

Russian Juniors and Women, Spanish Men Capture World Cup Team Titles

La Coruna, Spain, May 13-14—In the 21 editions of the World Cup of Racewalking contested since 1961, Spain had never won a team title. Apparently a little home cooking was the answer to that drought as the Spanish men swept to victories in both the 20 and 50 Km at this year's competition. The women's 20 Km and both men's and women's Junior 10 Km titles went to dominant Russian teams.

Spain was led by Francisco Fernandez who left World Champion and defending World Cup 20 Km winner, Jefferson Perez, helpless in his wake. Fernandez won by 37 seconds with a 1:18:31, the second fastest winner in World Cup history—Perez had 1:18:24 in 1997. It was a sweet victory for the Spaniard in front of his countryman and a turn-around from last year's World Championships when Perez beat him by 61 seconds.

Probably more surprising than Spain's team victory in this race was the Australian second-place finish. They were just 4 points behind the Spaniards and tied in points with Russia. Second place went to the Aussies on the basis of the higher-placed third finisher. (The team scorer is like cross-country scoring, with each team allowed five entrants, but just the three from each team figuring in the scoring. Teams finishing less than three do not score.)

In the 50, Spain put three walkers in the first 10 and was unchallenged in the team race, finishing 18 points of Poland. Poland, walking without the retired Robert Korzeniowski for the first time in many years, was another surprise. (Robert did make his mystique felt as he is now coaching Fernandez. The individual title went to Russia's Denis Nizhegorodov in a sparkling 3:38:02, nearly 3 ½ minutes ahead of yet another surprise, Trond Nymark of Norway.

Yuriy Andronov gave the Russians another medal in third, but their hopes for a team title went up in flames the second half of the race. At 30 Km, they seemed to have the team title in the bag, with walkers in first, third, fifth, and seventh places, despite having defending champion Aleksey Voyovedin drop out after 25 Km (in thirteenth place.) But then, third-place Vladimir Kanaykin got his third red card, and World Champion Sergey Kirdyapkin, in seventh at 30 Km, folded up completely and finally struggled home in 49th place, leaving the team out of the medals. Not untypical of the drama that often unfolds at a World Cup 50. Things can change quickly when the real racing begins after 30 Km.

In both Junior races, contested at 10 Km, the Russians were dominant, finishing one-two in the women's race and one-three in the men's. (There are just two scorers in the Junior races.) Individual titles went to the defender Vera Sokolava (44:49) and Sergey Morozov (40:26).

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In the women's 20 Km, World Champion and World record holder, Olimpiada Ivanova, was out to justify her role of favorite from the start. But the Belarus ace Ryta Turava, fourth in the Athens Olympics and a distant second to Ivanova in last year's World Championships, was determined to move up another notch this year.

By 5 Km the pair was together in a quick 21:40 and were leaving the field behind. Ivanova's four Russian teammates were together in 21:56, 9 seconds ahead of China's Qiuyan Jiang, who had another 10 seconds on Romania's Claudia Stef. The next group of five was already 50 seconds behind the leaders.

But neither leader seemed ready to continue to push the pace over the next 5, allowing Irina Petrova to get back in contact. With Petrova closing in, Turava began to pull away from Ivanova at 7 Km and by the 10 Km mark Petrova was slightly ahead as she and Turava went through in 23:24. Ivanova was 15 seconds back with Jiang now in fourth at 44:00. Next were Russians Olga Kaniskina (44:18) and Tatyana Kozlova (44:19), and Stef (44:19). Elena Ginko, Belarus, was a lonely eight in 44:35, followed by a pack of 10 walkers, led by Australia's Jane Saville (44:49).

At 11 Km, Turava kicked into another gear and roared away from her Russian antagonists. Her 21:25 over the next 5 took her through 15 km in 64:49 with a 33-second lead on Petrova, who led Ivanova by another 12 seconds. Jiang had 66:26, Kaniskina 66:44, Stef 66:46, and Ginko 66:57. The Saville led pack, now down to five, came through in 67:06.

Turava backed off a bit on the final 5, needing 21:38 to finish in a championship record of 1:26:27. Ivanova had no answer to Turava's strong race, but she did overhaul Petrova to claim the silver, 59 seconds behind Turava. Petrova had no competition for the bronze, finishing more than a minute ahead of China's Dan He. With Kaniskina in fifth, the Russians easily won the team gold. China was second, although Jiang faded to ninth by the finish. Hong Liu overhauled Saville by the finish for sixth place and assurance of the team silver. Belarus was third as Ginko supported Turava in eighth place.

Turava had Ivanova's World Record on her mind, but came up 49 seconds short. "I think I made a mistake—I normally take an energy drink from home and I thought water would be OK today, but after the first few kilometers my legs were hurting. I get that sometimes," she said. "I have still to work on my technique. I am a bit upset not to have the record and I thought I could get it today."

The U.S. finished ninth, ahead of Ukraine and behind Italy. Twelve teams finished three athletes. Teresa Vaill finished 32nd in 1:35:46, just 5 seconds off her Trials time in April. She went through her first 5 in 23:07 in 43rd place and then started to move up in the field, despite gradually slowing. She was in 34th at 10 Km in 46:32, and 31st at 15 in 70:51. Slowing to 24:55, she lost one spot on the final 5. Joanne Dow finished two spots behind Teresa in 1:36:14. She also moved through the field, even as she gradually slowed. With splits of 23:35, 47:29, and 71:53 she moved from 48th at 5 Km to 34th at the finish. Jolene Moore walked 1:40:08 for 49th place, with splits of 24:09, 48:37, and 74:09. Deb Huberty was 65th in 1:49:23 and Amber Antonia, after a 24:12 for her first 5, had to drop out before the 10 Km mark.

