26, Bob Rosencrantz 4:29:23, and Randy Mimm 4:32:01. . . In the Women's World Championships, Sweden's Siv Gustavsson walked a world best 22:57 to win the 5 Km and lead her team to victory. Sweden's Elizabeth Olsson won the 10 Km in 51:35. For the U.S., Sue Brodock was third in the 5 at 23:55 and Jeanne Bocci fourth at 10 in 52:52. The U.S. team was second behind Sweden. . . Maccabiah Games titles went to Bob Rosencrantz of the U.S. at 3 Km (13:45.5) and Israel's Shaul Ladany at 50 (4:43:58), in extreme heat in Israel. . . Tom Knatt captured the National 40 Km in 3:33:28 with Carl Schueler 4 minutes back. Wayne Glusker and Bob Falciola followed. . . England's Colin Young won the Rouen, France 24 hour race for the third time, covering 210,717 Km. . . The Paris-to-Strasbourg race, covering some 507 Km that year, went to Robert Schouckens in 64:11:25, with Josy Simon nearly 1 hour back. . . Neal Pyke won the National 15 Km in Santa Monica in 1:09:50. Larry Walker was second in 1:10:32.

20 Years Ago (From the August 1982 ORW)--In the Women's World Meeting in Bergen, Norway, the Soviet Union emerged as easy winners with Alexandra Deverinskaya winning the 10

Km race in 48:11.1 ahead of Sweden's Ann Jansson (48:24) and Susan Liers-Westerfield of the U.S. (49:25). Australia's Sue Cook won the 5 in 23:09.2, but the Soviets took second and third, with Ludmilla Krutscheva just 4 seconds back of Cook. Teresa Vaill led the U.S. in 7th with 24:28. With 110 points, the USSR finished 32 points ahead of Norway, followed by Sweden, the U.S., and Australia. . . The U.S. men took third in a five-team international with races at 20 and 50 Km. West Germany's Franz-Josef Wever won the 20 in 1:24:46 with Great Britain's Steve Berry (1:25:00) and Jim Heiring of the U.S. (1:25:32) following. Ray Sharp took fourth. The 50 went to Sweden's Bo Gustavsson in 3:53:22 as Marco Evoniuk came second in 4:03:13 for the U.S. West Germany had 65 points ahead of Sweden (52), USA (50), Great Britain (45), and Norway (27). . . Heiring and Sharp tied for first in the 20 Km at the National Sports Festival a week later in 1:28:29, more than 6 1/2 minutes ahead of third-place Todd Scully. The 50 went to Ray Somers in 4:37:50 with Martin Kraft (4:43:10) in second.

15 Years Ago (From the August 1987 ORW)--U.S. Sports Festival titles went to Marco Evoniuk at 35 Km (2:50:51), Gary Morgan at 20 Km (1:31:10), and Maryanne Torrellas at 10 Km (47:55). The races were held in very hot conditions Durham, N.C. . . Morgan also took the National 10 Km at Niagara Falls in 44:05, with Ray Sharp (45:07), Canada's Michel Lafortune, and Schwartzburg following. The women's race went to Debbi Lawrence in 48:31, nearly 3 minutes ahead of Torrellas. . . Mexicans swept the gold in the Pan Am Games in Indianapolis. Carlos Mercenario captured the 20 in 1:24:10, Maria Colin the 10 in 47:18, and Martin Bermudez the 50 in 3:58:53. Tim Lewis was second at 20 in 1:25:50 and Maryanne Torrellas third at 10 in 48:26, behind Canada's Ann Peel. . . Italy's Giovanni DeBenedictis previewed his Olympic success in '92 (bronze) with a win at the European Junior 10 Km in 39:44.71. Spain's Valentin Massana, who almost had '92 Olympic success, was second.

