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33rd Annual ORW Rankings

In 1970, the *Ohio Racewalker* ranked the world's best walkers at 20 and 50 Km based on their season-long efforts. We have continued those rankings since, so this marks our 33rd year in the rankings game. 1970 was the same year that *Track & Field News* added the walks to their annual rankings of track and field athletes. Bob Bowman took on the assignment of compiling the rankings and asked Colin Young, an Englishman steeped in the lore of the sport, and me to assist him. (Ireland's Pierce O'Callaghan has taken Colin's place beginning this year.) Since I went through the exercise, I decided to publish what I had sent to Bob in my own newsletter, and, in the process, scoop *T&F News*. But, of course, there was not full agreement between my rankings and the consensus of Bob, Colin, and me. That remains true today. But, now *T&F News* beats me onto the street with the rankings.

In 1972, I added U.S. rankings and in 1979 women's rankings, as that side of the sport finally began to have significant competition. The first women's rankings were at 5 and 10 Km, the primary competitive distances for many years, and after 1985, just at 10. In 1999, the women's rankings shifted to the 20 Km, as that became the distance for international competition.

As we first said way back in 1971, the ORW rankings are based on the consensus opinion of your editor and no one else. All gripes are graciously accepted, but they won't change a thing.

2002 World 20 Km Rankings--Men

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| 1. Francisco Fernandez, Spain
1:23:34 (1) Badalona 1/20
1:21:21 (2) Zapopan 3/22
1:22:56 (1) Span. Champ. 7/20
1:18:37 (1) Euro. Champ. 8/6 | 5. Noe Hernandez, Mexico
DQ Naumburg 5/5
1:21:46 (2) Xalapa 8/24
1:22:52 (4) World Cup 10/12 |
| 2. Jefferson Perez, Ecuador
1:21:33 (3) Zapopan 3/22
1:23:52 (1) Guatemala City 5/12
1:19:08 (1) Eisenhuettenstadt 6/2
1:21:26 (1) World Cup 10/12 | 6. Juan Manuel Molina, Spain
1:24:44 (2) Badalona 1/20
1:20:18 (1) Naumburg 5/5
1:20:36 (3) Euro. Champ 8/6
1:23:46 (8) World Cup 10/12 |
| 3. Vladimir Andreyev, Russia
1:19:18 (2) Adler 2/17
1:20:54 (2) Russian Champ. 5/25
1:19:56 (2) Euro. Champ. 8/6
1:21:50 (2) World Cup 10/12 | 7. Viktor Burayev, Russia
1:20:41 (1) Russian Champ. 5/25
1:20:36 (4) Euro. Champ. 8/6
DNF World Cup 10/12 |
| 4. Alejandro Lopez, Mexico
1:22:22 (5) Zapopan 3/22
1:21:36 (1) Xalapa 8/24
1:22:01 (3) World Cup 10/12 | 8. Yevgeniy Misyulya, Belarus
1:20:56 (6) Euro. Champ. 8/6
1:23:07 (5) World Cup 10/12 |

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| <p>9. Andrey Stadnichuk, Russia
1:19:02 (10) Adler 2/17
1:21:14 (4) Russian Champ. 5/26
1:21:29 (10) Euro. Champ. 8/6
1:23:07 (6) World Cup 10/12</p> | <p>10. Alessandro Gandellini, Italy
1:22:22 (2) Dublin 6/15
1:21:03 (7) Euro. Champ. 8/6
1:23:18 (7) World Cup 10/12</p> |
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A close call for first with Fernandez choosing not to compete in the World Cup. But, his world record, European win, and early season win over Perez give him the nod. . . The next three are in the order of their World Cup finish. . . Molina and Burayev move ahead of their World Cup conquerors, Misyulya, Stadnichuk, and Gandellini off good European Championship finishes and good supporting races.

2002 World 20 Km Rankings--Women

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| <p>1. Olimpiada Ivanova, Russia
1:28:12 (4) Russian Champ. 5/25
1:26:42 (1) Euro. Champ. 8/7
1:28:57 (2) World Cup 10/12</p> <p>2. Erica Alfridi, Italy
DNF Dublin 6/15
1:28:33 (2) Euro. Champ. 9/7
1:28:55 (1) World Cup 10/12</p> <p>3. Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia
1:27:02 (1) Russian Champ. 5/25
1:28:20 (2) Euro. Champ. 8/7
1:29:12 (4) World Cup 10/12</p> <p>4. Natalya Fedoskina, Russia
1:27:45 (1) Adler 2/17
1:28:07 (3) Russian Champ. 5/25
DNF Euro. Champ. 8/7
1:28:59 (3) World Cup 10/12</p> <p>5. Kjersti Platzer, Norway
1:31:08 (2) Manchester 4/21
1:29:19 (1) Eisenhüttenstadt 6/2
1:28:55 (1) Dublin 6/15
DQ Euro. Champ. 8/7
1:29:25 (5) World Cup 10/12</p> | <p>6. Claudia Stef, Romania
1:29:57 (5) Euro. Champ. 8/7
1:30:05 (6) World Cup 10/12</p> <p>7. Gillian O'Sullivan, Ireland
1:29:53 (1) Manchester 4/21
1:31:16 (1) Naumburg 5/5
1:29:12 (2) Dublin 6/15
1:28:46 (4) Euro. Champ. 8/7
DNF World Cup 10/12</p> <p>8. Valentina Tsybulskaya, Belarus
1:30:37 (7) World Cup 10/12</p> <p>9. Maria Vasco, Spain
1:28:47 (1) Spanish Champ. 3/16
DNF Euro. Champ. 8/7
1:30:57 (8) World Cup 10/12</p> <p>10. Rosella Giordano, Italy
1:31:10 (9) World Cup 10/12</p> |
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Another close call for first. Ivanova and Alfridi traded wins in the two major championships, but Ivanova had a much more decisive win and by far the fastest time. . . Nikolayeva beat Fedoskina in the Russian Championship and Fedoskina dropped out of the European Championship, so Nikolayeva gets the nod over her World Cup conqueror. . . The rest of the positions are determined by World Cup finish, except for O'Sullivan, who had a very impressive season until her World Cup demise.