In the men's 20, Fernandez took command early and soon left the rest of the field in

his vapor trail. Actually, China's Yucheng Han led for the first kilometer, tearing along at a sub 1:16 pace. Once Han was hauled in, Fernandez, cheered by the home crowd, blitzed the first 5 Km in 19:29 and only Australia's Nathan Deakes was willing to try and match that pace. Deakes went through in 19:32, but eventually would pay the price for trying to match Fernandez on this day. Already, the Spaniard had 21 seconds on the favorite, Perez, who was walking with Tunisia's Hatem Ghouls. They were just ahead of Han and a pack of 17 others at 20:00 or better.

Fernandez accelerated the second 5, a 19:23 effort bringing him past 10 Km in 38:32. Deakes had dropped well back, but was still clear of the pack in second with a 39:24. Ten seconds behind him were Perez, Ghoula, and Han. Columbia's Luis Lopez was next in 39:35, just a second ahead of the Russian pair of Viktor Burayev and Sergey Bakulin. The rest of the field was spreading out behind.

Continuing to push his relentless pace, Fernandez completely discouraged any pursuit as he went by 15 Km in 58:22, now 58 seconds ahead of Ghoula, Han, and Perez. Deakes was just another second back, as these four found themselves locked in a dual for the two remaining medals. The gold was all but conceded to Fernandez. Lopez was another 13 seconds back, with Bakulin and Burayev not far behind him. No one else had any shot at a medal, as Mexico's Daniel Garcia in ninth was at 60:18, 37 seconds behind Burayev.

Fernandez did slow the final 5, finishing in 1:18:31, with a 20:09 for the final 5. Perez and Han were able to accelerate slightly, to close the gap on Fernandez and take the silver and bronze by a good margin. Perez through down his cap with a kilometer to go and opened a gap on Han, which he held to the finish, which he hit in 1:19:08, 2 seconds ahead of Han. Ghoula overhauled Deakes in the final 50 meters to take fourth in 1:19:36, a second ahead of the Australian. Bakulin and Burayev took the next two spots, but could not break 1:20. For Ghoula, who has been just out of contention in many international races, it was a real breakthrough.

With Juan Manuel Molina in 12th and Benjamin Sanchez in 20th, Spain excited the natives with a gold medal team performance, four points of the surprising Australian team. It was actually Sanchez who won the gold for Spain. While Jose Diaz faded from 20th to 28th over the last 5, Sanchez moved up from 25th to save the day. Russia and Mexico were in contention for the gold at 10 Km, but both suffered disqualifications and collapses that ended their chances. The always strong Mexican were a distant eighth in the team standings. China was also in contention until a late DQ pushed them back to fourth.

Kevin Eastler was the bright spot for the U.S., which finished 14th in the team standings. Kevin walked an evenly paced race through 15 Km to move from 44th at 5 Km to 23rd at the finish, just a hair behind Mexico's Gabriel Ortiz. Kevin finished in 1:22:47, a time beaten only by Tim Lewis in World Cup competition. His splits were 20:27, 41:01, 61:33. Had he managed to hold on to his pace over the final 5, he would have finished five or six spots higher. Tim Seaman was 69th in 1:31:01 (21:35, 43:10), John Nunn 71st in 1:31:49 ((21:02, 43:40), Benjamin Shorey 73rd in 1:32:20 (21:47, 43:52), and Matt Boyles 74th in 1:32:29 ((22:20, 45:15).

As noted above, the drama in the 50 was in the team picture. At 30 Km, the Russians at 1,3,5, and 7 were in great shape, and the Chinese with 5 in the first 22 were a threat if a couple of those moved up. Spain, in 8, 9, 20, and 23, was trailing both. But there are no guarantees in a 50 and the collapse of both the Russian and Chinese teams allowed Spain an easy victory, 18 points ahead of Poland, 19 ahead of China, and 33 ahead of Russia. The Chinese continue to perform better at home than on the road. Of course, after these races perhaps we could say that of the Spaniards as well.

There was no such drama for the individual gold. Denis Nizhegorodov was content

to bide his time for the first 10 Km, led by his countryman Yuriy Andronov in 45:29. Nizhegorodov lay in fifth, a second back, with Sergey Kirdyapkin, Changliang Zhao, and Chaohong Yu also ahead of him. Trond Nymark and Aleksey Voyevodin were right with him, a few seconds ahead of Mexico's Horacio Nava and Spain's Mikel Ordiozola. There were 19 athletes at 45:56 or better.

On the second 10 Km, Nizhegorodov and Yu stepped up the pace to go through 20 km in 1:28:54—a 43:25 for 10 Km. Kirdyapkin and Zhao were trying to hang on, 14 seconds back. Nymark and Andronov were 1:30 back, with a pack of eight more within 16 seconds of them. The pace accelerated quickly for the two leaders and they hit 25 Km in 1:49:37 (20:43 for 5). Zhao and Kirdyapkin were nearly a minute-and-a-half back by that time and they were pulling away from the rest. When Nizhegorodov kept the pressure on with another 5 Km in 20:36 (2:10:13 at 30), Yu was broken, better than a minute back at 2:11:29. Vladimir Kanaykin had moved to third in 2:12:45, Zhao was fourth in 2:13:07, Kirdyapkin fifth in 2:13:56, and Nymark sixth in 2:14:32, 6 seconds ahead of Andronov. Kanaykin was shown the red card shortly and Kirkyapkin had given up the chase in a quick fade that lasted the rest of the race.

Nizhegorodov was relentless as he did 41:13 to hit 40 Km in 2:51:43. His 1:22:39 from 20 to 40 Km would have given him 22nd place in the 20. Nymark made his own move to take over second in 2:57:40, as Zhao and Yu faded (2:57:53 and 2:58:07). Andronov was fifth in 2:58:32 and Spain's Mikel Odriozola was sixth in 2:54:53. The great Spanish veteran, Jesus Garcia was now in eighth. With Jose Cambil in 13th, they trailed China by just 3 points. Tianfeng was in 17th for the Chinese. With Kirdyapkin disappearing in the distance, the Russians were completely out of the picture.