10 Years Ago (From the August 1992 ORW)--In the Barcelona Olympics, hometown boy Daniel Plaza was a surprise winner at 20 Km. His teammate, Valentin Massana, had the silver medal in sight, but was pulled by the judges as he approached the Stadium. That moved Canada's Guillaume Leblanc, with the finest race of his brilliant career, into second with Giovanni DeBenedictis third. Plaza walked 1:21:45, 40 seconds ahead of Leblanc, who was 46 seconds clear of the Italian. 1980 Champion Maruzio Damilano was fourth. Humidity took its toll in the race. Andrei Perlov got clear of Carlos Mercenario over the final 10 Km to win the 50 in 3:50:13. The Mexican was 2 minutes back and well ahead of Ronal Weigel in third. Chinese women took 1,3,5 in the wo, Yueling Chen winning in 44:32. Yelena Nikolayeva was just a second back, with Chunzi Li in third.

5 Years Ago (From the August 1997 ORW)--Italy's Annarita Sidoti walked a commanding race to win the World Championship 10 Km in Athens. Her 42:55 left Olga Kardopoltseva, Belarus, 35 seconds back and 19 seconds ahead of teammate Valentina Tsybulskaya. The men's 20 went to Mexico's Daniel Garcia in 1:21:43, 10 seconds ahead of Mikhail Schennikov of Russia. Mikhail Khmelnitskiy, Balarus, was third in 1:22:01. Curt Clausen had 1:32:05 in 24th. After a race long battle for the lead, Poland's Robert Korzeniowski outlasted Spain's Jesus Garacia to win the 50 in 3:44:46. Garcia had 3:44:59 with Mexico's Miguel Rodriguez a distant third in 3:48:30. Andrew Hermann was DQ'd for the U.S.

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(The following article was written by Richard Harper, Brooklyn, N.Y., after some painstaking research. The basis of the article is world record progression lists he has compiled for women at 5, 10, and 20 k. I will be publishing those lists in future issues. I thank him for his efforts in compiling these lists and in synthesizing the information into an enlightening article.)

Women in racewalking: The early years Richard Harper

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On a fall day, the 30th of October to be exact, Annie Miller stood on a track in Scarborough Ontario. She was about to start a one mile walking race. Was she excited? Was she nervous? How did her fellow competitors regard her? What did the men think? Did they think she was a comrade or a nuisance. Of all the women who have ever competed in a race, Annie Miller's thoughts had to be a little different. The gun sounded and Annie Miller would go on to finish in a solid time of 9 minutes and 47 seconds. Was she tired? Was she proud? We may never know.

It would be eight years before Lucie Cadies would compete in a kilometer race and three years after that when Elizabeth Atkinson tested herself in a mile run. Those women are recognized as track and field pioneers. Yet it was Annie Miller, who set the world's first middle distance track athletic record. The year was 1910.

That was the same year that fellow Canadian George Goulding, a participant in the first official Olympic racewalk in 1908, set a world record in the mile to lay claim to being the world's best walker.

From that time, women's participation in athletic events continued to grow. In 1928 in the Antwerp Olympic Games, women finally were allowed to compete in running and field events. The events were a success in that there was a high level of competition and several world records, including one in the 800 meters. Unfortunately, several of the competitors fell to the ground after crossing the finish line. The all male Olympic officials, none to keen on women's events, took this all out effort by the female competitors as evidence that women were incapable of running more than 400 meters. From that day until 1960, no run for women longer than 400 meters appeared in the Olympics. Even world bests for distances over one mile did not appear until 1953.

1928 was not a particularly good year for racewalking either. The sport was eliminated from the Olympic program amid controversies over judging and distances. Yet that exclusion might have been a blessing in disguise for women. The stigma of not being able to run more than 800 meters seemed not to pass on to walking. Just two years after the Antwerp games, Czechoslovakia instituted national championships for women in racewalking in the improbably long distance of 5000 meters.