2002 World 50 Km Rankings--Men

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| <p>1. Robert Korzeniowski, Poland
3:36:39 (1) Euro. Champ. 8/8</p> <p>2. Aleksey Voyevodin, Russia
3:40:42 (1) Russian Champ. 5/26
3:40:16 (2) Euro. Champ. 8/8
3:40:59 (1) World Cup 10/13</p> <p>3. German Skurygin, Russia
3:50:25 (4) Russian Champ. 5/26
3:48:58 (4) Euro. Champ. 8/8
3:42:08 (20) World Cup 10/13</p> <p>4. Tomasz Lipiec, Poland
3:55:06 (2) Zapopan 3/24
DQ Euro. Champ. 8/8
3:45:37 (3) World Cup 10/13</p> <p>5. Nikolay Matyukhin, Russia
3:43:46 (4) Russian Champ. 5/26
3:47:06 (4) World Cup 10/13</p> | <p>6. Stepan Yudin, Russia
3:42:52 (3) Russian Champ. 5/26
3:51:03 (5) World Cup 10/13</p> <p>7. Jesus Garcia, Spain
DQ Spanish Champ. 3/16
3:47:05 (2) Naumburg 5/5
3:44:33 (3) Euro. Champ. 8/8
DQ World Cup 10/13</p> <p>8. Denis Langlois, France
3:50:47 (6) Euro. Champ. 8/8
3:51:32 (6) World Cup 10/13</p> <p>9. Trond Nymark, Norway
DQ Span. Champ. 3/16
3:49:27 (1) Boras 4/6
3:50:16 (5) Euro. Champ. 8/8</p> <p>10. Sergey Korepanov, Kazakhstan
3:52:20 (7) World Cup 10/13</p> |
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And here I have to disagree with myself. As noted, Bob Bowman is responsible for the racewalk rankings in *Track & Field News'* annual rankings, with assistance from two others, including me. Those rankings show Voyevodin number one and our decision on that ranking was unanimous. Based on *T&FN's* three criteria of honors won, won-lost record, and sequence of marks, I could not vote otherwise. But here, in my own publication, I don't have any criteria, just my own subjective decision on who was the best for the year. And I have no doubt that Robert Korzeniowski was the best 50 Km walker in the world in 2002. Just one race, but he finished that more than half-a-mile ahead of Voyevodin. Korzeniowski clearly number one, Voyevodin clearly ahead of anyone else. *(Note that there have always been differences in the ORW and T&FN rankings, because obviously, three people aren't going to agree right down the line, even with set criteria, and I have always disagreed to some extent with the decisions I make based on those criteria. And if there weren't differences, I suppose I would be accused of simply parroting the T&FN rankings. Until just the past few years, they could have been accused of swiping mine, had they been the same, because their Annual Rankings issue came out after the first of the year, whereas mine have always been published in the December issue. I won't be conceited enough, however, to claim that they switched to earlier publication of the rankings just because the was scooping them on the walk rankings.)* . . . Voyevodin had a remarkable season with its

consistency, three races in nearly identical times, all under 3:41. . . Skurygin improved with each race and his second in the World Cup earns him the third slot. . . From there, the only changes from the World Cup finish are Garcia in seventh and Nymark in ninth. The veteran Garcia was impressive in the European Championship race and had another good race to overcome his two DQs. . . Nymark's fifth in the European Championship and sub 3:50 race earn him the ninth slot, though he did not contest the World Cup.

2002 U.S. 20 Km Rankings--Women

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| 1. Joanne Dow
1:42:08 (2) Nat. Inv. 4/14
1:34:47 (1) US Champ. 6/22
1:41:00 (50) World Cup 10/12 | 6. Michelle Rohl
1:44:28 (6) US Champ. 6/22 |
| 2. Teresa Vaill
1:37:56 (1) Nat. Inv. 4/14
1:34:54 (2) US Champ. 6/22
DQ World Cup 10/12 | 7. Bobbi Jo Champman
1:48:41 (4) Nat. Inv. 4/14
1:45:58 (7) US Champ. 6/22 |
| 3. Amber Antonia
1:36:00 (3) US Champ. 6/22
DNF World Cup 10/12 | 8. Jolene Moore
1:44:07 (1) Kenosha 5/11
1:46:54 (8) US Champ. 6/22 |
| 4. Susan Armenta
1:46:15 (14) Zapopan 3/23
1:44:25 (3) Nat. Inv. 4/14
1:40:57 (5) US Champ 6/22
1:42:14 (54) World Cup 10/12 | 9. Ali Bahr
1:47:55 (2) Kenosha 5/11
DQ US Champ. 6/22 |
| 5. Jill Cobb
1:39:46 (4) US Champ. 6/22
1:47:35 (69) World Cup 10/12 | 10. Sam Cohen
1:49:52 (9) US Champ. 6/22 |

Except for Armenta moving ahead of Cobb and Ali Bahr moving into the picture with her race in Kenosha, the rankings follow the order of finish in the National Championships. No other events seemed to intrude on this finish.

