

Tijuana Walks Open IAAF Racewalking Challenge Series

Tijuana, Mexico, March 19 and 20—The IAAF's annual Racewalking Challenge series got underway for 2005 with 20 Km races for both men and women on the first day and a 50 Km race for men on the second. Australia's Nathan Deakes and Germany's Melanie Seeger won the 20s and Norway's Trond Nymark the 50. The races were conducted on a 2-Km loop course.

Seeger, fifth in last year's Olympics, upset Australia's Jane Saville and the defending Challenge winner, Italy's Elisa Rigauda as she moved to a decisive win in 1:30:48. It was the first win in a Challenge race for the 27-year-old Seeger, who was ninth in last year's World Cup and eighth at the 2003 World Championships. Her coach, Ronald Weigel, a many-time medalist in international races, predicted great things for her last year, and perhaps that prediction is coming to fruition.

The fast-improving German took control of the race from the start and finished 80 seconds ahead Saville, who was third in the 2004 Olympic Games. She moved through the first 5 Km in 22:20 with a 16-second lead on Saville, Rigauda, and Portugal's Susana Feitor. The rest of the field was already out of contention by that point.

Maintaining a steady pace, Seeger went through 10 km in 44:47, stretching her lead over the pursuing trio to 42 seconds. She continued to stretch the lead to an untroubled finish. Saville started to edge away from the other two at 15 km and eventually finished 16 seconds ahead of Rigauda, who had another 22 seconds on Feitor. Saville's sister Natalie was a distant fifth.

The men's race was more competitive at the start, with Deakes trailing Mexico's Christian Berdeja by 2 seconds at 5 Km. The Mexican had a 20:23. At that point, there were four others within 8 seconds of the leader. Deakes began to assert himself over the next 5, passing 10 Km in 40:35, 27 seconds ahead of Mexico's Bernardo Segura and Spain's Juan Molina, who had Mexico's Eder Sanchez, Ecuador's Andres Choco, and Mexico's Bernardo Segura right on their heels.

At 15, Deakes was in command, going through in 60:46, 28 seconds ahead of Molina. The other contenders were six to eight seconds further back. Deakes slowed over his final 5, but his 1:21:28 at the finish still left him 17 seconds ahead of Omar Segura, who just edged his brother for second. Molina was a close fourth, but the others faded badly over the last 5 Km. Italy's 2004 Olympic champion, Ivano Brugnetti, who missed a month's training at the start of the year with a pelvis microfracture was never in contention and finished eighth.

Deakes, a bronze medalist at both the World Cup and Olympics, is now pointing for the World Championships in August. He expected strong competition from Spain's Javier Fernandez, silver medalist in Athens, but the Spaniard was a last-minute scratch. Also absent was Ecuador's Jefferson Perez, last year's World Cup winner, among his many honors. Perez is nursing a slight injury but expects to compete in the next Challenge leg in China.

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In the 50, Nymark scored an surprisingly easy win over Spain's Jesus Garcia, a three-time medalist in the World Championships, with his 3:46:05 effort. Nymark, pulled along by Germany's Andreas Erm was well clear of Garcia by 10 Km and had stretched his lead to over 2 minutes by 30 Km. However, he was more than a minuted back of the German and that margin grew to 70 seconds by 35 Km. When Erm dropped out shortly thereafter, Nymark was on his way to his greatest win. The seven-time Norwegian champion was 13th in Athens and eighth in the 2003 World Championships.

The always consistent Garcia finished in 3:48:19, 2 minutes ahead of Mexico's Omar Zepeda, who had a personal best in qualifying for the Mexican World Championship team. From 30 starters in the race, there were 14 who did not finish and three who were disqualified. Notable non-finishers, besides Erm, were Germany's Andre Hohne, Mexico's Alejandro Lopez, Daniel Garcia, and German Sanchez, Ecuador's Javier Moreno.

Results:

Women's 20: 1. Melanie Seeger, Germany 1:30:48 (22:20, 44:47, 1:07:33) 2. Jane Saville, Australia 1:32:08 (22:36, 45:29, 1:08:33) 3. Elisa Rigaud, Italy 1:32:24 (22:36, 45:29, 1:08:37) 4. Susana Feitor, Portugal 1:32:46 (22:36, 45:29, 1:08:39) 5. Natalie Saville, Australia 1:35:01 (23:03, 45:43, 1:10:33) 6. Lyudmila Arkhipova, Russia 1:36:03 (22:36, 45:29, 1:09:45) 7. Yeliz Ay, Turkey 1:38:37 8. Miriam Ramon, Ecuador 1:39:27 9. Daisy Gonzalez, Mexico 1:41:36 10. Sandra Evanista, Mexico 1:41:51 11. Marina Crivello, Canada 1:45:03 12. Dorit Attias, USA 1:54:19 (14 finishers, 3 DNF, 2 DQ—Margaret Ditchburn, US DNF, 56:14 at 10; Amber Antonia, US DNF, 24:26 at 5; Heidi Hauch, DQ, 1:27:34 at 15)

Men's 20 Km: 1. Nathan Deakes, Australia 1:21:28 (20:25, 30:35, 60:46) 2. Omar Segura, Mexico 1:21:45 (20:27, 41:06, 61:20) 3. Bernardo Segura, Mexico 1:21:46 (20:31, 41:02, 61:22) 4. Juan Molina, Spain 1:21:53 (20:32, 41:02, 61:14) 5. Eder Sanchez, Mexico 1:22:18 (20:31, 41:03, 61:24) 6. Andres Choco, Ecuador 1:23:14 (20:40, 41:02, 61:22) 7. Christian Berdeja, Mexico 1:23:27 (20:23, 41:22, 61:22) 8. Ivano Brugnetti, Italy 1:23:52 (20:40, 41:30, 62:33) 9. Robert Illeffernan, Ireland 1:24:35 10. Gabriel Tello, Mexico 1:24:47 11. Jose Hernandez, Mexico 1:25:49 12. Kim Hyon, Korea 1:25:55 13. Colin Griffin, Ireland 1:26:19 14. Tim Seaman, US 1:27:05 (20:24, 43:46, 65:48) (27 finishers, 7 DNF including Curt Clausen, 49:36 at 10; Erik Tysse, Norway; and Alessandro Gandellini, Italy)

Men's 50 Km: 1. Trond Nymark, Norway 3:46:05 (46:01, 1:31:13, 2:16:04, 3:00:32) 2. Jesus Garcia, Spain 3:48:19 (46:38, 1:32:42, 2:18:10, 3:02:57) 3. Omar Zepeda, Mexico 3:50:17 (46:39, 1:32:41, 2:17:53, 3:03:32) 4. Luis Garcia, Guatemala 3:58:22 5. Migeul Solis, Mexico 4:02:05 6. Claudio Vargas, Mexico 4:03:12 7. Jesus Sanchez, Mexico 4:08:07 8. Rogelio Sanchez, Mexico 4:09:52 9. Horacio Nava, Mexico 4:14:29 10. David Lopez, Mexico 4:21:27 (13 finishers, 3 DQ'd; 14 DNF including Andre Hohne, Germany; Alejandro Lopez, Mexico; Daniel Garcia, Mexico; German Sanchez, Mexico; Javier Moreno, Ecuador; Andreas Erm, Germany)