Nizhegorodov, though he slowed considerably, had an insurmountable lead and came home in 3:38:02, needing 46:19 for his final 10. Zhao and Yu both needed well over 50 minutes to get home and their collapse left China out of the team gold. Nymark finished strong (43:50 for the last 10) to easily capture the silver, by 68 seconds over Andronov. Odriozola and Garcia moved to fourth and sixth, with Poland's Roman Magdziarczyk between them. The Pole had been 11th at 30 Km and his move past the two Chinese (or perhaps their move behind them) brought Poland the silver medal by one point. Kirdyapkin struggled through his final 20 in just under 2:10, but kept going so that his team could place even if only fourth.

Nizhegorodov walked a 3:35:29 in 2004, a time that has never been ratified as a World Record, but was soundly beaten by Robert Korzeniowski in the Olympics that year. He had to drag himself to the finish in that one. Though he slowed some today, his only real danger was a second red card at 30 Km, so he was walking a fine line to the finish. "I remember Athens very well but also knew I needed to take risks. I was afraid I might damage the team chances with a third card, but I did not change my tactics. I wanted to win and I was not going to hide from the judges," he said after the race.

Nymark in second bettered his personal record by nearly three minutes to win his unexpected spot. Fourth in last year's World Championships, which was unexpected at that time, he started conservatively today and then moved forward. "I knew I could make the top three, but the first 20 was difficult. I took a chance and accelerated. By 25 Km I was on edge. I knew I would either tip over or find my flow and I found my flow. I knew I could do well as the times I've achieved during my training have spoken for themselves. This race tells me I can win major events in the future"

Philio Dunn led the US contingent, finishing 42nd in 4:16:06 (51:42, 1:42:56, 2:33:46, 3:24:15), a very evenly paces effort. Ray Sharp, at age 45, went after a fast time, hitting 25 Km in 2:02:28 before his years caught with him. He finished 54th in 4:30:46, one

place ahead of Theron Kissinger who finished in 4:32:20 off a more conservative 2:09:12 at 25. Mark Green, at 50, was 59th in 4:36:52 and Dave Mcovern, fighting injuries, dropped out after going through 20 in 1:58:09. The U.S. finished 10th of the 11 teams that got three walkers to the finish.

Vera Sokolova repeated her 2004 win in the Junior 10k in record time, but it wasn't easy. She finished in 44:49, just 3 seconds ahead of her 15-year-old teammate Aleksandra Kudryashova, who had beaten her in the Russian Winter Championships. Their only opposition came from China's Xue Chai, who took third in 45:02. At the finish, fourth place Volha Mazuronak was nearly 3 minutes behind and she was well clear of fifth place.

The three medalists went hard from the gun as the Russian duo went through the first kilometer in 4:25 along with a third Russian, Elena Ladanova, 5 seconds ahead of Chai.

At 5 Km, the three Russians were at 22:13, 20 seconds ahead of Chai. The pace began to slow slightly and Chai narrowed the gap to 14 seconds at 6 Km. At this point, Sokolova was the only one of the top five with no warnings. And, before they hit 7 Km, Ladanova got her third.

Chai caught up to the Russian pair by 8 Km and the race was on, as the pace quickened back to 4:30 per km. Sokolova was able to pull out a 4:21 on the final kilometer to take the win as Chai dropped away, perhaps wary after a second red card. Sokolova was 40 seconds faster than in her 2004 win, but, of course, her teammate will still be in the junior ranks in 2008, so the record well could fall again.

After the race, Sokolova said, "It was difficult at the beginning as the pace at the start was too fast—it then got easier. I adapted and saw I was winning. My main problem was to be selected for the World Junior Championships, and I have my place." For the U.S., rapidly improving Heather Buletti went through the first 5 in 25:11 and held the pace to finish 24th in 51:25. Katy Hayes was 32nd in 52:54 and Le'erin Voss 41st in 58:06. The team finished eleventh.

Gaobo Li, the 16-year-old Chinese athlete, appeared to be a strong favorite for the men's Junior race, considering his win at 20 Km in the Chinese IAAF Challenge 20 Km. After all, he did 1:18:17 there and beat Ilya Markov, Francisco Fernandez, and Nathan Deakes. How could not win a Junior race. Well, one way was to have the judges take him out, which is what happened here. As a result, Russia's Sergey Morozov strolled to an easy win in 40:26 (okay, not exactly strolling). The two were together when Li was pulled and who can say Morozov might not have one anyway.

Marazov, Li, and China's Yong Shi set a very fast early pace, hitting 2 Km 7:48. Jose Sanchez and Rafael Avendano of Mexico were the only others close, 11 seconds back. After, that quick start settled into a 4:05 km pace and Morozov reached 5 Km in 19:52, with Li 2 seconds back and Shi 12 seconds back. Sanchez was a distant fourth in 20:43, floowed by the second Russian Aleksey Grigoryev and Juan Cano of Argentina at (20:49. Spain's Miguel Lopez was next at 20:57.

Shortly after the 5 Km mark, Shi was ushered off by the judges and a kilometer later Li suffered the same fate, leaving Morozov all by himself. He eased through a 40:26 with Lopez 75 seconds back in second. Grigoryev was another 11 seconds back, beating Sanchez by 5 seconds for the bronze medal.

Morozov, like Li just 16 has been competing at racewalking for three years, having been a runner before that. "I was pretty sure of the victory when the second Chinese was disqualified. I could see a big gap behind me. I wanted to get under 40 minutes, but it was difficult on my own."