Top 15 times:

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| 1:34:44 Joanne Dow | 1:47:58 Ali Bahr |
| 1:34:53 Teresa Vaill | 1:49:44 Amanda Mergeron |
| 1:36:00 Amber Antonia | 1:49:52 Sam Cohen |
| 1:39:46 Jill Cobb | 1:52:52 Deborah Huberty |
| 1:40:57 Susan Armenta | 1:54:27 Heidi Hauch |
| 1:44:07 Jolene Moore | 1:56:45 Chrissy Fina |
| 1:44:28 Michelle Rohl | 1:59:36 Alice Tan |
| 1:45:58 Bobbi Jo Chapman | |

2002 U.S. 20 Km Rankings--Men

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| 1. Tim Seaman
1:26:41 (1) US Champ. 6/23 | 6. Philip Dunn
1:31:02 (6) Manchester 4/21
1:29:06 (4) US Champ. 6/23 |
| 2. Al Heppner
1:30:55 (1) Hunt. Beach 3/7
DQ Naumburg 5/5
1:39:47 (1) Chula Vista 6/16
1:27:47 (2) US Champ. 6/23 | 7. Curt Clausen
1:29:42 (5) Manchester 4/21
1:29:33 (5) US Champ. 6/23 |
| 3. Kevin Eastler
1:33:51 (1) Nat. Inv. 4/14
1:28:36 (3) US Champ. 6/23
1:28:18 (31) World Cup 10/12 | 8. Jim Heys
1:29:54 (10) Kenosha 5/11 |
| 4. Sean Albert
1:29:42 (17) Zapopan 3/25
1:27:58 (3) Manchester 4/21
1:30:42 (7) US Champ. 6/23
1:32:08 (51) World Cup 10/12 | 9. Matt Boyles
1:30:26 (1) Yellow Springs 4/21
1:32:36 (8) US Champ. 6/23
1:39:02 (74) World Cup 10/12 |
| 5. John Nunn
1:35:35 (25) Zapopan 3/25
1:28:41 (4) Manchester 4/21
1:24:49 (8) Maumburg 5/5
1:30:19 (6) US Champ. 6/23
DNF World Cup 10/12 | 10. Theron Kissinger
1:32:55 (9) US Champ. 6/23
1:37:03 (67) World Cup 10/12 |

I had to debate about ranking Jim Heys. He has dual US and Canadian citizenship, but has not yet competed for either country. However, he has said he will compete for Canada when the opportunity arises. (He was injured at the time of the Canadian World Cup Trials, or that would probably have been this year.) But, until he has competed for Canada, as a US citizen, he deserves consideration in these rankings. I first decided I would include him only in the list of top times below, but decided it didn't make a lot of sense to include him there and not in the rankings, where I thought his single performance deserved ranking. So, there he is.

Top 26 times:

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| 1:24:49 John Nunn | 1:36:29 Mike Stanton |
| 1:26:41 Tim Seaman | 1:39:55 Dave McGovern |
| 1:27:47 Al Heppner | 1:40:07 Tim Nickel |
| 1:27:58 Sean Albert | 1:41:26 Dave Doherty |
| 1:28:36 Kevin Eastler | 1:41:47 Mark Green |
| 1:29:06 Philip Dunn | 1:42:30 Gary Morgan |
| 1:29:33 Curt Clausen | 1:43:20 Rod Craig |
| 1:29:54 Jim Heys | 1:44:48 Dan O'Brien |
| 1:30:26 Matt Boyles | 1:48:26 Bill Vayo |
| 1:31:35 Ben Shorey | 1:49:01 Richard McGuire |
| 1:32:58 Theron Kissinger | 1:49:59 John Soucheck |
| 1:34:31 Allen James | 1:50:04 Mel McGinniss |
| 1:35:49 Steve Quirke | 1:51:14 Steve Pecinovsky |

2002 U.S. 50 Km Rankings--Men

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| 1. Philip Dunn
3:59:59 (2) US Champ. 2/17
3:56:13 (13) World Cup 10/13 | 6. Theron Kissinger
4:26:41 (6) US CHamp. 2/17 |
| 2. Curt Clausen
3:58:55 (1) US Champ. 2/17
DNF World Cup 10/13 | 7. Steve Wuirke
4:38:08 (7) US Champ. 2/17
DQ World Cup 10/13 |
| 3. Tim Seaman
4:07:43 (3) US Champ. 2/17
DNF World Cup 10/13 | 8. John Soucheck
4:42:59 (8) US CHamp. 2/17
4:48:02 (59) World CUp 10/13 |
| 4. Sean Albert
4:09:58 (4) US Champ. 2/17 | 9. Rod Craig
4:59:19 (9) US Champ. 2/17 |
| 5. Al Heppner
4:11:14 (1) Manchester 4/21
4:11:18 (5) US Champ. 2/17 | 10. Bill Vayo
5:21:21 (10) US Champ. 2/17 |

Clausen regained his National title, but Dunn's superb World Cup race was enough to end Curt's five-year reign at the top of the U.S. rankings.