South Texas Club flexes muscles in two national high school races; Peters scores one for Ohio

National Indoor Scholastics, Maryland, March 12: Boy's 1 Mile—1. Christopher Diaz, McAllen, Tex. 6:47.05 2. Roberto Vergara, Edinburg, Tex. 6:49:40 (Freshman record) 3. Michael Kazmierczak, Plainview, N.Y. 7:03.24 4. Ricardo Vergara, Edinburg 7:07.60 (also a freshman) 5. Ernesto Vergara, Edinburg 7:29.48 6. Andrew Ciszewski, Caribou, Maine 7:30.37 7. Adrian Jaime, McAllen, Tex. 7:56.92 8. Padric Gleason, Dresden, Maine 8:19.9 9. Abraham Villareal, Conna, Tex. 8:34 10. Taylor Burns, Scarborough, Maine 8:53 (1 DQ)

Girl's 1 Mile—1. Katy Hayes, Oconomowoc, Wis. 7:28.84 2. Tina Peters, Yellow Springs, Ohio 7:42.31 3. Lauren Forgues, Boothbay, Maine 7:49.58 4. Kathleen Cannon, Granite Springs, N.Y. 7:50.13 5. Jennifer Tinnelly, Massapequa Park, N.Y. 7:54.24 6. Carly Lochala, New Sharon, Maine 7:54.71 7. Le'erin Voss, Nashotah, Wis. 7:57.35 8. Helen Pottle, Perry Maine 8:11:35 9. Irie Monte, Purdys, N.Y. 8:16.38 10. Carly O'Keefe, Rochester, N.Y. 8:19.01 11. Amanda Johnson, Morganfield, Kent. 8:24.30 12. Allison Snochowski, Fair Lawn, N.J. 8:29.24 13. Lindsey Peck, Williamson, N.Y. 8:29.42 14. Kelli Johnson, Morganfield, Kent. 8:31:13 15. Jessie Smith, Farmington, Maine 8:36.84 (23 finishers)

National Scholastic Indoor Championships, New York City, March 13: Boy's 1 Mile—1. Christopher Diaz 6:51.72 2. Roberto Vergara 6:51.79 3. Ricardo Vergara 6:59.07 4. Michael Kazmierczak 7:06.28 5. Ernesto Vergara 7:17.31 6. Tim Dawson, Mohegan Lake, N.Y. 7:27.49 7. Andrew Ciszewski 7:33.42 8. Adrian Jaime 7:39.72 9. Abraham Villareal 8:04.85 10. Paric Gleason 8:05.19 11. Taylor Burns 8:23.92 (1 DQ)

Girl's 1 Mile—1. Tina Peters 7:33.67 2. Brittany O'Brian, Brightwaters, N.Y. 7:38.52 3. Kate Cannon 7:40.28 4. Lauren Forgues 7:42.91 5. Rachael Gill, East Meadow, N.Y. 7:44.29 6. Le'erin Voss 7:48.13 7. Dana Vered, Paramus, N.J. 7:55.02 8. Carly Lochala 8:02.19 9. Rachel Vanderzwet, Ridgeville, Ont. 8:09.02 10. Helen Pottle 8:12.23 11. Jenna Monahan, Holbrook, N.Y. 8:16.66 12. Allison Snochowski 8:18.27 13. Jessie Smith 8:29.20 14. Rachel Bauer, Batavia, N.Y. 8:29.22 15. Shani Brown, New Rochelle, N.Y. 8:35.36 16. Julie Steel, New Windsor, N.Y. 8:36.11 (23 finishers, 3 DQs)

And Boyles Scores Another For Ohio at NAIA Meet

NAIA Nationals, Johnson City, Tenn., March 4: Men's 3 Km—1. Matt Boyles, Rio Grande U. 12:30.51 (Qualified for 5000 meter run final later in day and finished 3rd in final with 14:54.86 the next day) 2. Patrick Stroupe, Central Methodist 13:19.84 3. Lukasz Lach, Lindenwood 15:31.94 4. Roger White, Park 15:34.20 5. David Faith, Dakota Wesleyan 15:49 6. Tim Thruber, Concordia 15:50 7. Jon Ripke, Concordia 16:41 8. Nathan Hughes, Malone 18:56 (1 DNF, 1 DQ)

Women's 3 Km—1. Anine Stanley, Lindsey Wilson 16:05.61 2. Billie Robinson, Rio Grande 16:18.12 3. Caitlin Ayers, Lindenwood 16:18.70 4. Ahsley Thomas, Malone 16:21.37 5. Beth Lewis, Central Methodist 17:09.47 6. Lindsey Hipp, Malone 17:20.68 7. Jana Marshall, Rio Grande 18:02.19 8. Leanne Crunelle, Cedarville 18:32.80 9. Brittani Lyons, Malone 19:34.88 (13 finishers, 1 DNF; Rio Grande, Malone, and Cedarville all Ohio schools)

National USATF Indoor Masters Championships, Nampa, Idaho, March 13: Women's 3 Km (Composite results)—1. Kelly Murphey-Glenn (44) 16:02.85 2. Lynn Tracy (52) 16:03.07 3. Cathy Henley (45) 16:52.48 4. Mary Snyder (54) 17:14 5. Ann Gerhardt (53) 17:24.83 6. Yoko Eichel (57) 17:49.72 7. Judy Myers (49) 18:10.72 8. Kathleen Frable (59)

18:31 9. Mary Baglin (58) 18:53 10. Jolene Steigerwalt (61) 19:02 11. Bev LaVeck (68) 19:16 12. Karen Murphey (64) 19:17 13. Carol Wilkinson (55) 19:17 14. Rita Sinkovec (65) 19:18 15. Darlene Backlund (59) 20:40 16. Elisabeth Price (52) 21:07 17. Katherine Marrs (76) 21:45 18. Sara Lee Warberg (71) 22:46 **Men's 3 Km**—1. Chris Rael (45) 14:40.23 2. Michael Blanchard (43) 14:48.65 3. Tommy Aunan (45) 15:23.55 4. Norman Frable (59) 15:52.93 5. James Carmines (61) 16:05.06 6. Ted Moore (66) 17:05.66 7. Paul Johnson (67) 17:10.95 8. Jack Bray (72) 17:12.27 9. George Opsahl (63) 17:24.95 10. Barton Kale (48) 17:56.18 11. John Backlund (65) 17:58.40 12. Alfred DuBois (73) 18:08.15 13. Robert Weeks (63) 18:16.68 14. Robert Fine (73) 19:58.10 15. Joseph Anderson (65) 19:58.32 16. Jonathan Price (55) 20:36.52 17. Jerad Hargis (75) 22:21.04 18. George Solis (73) 23:52.74 19. Jonathan Sovocool (45) 26:29.36 20. David Friedman (54) 27:43.15 (! DFN, 2 DQ)

