

## Vaill and Clausen Score Decisive Wins at 15 Km

Lincoln, Rhode Island, June 13--Two defending champions showed up for the National USATF 15 Km Championships (men and women) today, but only one went home with another title.

Curt Clausen was an easy winner in the men's race, his 1:04:40 bringing him his 27th national title (only Ron Laird and Henry Laskau have won more). John Nunn, off his recent 1:22:31 for 20 Km in which he beat Clausen by nearly 2 minutes, finished a rather distant second today in 1:06:08, far off the pace he set in that 20, but it was a very warm day and the stakes weren't so high, with his Olympic "A" standard for 20 firmly in hand. Still, he was good enough to beat third place Dave McGovern by 4 minutes. Troy Clark, still just 17, was very impressive with his 1:13:37 in fifth.

In the women's race, the ever-young Teresa Vaill (40) was an unchallenged winner in 1:10:41, no doubt a US master's record. She left young (39) Michelle Rohl nearly 2 minutes behind. Rohl holds the US record at 1:08:35. Pre-race favorite Joanne Dow did not finish, nor did Amber Antona and Loretta Schuellein. Bobbi Jo Chapman was an impressive third in 1:14:39.

In the men's race, Mark Green won the master's division in a swift 1:14:49 and his comebacking father, Max, blasted a 1:31:37 to win the 70-74 division, as he finished 18th out of 28 overall. Leon Jasionowski, walking in the 55-59 division, blitzed a 1:23:43. The results:  
Women: 1. Teresa Vaill 1:10:41 2. Michelle Rohl 1:12:32 3. Bobbi Jo Chapman 1:14:39 4. Marcia Rutledge 1:24:29 5. Heidi Hauch 1:26:18 6. Kate Dickenson 1:34:46 7. Kathy Frable 1:48:20.

Men: 1. Curt Clausen 1:04:40 2. John Nunn 1:06:08 3. Dave McGovern 1:10:41 4. Theron Kissinger 1:11:02 5. Troy Clark (17) 1:13:37 6. Mark Green 1:14:49 7. Bill Vayo 1:17:06 8. Ed Parrot 1:18:23 9. Daniel Pendergast 1:19:41 10. Rod Craig 1:22:24 11. Patrick Collier 1:22:40 12. Leon Jasionowski 1:23:43 13. Bob Keating 1:26:07 14. Vlado Haluska 1:26:17 15. Norman Frable 1:26:44 16. Mike Bartholomew 1:27:30 17. Bill Reed 1:29:52 18. Max Green 1:31:37 19. Robert Ullman 1:32:50 20. Andy Cable 1:32:52 21. Paul Johnson 1:33:22 22. Jim Carmines 1:35:27 23. Nick Manuzzi 1:35:56 24. Shawn Frederick 1:35:57 25. Jack Starr 1:39:12 26. James McGrath 1:42:12 27. Bill McCann 1:51:00 28. Louis Free 1:51:08

## Two More IAAF Racewalking Challenge Competitions in June

Some of the world's best walkers travelled to La Coruna, Spain and Sesto San Giovanni, Italy in June for the final two IAAF Racewalking Challenge races before the Olympics. Both sites featured 20 Km races for both men and women.

In Spain on June 6, the home country's Francisco Fernandez scored a somewhat surprising win over Poland's three-time Olympic gold medalist Robert Korzeniowski. Ranked number one in the World in 2002 and number two last year, the Spaniard was walking his first race in 10 months as he was recovering from a training injury sustained in February. Just hoping for something in the

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1:21-1:23 range as a step in his preparation for the Olympics, he found he was much further along than expected and now poses a distinct threat to Jefferson Perez in Athens. Not only because of his winning time of 1:19:19, but also because of the way he got there.

Korzeniowski, second to Perez in the World Cup a month earlier, tried to put this race away early. He went through the first 5 Km in 19:32, establishing a 39-second lead on Fernandez. But on the second 5, the Polish ace slowed markedly, and Fernandez held steady to cut the lead to 26 seconds (39:57 and 40:23).

Apparently deciding he was more fit than he had known, Fernandez blasted the third 5 in 19:16 to reach 15 Km in 59:39. Feeling the threat, Korzeniowski was able to pick up his own pace again, but at 15 led by just 6 seconds (59:33). Fernandez was on a roll by this time, finishing with a 19:40 as Korzeniowski slowed to just over 20 minutes to finish 16 seconds back. That was 4 seconds closer than he had been to Perez in the World Cup. Tunisia's Hatem Ghoulia had perhaps his best race, but was still more than a minute behind Korzeniowski in third, ahead of Joao Vieira, Benjamin Kuckiski, and Robert Hefferman, all under 1:21:00.

The women's race was dominated by the Romanian pair of Claudia Stef and Norica Campean after World Cup winner Yelena Nikolayeva dropped out before the half-way point. (Ireland's Gillian O'Sullivan also failed to finish.) Stef and Campean, 12th and 13th in the World Championships, both improved by about 2 minutes on their times there. Campean set the early pace as she went through 5 Km in 22:03 and 10 in 43:57. Stef stayed close (22:08 and 44:08) and was able to catch her countrywoman by 15 Km (1:05:52 for both). Stef drew steadily away to win by 11 seconds in 1:27:41, a big improvement on her personal record of 1:29:08 at last year's World Championship. Valentina Tsybul'skaya, Belarus, was a distant third. The results:

Women: 1. Claudia Stef, Romania 1:27:41 2. Norica Campean, Romania 1:27:52 3. Valentina Tsybul'skaya, Belarus 1:30:44 4. Rocio Florido, Spain 1:31:29 5. Ines Henriques, Portugal 1:31:43 6. Mayte Garfallo, Spain 1:31:45 7. Geovanna Irsuta, Bolivia 1:32:06 8. Ma Jose Poves, Spain 1:33:18 9. Maribel Goncalvez, Portugal 1:33:16 (one of those two times must be wrong, but that's what the results say) 10. Teresa Linares, Spain 1:33:46 11. Carolina Jimenez, Spain 1:34:29 12. Valha Kardopoltseva, Belarus 1:35:33 13. Eva Perez 1:35:43 14. Cristina Gonzales, Columbia 1:35:42 (20 finishers)

Men: 1. Francisco Fernandez, Spain 1:19:19 2. Robert Korzeniowski, Poland 1:19:35 3. Hatem Ghoulia, Tunisia 1:20:38 4. Joao Vieira, Portugal 1:20:48 5. Benjamin Kucinski, Poland 1:20:52 6. Robert Herrman, Ireland 1:20:55 7. Jose David Dominguez, Spain 1:21:34 8. Alejandro Cambil, Spain 1:21:58 9. Jose Ignacio Diaz, Spain 1:22:20 10. Lorenzo Civalero, Italy 1:23:47 11. Trond Nymark, Norway 1:24:59 12. Jani Lehtinen, Finland 1:25:33 13. Mayoral Ruben, Spain 1:25:55 14. Daniel Garzon, Spain 1:27:32 15. Joaquin Pampin, Spain 1:27:45 (28 finishers, 9 DNF, 2 DQ)

On June 20 in Italy, Stef sought to repeat her win, but ran into a determined Elisa Rigau, who proceeded to win her third Challenge event of the year, strengthening her lead in the standings. The initial pace was slower than in Portugal and at 5 Km Stef, Cimpean, Rigau, and Norway's Kjersti Platzer were together in 22:41. Leading a chasing group, already 24 seconds back, was 2002 Erica Alfridi, back in competition after battling injury for two years.

Cimpean dropped off the pace at about 8 Km, already with two warnings. She was later disqualified. The leading trio stepped up the pace only slightly, going through 10 Km in 45:17, with a third Romanian, Ana-Maria Groza, in fourth, 25 seconds back.