Roberto Vergara finished 50th in 49:15 with Michael Kasmierczak next in 49:45 and Ricardo Vergara 53rd in 50:15. The team finished 16th. Results follow:

Junior Women's 10 Km—1. Vera Sokolova, Russia 44:49 2. Alexandra Kudryashova, Russia 44:52 3. Xue Chai, China 45:04 4. Volha Mazuronek, Belarus 47:40 5. Svetlana Vasilova, Ukraine 48:22 6. Yuliya Davydenko, Ukraine 48:22 7. Anna Mielcarek, Poland 48:49 8. Federica Ferraro, Italy 49:01 9. Katarzyna Golba, Poland 49:25 10. Lorena Castrillo, Spain 49:33 11. Hanna Drabenia, Belarus 49:43 12. Ingrid Hernandez, Columbia 49:50 13. Anliy Pineda, Col. 49:53 14. Klara Malikova, Slovak Rep. 50:12 15. Catarina Godinho, Portugal 50:12 16. Karolina Kaasalainen, Finland 50:22 17. Claudia Cornejo, Bolivia 50:26 18. Maria Czakova, Sloval Rep. 50:32 19. Narin Kahraman, Turkey 50:37 20. Fiona AlidisAustralia 50:39 21. Uliana Verkhola, Ukraine 50:53 22. Ararissa Abissa, Ethiopia 51:12 23. Marta Santoro, Italy 51:25 24. Heather Buletti, USA 51:25 25. Maria Del Pilar Rayo, Col. 51:43 26. Raquel Gonzalez, Spain 51:50 27. Marcia Silva, Port. 52:01 28. Federica Barletta, Italy 52:26 29. Spyridoula Stavrou, Greece 52:26 30. Maria Eugenia Gandoy, Spain 52:41 31. Catherine Hayes, USA 52:54 32. Le'erin Voss, USA 58:06 (44 finishers, 4 DQ)
Team Scores: 1. Russia 3 2. Ukraine 11 3. Belarus 15 4. Poland 16 5. Columbia 25 6. Italy 31 7. Slovak Republic 32 8. Spain 36 9. Portugal 42 10. Finland 50 11. USA 56 12. Turkey 57 13. Hungary 68 14. Estonia 85

Junior Men's 10 Km: 1. Sergey Morozov, Russia 40:26 2. Miguel Angel Lopez, Spain 41:41 3. Aleksey Grigoryev, Russia 41:52 4. Jose Sanchez, Mexico 41:57 5. Mauricio Arteaga, Ecuador 42:42 6. Szmitriy Hamsunou, Belarus 42:49 7. Smitriy Shorin, Russia 43:05 8. Dzianis Karauchuk, Belarus 43:23 9. Juan Manuel Cano, Argentina 43:25 10. Alexandros Papamihail, Greece 43:31 11. Nicholas Ball, Great Britain 43:36 12. Matteo Guiiyyponni, Italy 43:55 13. Rafal Sikora, Poland 44:01 14. Heikki Kukkonen, Finland 44:01 15. Abdurrahim Celik, Turkey 44:04 16. Arnis Rumbenieks, Latvia 44:05 17. Stefano Cattaneo, Italy 44:12 18. Tautvydas Zekas, Lithuania 44:15 19. Maik Schneider, Germany 44:19 20. Yaroslav Borodinov, Ukraine 44:25 21. Tibor Marta, Hungary 44:25 22. Balazs Darabos, Hungary 44:26 23. Kevin Campion, France 44:59 24. Ivan Almashii, Ukraine 45:01 25. Federico Tontodonati, Italy 45:08 26. Abdelilah Jaadar, Spain 45:09 27. Francisco Ruiz, Spain 45:13 28. Benjamin Schmitt, France 45:17 29. Junghyun Yim, Korea 45:20 30. Maciaj Kubiak, Poland 45:28 31. Jose Munoz, Ecuador 45:30 32. Werner Appel, South Africa 45:34 33. Vasilios Hrisikos, Greece 45:58 34. Ayele Hitsan Eshete, Ethiopia 46:00 35. Michael Doyule, Ireland 46:06 36. Roberto Vergara, USA 49:15 51. Michael Kazmierczak, USA 49:45 53. Ricardo Vergara, USA 50:15 (54 finishers, 6 DQ)
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Women's 20 Km: 1. Ryta Turava, Belarus 1:26:27 2. Ivanova Olimpiada, Russia 1:27:26 3. Irina Petrova, Russia 1:27:46 4. Dan He, China 1:28:52 5. Olga Kaniskina, Russia 1:28:59 6. Hong Liu, China 1:28:59 7. Jane Saville, Australia 1:29:05 8. Elena Ginko, Belarus 1:29:06 9. Quiyan Jiang, China 1:29:08 10. Elisa Rigau, Italy 1:29:37 11. Claudia Stef, Romania 1:29:46 12. Sabine Zimmer, Germany 1:29:54 13. Ines Henriques, Portugal 1:30:28 14. Ana Cabecinha, Port. 1:32:02 15. Sylwia Korzeniowska, Poland 1:31:16, Tatsiana Metlevskaya, Belarus 1:31:35 17. Jolanta Dukure, latvia 1:32:01 18. Maria Jose Poves, Spain 1:32:05 19. Kristina Saltanovic, Lithuania 1:32:08 20. Ana Maria Groza, Romania 1:32:29 21. Melanie Seeger, Germany 1:32:36 22. Sniazhana Yurchanko, Belarus 1:32:42 23. Yanmin Bai, China 1:32:56 24. Norica Campean, Romania 1:33:03 25. Sonata Milusauskaite, Lithuania 1:33:04 26. Miriam Ramon, Ecuador 1:33:24 27. Vera Santos, Portugal 1:33:54 28. Natalie Saville, Australia 1:34:51 29. Ann Loughnane, Ireland 1:34:59 30. Vira Zozulya, Ukraine 1:35:33 31. Cristina Lopez, El Salvacor 1:35:36 32. Teresa Vaill, USA 1:35:46 33. Sandra Zapata, Col.