Other Results

Indoor 3 Km, New York City, March 4—1. Paul Schwartzburg 13:43.42 2. Michael Kazmierczak 13:47.32 3. Leo Romero 14:15 4. Alexis Davidson (49) 16:40 (1 DQ) **1 Mile, same place**—1. Dana Vered 8:07.45 2. Gary Null (60) 8:17.46 3. Allison Snockowski 8:30 4. Bob Barrett (71) 8:43 5. Elisa Lee 8:44 6. Erin Taylor 8:45 7. Kristina Bontiolio 9:08 8. Janine Stuart (43) 9:12 9. Louanne Pennesi (49) 9:14 10. Loretta Schuellein 9:15 11 11. Kim Poissant 9:15 (14 finishers, 1 DQ) **N.Y. State Girl's H.S. 1500 Meters, March 6**—1. Kate Cannon 7:15.55 2. Irie Monte 7:32. 37 3. Jennifer Tinnelly 7:34.33 4. Rachael Gill 7:35.81 5. Jenna Monahan 7:42 6. Carly O'Keefe 7:43.1 7. Rachel Bauer 7:51.4 8. Julie Steel 8:02.9 9. Andrea Patterson 8:04.3 10. Krystal Yernye 8:05.9 (17 finishers, 4 DQs) (Cannon, a junior, and Monte, a sophomore, are both from Somers H.S. Brittany O'Brian, from Bayshore, was the favorite having beaten Cannon four times. Cannon stayed on her shoulder through much of the race, and when O'Brian surged to get away, she was DQ'd. **N.Y. State Collegiate Conference 3 Km, Feb. 25, Rochester**—1. Laura Richenderfer, U. Of Rochester 14:48.03 2. Katie Schubbe, Brockport 17:55.36 **5 Km, New York City, March 27**—1. Leo Romero 24:17 2. Alex Shymko 24:34 3. Bill Vayo (40) 26:00 4. Jose Perez 26:18 5. Tim Davidson (17) 26:26 6. Alexis Davidson (49) 27:24 7. David Wolf (45) 27:30 8. Bruce Logan (40) 28:04 9. Allison Snockowski (14) 28:05 10. Dana Vered (17) 28:59 11. Erin Taylor 30:04 12. Bob Barrett (71) 30:04 13. Luanne Pennesi (50) 30:05 14. David Lee (50) 30:59 15. Panseluta Geer (58) 31:45 16. Kristina Bonfiglio (15) 32:53 (32 finishers) **10 Mile, Freeport, N.J., March 13**—1. Dorit Attias (43) 1:34:23 2. Ron Salvio (56) 1:38:31 3. Chris Stuart (13) 1:39:37 4. Colleen Swansson 1:48:16 5. Janine Stuart (44) 1:48:18 6. Art Glass (56) 1:51:13 7. Ben Ottmer (71) 1:53:45 **Henry Laskau Memorial Florida State 5 Km, Coconut Creek, Fla., Feb. 27**—1. John Fredericks (57) 28:34 2. Juan Yanes (55) 28:46 3. Gary Null (60) 29:56 4. Jerry Gomes (72) 33:18 5. Bob Fine (73) 33:42 6. Peter Bayer (66) 33:53 (12 finishers) **Women**—1. Sandra DeNoon (49) 30:21 2. Luanne Pennesi (49) 31:18 3. Melissa Goldman 36:58 (7 finishers) **Open 5 Km, same place**—1. Alan Jacobson 31:28 2. William Zenga 32:15 3. June-Marie Provost 33:50 (5 finishers, 3 DQs) **5 Km Healthwalk, same place**—1. Jasper Bell 33:23 2. Lee Dufner 35:10. . 4. Jake Jacobson 37:50 (12 finishers) **10 Km, Winter Park, Fla., March 1**—1. Don DeNoon 57:20 2. John Fredericks 58:52 3. Steve Renard (40+) 60:25 4. Juan Moscoso (50+) 61:39 5. Tom Forman (50+) 61:39 6. Ray Jenkins 65:39 (8 finishers) **Women**—1. Sandra DeNoon 59:30 2. Edna Ramsay (50+) 65:16 3. Beverly Burijon (40+) 67:39 (15 finishers) **10 Km, Mobile, Ala., March 20**—1. Marcus Hencinski (44) 57:46 2. Nicholas Burrows (55) 66:15 (more than 10 finishers) **Women**—1. Emily Schoenberg (41) 70:38 2. Barbara Mangum (58) 72:26 (more than 10 finishers) **10 KM, Fairhope, Ala.,**