Platzer, suffering stomach cramps began to drop back before they reached the 15 km mark, and it became a two woman race. The pace held steady, with Rigau and Stef right together in 1:07:58. Platzer now trailed by 12 seconds with the rest of the field completely out of contention. Rigau made her move just before the two entered the stadium for the final lap and she managed to open up 4 seconds on Stef by the finish line, which she reached in 1:30:23. She covered the final 5 Km in 22:25. Platzer finished in 1:31:08. Alfridi was satisfied with her 1:33:45 in sixth.

Alessandro Gandellini completed a double for the Italian team, beating teammate Ivano Brugnetti by more than a minute in 1:20:16. Hatem Ghoulia was again the third place finisher.

The first 5 Km was conservative with seven walkers--Australians Luke Adams and Nathan Deakes, Ghoulia, Brugnetti, Gandellini, Latvia's Aigars Fadejevs, and Ivan Trotski, Belarus--together in 20:21.

The Australian and Italian duos pulled away and were together at 10 Km in 40:51, still walking rather conservatively. The favored Deakes sought to take command as they started the third 5, but was awarded for his effort only with disqualification. Ghoulia made the next attack and opened a gap, but Gandellini soon responded, got back in touch and made his own decisive move with about 3 Km to go. The quicker pace had carried the pair through 15 km in 1:01:05. Walking with two warnings, he pulled easily away over the rest of the race and Brugnetti also caught Ghoulia for second.

#### Results of the two races:

Women: 1. Elisa Rigau, Italy 1:30:23 2. Claudia Stef, Romania 1:30:27 3. Kjersti Platzer, Norway 1:31:08 4. Kristina Saltanovic, Lithuania 1:32:23 5. Ana Maria Groza, Romania 1:32:48 6. Erica Alfridi, Italy 1:33:45 7. Valentina Tsybul'skaya, Belarus 1:34:07 8. Aura Morales Alvares, Mexico 1:34:25 9. Geovana Irsuta, Bolivia 1:35:39 10. Sonata Milauskaite, Lithuania 1:36:36 11. Carolina Munoz, Spain 1:37:07 12. Christine Guinaudeau, France 1:38:38 (22 finishers, 3 DQs, 8 DNF including Susana Feitor, Portugal, and Natalia Saville, Australia).

Men: 1. Alessandro Gandellini, Italy 1:21:16 2. Ivano Brugnetti, Italy 1:22:20 3. Hatem Ghoulia, Tunisia 1:22:43 4. Aigars Fadejevs, Latvia 1:23:44 5. Joao Vieira, Portugal 1:24:15 6. Andriy Kovenko, Ukraine 1:24:36 7. Jose Ignacio Diaz, Spain 1:24:37 8. Ivan Trotski, Belarus 1:26:05 9. Jose Dominguez, Spain 1:26:34 10. Jose Gagio, Brazil 1:27:00 11. Silviu Casandra, Romania 1:27:15 12. Diego Cafagna, Italy 1:27:35 13. Marco DeLuca, Italy 1:27:47 14. Daniel Jimenez, Spain 1:28:11 15. Pasquale Aragona, Italy 1:28:00 16. Mayoral Ruben, Spain 1:28:32 17. Gian Piero Palumbo, Italy 1:29:02 18. Alessandro Mistretta, Italy 1:29:12 20. Trond Nymark, Norway 1:29:36 (31 finishers, 5 DQs, 7 DNF including Luke Adams, Australia).

## Russian Betters World 50 Km Record

Cheboksary, Russia, June 13--Denis Nizhegorodov defended his Russian 50 Km title today, bettering Robert Korzeniowski's world record in the process. The 23-year-old averaged 43:06 per 10 Km as he raced to a 3:35:29 clocking, 34 seconds under Korzeniowski's world mark set in last year's World Championships. Nizhegorodov was fifth in that race with his then personal best of 3:38:23.

In today's race, he walked off record pace through the first half, going through 25 Km in 1:48:37. But, he had started "slowly" with a 22:05 first 5 Km and then got into a groove that was pretty much right on world-record pace with successive 5s in 21:40, 21:32, 21:38, and 21:42. At that point, he apparently decided to throw caution to the winds and did the next three 5s in 20:39, 20:50, and 21:07--a 41:29 10 Km and 1:02:36 15 in the middle of a 50! He paid the price on the final 10, slowing back to his earlier pace with a 21:42 and then "struggling" home in 22:34. Vladimir



Potemin walked a blazing 3:39:34 in second but was completely overshadowed by Nizhegorodov's accomplishment.

Nizhegorodov moved up to 50 last year with a 3:43:27 in winning the Russian championship preceding his impressive fifth in Paris. Previously, he had been 17th in the 2000 European Cup 20 Km with a 1:22:40 and 7th in the 2001 European Cup in 1:20:42. He was also fifth in the 2001 European under-23 Championship and has a 20 Km best of 1:18:20. The result:

1. Denis Nizhegorodov 3:35:29 (22:05, 43:45, 1:05:17, 1:26:55, 1:48:37, 2:09:16, 2:30:06, 2:51:13, 3:12:55, 3:35:29—he did a 1:24:18 from 20 to 40 Km) 2. Vladimir Potemen 3:39:34 3. S. Kirdiakin 3:43:20 4. Nikolai Matyukhin 3:47:32 5. S. Ierokhin 3:57:31 6. M. Ramazanov 4:01:45 7. Y. Chesnokov 4:03:09

## Adams and Pollinger Win Junior Titles

College Station, Texas, June 26—Walking in steamy conditions that undoubtedly slowed times, Erica Adams and Zachary Pollinger came home first in the USATF National Junior 10 Km races today. Pollinger won as expected; Adams surprised Katy Hayes and Maria Michta who had beaten her in the World Cup Trials in April.

The men's race was a Saturday morning affair after thunderstorms had forced its postponement from Friday evening. It was a three-man race, with Pollinger outlegging Jared Swehosky and Troy Clark to win in 48:22.40, about 1 1/2 minutes slower than he walked in much more favorable conditions in April's World Cup Trials. Any hope of attaining the World Junior Championships qualifying time of 44:05 were dashed by the heat and humidity. His two rivals made a game race of it, finishing just 17 and 24 seconds behind him. Ricardo Vergara led the rest of the 11 starters with 53:56.

The women's race went off Saturday evening and Adams proved too strong for Hayes as she won in 52:52.61, just 12 seconds ahead of Hayes. Michta was another 68 seconds back, with the rest of the field strung out behind. Despite their loss, Hayes and Michta will represent the US in the World Juniors having made the qualifying time in the World Cup Trials race. Adams just missed the mark there. Adams and Michta have both graduated from high school, with Adams headed for Virginia Tech and Michta for CW Post College. Hayes will be a high-school senior next year.

Zachary Pollinger is also a high school graduate, now bound for Harvard as a National merit finalist. He was also a National finalist in the 2003 DECA national marketing competition. Besides his racewalk accomplishments (Millrose Games mile winner, five National Junior Olympic titles, three USA national teams, freshman and junior class 1 mile records, to start a list) he captained both his cross-country and indoor track teams in high school, and, this spring, captained his high school tennis team—somewhere finding some time to fit in some racewalk training.