1:36:06 34. Joanne Dow, USA 1:36:14 35. Gisella Orsini, Italy 1:36:21 36. Yadira Guaman, Ecuador 1:35:22 37. Cheryl Webb, Australia 1:36:33 38. Kellie Wapshott, Australia 1:36:49 39. Zuzana Malikova, Slovak Rep. 1:36:51 40. Veronica Budileanu, Romania 1:37:00 41. Marie Polli, Switzerland 1:37:04 42. Lisa Grant, Australia 1:37:40 43. Nadiya Prolopuk, Ukraine 1:37:47 44. Fabiola Godinez, Mexico 1:38:05 45. Evelyn Nunez, Guatamala 1:38:10 46. Maria Issabel Perez, Spain 1:38:59 47. Lyunmila Yegorava-Shelest, Ukraine 1:39:23 48. Olena Miroshynchenko, Ukraine 1:39:30 49. Jolene Moore, USA 1:40:08 50. Laura Polli, Switz. 1:41:02 51. Deb Huberty, USA 1:49:23 (71 finishers, 13 DNF-including Amber Antonia, USA, 4 DQ)

Team Scores: 1. Russia 10 2. China 19 3. Belarus 25 4. Portugal 54 5. Romania 55 6. Australia 72 7. Lithuania 95 8. Italy 95 9. USA 115 10. Ukraine 120 11. Ecuador 120 12. Hungary 195

Men's 20 Km—1. Francisco Fernandez, Spain 1:18:31 2. Jefferson Perez, Ecuador 1:19:08 3. Yucheng Han, China 1:19:10 4. Hatem Ghoula, Tunisia 1:19:36 5. Nathan Deakes, Australia 1:19:37 6. Sergey Bakulin, Russia 1:20:10 7. Viktor Burayev, Russia 1:20:18 8. Joao Vieira, Portugal 1:20:33 10. Erik Tysse, Norway 1:20:34 11. Daniel Garcia, Mexico 1:20:52 11. Siarhei Charnou, Belarus 1:20:54 12. Juan Manuel Molina, Spain 1:21:09 13. Zhiping Wang, China 1:21:25 14. Jared Tallant, Australia 1:21:36 15. Ivano Brugnetti, Italy 1:21:47 16. Andre Hohne, Germany 1:21:52 17. Giorgio Rubino, Italy 1:22:05 18. Luke Adeams, Australia 1:22:11 19. Gustavo Resgtrepe, Columbia 1:22:18 20. Benjamin Sanchez, Spain 1:22:24 21. Nikolay Seredovich, Belarus 1:22:26 22. Gabriel Ortiz, Mexico 1:22:47 23. Kevin Eastler, USA 1:22:47 24. Dmitriy Yesipchuk, Russia 1:22:48 25. Andrei Talashka, Belarus 1:23:13 26. Rafal Augustyn, Poland 1:23:16 27. Ronghua Lu, China 1:23:17 28. Jose Ignacio Diaz, Spain 1:23:19 29. Rolando Daquipa, Ecuador 1:23:30 30. Takayuki Tanii, Japan 1:23:41 31. Koichiro Morioka, Mapan 1:24:33 32. Lo'rezo Civallo, Italy 1:24:36 33. Grzegorz Sudol, Poland 1:24:50 34. G. Luca Trombetti, Italy 1:24:59 35. James Randon, Col. 1:25:09 36. Franck Deiree, France 1:25:18 37. Osvaldo Orgega, Ecuador 1:25:24 38. Jose David Dominguez, Spain 1:25:25 39. Theodoroa Koupidis, Greece 1:25:34 40. Jiri Chaloupka, Czech Rep. 1:25:45 41. Chil-sung Park, Korea 1:25:54 42. Huun-sujp Kim, Korea 1:25:57 43. Julio Rene Martinez, Guatamala 1:25:59 44. Diogo Martins, Portugal 1:26:12 45. Sergio Vieira, Portugal 1:26:22 46. Matej Toth, Slovak Rep. 1:26:30 47. Sebastian Biche, France 1:26:34 48. Rustam Kuvatov, Kazakhstan 1:26:43 49. Peter Korcok, Slovak Rep. 1:26:43 50. Adam Rutter, Australia 1:26:54 51. Duane Cousins, Aust. 1:27:08 52. Ruslan Dmytranko, Ukraine 1:27:16 53. Jan Albrecht, Germany 1:27:35 54. Recep Celik, Turkey 1:27:36 55. Vilius Mikelionis, Lithuania 1:27:37 56. Andriy Kovenko, Ukraine 1:27:46 57. Hassanine Sbai, Turkey 1:27:49 58. Allan SeguraCosta Rico 1:27:53 59. Xavier Moreno, Ecuador 1:27:57 60. Tadas Suskevicius, Lithuania 1:28:05 61. Tim Seaman, USA 1:31:01 62. John Nunn, USA 1:31:49 63. Ben Shorey, USA 1:32:20 74. Matt Boyles, USA 1:32:29 (95 finishers, 12 DNF, 8 DQ)

Team Score: 1. Spain 33 2. Australia 37 3. Russia 37 4. China 43 5. Belarus 57 6. Italy 64 7. Ecuador 65 8. Mexico 94 9. Portugal 97 10. Japan 126 11. Colubia 130 12. Korea 146 13. France 155 14. USA 163 15. Ukraine 175 16. Lithuania 190 17. Switzerland 271

50 Km: 1. Denis Nizhegorodov, Russia 3:38:02 2. Trond Nymark 3:41:30 3. Yuriy Andronov, Russia 3:42:38 4. Mikel Odriozola, Spain 3:44:59 5. Roman Magdziarczyk, Poland 3:45:57 6. Jesus Angel Garcia, Spain 3:46:11 7. Horacio Nava, Mexico 3:48:22 7. Horacio Nava, Mexico 3:48:22 8. Changlian Zhao, China 3:49:29 9. Marco De Luca, Italy 3:49:43 10. Jose Alejandro Cambil, Spain Spain 3:51:32 11. Chaohong Yu, China 3:52:12 12. Claudio Erasmo Vargas, Mexico 3:54:16 13. Nadrei Stepanchuk, Belarus 3:54:31 14. Kamil Kalka, Poland 3:54:44 15. Diego Cafagna, Italy 3:55:41 16. Eddy Riva, France 3:55:55 17. David Boulanger, France