March 20—1. Monetta Roberts 64:30 (9 finishers) **Mason Dixon Games (Indoors), Louisville, Ky., March 6**: 1500 meters—1. Amanda Johnson (16) 7:50.05 2. Kelly Johnson (18) 7:59.62 3. Evan Crowder (15) 8:07.59 4. Amanda Huff (15) 8:08.01 (6 finishers) 3 Km—1. Douglas Johnson (44) 14:07.00 2. Drew Swonder (41) 14:11.00 3. Bob Head (50) 17:29 4. Cedric Ilustace (71) 17:56 5. Linda Swonder (44) 18:53 (7 finishers) **Yellow Jacket Open, Cedarville, Ohio, March 25: Women's 3 Km**—1. Anine Stanley, Lindsey Wilson Col. 16:26.51 2. Tina Peters, Miami Valley TC 17:02.68 3. Lindsey Hipp, Malone Col. 17:45 4. Brittany Lyons, Malone 18:44 5. Talathia Weekes 19:00 (7 finishers) **Men's 3 Km**—1. Matt Boyles, Rio Grande U. 12:13.63 2. Vince Peters, Miami Valley 16:00.37 3. Ed Fitch, Miami Valley 16:09.09 4. Andy Peters, Miami Valley 17:30 5. Nate Hughes, Malone 17:45 (1 DQ) (A cold, rainy Friday evening with the temperature down to 38 by the times these races began.) **Indoor 3 Km, Allendale, Mich., Jan. 23**—1. Bill Freed (52) 16:04.58 2. Rick Sack (55) 17:57.28 **Women**—1. Debbie Topham (51) 17:10.04 **Indoor 1 Mile, Kenosha, Wis., March 4**—1. Ben Shorey 6:12.4 2. Mike Stanton 6:34.1 3. T.C. DeWitt 6:37.7 (This was the third section of the race) **2nd Section**—1. Anne Favolise 7:26.4 2. Jasmien Brooks 7:38.2 3. Mike DeWitt (54) 7:54.9 4. Ali Bahr 7:55.3 5. Lauren Davis 7:55.8 6. Lynn Tracy (52) 8:10.9 7. Judy Myers (49) 9:20.3 **1st Section**—1. Ron Winkler (74) 9:36.1 (4 finishers) **1 Mile, Houston, March 19**—1. Virginia Jones 8:23.06 2. Bob Cella (67) 9:42 3. Dave Gwyn (53) 9:53 **20 Km, Houston, March 20**—1. Francisco Sanchez (54) 2:44:00 2. Sandra Sanchez (49) 2:52:17 **5 Km, Denver, Feb. 13**—1. Mike Blanchard (43) 27:20 2. Daryl Meyers (62) 30:47 **5 Km, Denver, Feb. 20**—1. Mike Blanchard 27:10 2. Daryl Meyers 30:04 **Indoor 3 Km, Colorado Springs, Col., Feb. 29**—1. Albert Leibold (47) 14:57 2. Mike Blanchard 15:39.3 3. Marianne Martino (55) 17:37.7 4. Rita Sinkovec (65) 19:59 (8 finishers) **6 Km, Castle Rock, Col., March 6**—1. Daryl Meyers 37:10 2. Mike Heymans (57) 39:10 3. Barbara Amador (56) 39:34 **10 km, Laverne, Cal., Feb. 20**—1. Mario Lopez (47) 61:52 2. Rick Campbell (59) 63:29 (6 finishers) **5 Km, same place**—1. Donna Cunningham (58) 29:55 2. Jolene Steigerwalt (61) 32:06 3. Dawn Beigel (43) 32:24 4. Deborah Raymer (48) 33:55 (8 finishers) **Men**—1. Joe Nieroski (42) 25:43 2. Paul Johnson (67) 28:02 3. John Backund (64) 29:44 4. Alan Ede (65) 31:12 5. Raymond Billin (47) 31:22 **3 Km, Kentfield, Cal., Feb. 19**—1. Jack Bray 17:14 2. Doris Cassels 19:44 3. Ann Lee 19:57 4. Shirley Dockstader 20:14 (8 finishers) **5 Km, same place**—1. Kevin Killingsworth 26:22 (3 finishers) **3 Km, Kentfield, Feb. 17**—1. Jack Bray 17:10 2. Desmond Canning 17:35 3. Doris Cassels 19:23 4. Shirley Dockstader 19:39 (7 finishers) **5 Km, same place**—1. Petge Corona 32:47 2. Ann Lee 32:50 3. Stu Kinney 32:54 ½ **Marathon, Chico, Cal.**—1. Joe Berendt 2:12:02 2. Jim Currier 2:19:29 3. Nicki Goldman 2:30:50 (8 finishers) **Canada: Indoor 3 Km, Montreal, Feb. 5**—1. Marina Crivello 6:34.6 **Men**—1. Jocelyn Ruest 6:14.5 2. Donald Cote 7:05.9 3. David Houle 7:53 **Ontario Indoor Championships, Toronto, Feb. 19: Jr. 3 Km**—1. Rachel Lavallee 13:57.58 2. Chelsea Rodriguez 15:13 3. Rachel Vanderzwet 16:03 (5 finishers) **Women's 3 Km**—1. Nanci Sweazey (49) 15:19.80 2. Katharine Cashman (44) 16:17 (4 finishers) **Men's 5 Km**—1. Don Krueger (56) 31:07 2. Stuart Summerhayes (70) 31:58 **Ontario Masters Indoors, Toronto, Feb. 26: Women**—1. Nanci Sweazey 14:59.4 2. Kitty Cahsman 16:15.2 3. Nancyh Leo (55) 18:10 (7 finishers) **Men**—1. Patrick King (58) 17:36.6 2. Don Krueger 17:55.6 3. Peter Lee (49) 18:18 4. Stuart Summerhayes 18:24.1 (7 finishers) **10 Km, Victoria, B.C., Feb. 27: Women**—1. Karen Fpan 53:23 **Masters Women**—1. Ilolly Gerke (40) 51:04 **Masters Men**—1. Gerry Dragomir 49:34 **Women's 5 Km, same place**—1. Meghan Huzzey (19) 26:35 2. Kaitlin Hzzey (17) 27:51 **Alberta Indoor Championships, Edmonton, March 5: Women's 3 Km**—1. Holly Gerke 14:16.07 2. Connie Peters 17:06 3. Margaret Robertson 17:48 (18 finishers) **Men's 3km**—1.

Tim Berrett 11:52.55 2. David Keenan 24:58 (9 finishers) **Indoor 5 Km, Sherbrooke, Quebec, March 5–Junior Men**–1. Pierre-Luc Menard 22:22.89 2. Alexandre Gagne 24:24 Sr. Men–1. Jocelyn Ruest 22:40 Women–1. Marina Crivello 13:48.84

Overseas: Australian 20 Km Championship, March 5–1. Nathan Deakes 1:19:39 2. Luke Adams 1:21:39 3. Adam Rutter (only 18, sets Australian Youth Record) 1:24:46 4. Darren Brown 1:24:56 5. Jared Tallent 1:27:15 6. Duane Cousins 1:28:06 7. Michael McCagh 1:28:46 8. Christop 1:30:28 (15 finishers, 11 under 1:40) Women–1. Jane Saville 1:32:49 2. Cheryl Webb 1:35:14 3. Simone Wolowicz 1:35:44 4. Natalie Saville 1:37:08 5. Lyn Ventris 1:39:09 6. Lisa Grant 1:42:58 (10 finishers) **New Zealand National, March 11: Men's 3 Km**–1. Craig Barrett 11:49.17 2. Graeme Jones 12:33.30 3. Tony Sargisson 12:50.33, , 5. Gary Little (53) 14:29.29 **Women's 3 Km**–1. Gabrielle Gorst 14:12.08 **Jr. Women's 3 Km**–1. Amanda Gorst 14:22.69 **Women's 10 Km (March 13)**–1. Amanda Gorst 49:19 **Men's 20 Km (March 13)**–1. Tony Sargisson 1:33:33 (Barrett and Little DQ'd) **5 Km, Stellenbosch, S. Afr., March 12**–1. Nicolene Gronje 22:50.6 **Chinese Championships, Nanning: Men's 20 Km, Feb. 25**–1. Chaohong Yu 1:19:15 2. Yungfeng Liu 1:19:20 3. Chuang Pei 1:19:28 **Women's 20 Km, Feb. 26**–1. Jing Jiang (19) 1:27:19 2. Liping Wang 1:27:24 3. Hongjuan Song 1:28:26 **Men's 50 Km**–1. Yucheng Han 2:35:20 2. Shucai Xing 3:37:58 3. Chengliang Zhao 3:38:56 (Hopefully we will receive full results and see how the depth of performance compares to the Russian results that follow) **Russian Winter Nationals, March: Men's 20 Km**–1. Vladimir Parvatkin (20) 1:18:06 2. Ilya Markov 1:18:17 3. Vladimir Stankin 1:18:22 4. Stepan Yudin 1:18:45 5. Viktor Burayev 1:18:48 6. Dmitriy Yesipchuk 1:20:08 7. Igor Yerokhin 1:20:16 8. Aleksandr Yargunkin 1:20:27 9. Ivan Kuznetsov 1:21:00 10. Sergei Peshtov 1:21:14 (20th place at 1:22:48, 51 under 1:30) **Women's 20 Km**–1. Irina Pudovkina 1:26:28 2. Tatyana Kozlova 1:27:30 3. Irina Stankina 1:27:56 4. Yuliya Voyevodina 1:28:02 5. Lyunmila Arkhipova 1:28:52 6. Larisa Yemelyanova 1:29:13 7. 8. Tatyana Korotkova 1:30:03 9. Svetlana Tolstaya 1:30:13 10. Irina Petrova 1:30:18 (24 under 1:40) (The tenth place name in the men's race and ninth and tenth place names in the women's race are based on my limited and fading knowledge of transliterating the cyrillic alphabet–the results I got include names in English only through places nine and eight, respectively.) **Men's 35 Km**–1. Vladimir Kanaykin 2:23:17 (1:21:11 at 20 Km, 2:01:47 at 30 Km, only 29 years old) 2. Sergey Kirdyapkin 2:25:57 3. Yuriy Andronov 2:30:22 4. Sergey Yerokhin 2:33:00 5. Sergey Melentyev 2:35:29 6. Gennadiy Kanayev 2:35:51 7. Andrei Sobolev 2:37:54 8. Yuriy Chesnokov 2:37:55 (18 under 3 hours) **Womens Jr. 10 Km**–1. Sokolov 44:25 2. Tatyana Kalmykova 44:36 3. Alexandra Kubasova 45:23 4. Alexandra Kidryashov 46:05 5. Elena Shumkina 46:13 6. Ekaterina Popova 46:17 8. Tatyana Shemjakina 46:29 8. Olga Mihaylova 46:31 9. Elena Ladanova 46:38 10. Ekaterina Nigamatzhanova 47:06 (20th place at 48:50) **200 Km, Bourges, France, Oct. 9, 2004**–1. Bernardo Jose Mora, Spain 24:12:57 2. Gilles Letessier 24:01:21 for 195 Km 3. Emanuel Hartman 24:16:14 for 195 (23 finished 24 hours) **200 Km, Chateau-Thierry, France, March 20**–1. Grzegorz-Adam Urbanowski, Poland 22:43:59 2. Paul Gils 23:56:42 3. Daniel Dubusq 23:56:44 for 196.25 Km (21 finishers) Women–1. Marie-Claude Baron 23:07:47 for 170 Km 2. Sylviane Varin 23:42:12 for 170 (Five finishers) **24 Hours, Fouen, France, March 27**–1. Alain Castils 205.5 Km in 24:09:11 2. Bernard Cicquet 192.000 Km in 14:09:01 3. Pierre Poirot 184.500 km in 24:12:55 (23 finished, 3 DNF) **Women:** 1. Christiane Douet 156 Km in 24:14:39 2. Violette Bourillon 150 km in 24:09:39 (5 finishers, 3 DNF) (These races qualify competitors for the Paris to Colmar 500+ Km race in June. There will be two more 200 Km events in April.