A Few Results From Points Here and There

Indoor High School 1 Mile, Waltham, Mass., Dec. 14--1. Jasmine Brooks 7:40.36 2. Mark Dennet 7:44.25 3. Carly Lochola 8:21 4. Audry Curtis 8:56 5. Yuri Kuo 9:26 6. Kate Dickinson 9:42 (All from Maine except Kuo, from Mass.) **And later that same day (about 4 hours later)--1 Mile, Cambridge, Mass.**--1. Maryanne Torrellas 7:39.64 2. Jasmine Brooks 7:43.25 3. Rich McElvery 7:52.82 4. Patrick Collier 7:57.50 5. Mark Dennett 8:04 6. Joe Light 8:22 7. Carly Lochola 8:38 8. Bob Ullman 8:50 9. Ann Percival 8:51 10. Audra Curtis 8:52 11. Tom Knatt 8:56 11. Charlie Mansbach 9:34 **5 Km, New York City, Nov. 24**--1. Jose Duce 24:22 2. Nicholas Bdera (51) 25:10 3. Erin Taylor 26:47 4. Bruce Logan 27:31 5. Franco Pantone (55) 29:46 6. Bob Barrett (69) 29:47 7. Alice Tan (17) 30:12 8. Jennifer Marlborough 30:36 9. David Lee (47) 31:39 10. Latoya Henry (17) 31:53 (25 finishers) **5 Km, New York City, Dec. 8**--1. Jose Duce 23:06 2. Nicholas Bdera 26:06 3. Burce Logan 28:03 4. Erin Taylor 28:31 5. Dana Vered (14) 29:42 6. Jennifer Marlborough 29:55 7. Franco Pantoni 30:09 8. Lotoya Henry 30:37 9. Marianna Vadukul 32:05 10. Luannes Pennesi 32:10 (26 finishers) **5 KM, Philadelphia, Dec. 1**--1. Alex Major 24:58 2. Cliff Mimm (44) 25:01 3. Nick Bdera (54) 25:33 4. Erin Taylor 27:27 5. Jennifer Marlborough 30:37 6. Ed Gawinski (75) 33:50 (25 finishers, 1 DQ) **1 Hour, Alexandria, Vir., Nov. 3**--1. Laura Niels 9413 meters 2. Lois Dicker (63) 8794 3. Michael Schwed (61) 8337 **Women's Indoor 3 Km, Overland Park, Kan.**--1. Cheryl Rellinger 15:05.3 2. Maryanne Torrellas 15:07.9 **Men's 5 Km, same place**--1. Curt Clausen 21:16.9 2. Philip Dunn 21:27.5 3. Sean Albert 21:42.2 4. Dave McGovern 22:28.6 5. Gary Morgan 25:12.5 6. Don DeNoon 29:37 **5 Km, Denver, Nov. 23**--1. Daryl Meyers (6) 29:09 2. Sherrie Gossert (50) 30:59 3. Barbara Amador (53) 31:52 **5 Km, Denver, Nov. 23**--Mike Blanchard (40) 27:35 **5 Km, Denver, Dec. 8**--1. Scott Richards (52) 28:15 2. Daryl Meyers 29:54 3. Jim

Twark (55) 29:57 4. Ray Franks (67) 29:57 5. Mike Heymans (54) 32:19 **5 Km, Kentfield, Cal., Nov. 10**--1. Ed Perrot 25:26 2. Joe Berendt 28:13 3. Ed Flint 29:26 4. Nicolle Goldman 31:55 (9 finishers) **10 Km, Seaside, Cal., Oct. 26**--1. Ed Parrot 52:52 2. Bill Penner (56) 57:13 3. Daniel Coupal 60:45 4. Wuang Than (47) 62:34 5. Laura Cribbins (45) 62:36 6. Art Klein (49) 63:36 7. Ann Gerhardt (51) 64:06 8. Dick Petruzzi (69) 64:16 9. Hansi Rigney (61) 64:32 (30 finishers) **1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal., Nov. 10**--1. Jack Bray 10,128 meters 2. Shirley Dockstader 8916 3. Bob Rose 8394 (6 finishers) **1 Hour, Kentfield, Nov. 24**--1. Jack Bray 10,281 2. S. Desmond Canning 9321 3. Ann Lee 9074 4. Jim Scheller 8955 5. Joe Lipman 8889 6. Virginia Fong 8458 (10 finishers) **2.8 Miles Seattle, Nov. 9**--1. Bob Novak 25:44 2. Stan Chraminski 25:52 3. Ann Tuberg 27:58 4. Selwyn Singh 27:59 (7 finishers) **Women's 3 Km, Toledo, Spain, Nov. 24**--1. Carolina Jimenez 13:54 2. Monic Ballester Gomez 13:58 **Men's 5 Km, same place**--1. Francisco Fernandez 19:56 2. Juan Manuel Molina 20:08 3. Jose Diaz 20:12 4. David Dominguez 20:26 5. Jesus Angel Garcia 20:32

Pick Up Your Pace and Hop Into the Race (But, don't hop in the race.)