3:56:46 18. Inguja Janevics, Latvia 3:56:54 19. Rafal Fedaczynski, Poland 3:57:24 20. Tianfeng Si, China 3:57:54 21. Pedro Martins, Portugal 3:58:10 22. Antonio Pereira, Port. 3:58:39 23. Fredrik Svensson, Sweden 3:58:39 24. Ugis Bruvalis, Latvia 3:58:50 25. Michal Jarosz, Poland 3:59:19 26. Chris Erickson, Australia 3:59:20 27. Jorge Costa, Portugal 3:59:27 28. Dionisio, Port. 3:59:28 29. Jarkko Kinnunen, Finland 3:59:39 30. Alexander Rakovic, Serbia 31. Augusto Cardoso, Portugal 4:03:16 32. Bengt Bengtsson, Sweden 4:04:45 33. Shucai Xing, China 4:05:41 34. Dong-young Kim, Korea 4:07:59 35. Donatas Skarnulis, Lithuania 4:09:31 36. Gyula Dudas, Hungary 4:11:53 37. Latangadasu A, China 4:12:04 39. Tim Berrett, Canada 4:12:37 40. Salvador Mira, El Salvador 4:12:53 41. Zoltan Czukur, Hungary 4:15:00 42. Philip Dunn, USA 4:16:06 43. Timo Viljanen, Finland 4:16:24 44. Jorge Ignacio Silva, Spain 4:16:34 45. Mirko Dolci, Italy 4:16:48 46. Craig Barrett, New Zealand 4:19:21. . .54. Ray Sharp, USA 4:30:46 55. Theron Kissinger, USA 4:31:20. . .59. Mark Green, USA 4:37:38 (63 finishers, 13 DNF including Dave McGovern, USA; and Aleksey Voyevodin, Russia, 6 DQ including Omar Zepeda, Mexico and Vladimir Kanaykin, Russia. Team Scores: 1. Spain 20 2. Poland 38 3. China 39 4. Russia 53 5. Italy 69 6. Portugal 70 7. Latvia 80 8. Sweden 109 9. Hungary 134 10. USA 151 11. Ukraine 154

Other Results

Women's High School 1600 meters, White Plains, N.Y., May 14—1. Brittany O'Brian 7:31.85 2. Emilija Vaskyte 7:44.32 3. Julie Steel 7:49.94 4. Leah Buletti 7:50.10 5. Shani Brown 8:00.67 6. Rebbecca Glass 8:09.19 7. Elizabeth Giorgio 8:15.33 8. Eweline Peszt 8:18.03 9. Elizabeth Hoffberg 8:39.35 10. Arame Mbodj 8:40.07 11. Irie Monte 8:44.21 12. Melissa Rivera 8:49.42 (21 finishers) **Ron Zinn Memorial 10 Km, Wall Twp., N.J., April 23**—1. John Soucheck 52:24 2. Tom Quattrocchi 62:35 3. Ron Salvio 63:58 4. Jack Lach (60+) 64:50 5. Ben Ottmer (70+) 69:49 Women—1. Dorit Attias 63:09 2. Panse Geer 63:45 3. Maria Paul 67:48 (The walkers were hampered by a driving storm resulting in a flooded walkway.) **20 Km, Point Pleasant, N.J., May 21**—1. John Soucheck 1:45:26 2. Rich Luettichau 1:51:08 3. Tom Quattrocchi 2:06:46 4. Ron Salvio 2:10:50 5. Wayne Baker 2:14:20 6. Ben Ottmer 2:19:37 7. Bob Mimm, no time given Women—1. Maria Paul 2:23:13 **10 Km, same place**—1. Erik Litt 56:21 2. William May 61:33 Women—1. Solomiya Login 54:23 2. Panse Geer 62:52 3. Pamela Alva 67:28 4. Fran Emanuel 69:15 **Mid-East Conference 5 Km Championship, Cedarville, Ohio, April 22: Men**—1. Brad Sinick, Malone 24:16.00 (Meet and track record is 21:23 by Matt Boyles, Rio Grande, 2005) 2. Nate Hughes, Malone 26:38 3. Joe Carmany, Malone 29:32 4. Bryan Lopes, Malone 29:45 5. David Terenzoni, Geneva 29:55 6. Josh Montenegro, Tiffin 30:34 7. Michael Groholy, Walsh 31:15 8. Alessi Steve, Geneva 33:12 9. Tyler Immel, Walsh 33:35 10. Josh Aker, Tiffin 30:49 (1 DQ) **Women's 3 Km**—1. Lindsey Hipp, Malone 14:47 2. Ashley Thomas, Malone 14:57 3. Amanda Sullivan, Roberts Wesleyan 15:45 4. Rachel Rhodes, Houghton 15:51 5. Missy Walker, Malone 16:43 6. Kelly Steingass, Cedarville 16:54 7. Ashley Hauge, Geneva 17:45 8. Brittani Lyons, Malone 17:54 9. Andrea Boehm, Riffin 18:33 10. Maria Mudd, Walsh 18:58 11. Kelly St. James, Roberts Wesleyan 21:11 (1 DQ) **Jack Mortland Racewalks, Dayton, Ohio, May 7: 20 Km (North Region Championship)**: 1. Mike Tarantino 1:33:34 (A well paced solo effort that gave him a qualifying time for the nationals and missed his personal best by just 5 seconds. He accelerated throughout the race with 5 km splits of 23:37, 23:30, 23:24, and 23:03. Mike graduated from UW-Parkside a week later.) 2. Brad Sinick 1:50:44 (The Malone College was in his first 20 Km, having walked only 3 and 5 km races previously) 3. Max Walker (59) 1:54:00 4. Susan Randall 1:55:45 5. Jim Robinson 2:01:14 (The former Rio Grande U.