Chinese Clean Up In Slovakia

Women's 20 Km, Dudince, Slovakia, March 27–1. Hongjuan Song, China 1:28:37 2. Jing

Jiang, China 1:29:32 3. Liping Wang, China 1:30:16 4. Vera Zozulya, Ukraine 1:33:29 5. Jolanta Dukure, Latvia 1:34:57 6. Maria Galikova, Slovakia 1:40:51 **Men's 20 Km, same place**–1. Hongyun, China 1:18:37 2. Ronghua Lu, China 1:18:50 3. Chaohung Yu, China 1:19:29 4. Changliang Zhao, China 1:21:51 5. Jianbo Li, China 1:21:51 6. Shucai Xing, China 1:22:24 7. Silviu Casandra, Romania 1:22:28 8. Ondrej Kocur, Slovakia 1:26:59 9. Radovan Elko, Slo. 1:28:22 **50 Km, same place**–1. Yucheng Han, China 3:40:30 2. Alatan Gadasu, China 3:47:23 3. Sergey Malantsev, Russia 3:57:10 4. Janos Toth, Hungary 4:01:53 5. Milos Holusa, Czech. Rep. 4:03:42 6. Martin Rupis, Slov. 4:05:04 7. Gyula Dudas, Hungary 4:08:21 **Jr. 10 Km, same place**–1. Ingus Janevics, Latvia 42:02 (Races held in rain with temperature around 50 F.) **Cuban National 20 Km**–1. Loisel Gutierrez 1:29 23 Women–1. Yarelis Sanchez 1:41:49

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Sun. April 3	Pan-Am Cup 20 Km Trials, 10 Km Junior, Men and Women, Hauppauge, N.Y. (DD) 4 Mile, Denver, 9 am (H) Mt. SAC Relays 5 and 10 Km, Pasadena, Cal. (Y) 2.8 Miles, Seattle, 9 am (C)
Sat. April 9	North Region 10 Km, Columbia, Mo. (T)
Sun. April 10	10 Km, Seattle ©)
Sat. April 16	3 Km, London, Ontario (O) 15 Km, Kenosha, Wis. (F) 5 Km, Fair Oaks, Cal., 9 am (E)
Sun. April 17	Ron Zinn Memorial 10 Km, Wall Twp., N.J. (A)
Sun. April 24	Ohio 15 Km, Middletown (M) North Region 8 Km, Wisconsin (F) 5 Km, Borgess, Mich., 8:45 am (BB) Penn Relays, Men's 10 Km, Women's 5 Km, Philadelphia (L) 5 Km, Littleton, Col., 8 am (H) 1 Mile, London, Ontario (O)
Sat. April 30	Howard Wood Dakota Relays 5 Km, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2 pm (K) 5 Km, Durham, N.C. (BB) Western Regional 5 Km, Aptos, Cal., California (J) 5 Km, Denver, 8 am (H)
Sun. May 1	South Region 10 and 20 Km, Raleigh, N.C. (B)
Wed. May 4	10 Km, Ft. Collins, Col. (H)
Fri. May 6	USATF National Masters 15 Km, Riverside, Cal. (Y) North Region and Jack Mortland 20 Km, Yellow Springs, Ohio (M) 10 and 15 Km, New York City, 8:30 am (G) 5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H) 5 Km, Denver (H)
Sat. May 7	N.J. 20 Km, Point Pleasant (A) 20 Km, Kenosha, Wis. (F) South Region 20 Km Pharr, Texas (D) Cleveland Marathon, Cleveland, Ohio (S)
Sun. May 8	Art Keay Memorial Walks, 5, 10, and 20 Km, Toronton, 11 am (V)
Sun. May 15	Alongi in Marin 5 Km, Kentfield, Cal. (P)
Sun. May 21	
Sat. May 22	
Sat. May 28	
Sun. May 29	

	Pac. Assn. 5 Km, Sacramento, Cal. (J)
Sat. June 4	National USATF 10 Km and Junior 3 Km, Niagara Falls (R)
Sat. June 11	1 Mile, Colts Neck, N.J. (A) Long Island 5 Km, Farmingdale, N.Y. (DD)
Sun. June 12	Ohio 10 Km, Yellow Springs (M)
Mon. June 13	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:30 pm (A)
Sat. June 18	Metropolitan 10 Km, New York City, 9 am (G)
Sun. June 19	Long Island 10 KM, Farmingdale (DD) Goulding Memorial 10 Km, London, Ontario (O)
Mon. June 20	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:30 pm (A)