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| Sun., Jan. 5 | South Region 50 Km, Houston (L) |
| Sat. Jan. 11 | 2.8 Miles, Seattle (C) |
| Sun., Jan. 12 | South Region 10 Km, Mobile, Alabama (V)
Indoor 3 Km, Arlington, Vir., 7:45 am (O)
Indoor 1 Mile or 3 Km, Providence, R.I. (X) |
| Sun. Jan. 19 | 10 Miles and 5 Km, Los Angeles (Y)
5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
Indoor 3 Km, Cambridge, Mass., 11:30 am (X)
Indoor 3 Km, Sportsplex, Maryland (O) |
| Sat. Jan. 25 | USATF National 30 Km and Invitational 20 Km, Chula Vista, Cal., 8 am (I) |
| Sun. Jan. 26 | 5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
Indoor 3 Km, Arlington, Vir., 7:45 am (O) |
| Sun. Feb. 2 | Indoor 3 Km, Sportsplex, Maryland (O) |
| Sat. Feb. 8 | 2.8 Miles, Seattle (C) |
| Sun. Feb. 9 | Indoor 3 Km, Arlington, Vir., 7:45 am (O)
5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H) |
| Sat. Feb. 15 | Georgia 20 Km and Open 5 Km ((J), Augusta |
| Sun. Feb. 16 | 5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H) |
| Sat. Feb. 22 | 5 and 10 Km, Washington, D.C. area (O) |
| Sun. Feb. 23 | New England Indoor 3 Km, Cambridge, Mass. (O)
1500 meters and 3Km, New York City (G) |
| Sun. March 2 | Indoor 3 Km, Colorado Springs, Col., 10 am (H) |
| Sun. March 9 | Indoor 1500 and 3 Km, New York City (G) |
| Sun. March 30 | USATF National Masters Indoor 3 Km, Boston, Mass. (X) |

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Schedule of 2003 USATF National Championship Races

Jan. 25	30 Km, Chula Vista, California
March 2	Indoor Women's 3 Km, Men's 5 Km
March 30	Masters Indoor 3 Km, Boston
April 6	Masters 1 Hour, Plantation, Florida
May 25	Junior 20 Km, Hauppauge, New York
June 1	15 Km, Dvansville, Indiana
June	20 Km, Palo Alto, California
July 12	Junior 5 Km, Mansfield, Penn.
July 20	1 and 2 Hours, California, Penn.
Aug. 16	10 Km, Wilkes-Barre, Penn.
Sept. 14	40 Km, Ocean Twp., New Jersey
Sept. 20	5 Km, Kingsport, Tenn.
Oct. 19	50 Km, Hauppauge, New York
Nov. 23	Masters 20 Km, Coconut Creek, Florida

(Further details as the races arrive)

FROM HEEL TO TOE

2003 Pan Am Cup. Mexico and the U.S. have agreed to co-host the 2003 edition of the Pan-Am Racewalking Cup in March. The men will contest the 50 Km in Tijuana on March 9. The 20 Km for both men and women will be a week later in Chula Vista, Cal, across the border from Tijuana. The 50 Km will be a part of the first race in the new IAAF Racewalking Challenge (see the November ORW for sites and dates in this year-long series). The Tijuana Challenge event also includes a 20 Km for men and women on March 8 and some athletes might contest both that race and the Pan Am Cup 20. The U.S. teams will be selected based on 2002 performance lists, plus consideration of times in a 20 Km race in Chula Vista on Jan. 25 (see below), which offers a chance to improve one's place on those lists. The Pan Am Cup was first contested in 1984 in Cucaramanga, Colombia and has been held every two years since, through 2000. The competition was switched to the odd years in 2001 to avoid conflict with other events on the IAAF schedule.

Both Mexico and the U.S. have hosted the event twice previously, but the joint hosting will be a first. . . **First 2003 National.** The U.S. Olympic Training Center will host the first National title race of the New Year on January 25. The National 30 Km will be contested on the Center's 400 meter track, with an accompanying 20 Km serving as the trial race for the Pan Am Cup men's and women's teams. Standards for entry in the 20 Km races are 1:50 for men and 2:00 for women. . . **Good question.** Bob Mimm writes: "I read with interest the way Gary Westerfield analyzed the mechanics of racewalking. I also read the way Bob Bowman found fault with so much of it. . . My question is why do we need to attempt to make racewalking so esoteric that you need a doctorate in human engineering to be able to judge what it is, or isn't." **2002 Racewalking Awards.** At the USATF Annual Meeting in Kansas City in December, the Racewalking Committee announced its annual awards as follows: Captain Ron Zinn Memorial Awards to the outstanding athletes-- Women--Joanne Dow; Men 20 Km--Tim Seaman; Men 50 Km--Philip Dunn. Henry Laskau Outstanding Junior Award--Girls--Robyn Stevens; Boys--Ben Shorey. Mike Riban Outstanding Contributor Award--Steve Vaitones. Outstanding USATF Association--Long Island. . . **Ultrawalk.** From Ulrich Kamm: "On May 2-4, 2003, we will have our next 'Ultrawalking Event'--Cafe to Cafe 150--here in Colorado, 20 miles north of Denver. Walk with us for any distance between 40 and 150 miles on city trails, in parks, and along creeks. We will stay together as a group. Speed is defined by a schedule--it's 50 hours (non-stop) if you want to try the full 150 miles. To keep the family atmosphere of these walks, entries are limited to 12." Contact Ulrich at ultrwalk@mindspring.com, or visit the website at www.ultrawalk.com. . . **Further World Cup observations.** Tom Knatt visited Turin for the World Cup races and offers these comments: 1. There were a lot of DQs, especially in the 50 (17 total). Even the top competitors have trouble at that distance with the knee 'straightened' on contact. The winner got one red card early--before 10 Km. Part of the problem could have been the hard, uneven surface. 2. The winner and second place finisher in the 50 were very muscular and very smooth in their style. Others, especially the Americans, were not as smooth. I wonder if the American team does enough weight lifting? I believe you need strength as well as aerobic conditioning for this sport, especially at 50 Km. 3. Many of the Americans looked stiff. The appeared to need more flexibility work. I wonder if the team coaches work with them during the week before the race, to get maximum flexibility for race day. (Ed. It is my understanding that flexibility training is very much a part of the regimen for these athletes, but they can probably comment on this better than I.) . . . **Hall of Fame Awards.** Cheryl Rellinger offers this first hand account of Larry Young's induction into the Track and Field Hall of Fame on December 2. "Last night was the Jesse Owens Awards Dinner and Xerox Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, which included induction for Larry Young, Earl Bell, Steve Scott, and Gwen Torrance. While the latter three recounted wonderful stories throughout most of their acceptance speeches (Gwen was the only one to receive a marriage proposal onstage, however. . . which she accepted), Larry spent most of his time praising the sport of racewalking itself. He said afterward that with the discussion of the possibility of losing racewalking in the Olympics, he wanted to use that opportunity to influence some of the supporters of track and field. I was sitting at a table with LaTonya Sheffield (Olympic teammate of Gwen's), her brother/coach Ron and many of his athletes, and all expressed genuine respect for the event. There is often a stereotype of sprinters vs. distance/field/racewalkers, etc., because the sprints are the glamour event, but I don't believe it is as ingrained as the stereotype proclaims. There is overall support for all events from all other events (OK, maybe not in financial support); the athleticism of the events are respected. After Larry's compelling discussion of the sport, he unveiled his contribution to the Hall of Fame museum: a statue of his interpretation of Hermes, the messenger god, as an acknowledgement to the walking messengers of the ancient Olympics who announced the Games. When it came time to thank those who helped him, Larry became somewhat emotional and needed a moment to collect himself. He felt bad that he didn't get through mentioning many people. It seemed to me that those who helped him achieve his great accomplishments would be as