The results:

Women: 1. Erica Adams, un. 52:52.61 2. Katy Hayes, Lake County 53:04.74 3. Maria Michta, Walk USA 54:12.68 4. Rosalind Adams, Park RW 56:04 5. Christina Peters, Miama Valley TC 56:23 6. Dana Vered, Walk USA 56:30 7. Jennifer Reekie, un. 57:45 8. Carly Lochala, Maine RW 59:03 9. Le'erin Boss, Lake County 59:44 10. Kristine Ewald, Lake County 1:05:11 DQ—Kate Dickinson, Maine RW

Men: 1. Zachary Pollinger, New Jersey Striders 48:22.40 2. Jared Swehosky, Salem Track Club 48:39.57 3. Troy Clark, Maine Racewalkers 48:46.73 4. Ricardo Vergara, South Texas 53:56 5. Daniel Campbell, un. 54:19 6. Roberto Vergara, South Texas 54:32 7. Ernesto Vergara, South Texas 55:15 8. Michael Kazmierczak, Walk USA 56:42 9. Padric Gleason, un. 1:00:06 DNF—Joseph Trapani, Walk USA and Terran Swehosky, Salem Track Club.

## Other results

**Maine State H.S. 1600 meter Championships, Foxcroft, June 5:** Girl's Class C—1. Lauren Forgues 7:46.19 2. Helen Pottle 7:47 3. Mahala Stewart 8:05 (15 finishers) Girl's Class B—1. Lyvia Gaewsky 7:53.22 2. Marisa Hessert 8:04.3 3. Lila Maycock 8:04.8 (6 finishers) Girl's Class A—1. Carly Lochala 7:51.16 2. Ashley Taylor 8:03.1 (15 finishers) Boy's Class C—1. Troy Clark 6:37.17 2. Padric Gleason 7:38.51 3. Gregory Pola 7:41 4. Justin Cornell 7:49 5. Noah Delea 7:51 (11 finishers) Boy's Class B—1. Kyle Libby 7:04.23 2. Andrew Ciszewski 7:31 3. Ricky Michaud 7:45 4. David Burtchell 7:52 5. Chris Hooper 7:55 (11 finishers) Boy's Class A—1. Ethan Garceau 7:12.87 2. David Kelly 8:01 (11 finishers) **Eastern Maine Invitational, June 7:** Men's 3 Km—1. Andrew Ciszewski 15:55 Men's 5 Km—1. Dan Campbell 24:38 Women's 5 Km—1. Helen Pottle 28:12 Men's 10 Km—1. Daniel Pendergast 49:12 **3 Km, Cambridge, Mass., June 20**—1. Holly Wenninger 18:39 2. Janie Stuart (43) 18:51 3. Valerie Armstrong (42) 18:54 Men—1. Christopher Stuart 17:01 2. Tom Knatt (63) 18:30 3. Charles Mansbach (59) 19:12 **5 Km, Cambridge, Mass., May 9**—1. Dan Pendergast 23:39 2. Steve Vaitones (48) 28:06 3. Holly Wnninger 31:37 4. Justin Kuo (49) 31:37 5. Pat Godfrey (57) 32:55 6. Bob Campbell (59) 33:20 (13 finishers) **East Regional 20 Km, Hauppauge, N.Y., May 30**—1. Teresa Vaill 1:37:13 (22:55, 47:07, 1:12:00) 2. Dave McGovern 1:39:45 3. Loretta Schuellein 1:50:39 4. Smitri Ofengenden 2:02:19 5. Michael Bartholomew 2:06:32 6. Jim McGrath 2:18:25 **Boy's 5 Km, same place**—1. Michael Kazmierczak 24:55 **Girl's 5 Km, same place**—1. Brittany O'Brian 29:07 2. Angie Aguilar 31:21 3. Kate LaSorsa 31:36 (7 finishers) **Open 5 Km, same place**—1. Maria Michta (17) 26:45 2. Loretta Schuellein **Another Open 5 Km, same place**—1. Maryanne Torrellas 26:45 2. Dana Vered 27:47 (I think, perhaps, all these races were walked together, but the first three were Empire Games Trials and the other just an open event.) **Metropolitan 15 Km, New York City, June 13**—1. Bruce Logan 1:25:50 2. Alexis Davidson (48) 1:28:56 (finished 20 Km in 1:58:47) 3. Gary Null (59) 1:31:37 4. Eduardo Sorrenti (61) 1:33:28 5. Bob Barrett (70) 1:35:13 6. Lisa Marie Velluci 1:39:20 7. Rosalind Adams (17) 1:39:24 8. Luanne Pennesi (49) 1:44:43 9. Elizabeth McCormick 1:45:22 10. Yacine Houari (53) 1:46:17 (24 finishers, 4 DQs) **Long Island 10 Km Championship, Hauppauge, June 6**—1. Michael Kazmierczak (17) 54:13 2. Nicholas Harding 55:17 3. Dimitri Ofedgengen 55:44 4. Dana Vered 58:47 5. Kate LaSorsa 65:04 6. Nikke Wynne 65:09 7. Jim McGrath 65:17 (14 finishers) **adidas H.S. Meet, June 18:** **Girl's 1 Mile**—1. Maria Michta, N.Y. 7:16.02 2. Erica Adams, S. C. 7:19.85 3. Rosalind Adams, N.Y. 7:43 4. Brittany O'Brian, N.Y. 7:58 5. Kate Cannon, N.Y. 7:59.6 6. Lauren Forgues, Maine 8:05 7. Helen Pottle, Maine 8:12 8. Leila Sterman, N.Y. 8:22 9. Carly Lochala, Maine 8:36 10. Marisa Hessert, Maine 8:38 (18 finishers) **Boy's 1 Mile**—Zach Pollinger, N.J. 6:30.86 2. Troy Clark, Maine 6:38.2 3. Michael Kazmierczak, N.Y. 7:44 4. Padric Gleason, Maine 7:49 5. Evan Crowdus, Kentucky 8:03.2 6. Justin Cornell, Maine 8:07 (8 finishers) **36th Annual Sandy Kalb 14 Km, Lakewood, N.J., May 30**—1. Jack Lach (60) 1:21:42 2. Christopher Stuart (13) 1:28:03 3. Wayne Baker (44) 1:32:49 4. Ben Ottmer (70) 1:35:13 5. Art Glaass (55) 1:35:36 (12 finishers) **Florida Masters, Jacksonville, May 8:** 1500 meters—1. Gene Opheim (55-59) 8:01.3 2. Herb Taskett (55-59) 9:13.8 3. Bob Fine (70+) 9:13.8 Women—1. Martitia (50-54) 9:39.6 3 Km—1. Martitia Beach 20:08.3 Men—1. Opheim 16:11.2 2. Taskett 19:21.1 3. Fine 19:35.2 **USATF Southern Region 10km Orlando, Fl., April 4**—1. Juna Yanes 58:41 **Florida 5 Km, Orlando, April 4**—1. Jeff Sparks (45-49) 26:45 2. Opheim 28:19 3. John Fredericks (55-59) 28:54 4. Tom Furman (55-59) 30:28 5. Bob Fine 32:49 6. Peter Beyer (65-59) 32:55 (11 finishers) **NAIA Collegiate Championships, Louisville, Kentucky, May 29:** **Women's 3 Km**—1. Megan Huzzey, U. of British Columbia 15:18.95 2. Kate Brooker, Simon Fraser 15:50 3. Beth Lewis, Central Methodist 16:49 4. Missy Walker, Malone College 17:04 5. Billie Robinson, Rio Grande 17:25 6. Kristin Barnett, Rio Grande 17:32 7. Amye Ellingson, Northwest 17:44 8. Ashley Thomas, Malone 18:39 9. Jana Marshall, Rio Grande 18:44 10. Brittany Lyons, Malone 19:03 11. Jennie Day, Dakota