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FROM HEEL TO TOE

Errata. Mistakes or typos in the Ohio Racewalker? Well, yes. We have a reputation to protect. Last month, we left the "u" out of Columbus in our e-mail address on page 2, causing consternation for one faithful reader and dear friend. And on page 9 we gave Dave McGovern's e-mail address as a .org rather than .com (Rayzwocker@aol.org) causing problems for a former faithful subscriber just getting back into the sport and into receiving

the ORW. Finally, on page 3 in the results of a New York City Mile race, we gave Bob Barrett a time of 8:39 when it was actually 8:31.79. Well, that probably isn't finally, but it's all that has been called to our attention. . . **Hugh Yeomans.** We received word from Ernestine Yeomans that her loving husband of 63 years, Hugh Yeomans, had died of pneumonia at age 89 on Jan. 20. Both Hugh and Ernie, residents of the Cincinnati suburb Wyoming, competed in racewalking for many years and were well known at Ohio races and at other venues, such as Niagara Falls, where they traveled annually for the National 10 or 15. In recent years, Hugh, always active in many sports, had turned to other competitive interests--running, biking, kayaking, rowing. The couple accumulated a roomful of Senior Olympic awards in a variety of disciplines, including racewalking. Natives of Canada (Hugh grew up in Bellville, Ontario), Hugh and Ernie were married in 1941 while Hugh worked of the Aluminum Company of Canada. Hugh was transferred to the New York office sometime after his service in World War II and the couple moved to Wyoming, Ohio in the early '70s. Hugh will be missed by all who knew him and competed against him. . . **Indoor quotes.** Quotes from the racewalk winners at the US Indoor Championships, reported last month: Amber Antonia: "My goal was to come in here and win. I am so excited that I broke 13 minutes to PR. I knew I could, but didn't expect to do it here. This was a great race because all the competitors were up there challenging for the lead. We have some tremendous talent out there and this is great for women's racewalking." Time Seaman: "It was tough out there. After the Olympics, I've had to deal with a couple of injuries and it's been tough to motivated myself. I have a typical racewalker's injury where it hurts my shin when I point by big toe and it causes pain. I think I need to rest it for a while." (*Ed. But not for too long, I guess, since he competed in Tijuana.*) . . . **Off the hook:** Yes, your editor is off the hook for publishing the information of John Kelly's significant honor (see Feb. Issue). Kati writes: "The Ohio Racewalker arrived today and John with his usual great interest started reading--his face did get red--and then even redder! Oh, yes, he was indeed embarrassed but did forgive me so our marriage is still very much intact and going strong!" So with this that assurance, I will now take the risk of publishing the song that was composed in his honor and sung at the award ceremony. I'm sure those that know John (and who doesn't) will enjoy it even if John might get redder still.

Near a village in Tipperary stands a castle all forlorn
 There one October morning John Kelly he was born
 His parents took him to the chapel at the font there by the door
 The priest blessed the little fellow, welcome John to famed Loughmre

And the chapel bells were ringing like the birds on every bough
 Joyous notes of exclamation wondrous words of expectation
 Greet the son of Kocknagow

He ran to school each morning despite weather cold or fine
 Setting seed for future travels barefoot by the railway line
 Those youthful years passed quickly long summers thro' to fall
 John lived and loved the beauty round the hills of Killenaule

Where the cuckoo call is ringing, thro' valley vale and glen
 Wakening flowers of God's creation nature's time for celebrations
 Thank the Lord our God for spring

Twenty summers swiftly passed, John left his native shore
Thro' London to Australia he little knew what lay in store
The "Golden Gloves" at twenty-four the master in the ring
London Mexico and Columbia his praises all would sing
The greatest race awaited in distant Ohio
And he won the race that mattered, when Kati said "I do"

And the wedding bells were ringing to the heavens up above
Time for joy and celebration happiest pair in God's creation
Lit their eternal torch of love

To night Tipp'rery has gathered to place your famous name
With "immortals" gone before you listed in this "hall of fame"
We salute Tipp'rery's champion all honors in your store
God bless you Tipp'rery for this son from famed Loughmore

So this song we are singing raise our voices loud and now
'Tears of joy-congratulations', you have sold Tipperary to the nations
John Kelly the pride of Knocknagow, Knocknagow.

Interesting. In looking through the October 1964 issue of Browning's Ross's hallowed publication, *The Long Distance Log*, the following item caught my eye: "Phil Knight, ex-University of Oregon 4:10 miler, started his racewalking career with a bang as he won a 3-mile Olympic Development race in 30:17 in July." Presumably the same Phil Knight of Nike fame, but his involvement in our sport isn't something I remember. I don't know if he ever raced again, but it was at this time that the seeds for the Nike empire were being planted.

Nostalgia. From Andrew and Ingrid Crane in Florida: "We were in Naples, Florida in January and 'happened' upon the Naples Half-Marathon. We walked out a few miles to cheer on the athletes coming home. All of a sudden... the Vaill sisters. . . Theresa racewalking like a gazelle, her sister Lisa running by her side. What a beautiful sight. It took us back 25 years when we competed together both in Central Park and Long Island. And there she was—an Olympian in our midst!"

The things that keep us going. It's always nice to receive notes of appreciation from readers. Here is a special one from Roderick McElwain in Dallas: "Thank you very much for something worth so much more than the annual twelve dollars. When it comes to racewalking there are only three things that really count. . . 1. Getting out and doing it. 2. A good pair of shoes. 3. The Ohio Racewalker. Once a month I combine all three when I walk 10 Km to the Post Office to get the Ohio Racewalker. On the return 10 Km, I get to read, walk, and avoid cars." . . **Coaches for Internationals.** USATF Racewalk Committee Chair Vince Peters has announced the following appointments to coaching positions for this year's international teams. Don DeNoon, former U. Of Illinois Carbondale Head T&F and CC coach, and long-time racewalker, was chosen to be the Head Coach of the 2005 Pan American Cup team. Don is now the T&F Coordinator for the National Training Center in Clermont, Florida. Joining Don on the stall will be Maryanne Daniel of Clinton Conn. As the Assistant Coach and Richard Robert of the Southern California Association as the Team Manager. For the USA vs. Canada Dual Meet in Long Island August 14, two college coaches were selected. Long-time National class racewalker Mike Rohl, the current head T&F and CC coach at Mansfield U. In Pennsylvania was selected to be Head Coach. Joining Mike will be Paul Ekern, Head T&F and CC coach at Dakota Wesleyan U.

Fighting Turtles smash hit on TV. The South Texas youth walkers the Fighting

Turtles) not only cleaned up at the national scholastic walks, they also made a smashing TV appearance. Tim Seaman, who works with these kids, asks, "Did you get to watch Good Morning American show this morning? If you didn't, you missed the national debut of the Fighting Turtles t-shirts. Coach Jaime and the kids were standing outside during the live broadcast of Good Morning America when they were asked if they wanted to come inside and see the show. They accepted and as the band was playing "When A Man Loves A Woman", Roberto Vergara strutted his stuff by trying to dance with Diane Sawyer. As he was dancing, you got a great shot of the back of the Fighting Turtles t-shirt. The producer then asked Coach Jaime to cut in and dance with Diane. Coach decided he was going to show the kids how it was done and he took Diane by the hand, pulled her close and began to dance the way it is done in the Rio Grande Valley in South Texas—cheek to cheek!! It was Coach's first time on national television and he had the biggest smile. In fact, Coach has not stopped smiling all weekend, bringing home four All-America titles. Not to be outdone was two-time National Champion Chris Diaz who attempted to cut in on Coach! I think Coach should have him do 30 km tomorrow in training!!"