passionate about the sport as he is, and thus his speech about racewalking would be a worthy way to pay his respects to them as well." A couple of weeks earlier Larry had been part of a teleconference with Craig Masback, USATF CEO, Scott and Bell. In answer to a question, "Please discuss the state of your sport and event group in 2002?", Larry replied: "Racewalking has always been a controversial sport, and it's changed quite a bit since I've been involved. There's talk now about possibly removing it from the Olympic Games and replacing it with other sports, like golf. I think racewalkers, when you look at the statistics, those guys are some of the most fit athletes in the Games. In terms of the legality, there is more we can do in the sport in terms of using video to see if these guys have their feet off the ground. We need to gain legitimacy and take a hard look at where we are." When asked directly, "Larry, can you compare the 50 Km racewalk with the marathon as long-distance events?", he replied: "The two sports are very similar in terms of training and conditioning. After '72, they did one of these tests on us. Jim Ryan, Frank Shorter, myself and some others were involved. They measured our bodies' ability to take up oxygen and expel carbon dioxide. Racewalkers, marathoners, and cross country athletes were all there together. I always say that racewalking takes the strength and agility of a gymnast, the technique of a ballet dancer, and the endurance of a marathon runner."

2002 World Junior 10 Km Lists

Women

44:57.8 Tatyana Kozlova, Russia
 45:54.3 Yekaterina Izmailova, Russia
 46:01.6 Fumi Mitsumura, Japan
 46:07.2 Siqi Liu, China
 46:10.9 Vera Sokolova, Russia
 46:14.7 Maryna Tsikhanava, Belarus
 46:31.5 Dongmei Guo, China
 46:41.8 Anna Szumny, Poland
 46:46.3 Zuzana Malikova, Slovakia
 46:48.5 Dsenia Ishcheykina, Russia
 46:50.6 Irina Petrova, Russia
 47:03.1 Yaimara Perez, Cuba
 47:03.8 Ariana Quino, Bolivia
 47:06.6 Olga Savelyeva, Russia
 47:10.4 Anna Pudovkina, Russia

Men

40:34.2 Vladimir Kanaykin, Russia
 40:42.5 Ivan Kuznetsov, Russia
 40:44.5 Ruslan Orlov, Russia
 40:47.4 Igor Trofimov, Russia
 40:49.0 Sergey Safarov
 40:52.2 Matej Toth, Slovakia
 40:56.5 Yuki Yamazaki, Japan
 40:58.6 Takayuki Tani, Japan
 41:10.6 Petr Trofimov, Russia
 41:39.8 Andriy Yurin, Ukraine
 41:43.7 Guoqiang Zeng, China

41:44.0 Xingde Xu, China
 41:46.1 Ronghua Lu, China
 41:51.2 Jimin Dong, China
 42:00.4 Rafeal Duarte, Brazil

College Racewalking Grand Prix

From Mike DeWitt
 Coach, U. of Wisconsin-Parkside

Over the past several years there has been a lot of talk about developing more walkers, especially at the high school and college level. There have been a lot of ideas and words. Are you ready for a full attempt that most anyone in the racewalking community can help with in some simple ways?

Maine High School Coaches and NAIA Coaches have it figured out. They support all track and field events, even if they are not going to be directly involved in the development of walkers. The vote in Maine was similar to the last NAIA Vote at the 2001 Indoor Meet. We have about a 5 or 6 to 1 ratio of support for the event from the people that count. The big majority of coaches are for racewalking. Several of the coaches in the NCAA II are now working to build that same type of support. We'll work on things at our level, you can help a lot at your level. **numbers** is what we need and numbers from a lot of different colleges and areas around the country.