Wesleyan 19:41 12. Britenny Williams, Mount Marty 20:43 (Please note that six of the 12 are from Ohio--Malone and Rio Grande.) **Men's 5 Km--1.** Patrick Stroupe, Central Methodist 23:53:04 2. Matt Hein, Dakota Wesleyan 24:28 3. Caio Soares, Berry College 24:32 4. Jeremiah Gums, Mount Marty 30:46 (2 DQs) **1 Mile, Pittsburgh, June 5--1.** Annie Nemeth 7:57 (A Pittsburgh resident who just finished her freshman year at Providence College where she was named freshman swimmer of the year. Further demonstrating her versatility, she ran a 5:57 mile 2 hours after the walk.) **20 Km, Kenosha, Wis., June 19--1.** Steve Wuirke 1:34:22 (46:53) 2. Dave Doherty 1:36:56 (47:51) 3. Ray Sharp 1:38:56 (47:25) DNF--Mike Stanton (1:10:10 at 14.8 Km, Paul Malek (53:22 at 10) and Will Presichel (23:58 at 5) Women--1. Sam Cohen 1:45:15.2 2. Anne Favolise 1:45:36 3. Ali Bahr and Pam Murkowski 1:47:31 5. Lisa Sonntag 1:50:04.2 6. Christine Tagliaferri 1:51:19--Bahr and Murkowski picked up qualifying times for the Olympic Trials (1:48); Cohen and Favolise were already qualified. Sonntag, who recently moved back to Indiana from Florida, gave it a good effort, doing the first 10 in 54:23) **Women's 5 Km, same place--1.** Lynn Tracy (51) 26:29 2. Judy Myers (48) 29:53 **Men's 5 Km--1.** Alfred Du Bois (72) 29:30 2. Ron Winkler (53) 31:39 3. Peter Holman (55) 31:55 **Young Women's 5 Km--1.** Katy Hayes (17) 25:56 **20 Km, Kenosha, June 25--1.** Mike Stanton 1:38:19 Ben Shorey, Dave Doherty, and Wil Preishel did not finish. Women--1. Teresa Vaill 1:35:13 2. Susan Armenta 1:41:00 3. Janna Miller 1:49:02 DNF--Loretta Schuellein and Heidi Hauch **Women's 10 Km, same place--1.** Samantha Cohen 47:53 2. Amber Antonia 48:59 **Women's 5 Km, same place--1.** Ann Favolise 25:20 2. Ali Bahr 25:51 3. Pam Murkowski 25:52 4. Laurie Davis 28:37 **Badger State Games 3 Km, Madison, Wis., June 27--1.** Lynn Tracy (51) 15:32.27 2. Mary Koenig-Roach (44) 16:24.14 3. Al DuBois (72) 17:16 4. Ron Winkler (53) 18:20 5. Peter Holman (55) 18:53 (10 finishers, 1 DQ) **3 Km, Texas, May 22--1.** Chris Diaz (17) 14:38 2. Ernesto Vergara 14:43 3. Roberta Vergara (13) 14:46 4. Ricardo Vergara (13) 14:57 5. Adrian Jaime (17) 16:16 **1 Mile, same place--1.** Claudia Ortiz (11) 8:41 2. Corina Ortiz (13) 8:47 3. Ruby Perez (14) 9:09 4. Brooke Shannon (11) 9:18 **Boy's 1 Mile, same place--1.** Ernesto Vergara 7:55 2. Roberto Vergara 7:58 3. Ricardo Vergara 8:02 4. Abraham Villarreal (13) 8:40 **National USATF Youth Roadwalk Championships, Pharr, Texas, June 12 5 Km--1.** Adrian Jaime (17) 29:52 Boys 3 Km--1. Roberto Vergara (14) 15:26 2. Ricardo Vergara (14) 15:43 3. Abraham Villarreal (14) 17:58 Girl's 3 Km--1. Corina Ortiz (14) 17:45 Girl's 1500 meters--1. Claudia Ortiz (11) 8:26 2. Bailey Shannon (12) 19:10 3. Jessica Reybal (11) 9:14 4. Brooke Shannon (12) 9:22 **Jr. Olympics, Edonburgh, Texas, June 19:** Aub-midget Girl's 1500--1. Claudia Ortiz 78:47 2. Jessica Reybal 8:47 Midget Girl's 1500--1. Brooke Shannon 8:42 2. Nicole Gomez 8:48 3. Bailey Shannon 8:48 Youth Boy's 3 Km--1. Roberto Vergara 14:44 2. Ricardo Vergara 14:46 Youth Girl's 3 Km--1. Corina Ortiz 17:53 Young Men 1500--1. Ernesto Vergara 14:39 2. Adrian Jaime 15:51 **10 Km, Ft. Collins, Col., May 9--1.** Mike Blanchard (42) 57:27 2. Dan Pierce (47) 57:39 **5 Km, Thornton, Col., May 22--1.** Mike Blanchard 27:58 2. Marianne Martino (53) 29:34 3. Daryl Meyers (61) 30:13 4. Jerry Davis (41) 32:33 **20 Km, Denver, May 29 (track)--1.** Albert Leibold (46) 1:56:42 2. Mike Blanchard 2:02:00 **10 Km, same place--1.** Patty Gehrke 57:22 **Girl's 3 Km, Albuquerque, N.M., May 16--1.** Susan Muraida 17:08 2. Caroine Muraida 17:14 **Master's 3 Km, same place--1.** Greg Jochems 17:18 **West Region 15 Km, Riverside, Cal., May 23--1.** Sean Albert 1:06:19 2. Andres Gustafson, Swed. 1:06:45 3. Mark Green (48) 1:12:20 4. David Ciccone (50) 1:21:19 5. Mario Lopez (46) 1:34:11 6. Jack Cassidy (54) 1:40:47 7. Bill Moreman (76) 1:43:43 8. Arvid Rolle (70) 1:47:07 9. Masashi Noritake (80) 1:58:08 Women--1. Susan Armenta 1:16:46 2. Jolene Steigerwalt (6) 1:42:50 3. Carol Bertino (57) 1:42:52 4. Brandye Smith (44) 1:56:15 (8 finishers) **5 Km, same place--1.** Elizabeth Paxton 28:11 2. Donna Cunningham (57) 28:57 3. Mary Schoenbaum (48) 32:06 4. Janet Robinson (63) 32:41 (16 finishers) Men--1. Rick Campbell (57) 30:24 2. Jesse Orendain (62) 30:33 3. Carl Acosta (70) 32:46 4. Ronald Brown (61) 33:29 (9 finishers) **Pacific Assn. 5 Km, Sacramento, Cal., May 30--1.** Ed Parrott 24:22 2. Bill Penner (57) 28:20 3. Nicolle Goldman (45)