Racewalkers Win Finnish Pole Walk Championships

Special to the ORW from Harry Siitonen

Some of you may have heard of the Nordic pole walking craze in Europe, particularly in Finland, the Scandinavian countries, and Germany. Instead of swinging your bare arms as you walk, you swing a pair of adapted ski poles as you walk (not run), touching the ground with the poles every step. Mostly a recreational activity.

Well, on March 20, the held the unofficial Finnish National Nordic Pole Walking Championships, covering a 9.6 km course at Seinajoki.

The men's and women's winners were members of the Finnish junior national racewalking team. Jarkko Kinnunen, 21, of Jalasjarvi, was the men's winner in 59:42 (takes a bit longer than in standard racewalking). Marika Ojanpera, 21, also of Jalasjarvi was the women's titlist in 1:06:22. Nillo Halonen, 19, also a leading junior racewalker, was second in the men's division in 1:02:44.

We hear of racewalkers frequently competing as distance runners. American racewalking notable Ray Sharp was once a mean cross-country skiing competitor and instructor. And yours truly used to participate in mini-triathlons—swimming, biking, and racewalking the running leg some 20 years ago for his weekend torture.

But, wait—that ain't all. The unofficial World Nordic Pole Walking Championships are scheduled to take place at Masku, Finland on April 24, 2005. A past Olympic cross-country skiing gold medalist, Mike Myllyla, plans to compete, promising to leave his skis at home this round. Maybe Ray Sharp should think of entering. With both cross-country skiing background (using poles) and a stellar racewalking history (sans poles), Ray might surprise them all when the dust clears at the fin-nish line.

Nizhegorodov Has Long-Range Plans

IAAF Release by Nikolai Dolgopotov and Rostislav Orlov

Olympic 50 Km silver medallist Denis Nizhegorodov, who is only 24, is already

viewed by many in Russia's racewalking community as the favorite for the 2008 Olympic Games. Nizhegorodov, who comes from the little, out-of-the-way settlement of Aleksandrovka in the Mordovian Republic, turned out to be one of the heroes of the Athens Olympics. The dramatic finish in the 50 Km race in which this thin, gentle guy staggered exhausted and dehydrated towards the stadium, first made the public tremble at his suffering and then applaud his courage. For the last 1.5 km of the longest distance in the whole athletic program, he was struggling not only with Robert Korzeniowski, but with the heat as well. Exhausted and practically out of his mind, he collided with the barriers on the course and nearly fell down.

"If I had fallen," Nizhegorodov admitted, "I would not have been capable of getting up. So I grabbed all the consciousness I had left and managed to go on." As soon as he crossed the finish, the inevitable fall came, and his relatives back home in Russia watching on TV were convinced he had died.

He had felt that he was on the verge of dying 8 kilometers before the finish line. The 35 degree heat (95 F) and the 80 percent humidity taking a heavy toll on a guy who was more used to cold weather. "It was like being in a steam bath, I've never experienced such a feeling. And I do hope I never will again."

Maybe the struggle with Korzeniowski, who was rushing relentlessly to his fourth Olympic victory, was too much of a good thing for Nizhegorodov. He tried his utmost to beat the Pole and due to those efforts, the duo left a crowd of opponents far behind. So, what was in his mind just prior to the finishing line? Only the words of his coach, which had been shouted to him 2 km from the finish: "Try it, be patient, you'll do it!"

Despite unbearable pain in every part of his body, Nizhegorodov managed to get up off the track after the finish, and was first approached by the gold medallist 'Robert the Great' whose congratulations couldn't have been clearer. "The next Olympics are yours."

But, it is difficult to say what will happen in 2008 in the Chinese capital. Yes, in July of 2008 Nizhegorodov will be only 28-years old. That's the flourishing age for athletes contesting the 50 km distance. In Athens, he was the youngest of those who started at the longest distance in athletics. It was only his fourth performance at 50 km, and of the other three races, all were 'big time'—twice he had won the Russian national championships, and he had placed fifth at the 2003 Paris Worlds.

Coach Victor Chegin considers it is senseless to set any limits on his pupil's abilities. The doctor who measured Nizhegorodov's blood pressure and pulse beat after the finish in Athens was amazed. The athlete who was absolutely broken after the finish, recuperated very quickly and after half-an-hour was back to near normal.

Nizhegorodov only started racewalking 6 years ago. Originally, he was coached by his father, a teacher of physical culture in the village school, who was sure that his son would be an excellent runner. Gennadiy Ivanovich Nizhegorodov was a runner himself and even won a Mordovian Republic title. But still it was not by chance that his son switched to racewalking, as another villager, Yevgeniy Maskinkov, had won the Olympic 50 km silver medal in 1956 in Melbourne.

It was this reason why Nizhegorodov's father made up his mind to introduce his son to the well known coach Victor Chegin—the founder of the famous school of racewalkers in the city of Saransk. In the Republic of Mordovia, racewalking is the most favorite national sport. Chegin immediately accepted the new disciple into his school, realizing Nizhegorodov's potential was enormous.

It is also important to remember that in Athens, Chegin celebrated a double success, as the bronze medal was won by another of his athletes, Aleksey Voyerodin. Voyerodin started racewalking only at the age of 20 in 1990 and along with Nizhegorodov does not like

20 km. It is too short a distance for them both. Maybe the reason is that they both lack speed but have got the fantastic endurance that is an absolute must at 50 km.

Voyvodin is now firmly established in the world racewalking elite. He was the bronze medal winner at the Russian national winter championships at 35 Km in 1995. But then came a period of total disappointment. After several years, he decided to change coaches and asked Victor Chegin to help him. Since that time, he has twice won the IAAF Racewalking World Cup and was fourth at the 2003 World Championships.

Former World Junior Champion, 20-year-old Vladimir Kanaykin, another disciple of the same Victor Chegin, has also been performing well recently over 35 km. At the recent Russian national championships, his 2:23:17 was the fastest ever time for this odd distance. Then, there is another star, Vladimir Porvatkin, also 20, who won the 20 Km at the same championships with a very promising result—1:18:06—which is the ninth best in history. What a training group! What a coach!

LOOKING BACK

40 Years Ago (From the March 1965 ORW)—This was the first ever edition of the ORW, as discussed last month. In it, we reported Dr. John Blackburn as the winner of the New Year's Eve 6 Mile Handicap, which became the First Annual race the following year when we conducted the second annual. With a 5-minute start, Doc finished a full minute ahead of son Jack in 49:32. Jack's 50:32 was the fast time on the rather treacherous course (including a mudrun) at the Indian Village Day Camp where Jack lived at the time. Nearly 30 seconds behind came a hobbling Jack Mortland. . . Later, however, Mortland won the first-ever indoor walking race in Columbus, a 2 miler, in 14:49, beating Jack B by 0.1 second. . . Blackburn came back a month later to beat the Mort outdoors, 14:21 to 14:24. . . In between, Mortland captured a 10 miler in 1:20:48. As you can see, all we had in that first issue was local stuff, but that quickly changed.