The champion of 1932, Milma Leiningerova, set a world's best of 31:33.4 on a track in Prague. But she was not content just to be the best at 5000 meters. Ms. Leiningerova also walked a 25K that same year in 2:55:39. Marta Holubkova, the 1938 5000 meter Czech champion, was not afraid of distance either. Three years earlier, she completed the first recorded road 50k by a women in a time one minute under eight hours.

By the mid 1930's the Scandinavian countries of Sweden and Norway, in part inspired by the Czechoslovakian program, began instituting national championships in racewalking for women as well. The center of women's racewalking quickly moved northward as Scandinavians, and particularly the Swedes, rewrote the record books.

This shift northward was fortuitous. On the athletic side, the depth of competition was greater, not just among women but among men as well. Early stars such as Astrid Tollerud, Linnea Olsson, May Holman, Ingrid Johansson, and May Johansson were matched on the male side by the premier male walkers of the time, John Mikaelsson, John Ljunggren, and Ollie Andersson of Sweden, and Edgar Bruun and Werner Hardmo of Norway.

On the political side, Czechoslovakia was swallowed up in the Sudeten land giveaway. In 1938 when Hitler took over, women's athletics in Czechoslovakia were eliminated. Within a year, athletics would become a distant memory in most of Europe as war raged. The Scandinavian countries, neutral during World War II, were one of the areas where athletes continued to train.

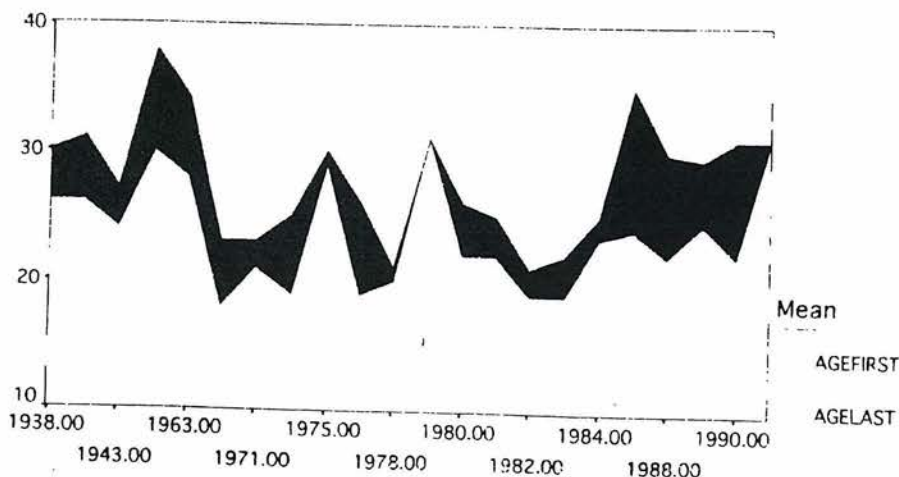
The early record holders, Linnea Olsson, Birgit Frisk, Maja Ostlund, May Holman, Ingrid Johansson, May Johansson, Stina Lindberg, and later, Mary Nilsson were unusual in many respects. Some like May Johansson got married (Johansson-Bengtsson) and still continued to compete. Others, such as Ingrid Johansson continued to train and compete

throughout their twenties and thirties. In fact, Ingrid Johansson's five kilometer record, set at the grand old age of 36 would last twenty three years until it was broken by Margareta Simu, who wasn't even born when the record was set. The graph below illustrates the longevity of these early pioneers by showing the mean age of women when they set their first world record (bottom line) and age at their last world record (top line).

GRAPH OF AGES OF FEMALE WORLD RECORD HOLDERS BY YEAR

Y axis shows the age of the record holder.
X axis shows the date the record was set

The bottom line of the graph shows the mean age of the youngest competitor at the time of her first world record.
The top line of the graph shows the mean age at the time of oldest world record setter.
The shaded area gives the range of ages at which records were set in that year.



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From this graphic, one can see that the record holders from the 1940's and 1950's (women in their late twenties and early thirties) were a much older group than those during the 1970's and early 1980's (women typically in the early to late twenties).