28:57 4. Ted Moore (65) 30:19 5. Ann Gerhardt (52) 30:31 6. Art Klein (59) 32:39 7. Dick Petruzzi (71) 33:42 8. Mary Gaglin (57) 33:43 (11 finishers) **Alongi 5 Km, Kentfield, Cal., May 30--1.** Daniel Paris, Italy 21:43 2. Jose Moncada 26:40 3. Kevin Killingsworth 27:11 4. Joe Berendt 28:26 5. Jack Bray 28:31 6. Bob Weeks 29:41 7. James Beckett 30:32 8. S. Desmond Canning 31:23 9. Ed Lane 32:45 10. Bob Mimm 32:57 11. Stu Kinney 33:21 (19 finishers) Women--1. Lisa Barbieri, Italy 22:13 2. Jolene Steigerwalt 31:50 3. Doris Cassels 32:11 3. Jami Boshoven 33:08 5. Shirley Dockstader 33:36 (11 finishers) **Oregon 5 Km Championship, June 12--1.** Jared Swehoskey (16) 22:59.24 2. Terran Swehosky (17) 24:08 3. George Opsahl (62) 28:27 Women--1. Donna Lafayette (61) 32:34 **Portland Classic 1 Mile, Portland, Ore. June 20--1.** Pat Detloff (52) 7:57.85 2. Rob Frank (51) 8:39 3. George Opsahl 8:47 4. Ron MacPike (71) 11:11 **2.8 Miles, Seattle, May 8--1.** Bob Novak (55) and Stan Chraminski (56) 24:39 2. Bart Kale (46) 26:10 4. Doug Ermini (46) 26:20 5. Kathy Henley (44) 27:02 5. Jocelyn Slaughter (45) 27:10 6. Corina Beuchet (56) 27:24 7. Ann Tuberg (44) 27:36 **Art Keay Memorial Walks, Toronto, May 30:** Jr. Women's 10 Km--1. Rachel Lavallee (18) 52:10 2. Chelsea Rodriguez (18) 55:44 Women's 10 Km--1. Marina Crivello 50:22 (Then completed 20 Km in 1:42:39) 2. Nanci Sweazey (48) 53:39 3. Kitty Cahsman (42) 58:18 Men's 10 Km--1. Jocelyn Ruest 46:31 2. Gord Mosher 49:06 3. Donald Cote 51:09 (completed 20 Km in 1:44:58) 4. Guy Paquin 53:44 5. Stuart Summerhayes (70) 64:30 Women's 5 km--1. Marilyn Desmarais (16) 27:44 2. Rachel Vanderzwet (16) 28:12 Men's 5 Km--1. David Houle (15) 25:41 **George Goulding 5 Km, London, Ontario, June 20--1.** Allen James 22:23 **Mexican 20 Km Olympic Trial, Ciudad Victoria, June 5--1.** Noe Hernandez 1:20:32 2. Bernardo Segura 1:20:42 3. Omar Segura 1:20:43 **German National Women's 20 Km, Hildesheim, June 5--1.** Sabine Zimmer 1:27:56 2. Melanie Seeger 1:29:43 **20 Km, Hildesheim, June 6--1.** 1. Andreas Erm 1:20:18 . . . 5. Erik Tysse, Norway 1:22:22. . . . Tim Seaman 1:24:37 (40:54). . . Kevin Eastler (41:15 at 10 Km did not finish) **Italian National 20 Km, May 29--1.** Ivano Brugnetti 1:21:32 2. Giovanni De Benedictis 1:25:22 3. Gain Luca Trombetti 1:25:29 4. Diego Cafagna 1:26:56 5. Marco De Luca 1:27:20 6. Patrick Ennemoser 1:28:59 7. Pasquale Sabino 1:28:19 8. Jean Jacque Nkouloukidi 1:28:37 9. Pasquale Aragona 1:29:07 10. Andrea Manfredini 1:30:01 (39 finishers, 23 under 1:40) Women: 1. Elisa Rigaud 1:31:13 2. Gisella Orsini 1:34:23 3. Cristiana Pellino 1:35:14 4. Emanuela Perilli 1:37:58 5. Annarita Fidanza 1:39:46 (24 finishers) Jr. Men--1. Roberto Tosti 1:33:18 2. Marko Dolci 1:35:25 (10 finishers) Jr. Women--1. Valentina Trapletti 1:44:28 2. Maria Marinelli 1:44:37 (11 finishers) **5 Km, Vantaa, Finland, May 26--1.** Antti Kempas 20:51.5 2. Jani Lehtinen 21:06.5 **Women's 3 Km, Kuortane, Finland, May 25--1.** Aino Tervonen 14:42 **Finnish National Walking Cup 3 Km, Hyryula, June 5--1.** Antti Kempas 12:13.8 2. Eero Turpeinen 12:42 3. Timo Vujanen 13:15 Women--1. Anna Kerrila 15:04 2. Mia Hovi 15:16

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Sun. July 4	5 Km, Evergreen, Col., 8 am (H) 8 Km, Washington, D.C. (O) 5 Miles, Sacramento, Cal., 7:30 am (E) 5 Km, Dedham, Mass. (AA)
Mon. July 5	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:50 pm (A)
Tue. July 6	1 Mile, Oakhurst, N.J. (A)
Sat. July 10	2.8 Miles, Seattle, 9 am (C) 3 Km, Langley, Vir. (O) 5 Km, Lakewood, Col., 8 am (H)
Sun. July 11	5 Km, Cambridge, Mass., 10 am (AA)



East Regional and Metropolitan 5 Km, New York City, 9 am (G)  
 Mon. July 12 5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:50 pm (A)  
 Mon. July 12 Bay State Games 3 Km, Cambridge, Mass., 9 am (AA)  
 Tues. July 13 1 Mile, Oakhurst, N.J. (A)  
 Mon. July 19 5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:50 pm (A)  
 Tue. July 20 1 Mile, Oakhurst, N.J. (A)  
 Thu. July 22 1500 meters and 3 Km, Cedarville, Ohio (M)  
 Sat. July 24 3 Km, Langley, Va. (O)  
 Pacific Assn. 3 Km, Reno, Nev. (R)  
 Masters 5 Km, Seattle (C)  
 East Region 10 Km, Clinton, Conn. (X)  
 Sun. July 25 1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal. (P)  
 Mon. July 26 5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. 6:50 pm (A)  
 Sat. July 31 3 Km, Colorado Springs, Col. 11:30 am (H)  
 Sun. Aug. 1 5 Km, Evergreen, Col., 8 am (H)  
 Mon. Aug. 2 5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:50 pm (A)  
 Aug. 5-8 USATF National Masters 5 and 10 Km, Decatur, Ill.  
 Sat. Aug. 7 3 Km, Langley, Va. (O)  
 Sun. Aug. 8 Ohio 5 Km, Cincinnati (M)  
 Metropolitan 3 Km, New York City, 9 am (G)  
 Mon. Aug. 9 5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:50 pm (A)  
 Fri. Aug. 13 5 Km, Loveland, Col. 7 pm (H)  
 Sat. Aug. 14 2.8 Miles, Seattle, 9 am (C)  
 Sun. Aug. 15 1 Mile, Fair Oaks, Cal., (R)  
 Mon. Aug. 16 5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:50 pm (A)  
 Fri. Aug. 20 5 Km, Flint, Mich. (W)  
 Sat. Aug. 21 3 Km, Langley, Va. (O)  
**USATF National 10 Km, Wilkes-Barre, Penn. (B)**  
 Sun. Sept. 5 3 Km, Langley, Va. (O)  
 Mon. Sept. 6 5 Km, Roswell, N.M. (N)  
 Sun. Sept. 12 1 Hour, Portland, Oregon (C)  
 Pacific Assoc. 20 Km, Oakland, Cal. (R)  
 USATF National 40 Km, Ocean Township, N.J. (A)  
 5 Km, Cambridge, Mass. 10 am (AA)