Racewalkers throughout the U.S are vital in getting new athletes interested in at least trying the event. We need to get everyone involved in talking to your local college track coaches and athletes as well as encouraging Junior Olympic athletes to walk in college. Some of you have had success in doing so. The stumbling blocks have been that you could talk, teach, and show people by racing what racewalking is, but the college kids haven't had more than 1 or 2 races to attend, little or no guidance to get them walking within their running training, nor did they have any type of "Championship" motivation to aim at.

To help remedy that, the United States Track Coaches Association (USTCA) is endorsing and giving the Collegiate Race Walking Grand Prix its sponsorship. Racewalking International (RWI) is sponsoring the awards and using its web site as a posting board of information, schedules, and results. The USTCA is the largest organized group of college track coaches. Their web site, periodicals, and releases regularly reach over 4,000 coaches.

Here is where you can be of major help. It is early Indoor Track season for all of the collegiate programs in the USA. Those of you that are near a college campus with a track program can once again, or for the first time, take a little time to promote racewalking. Check out the team's web site for their meet schedule. Ask the coach to put in an "open" or collegiate walk at the end of the meet. Let them know about the USTCA Grand Prix. Let them know you will take care of judging, lap counting, and results. Keep the distance to a mile or even a 1km just to get some athletes out to try the event. The difference from the past is that you will have information posted for those coaches and athletes to relate to the growing event. There will be some coaching information for those that would like to run and racewalk and how that could be done. It will include results and schedules from around the US, and it will also explain how they can earn honors and recognition. You don't have to try to outline all of this stuff, just talk to the athletes, they will search out the info and there are coaches looking for ideas as well. The information on the web site will give ideas about how UWP has taken runners and helped them to be good runner/racewalkers over the past 30 years. This information will be for any college athlete, not just a member of a team. That is why this Grand Prix is important for every college athlete. It might spark some former high school or junior olympic walker back into the event as well, especially if they are not a part of their college team right now.

Another way that you can help is to publicize **any** races that are coming up in your area. For example, the series of races in Virginia will all be included in the Grand Prix, so even if one college athlete walks, we will be adding to the total number of walkers listed at the season end wrapup. Also, if the event is a 3k, encourage a new walker to cover 1k or 1600m if they are not sure they can walk a 3k the first time out.

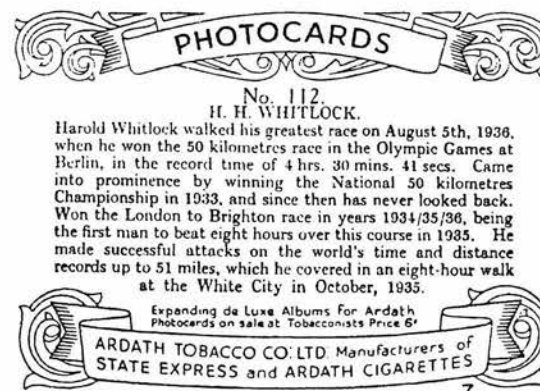
The "number goal" for the 2003 Track Season is to have at least 50 colleges represented on the Grand Prix Standings with at least one race. That would more than double the 20 or so colleges in the USA that have someone walking right now. Having 50 colleges represented will be a big start to show coaches, athletic directors, and athletes that the racewalk is growing in numbers and not just something a few places do.

To be represented on the Grand Prix an athlete only needs to compete in one race. To have an opportunity for Post Season Awards, a walker must finish four events, including one Championship Event. That championship could be any USATF National or Regional Meet, the NAIA, any Conference Meet, or any event designated as a championship, such as the UWP Spring Race Walks.

The scheme for these races will involve using **age grading**, so that competitors at the mile/3k/5k distance will still have a comparison for those that are competing at 10k/20k or even 50k.

Walkers who are not part of a college track program will only need a signature from any administrator at their university to compete. By doing this, we can get results of the Grand Prix to that Administrator to make them aware of how that student from their university fared and improve the chance that such athletes might be supported more in the future.

More from Shaul Ladany's collection of racewalking tobacco cards:



LOOKING BACK

40 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1962 Race Walker published by Chris McCarthy)—Ron Laird was given the Mike Riban trophy as the Outstanding US Racewalker for 1962. Second in the national voting was Ron Zinn. . .Laird also turned in a 6:49.3 mile in Chicago, his home at that time, and recorded the fast time in an icy 10 Mile Handicap race with a 1:19:27, followed by McCarthy's 1:21:03 and Zinn's 1:21:08. . .Martin Rudow won a Portland, Oregon 10 Km in 52:11. . .Fastest mile of the early season was 6:45.3 by Alan Blakeslee in New York. . .Ron Kulik won a rare 880 yard walk in the Newark, N.J. Armory in 3:19, with Elliott Denman and Terry Anderson 8 seconds back.

35 Years Ago (From the December 1967 ORW)—Chuck Newell ignored the 15 degree temperature and 10 to 15 mph winds, not to mention a dark night, to win the Fourth Annual New Year's Eve 6 Mile Handicap in Columbus. Taking full advantage of his 5 minute headstart, he finished 45 seconds ahead of Jack Blackburn who had the evening's fast time of 47:59. . In a lesser race, Goetz Klopfer set a new American record for 50 Km with a 4:3:29 on the Sonoma State College track. On the way, he picked up records at 35 Km, 25 miles, and 40 Km. . In the national 35 Km in Kansas City, Dan Tothoroh easily beat Gerry Bocci and Bryon Overton with a 3:13:04. . In a New Jersey 10 Miler, Dave Romansky won in 1:19:12, followed by Steve Hayden, John Knifton, Ron Daniel, Ron Kulik, and Shaul Ladany—all international competitors at some time in their careers.