athlete, with a PR of 1:38:27 in 2003, has found little time to train recently, but went through the first 10 in 54:33 before the proverbial wall fell full in his path.) 6. Debbie Topham (53) 2:04:14 7. Don Knight (60) 2:10:10 8. Jerry Muskal (48) 2:21:45 10 Km—1. Ed Fitch (46) 56:33 2. Tina Peters (18) 57:30 3. Lynetter Heinlein (49) 62:06 4. Marshall Sanders (65) 64:17 5. Donna Graham (56) 68:14 DQ—Gayle Johnson (57) (30:18 at 5) and Elizabeth Gerhardt (57) 5 KM: 1. Matt Boyles 21:44 2. Bill Reed (53) 27:37 3. Theresa Amerman 30:02 4. Allison Berry (13) 32:04 5. Janet Higbie (64) 33:19 6. Eric Smith 36:31 7. Jack Shuter (76) 37:11 8. Pat Walker (58) 39:42 (10 finishers) **20 Km, Kenosha, Wis., May 21**—1. Matt DeWitt 1:33:54 (23:37, 23:33, 23:24, 23:20—remarkably close to Tarantino's splits above) DNF—Steve Wuirke, 1:14:12 at 15; Ben Shorey, 45:55 at 10; Mark Sekelsky; and Brian Ostrowki. Women—1. Sam Cohen 1:36:39 (24:18, 24:22, 23:54, 24:05—well under her personal best of 1:40:01 dating to 2003) 2. Ali Bahr 1:55:59 4 DNF **4 Mile, Denver, April 2**—1. Mike Blanchard (44) 35:36 **5 Km, De Anza, Cal., April 22**—1. Kelly Wong 28:56 (5 finishers) **West Regional 5 Km, Sequel, Cal., May 7**—1. Joe Berendt (50) 27:58 2. Daniel Coupal (40) 28:46 3. Ted Moore (67) 29:19 4. Dick Petrucci (73) 33:28 5. Jon Price (56) 33:36 (7 finishers) Women—1. Kelly Wong 27:42 2. Leslie Sokol (48) 28:59 3. Nicki Goldman (47) 29:55 4. M.J. Baglin (59) 32:02 5. Vickie Cady (47) 32:50 6. Louise Walters (32:56) 7. Andree Enos 33:42 (10 finishers) **5 Km, Los Angeles, April 27**—1. Alan Ede (65+) 32:11 2. Carl Acosta (70+) 32:30 (14 finishers) **National Masters and West Region 15 Km, Riverside, Cal., May 7**—1. Teri Storc (45+) 1:37:38 2. Kathleen Balser (60+) 1:38:46 3. Jolene Steigerwalt (60+) 1:38:59 4. Deanne Edwards (45+) 1:42:42 5. Bev McCall (70+) 1:42:57 5. Kathy Frable (60+) 1:44:35 7. Trisha Petraglia (40+) 1:44:39 ((16 finishers, 1 DQ, 1 DNF) Men—1. Kevin Killingsworth (50+) 1:22:37 2. David Ciccone (50+) 1:24:02 3. Norman Frable (60+) 1:24:51 4. Pedro Santoni (45+) 1:25:15 5. James Carmines (60+) 1:30:48 6. Paul Johnson (65+) 1:31:22 7. Jack Bray (70+) 1:34:51 8. Dave Crabb (60+) 1:35:09 9. John Backlund (65+) 1:35:14 10. Jack Staarr (75+) 1:39:59 (18 finishers) **5 Km, Kentfield, Cal., April 2**—1. Kevin Killingsworth 26:09 2. Jack Bray 30:22 3. Stu Kinney 32:52 4. Ann Lee 32:58 5. Doris Cassels 33:59 (11 finishers, 2 DNF) **5 Km, Fair Oaks, Cal., April 23**—1. Nicolle Goldman (47) 30:40 2. Karen Stoyanowski (51) 31:00 3. Louise Walters (66) 32:50 4. Doris Cassels (66) 33:27 (9 finishers) Men—1. Joe Berendt (50) 27:54 2. James Beckett (67) 30:03 3. Stu Kinney (66) 32:59 (10 finishers) **Ontario Spring Tuneup Races, Toronto, April 29: 5 Km**—1. Kitty Cashman (45) 27:43.1 2. Hans Dinger (49) 28:14 3. Patrick King (59) 29:36 4. Sarah Raetson 30:14 5. Stuart Summerhayes (72) 31:19 6. Lily Whalen (54) 31:28 **3 Km**—1. Kitty Cashman 17:23.4 2. Hans Dinger 17:27 3. Patrick King 18:02 4. Sarah Raetson 18:34 (8 finishers) **1500 meters**—1. Nanci Sweazey (50) 7:28.8 2. Kitty Cashman 8:20.1 3. Patrick King 9:11 4. Sharon Lee (49) 10:04 (7 finishers) **1500 meters (indoors)**—1. Nanci Sweazey 7:43.2 2. Sarah Raetson 8:32.6 3. Stuart Summerhayes 8:48.2 4. Rob McKinnon 9:35 **Cuban National 20 Km, Havana, May 5**—1. Yubraile Hernandez 1:28:30 Women—1. Yarelis Sanchez 1:42:16

Summer Pleasures For Racewalkers

Sat. June 3	Masters 1500 meters and 3 Km, Seattle (C) 5.3 Miles, Brunswick, Maine, 1 pm (D)
Sat. June 10	1500 to 5 Km, Clermont, Fla. (U) 1 Mile, Colts Neck, N.J. (A)
Sun. June 11	1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal. (P) 3 Km, Arlington, Va. (S)