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## FROM HEEL TO TOE

**World Cup Facts and Figures.** (Courtesy of Steve Vaitones) *Most Cup appearances:* 11 by Sweden's Bo Gustafsson from 1973 through 1997 (his son raced the 50 this year.); 10 by Michael Harvey, Australia from 1981 through 1999; 9 by Alessandro Bellucci, Italy, Martin Bermudez, Mexico, Dan O'Connor, USA, and Pavol Blazek, Czechoslovakia and Slovakia. *Most Cup appearances women:* 9 by Graciela Mendoza, Mexico, 1987-2004; 8 by Ildiko Ilyes and Maria Urbanike, both Hungary. *Most years of National participation:* Italy with 21; Great Britain 20, Sweden 19, USA 17, and Hungary 16. (The World Cup was first contested in 1961. This year was the 21st edition. It has been held at two-year intervals except for three-year intervals from 1967 to 1970, 1970 to 1973, and 1999 to 2002. Women's races were not included until 1979, so 2004 was the 13th edition. Australia, Great Britain, Italy, and the U.S. have contested all 13. *2004 participation:* This year, 28 countries fielded at least one scoring team (at least three athletes) over the five races. There were 23 other countries that had representatives in the races, but no team scores. Some may have missed scoring due to DQs or DNFs. And, despite it being a team cup competition, a number of other countries only sent a handful of individuals. *Races by the numbers:* Women: In the 20 Km there were 30 personal bests and six national records (Australia, Germany, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Estonia, and Mauritius.) There were nine DQs and 11 DNFs. In the Junior 10 Km there were five personal bests and three DQs. Men: There were 11 personal bests in the 50, 12 DQs and 28 DNFs (three of those with two red cards). In the 20, there were 21 personal bests and three national records (Qatar, Mauritius, and Cameroon). There were eight DQs and 13 DNFs. In the Junior 10, there were six personal bests, five DQs, and four DNFs. *Oldest competitors:* Men's 20--Fabio Ruzzier, Slovakia, 51 years, 101 days. Men's 50--Gary Morgan, USA 44 years 115 days. Women's 20--Graciela Mendoza, Mexico, 41 years 40 days. . **World Cup commentary.** (Also thanks to Steve V.) You never know with DQ calls. Theron Kissinger got one in the first lap of the 50 with no warning beforehand--he could tell that the particular judge had made the call and then nothing further. After that, he just smiled at that judge every time around. Deb Iden had one in the first lap and no further calls. Yet Jolene Moore was clean through 7.5 Km and then got all three posted and DQd before reaching 10. Zach Pollinger had two by 5 Km and it visibly affected his technique and performance; it's all part of being part of the big show. While trading pins were all the rage in the 1990s, particularly at the Atlanta Olympics, almost no one had pins to trade this year. (Ed. They were all the range in the '60s, too. I came back from the Soviet Union and Poland in 1961 with all sorts of them from various sports clubs and trade unions. Got a lot more four years later only to leave the hat I had

them pinned to on the plane when we reached New York.) Uniform trading, however, remains popular after the competition is over. The first US athlete to make a trade was Troy Clark, who swapped competition uniforms with a rival from Hungary in the tent immediately following the finish. Troy also scored what was probably the rarest item to make it back; at the post-event party, the Mainer made a swap for a warmup jacket from Tajikistan. Several folks wound up with German uniforms, while, surprisingly, there was a trading frenzy with the Belarus team on Sunday; coach Boris came over to shake hands with US team manager Rich Torrellas on day two before the 20 Km races. (Boris had been to the US in the 1990s and visited the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, and a few US athletes went over there to train for a couple of weeks, including Philip Dunn.) After conversation--through the Belarus athletic trainer, as Boris speaks virtually no English--and a toast (mobile Eastern European hospitality served in a USA Olympic shot glass), the two big guys exchanged warm-up's with nearly perfect fit. US trainer Randy Ballard did likewise with their trainer, and Dave McGovern filled the need for a third trade. French, Australian, Polish, Ukrainian, and Lithuanian gear also made it back to the states with the team members. . . **World Cup quotes.** (Surprise! Also courtesy of Steve.) 50 Km runner-up Caohong Yu, China: "The competition was not as strong like for example at the World Championships in Paris last year. I started the first kilometers with my Chinese compatriots in our normal training pace. It was no big surprise for me to see the Russians pushing toughly later on. My second place also did not surprise me a lot because at home, I have already done much better. The conditions here in Naumburg were excellent for me, the weather was not too hot and the course was also very good. Now we will return to China to prepare for the Olympic Games. Of course, the Olympic Games are the peak and I am very keen on showing what I am capable of. I will only do the 50 Km in Athens and am expecting a quicker time than in Naumburg, around 3:40. If that works, I wouldn't even care much about the place, though winning a medal would obviously make me very happy." Women's 20 Km winner, Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia: "The most important thing today was to qualify for the Olympic Games. That's why I started with a high pace. I was sure I could do so because I felt really good when I trained, so I knew I was fit enough for competition. If everything works well, I would like to have the same tactic in Athens, too. The last meters were really hard for me and I had to give everything to stay in front of the Chinese. I was very happy for Vera (winner of the junior 10 Km) yesterday because we train together. She is nearly like a daughter for me--her being 16 and me 38 years old (laughs). My husband coaches us. He is good with tactics and strategy, and during the race he kept me informed about the standings and my competitors." Women's junior 10 Km winner, Vera Sokolova: "I am very happy about my victory today because I qualified for the World Junior Championships. My big target is to win there. Yelena Nikolayeva is my big idol. I train in the same group with her and we have the same coach. Six days a week, I train two hours in the morning and two in the evening. In this way, I do 15 to 20 Km everyday. I am 16 and still going to school, in the 11th grade. Later, I would like to be a professional athlete. I started very quickly and separated from the leading group because I knew that I could win here. There was only a little risk and I hoped that my plan would work. The time is OK, but, unfortunately, it is not a new personal best. On the other hand, I have to admit that I did not put any extra effort in the race; it was just a normal race for me." Men's junior 10 Km winner, Chao Sun, China: "I am very surprised about winning today because I had not expected such a good competition. I did not have a plan or special strategy for today's race. I think it is too difficult to say 'I want to reach at least the third place' or something like this. All I wanted was to perform a good technique, exploit my fitness, give my best, and simply be successful and I guess that's exactly what I did! Today's victory gives me a lot of hope for the future. I do not know yet whether I will participate at the World Junior Championships in Grosseto. Our head coach decides (laughs). Naumburg is my first competition outside of China and everything is very exciting and interesting for me. I already met my big idol, Robert Korzeniowski from Poland, and took pictures with him. I still go to school in Beijing and want to study at the Beijing Sports

University later." . . **Seaman honored.** Following his 1:22:02 for 20 Km in Denmark (reported last month), Tim Seaman was honored as the USATF's Athlete of the Week. . . **Walking greats toasted.** At the IAAF Dinner following the World Cup in Naumburg five greats from the racewalking world were honored and presented with special plaques. Those honored included three from the former East Germany--Peter Frenkel, 1972 Olympic 20 Km winner, Hartwig Gauder, 1980 Olympic 50 Km winner and two-time World Cup 50 Km winner, and Ronald Weigel, 1983 World 50 Km Champion, 1987 World Cup winner, and winner of two silver medals at the 1988 Olympics--as well as Maurizio Damilano of Italy the 1980 Olympic 20 Km champion and two-time World Cup winner and Sari Essayah, Finland, the 1983 World and 1994 European 10 Km champion. Damilano is the current Chairman of and Essayah a member of the IAAF's Racewalking Committee. . . **NAIA walks.** Vince Peters, USATF Racewalk Committee Chair, reports that NAIA coaches have voted in favor of reinstating the racewalk at the indoor nationals. Vince feels that the need now is to get the number of walkers, both male and female, competing at the Nationals up to 16. To do this, he needs the help of the entire racewalking community. The coaches, at their meeting, have requested the assistance of volunteer coaches. If you live near an NAIA school, you can help by contacting the track coach and volunteering to come in work with the athletes on racewalking. Past NAIA champions include such all-time greats as Carl Schueler, Jim Heiring, Ray Sharp, and Tim Seaman. **Perez makes it as a judge.** But not of the walks. One of the judges at the recent Miss Universe pageant was none other than Ecuador's Olympic, World, and World Cup champion, Jefferson Perez. . . **Clinic.** The itinerant racewalking clinician, Dave McGovern, will be in London, Ontario September 17-19 to conduct an Advanced Racewalk clinic. Nothing but good reports on Dave's clinics. For more information contact Linda Pimentel-Knott, 519-437-6329, linda.pimentel-knott@cibc.ca. . .

## Capt. Kevin Eastler, Racewalking

by MSgt. Chuck Roberts  
(This article in the *Airman Magazine*)

While other kids in Farmington, Maine were heading to Little League practice, 9-year-old Kevin Eastler was moving to the beat of a different drum.