30 Years Ago (From the December 1972 ORW)—The ORW published its Third Annual World Rankings with East Germany's Peter Frenkel and West Germany's Bernd Kannenberg leading at 20 and 50 Km, respectively. Frenkel was followed by Vladimir Golubnichiy, USSR, and Hans-Gerog Reimann, East Germany, with Larry Young, U.S., in 10th. Kannenberg was followed by Veniamin Soldatenko, USSR, and Young. Young, of course, topped the U.S. rankings in both events, followed by Tom Dooley and Goetz Klopfer at 20, and Bill Weigle and Bob Kitchen at 50.

25 Years Ago (From the December 1977 ORW)—The ORW World Rankings saw Mexico's Daniel Bautista and Raul Gonzales on top at 20 and 50 Km, respectively, with their countrymen dominating other positions. At 20, Domingo Colin was second and Gonzalez fourth, sandwiching East Germany's Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller. Maurizio Damilano, Italy, was fifth. At 50, Pedro Aroche and Enrique Vera made it a 1-2-3 sweep for the Mexicans, with Italy's Paolo Gregucci and the USSR's Veniamin Soldatenko taking the next two spots. The U.S. rankings saw Neal Pyke on top at 20 and Larry Young at 50. Todd Scully, Dan O'Connor, and Tom Dooley followed at 20, and Augie Hirt, O'Connor, and Bob Rosencrantz at 50. . John Knifton won the National Postal 1 Hour, covering 8 miles 181 yards, just 24 yards ahead of Tom Dooley. Wayne Glusker also surpassed 8 miles and Larry Walker finished fourth. Ron Kulik won the Masters title with 7 miles 760 yards and Marco Evoniuk the junior with 7 miles 399. (We weren't doing women's rankings yet—we started the following year—because there wasn't sufficient activity in women's walking.)

20 Years Ago (From the December 1982 ORW)—Dan O'Connor had fast time in the Coney Island 10-mile handicap race with 1:13:20, but couldn't catch Pete Timmons, who made his handicap hold up with the second best time of 1:14:21. . Chris Knotts won the 3rd Annual Doc Blackburn 75 Km in Springfield, Ohio with 8:44:48. . In the ORW World Rankings, Spain's Jose Marin was on top at 20, Mexico's Raul Gonzales at 50, the USSR's Aleksandra Deverinskaya at 5, and Australia's Sue Cook at 10. U.S. rankings saw Jim Heiring, Ray Sharp, and Marco Evoniuk leading the 20; Evoniuk, Dan O'Connor, and Vincent O'Sullivan the 50; Susan Liers-Westerfield, Teresa Vaill, and Susan Brodock the 5; and Liers-Westerfield, Brodock, and Vaill the 10.

15 Years Ago (From the December 1987 ORW)—In the ORW rankings, Irina Strakhova, USSR, led the women's 10, followed by her compatriot Olga Krishtop, and Aussie Kerry Saxby. Maryanne Torrellas, Debbi Lawrence, and Lynn Weik were the top-ranked U.S. women. At 20 Km, Maruizio Damilano, Italy, Josef Pribilinec, Czech.; and Jose Marin, Spain led the World Rankings, with Tim Lews, Carl Schueler, and Ray Sharp the top three in the U.S. At 50, GDR's Hartwig Gauder and Ron Weigel were on top, followed by Vyatcheslav Ivanenko, USSR. Schueler, Marco Evoniuk, and Jim Heiring were atop the U.S. rankings. . Bob Mimm and Viisha Sedlak were the top U.S. competitors at the World Veterans Games in Melbourne. Viisha won at both 5 Km (24:51) and 10 Km (52:38) in the women's 35-39 group, and Bob won at both 5 (26:42) and 20 (1:49:09) in the men's 60-64 group.

10 Years Ago (From the December 1992 ORW)—China's Yueling Chen, who eventually raced for the U.S. in the 2000 Olympics, topped the Women's 10 Km in the ORW World Rankings. Her Olympic win put her ahead of Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia, and Madelein Svenson, Sweden. Debbi Lawrence, Victoria Herazo, and Teresa Vaill were atop the U.S. rankings. The World 20 Km rankings saw Spain's Daniel Plaza ahead of Guillaume Leblanc, Canada, and Giovanni DiBenedictis, Italy. In the U.S., it was Allen James, Jonathan Matthews, and Tim Lewis. At 50, It was Andrei Perlov, Russia, Carlos Mercenario, Mexico, and Ronald Weigel, Germany in the World Rankings, and Carl Schueler, Herm Nelson, and Marco Evoniuk in the U.S.

5 Years Ago From the December 1997 ORW)—Again we had the annual rankings: Women's 10 Km—Anna Rita Sidote, Italy; Erica Alfridi, Italy; and Irina Stankina, Russia; US—Victoria Herazo, Debbi Lawrence, and Gretchen Eastler. Men's 20 Km—Daniel Garcia, Mexico; Jefferson Perez, Ecuador, and Mikhail Schennikov, Russia; US—Curt Clausen, Andrew Hermann, and Tim Seaman. Men's 50 Km—Jesus Garcia, Spain; Robert Korzeniowski, Poland; and Oleg Ishutkin, Russia; U.S.—Herman, Andrzej Chylinski, and Mark Green.

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