With professionalism in the early 1990's, the age of all athletes setting world records has risen. In racewalking it is now roughly equivalent to the ages of the early Scandinavian record holders. It must be pointed out that these Swedish pioneers, however, were neither paid nor received much notoriety.

The career of Mary Nilsson illustrates the point about longevity. She first appears in the international records in 1958 with a world best in the 10k (52:01.6) at the age of thirty. She continues to compete winning numerous international matches and setting records. In 1962, she walked an impressive 5:17:00 for the 50K, a mark that would survive as the standard until 1983. In 1968, Mary Nilsson won the inaugural world cup 5K in 25:28.2 when she was forty years old. She would go faster the next season, leading the world list with a clocking of 25:09. These times would be impressive for masters walkers today.

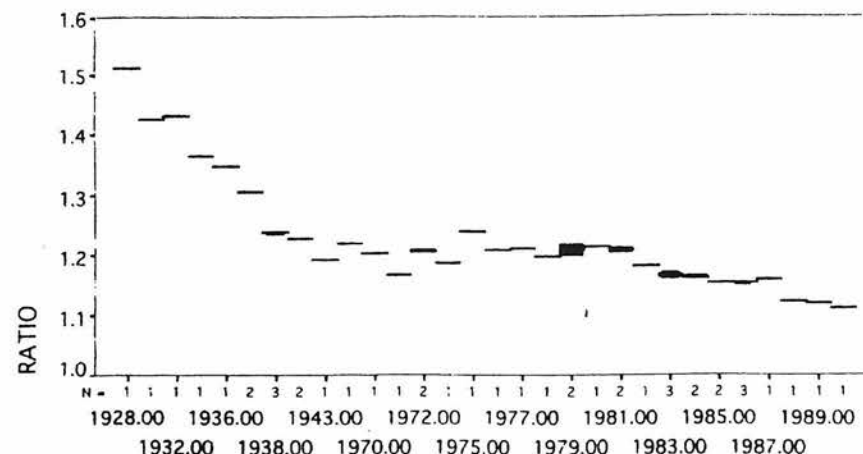
The walking standards of May Johansson-Bengtsson, Ingrid Johansson, and Mary Nilsson are remarkable also for the high quality of the times they posted. Women began competitive racewalking at the 5k distance in 1930. Men began competing as amateurs at the distances of 3, 7, 10, and 20 miles in the mid 1860's. By 1930, men had had 65 years of competitive experience. It is expected that the records for men in racewalking (as in all

other track events) would be comparatively faster than women. What is notable is the ratio. The following graph shows the ratio of female to male records as it changes over time.

GRAPH OF THE RATIO OF FEMALE TO MALE TIMES OVER THE YEARS

Y axis is the ratio of the female world best 5K time to the male world best 5K time
X axis is the year a record was made

Where there are multiple lines in one year, that means multiple records were set.



It has been written that there is approximately an 11% differential (111% of male records) between the times of men and women in track events. From my observation, this proportion seems reasonable. In the early years of racewalking, because of the longer competitive experience of men, the ratio was 150%. The early Czech women brought it down to 130%. The Scandinavian pioneers improved it to 120% in the late 1930's. From 1940 to 1983, there was little improvement in this ratio. Once women began competing at the 10k distance and in the World Championships of Track and Field and the Olympic Games, the proportion began to move down towards 111%.

What this statistic means is that the Scandinavian pioneers (primarily Swedish women competing against each other) were able to do as well, relative to men, as the next three or four generations of female athletes who had the advantage of a much wider pool of countries to select athletes from. This is not to denigrate the efforts of any athlete but rather to ask the question, who are these pioneering women and why did they do so well?

This article was written in the hope of sparking some interest in research into the early days of women in sport. To date not much has been written about these remarkable women. Some of them are probably still alive. If there is anybody who knows some Swedish and is looking for a research project, this would be an interesting one.