He was following in the footsteps of his father and older sister, Gretchen. They were racewalkers and he knew that if he, too, worked and paid his dues, the sport of racewalking could ultimately lead to competition in, what seemed to him at the time, distant lands such as Florida, where he flew for the first time to see his big sister compete.

Now, almost 20 years later, the Air Force captain continues the journey that could lead to Athens. His Olympic chances look good. He currently holds the fastest time among U.S. walkers (This article was written before Tim Seaman's race in Copenhagen.) and is holder of the second fastest time in U.S. 20 Km racewalking history with a time of 1:22:25.

"That would be the best thing. That's what I've been training for," said Captian Eastler, who trains full time in Aurora, Col. as part of the World Class Athlete Program. His recent success makes him a heavy favorite to qualify for a position on the Olympic team, but he's taking nothing for granted. Soon after graduating from the Air Force Academy in 1999, he was ranked fifth in the nation and finished second at the Olympic trials in 2000 but was about three minutes off the qualifying time.

It's been a long four years filled with ups and downs as he prepared again for the Olympics. For a while, he had to combine training with his job as a missile combat crew commander at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming., before joining the World Class Athlete



Program. Juggling career and training was tenuous at times, but he said it's also given him a better perspective.

"I think that's made me a better athlete because it made me appreciate the time I now have to train, and has made me more efficient with my time," he said.

And, if he makes the team, he'll stand at the starting line in Athens with realistic expectations. Going for the gold isn't his primary goal. Although he doesn't rule out the possibility, he said he'd be happy with a top 10 finish. He's what you might call quietly optimistic. I'm pretty confident about it if everything keeps going well."

## Walking in the Shadows

by Isabelle Carret

*This article appeared in Issue #1 of the French magazine AthleNews. It was prefaced by the note "Every month we will present to you a profession in athletics, well known or less well known. This month's is about racewalking judges."*

Seeing them approach is never a good sign. It means more like it's very bad news. Racewalking is done in such a way that the judge is the annoying part of it all. The one of ill omen. Often the one at the end of the race. Announcing elimination. A sort of Damocles' sword sweeping over you at any instant. Even for those athletes giving the best walk of their lives. The image of the Australian Jane Saville at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney was such, as seen around the world. In the lead since the beginning of the 20 Km race (*Ed. Not true. She inherited the lead when first Hongyu Liu and then Elisabetta Perrone were shown the red card*), she was just about to realize the dream of a lifetime: to become an Olympic champion in her home country. Nothing else could possibly happen, except... the intervention of a judge. Cautioned for the third time when coming into the Olympic stadium when she had all but won the race, she saw her dreams blown away in a fraction of a second. Just the time it took for a judge to brandish the well-known red card. So hard, so very hard...

Enough to stick the label of "big bad wolf" on racewalking judges. Beings with no heart. Yes, but there you have it, the sport has its rules and they must be respected. Especially in a discipline as technical as racewalking. The basis being that racewalking remain racewalking and not become running. To this end, the racewalker has a commandment to which one must adhere: to be constantly in contact with the ground and to advance with straight leg movements. Contrary to running, at any time if neither foot is touching the ground it means a warning. And, after three warnings, the racewalker is disqualified. This is when the judge's decision becomes a delicate task, to say if there was contact or not. Not easy when in certain races, the athletes advance at 9 to 16 km/hr. To shortcut critics who have seen television images showing that racewalkers do have a minimal amount of time suspended in the air, it was decided to only warn those racewalkers whose suspended movements could be seen by the naked eye.

This one decision allows the judges to be less criticized and to work more calmly. Which is hardly any luxury as the pressure sometimes remains very heavy upon their shoulders. Racewalking is, in effect, one of the only athletic disciplines in which the officials are an integral part of the sport. Through their warnings, they can completely change the performance of an athlete. The difference between having one versus two yellow cards is far from insignificant and obliges the racewalker to adapt his or her walking. "One must remain impartial and must not be influenced by other judges," explains Maelenne le Flohic, a judge with two-years current experience. "The judge is the only one who can make the call", reminds Emile Herry, federal judge and President of the Brittany Regional Commission. "In an actual race, each judge is assigned a section of the race course and must remain independent from other judges. We are not

there to push (*Ed. punish?*), the athlete, only to safeguard the sport. We must, therefore, carefully weigh our decision at the moment when a red card is used."

One doesn't just suddenly become a racewalking judge and for this reason there is specific training. "There are three levels of judges: regional, the first level of training; federal, which allows judges to judge at national events; and finally international," explains Emile Herry. The higher a judge goes in the hierarchy, the more complex the training becomes. As such, there are only three international judges in France and 150 total in the world. In international meets, in order to keep the impartiality of each judge, a panel of judges from different countries is selected by the IAAF. In order to move up to the top level, one must go through the regional and federal levels first. "The first level is obtained quickly," ensures Herry. One day of race theory and already one can be put in competition alongside a tutoring judge. Five favorable approvals by the end of the season and you can be nominated to become a federal judge. All that remains is to convince the younger ones to attempt the adventure. "We'll always need judges. Athletics is one of the sports where there is need of officials to keep the competition alive," continues the Breton. Therefore, there is a need "to bring in new blood for training." In this way, the league of Brittany proposes training for athletes under 18 years of age in order to teach them the rules... and to create a future "reservoir" of officials. An initiative of crowning success. "In our last training, the youngest one was 18 and the oldest 35", says Herry. Here is what takes the sting out of the commentary on the older judges in racewalking.

On the other hand, the majority of judges are themselves ex-athletes. What better way to know the ins and outs of a profession. A 20 Km race is not judged in the same way as in very long distance events. (*Ed. Here, I believe she is talking about events beyond 100 km. There are several 200 km races in France, for example*). In these races, the judging is less strict than in the sprint events," recounts Herry. "Here, our role has evolved: we verify, in particular, the regularity of the course. See if the person is walking correctly and he or she is not jumping in a car, for example." This is the case in a race such as Paris-Colmar, a three-day race (*Ed. 500 km, plus*). The judges take turns and get around in vehicles during the race, the racewalkers being spread out over several kilometers. "For the athletes, the effort is completely different," said Herry. "Resistance prevails over pure speed and therefore there are fewer reasons to be at one's technical limit." Easier to judge, then, but still stressful for those walking in the shadows, who remain a good part of the future of this discipline, because, without judges, there is no competition.

## LOOKING BACK

**40 Years Ago** (From the Early Summer 1964 issue of the Midwest Race Walker, published by Chris McCarthy in Chicago)--Ron Zinn snapped Ron Laird's National Championship winning streak at four straight and extended his own winning streak in the National 10 to the same number. With reckless disdain for the blazing sun and temperature in the low 90s, Zinn covered the first lap of Chicago's Stagg Field track in 1:41 and went through the first mile in 7:01. Laird was at 7:16 with Jack Mortland also ahead of him. McCarthy reported Mortland came into the race expecting to finish second to Laird (Mortland doesn't recall if that memory is correct) and moved up behind Zinn for a repeat of their 1961 race at the Schenley Oval track in Pittsburgh. Mortland continuously challenged, but Zinn would always accelerate, refusing to be passed, while the overall pace faded in the heat. Zinn pulled away in the final two laps. Final result: Zinn 48:08.6, Mortland 48:20, Laird 49:49, Don DeNoon 50:39, Jack Blackburn 50:42. Mortland and Blackburn led the Ohio Track Club to the team title. A week earlier, Zinn won a "20 Km" in Taunton, Mass. in 1:33:21, on a course well known to be short (something less than 12 miles). Rahmo Ahti was second in 1:36:27. Also a week earlier, Mortland beat Blackburn in a Columbus 5 miler, 37:54 to 39:07. Alex Oakley won the Canadian 50 Km in 4:45, 10 minutes ahead of Felix Cappella. Two weeks after the 10, Zinn scored another win over Laird in the National 2 Mile with his