35 Years Ago (From the March 1970 ORW)—There were two American records to report. Larry Walker did 13:20.2 for 2 Miles (outdoors) and Dave Romansky covered 20 Km on the track in 1:30:12. In that race, Steve Hayden was second in 1:32:06 and John Knifton third in 1:35:53. Romansky covered his final mile in 6:55. . . Greg Diebold won the IC4A indoor 1 Mile in 6:41, beating Clarence Bushart by 1 second. . . Bob Kuchar won the National Junior 50 Km in 5:18:57.

30 Years Ago (From the March 1975 ORW)—Paul Steward won the IC4A indoor mile title in 7:10.8. This collegiate race is no longer contested. . . Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller stormed around an indoor track in East Germany to complete 10 Km in 41:37, a world's indoor best. . . We published a brief capsule of the ORW history, noting that we started out charging \$1.20 per year.

25 Years Ago (From the March 1980 ORW)—Todd Scully won the first ever National Athletics Congress walking title (they were previously National AAU titles and are now USATF titles) as he captured the Indoor 2 Mile in 12:35.1, just 3 seconds off the world's best. Jim Heiring, who went on to win a few titles of his own, was second in 12:43.3, with Bruce Harland third in 13:07 and everyone else way back. . . The women's 1 Mile went to Sue Brodock in 7:06.9, ahead of Sue Liers in 7:11.3 and Ester Lopez in 7:21.8. (Ed. In later years

in this Looking Back feature, I suggested that the chances are Brodock actually won the first TAC walking title, since the women's race usually went off first. I then asked for anyone who was there to provide the definitive answer to this provocative question. If I ever received an answer, I have forgotten it. So, I'll pose the question again—who was first, Todd or Sue?) . . . Scully also won the Olympic Invitational 1500 meter race in 5:41 and the IC4A 1 mile title went to Jerry Katz in 6:30.6, ahead of Mike Morris, Gerald Pollet, and Troy Engle, all under 6:45. . . Heiring had a quick 43:53.4 for 10 Km in California, with Dan O'Connor recording the same time. . . Carlo Mattioli had an 18:59.2 indoor 5 Km in Italy, and lot of Russians went under 40 minutes for 10 Km indoors, led by Viktor Semenov's 39:21.

20 Years Ago (From the March 1985 ORW)—Marco Evoniuk was an easy winner in the TAC 20 Km race with a 1:28:40 in Monterey, Cal. Sam Shick trailed by more than 6 minutes, with Steve DiBernardo right on his heels. Lori Maynard won the women's race in 1:58:07, just over a minute ahead of Jolene Steigerwalt. Mary Baribeau was third in 2:00:27. . . Tom Edwards broke the American indoor 5 Km record in winning the Intercollegiate at Princeton in 20:17.55. Ed O'Rourke was second in 21:22. . . Ray Funkhouser covered 20 Km in 1:30:07 in Long Branch, N.J.

15 Years Ago (From the March 1990 ORW)—Mikhail Schennikov (19:45.28—rather pedestrian for him) and Igor Plotnikov (19:48.71) finished one-two in the 5 Km at the USA-Great Britain-USSR indoor 5 Km in Cosford, England. Britain's Andy Drake was third in 19:57.72 and Dave McGovern fourth in 20:57.68. . . Gretchen Eastler (7:23.84) and Paul Tavares (6:30.39) won National Scholastic 1 Mile titles in Syracuse. Tim Seaman was fourth in the boy's race.

10 Years Ago (From the March 1995 ORW)—Michelle Rohl and Allen James won US Indoor titles in Atlanta. Michelle's 13:04.99 left Victoria Herazo 7 seconds back in the women's 3 Km, with Joanne Dow third. James took the 5 Km in 20:16.47, 13 seconds ahead of Jonathan Matthews, with Rob Cole another 7 seconds back. Chad Eder and Gary Morgan were also under 21 minutes in fourth and fifth. . . Mexico's Graciela Mendoza beat Rohl to win the Pan American Games 10 Km in Argentina with a 46:31.93. Michelle had 46:46.52. . . James won the Millrose Games Indoor 1 Mile title in 5:52.75 with Matthews just 3 seconds back. Wojciech and Lukasz Szela were third and fourth ahead of Gary Morgan and Sean Albert, all between 6:03 and 6:10. (And what has become of the Szela boys who flashed brilliantly on and off the scene?) . . . Kevin Eastler did a 6:11.98 to win the National Scholastic Mile in Syracuse. Lisa Kutzing won the girl's race in 7:24.67. . . Mikhail Schennikov set a World's 5 Km Indoor record with an 18:07.08 in Moscow. . . Kerry Saxby and Nick A'Hern won Australian national titles at 20 and 20 Km in 43:53 and 1:22:35.

5 Years Ago (From the March 2000 ORW)—Tim Seaman won his third straight National Indoor 5 Km title in 19:32.11, leaving Curt Clausen nearly 22 seconds back. Al Heppner was a distant third. Michelle Rohl won the women's 3 Km title in 12:51.17, 18 seconds ahead of Jill Zenner with Debbi Lawrence third. . . In Lima Peru, Andrew Hermann finished a centimeter or so behind Olympic Champion Jefferson Perez in a 20 Km as both clocked 1:30:50. Curt Clausen was third in 1:31:24. The next day, Clausen captured a 35 Km race in 2:57:55, both races contested in very hot conditions. . . Sara Stevenson won the NAIA Indoor 3 Km in 14:02.85, a minute ahead of Katie Rulapauch. The men's race went to Lachlan McDonald in 13:04.48 and his U. of Wisconsin-Parkside mates, Matt DeWitt, Steve Quirke, and Jim Heys took the next three spots. . . Jesus Garcia won the Spanish 50 Km title in

3:45:14, just 43 seconds ahead of Mikel Odriozola. . . Russia's Vladimir Boidatchenko won a 200 Km race in France in 22:19.50. . . In Italy, Alessandro Gandellini raced to an 18:27.15 indoor 3 km win, 7 seconds ahead of Giovanni DiBenedictis. . . And in Dudince Slovakia, Finland's Valentin Kononen became the sixth-fastest 50 Km walker of all time with his 3:39:34 performance. Not to mention a 2:06:20 for 35 Km by Italy's Marco Giungi.

The First Olympic 50 Km, August 8, 1932, Los Angeles

1. Thomas W. Green, Great Britain 4:50:10
2. Janis Dalins, Latvia 4:57:20
3. Ugo Frigerio, Italy 4:59:06
4. Karl Hahnel, Germany 5:06:06
5. Ettore Rivolta, Italy 5:07:39
6. Paul Stewart, Germany 5:16:41
7. Henri Quintric, France 5:27:25
8. Ernie Crosby, USA 5:28:02
9. Bill Chisholm, USA 5:51:00
10. Masin, Estonia, no time recorded

Did Not Finish

Arthur Tell Schwab, Switzerland and four others unnamed.

Schwab did better four years later finishing second to Great Britain's Harold Whitlock (4:30:41.4) in 4:32:09.2. The first 14 broke Green's initial Olympic record and 26 finished.

And here is Thomas W. Green, as he appeared cigarette card, which was among those Shaul Ladany sent me copies of a couple of years ago.