13:48.6 leaving Laird 15 seconds behind. . . The British 50 went to Paul Nihill in 4:17:10 with Ray Middleton 4 minutes back and 1960 Olympic gold medalist Don Thompson less than a minute further back. Bob Bowman journeyed to England for this one and finished 15th in 4:44:39

**30 Years Ago** (From the June 1974 ORW)--The Colorado Track Club duo of Jerry Brown and Floyd Godwin took one-two in the National 20 Km on Long Island. Brown's 1:33:34 left him 24 seconds ahead of Dave Romansky at the finish, but Dave had been DQ'd before 15 Km, though never properly notified. Godwin finished in 1:35:01, followed by John Knifton, Ron Daniel, and Bob Henderson. . . Three weeks later, Knifton won the 5 Km title in L.A., finishing 8 seconds ahead of Larry Walker in 22:23. Bill Ranney, Tom Dooley, Daniel, and Ed Bouldin followed, all under 23 minutes. . . Carl Swift won the NAI 10 Km in 49:18.6 from Paul Ide and Jim Bean. . . The National Junior 10 Km went to Steve Herman in 49:08 with Jim Murchie second. . . In Italy, Karl-Heinz Stadtmüller, of East Germany, walked 1:20:58 for 20, but the course turned out to be only 19,164 meters in length. East Germany's Winfried Skotnick won the supposed 50 Km (47.91 Km) during this botched international meet in 3:52:12.

**25 Years Ago** (From the June 1979 ORW)--In Trials for the Pan Am Games, Marco Evoniuk won the 50 Km and Neal Pyke the 20. Evoniuk's 4:10:33 was nearly 10 minutes ahead of Vincent O'Sullivan, with Karl Johansen third. Pyke took command at the start and led all the way to win the 20 in 1:27:11, but Todd Scully was only 44 seconds back at the finish. Chris Hansen bettered 1:30 in third, with Larry Walker fourth, and Evoniuk, with only one day off after the 50, fifth. The races were held in Walnut, Cal. . Sue Brodock won both the 5 and 10 Km races at the Women's Nationals, doing 24:07 on Friday and 50:33 on Sunday, both American records. Paula Kash, Chris Sakelarios, and Sue Liers followed in the 5, and Liers, Sakelarios, and Esther Lopez in the 10. . In Norway's annual Grand Prix, records fell to Mexicans in both the 20 and 50. Domingo Colin did 1:20:59 in the 20, leaving former world record holder Daniel Bautista some 80 seconds back. Anatoliy Solomin, Boris Yakloyev, and Felix Gomez also broke the old record of 1:23:32. (A 1:22:32 by France's Gerard Lelievre was pending approval.) Raul Gonzales did 3:41:39 in the 50, leaving Lelievre better than 16 minutes behind in second. . Colin also walked a fast 50, 3:47:18, as Mexico won an international meet from West Germany, Sweden, Hungary, and Spain. Bautista won the 20 in 1:22:15.

**20 Years Ago** (From the June 1984 ORW)--Walking races a week apart, Marco Evoniuk won the U.S. Olympic Trials at both 20 and 50 in Los Angeles. The 20 came first, and Marco did 1:26:17, leaving Jim Heiring a minute behind. Dan O'Connor captured third in 1:29:12, with Sam Shick fourth in 1:30:25. Evoniuk completely dominated the 50, winning in 4:02:25, nearly 12 minutes ahead of Vincent O'Sullivan. Carl Schueler was another minute back, but 1 1/2 minutes ahead of Tom Edwards. Randy Mimm and Troy Engle followed. . The National 20, held just a week ahead of the Trials, didn't attract a very strong field, but Ray Funkhouser turned in good performance to win in 1:31:48, 2 minutes ahead of Gary Morgan. They were 7th and 16th the next week when the big guns showed up for the Trials. . Debbi Lawrence won the women's 10 Km National in 51:01, beating Esther Lopez by 15 seconds. Susan Liers was third. Lopez did a 50:42 a couple of weeks later ahead of Teresa Vaill.

**15 Years Ago** (From the June 1989 ORW)--Soviet walkers were dominant in the World Cup, held in Barcelona, winning both men's and women's team titles decisively. China and Italy followed in the women's race, with the U.S. 9th. Italy and France were second and third in the men's competition, with the U.S. in 12th. The women's 10 Km winner was East Germany's Beate Anders in 43:08 with Australia's Kerry Saxby second and Italy's Ileana Salvador third. But the Soviets came fourth, sixth, and ninth to take the title. Lynn Weik and Teresa Vaill finished 21st

and 23rd for the U.S., Lynn with a 46:38. The USSR was 1-2-3 in the men's 20, with Frantz Kostyukevitch first in 1:20:21. Tim Lewis was 45th for the U.S. Australia's Simon Baker won the 50 in 3:43:13, but with 2nd, 3rd, and 5th, the Soviets sewed up the team title. Paul Wick led the U.S. with a 4:12:24 in 24th. . Tim Lewis won his fifth straight U.S. 20 Km title in 1:27:19, 47 seconds ahead of Gary Morgan. Mark Manning was third. In the women's 10, Lynn Weik set a national record on the track with her 46:44.1, leaving Teresa Vaill nearly 40 seconds back. Maryanne Torrellas beat Debbi Lawrence for third.

**10 Years Ago** (From the June 1994 ORW)--In Norway, Mexico's Bernardo Segura walked a startling world record of 1:17:25.5 in the 20. Finishing fourth in the race, Allen James nailed the American record (track) with a 1:24:26.9. . James also won the U.S. title, overcoming the Knoxville heat and Jonathan Matthews to prevail in 1:28:36. Jonathan was just 26 seconds back, with Andrzej Chylinski third in 1:30:05. Philip Dunn (1:31:05), Andrew Hermann, Dave McGovern, Tim Seaman, Gary Morgan, Herm Nelson, and Rob Cole (1:32:05) rounded out a very deep field. . Lisa Sonntag won the Women's National 20 Km in 1:48:15 with Canada's Micheline Daneau second in 1:49:34. At the same site, Albany, N.Y., Philip Dunn beat Ian Whatley for the men's 25 Km title, 1:58:05 to 2:00:39 (and what was with all the :05s). Marc Varsano, Andrew Hermann, and Mike Rohl followed.

**5 Years Ago** (From the June 1999 ORW)--Michelle Rohl bettered the American record as she won the Women's National 20 in Eugene, Oregon with a 1:33:16. That was 11 seconds under Joanne Dow's record. Dow was second in 1:35:01 and Susan Armenta third in 1:37:03. Danielle Kirk and Jill Zenner also went under 1:40. In the men's race, Curt Clausne set a new meet record as he won in 1:23:44, 8 seconds ahead of Tim Seaman. Jonathan Matthews had 1:24:50, Andrew Hermann 1:25:52, Kevin Eastler 1:26:41, and Sean Albert 1:26:54. . In the National Junior 10 Km, Tristan Ruoss (47:06.26) beat Justin Easter (48:43). . Michelle Rohl walked an American record 12:47.13 for 3 Km in Wisconsin. . Andrew Hermann walked in the annual Naumburg, Germany 50 Km, finishing ninth in 3:58:57, making him the fourth U.S. walker under 4 hours for the year. The race was won by Viktor Ginko, Belarus, in 3:48:55. Also in Naumburg, Norway's Kjersti Platzer did 1:28:44 for 20 and Andreas Erm won the men's 20 in 1:22:05. . In Turku, Finland, Robert Korzeniowski won a 20 from Russia's Ilya Markov, 1:18:39 to 1:18:50