	5 Km, St. Paul, Minn., 9 am (I)
June 16-17	South Region Club Championships 5 and 10 Km, Waco, Texas ((L)
Sat. June 17	5 Km, Denver, 8 am (H)
	Metropolitan 20 Km, New York City 9 am (G)
Sun. June 18	Colorado 5 Km, Aurora, 8 am (H)
Mon. June 19	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
Wed. June 21	5 Km, Denver, 6:30 pm (H)
Sun. June 25	5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
	3 Km, Arlington, Vir. (S)
	5 and 10 Km, Pasadena, Cal. (Y)
	1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal. (P)
Mon. June 26	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
Sat. July 1	5 Km, Albany, N.Y. (G)
Mon. July 3	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
Tue. July 4	5 Km, Evergreen, Col., 8 am
	8 Km, Washington, D.C. (S)
Sat. July 8	3 Km, Arlington, Vir. (S)
	5 and 10 Km, St. Louis Park, Minn., 7:30 am (I)
Sun. July 9	1 Mile, Davis, Cal. (E)
	5 Km, Lakewood, Col., 8 am (H)
	5 Km, Tinton Falls, N.J. (A)
Mon. July 10	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
Sat. July 15	Pac. Assn. 3 Km, Reno, Nev. (J)
	5 Km, Sterling, Ill.
Mon. July 17	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
Sat. July 22	3 Km, Arlington, Va. (S)
Sun. July 23	1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal., 7:30 am (P)
	5 Km, Denver, 8 am (H)
	Metropolitan 15 Km, New York City, 9 am (G)
Mon. July 24	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
Fri. Aug. 4	5 Km, Littleton, Col., 6:30 pm (H)
Sat. Aug. 5	3 Km, Arlington, Va. (S)
Sun., Aug. 6	National USATF Masters 10 Km, Charlotte, NC
	5 Km, Evergreen, Col., 8 am (H)
Mon. Aug. 7	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
Mon. Aug. 14	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
Wed. Aug. 16	Colorado Masters 5 Km, Fairmount, 6:30 pm (H)
Sat. Aug. 19	3 Km, Arlington, Va. (S)
Sun. Aug. 20	USATF National 15 Km, Minneapolis Minnesota (I)
	Metropolitan 5 Km, New York City 9 am (G)
Mon. Aug. 21	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)

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Challenge Titles to Fernandez and Stef

The races at the World Cup closed the season on the 2006 IAAF Challenge. The earlier Challenge races were in Mexico, Portugal, China, and Italy. Final positions were based on the best total of points achieved by an athlete in any three of the Challenge competitions, with 10 points scored for a win, nine for second, eight for third, and so on, down to 10th position.

The winners were Spain's Francisco Fernandez and Romania's Claudia Stef, both with 28 points. Each collected \$30,000. The top eight men and women shared in prize money--\$20,000 for second, \$15,000 for third, \$10,000 for fourth, \$8000 for fifth, \$7000 for sixth, \$6000 for seventh, and \$5000 for eighth.

Stef, who finished only 11th in the World Cup (but in her season's best time), took advantage of competing in three other races--one of the few athletes to do so. So, she virtually had the Challenge win sewed up before La Coruna with her win in Mexico and second place finishes in Portugal and Italy. The defending challenge winner, Ryta Turava, did not finish the opening race in Mexico, but her wins in Italy and at the World Cup were enough to garner second place with 20 points. Australia's Jane Saville moved into third with 18 points with her performance in La Coruna. Melanie Seeger, Germany, and Dan He, China, followed with 17 points.

Fernandez retained the title he won last year when he scored a perfect 30 points with wins in Portugal, Italy, and Spain, but came second at the World Championships. This year, he had a win in Portugal, a third in China, and the World Cup win. Ilya Markov, like Fernandez coached by Robert Korzeniowski, also had 28 points, but was second because he had only one win to the two for Fernandez. Markov won in Italy and was second in China and Portugal. He lost a shot at the title when he was not included on the Russian team for the World Cup. I have seen no explanation of why.

Following these two was Tunisia's Hatem Ghoulia with 20 point, China's Yucheng Han with 18, and Norway's Erik Tysse with 17.

From Heel To Toe

National 15 Km. Race Director Bruce Leasure has offered 10 reasons you should make the National 15 Km in Minneapolis on Aug. 20 (originally scheduled for Aug. 6): 10. The snow will be melted by August. 9. No motor vehicles on the course. 8. Minnesota's largest indoor water park is near the event hotel. 7. The course is flat, smooth, straight. 6. You can be green and take the light rail instead of renting a car. 5. The mosquitoes will make you walk faster. 4. One overpass every 100 meters provide good views for spectators. 3. T-shirt with a cool design. 2. The largest indoor shopping mall is across the street from the event hotel. 1. It's a National Championship! . . . **Salvage Clinic.** Jeff Salvage will be in Cincinnati (actually the suburb of Blue Ash) for a clinic on July 15. The clinic runs from 9 am to 4 pm and is a mix of on-track training, warm-up drills, classroom instruction, and individual analysis. Jeff analyzes each participant's technique by observation with the help of video and digital photography. Cost is \$150. Contact Jeff at Walking Promotions, 79 North Lakeside Drive, Medford, NJ 08055. . . **See the Russians in action.** Valerie Silver is offering a DVD of the February 2006 Russian Winter Racewalk Championships. She is making it available for \$15 with free shipping in the continental U.S. via USPS Media Mail. She describes it thus: "This is home video, with some unofficial audio commentary, but in Russian. Races are Senior men's and women's 20 Km, senior men's 35 Km, junior men's and women's 10 Km, boys' 10 Km and girls' 5 Km. The video is clips, not the whole of the races. Total time: about 3 1/2 hours. NTSC format (converted from PAL). Includes written results to 10 to 15 places, which were also published in the Ohio Racewalker (Feb. Issue). It's interesting for seeing their styles, the number of competitors, new faces, etc. Also, ask me about a video of the June 2005 Russian Racewalk Championship, complete with cheerleaders." You can contact Valerie at vas2@earthlink.net. Her address if you want to send a check is 443 Giraldo Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134. She will accept Paypal bank transfers at the e-mail address. Valerie also notes that in the results I published, I had a question mark for the winners of Boys' 10 Km. The winner was Edict Khaibulin. . . **NAIA Championships.** This from Vince Peters: "After years of recognizing the lack of racewalking opportunities at collegiate T&F meets, the NAIA has made a move to toughen up the qualifying standards. In doing so, the NAIA has pulled the plug on allowing racewalkers to qualify for the NAIA nationals on the generally slower USATF certified Road Courses. Collegiate racewalkers may now qualify for the NAIA outdoor championships only via races conducted on the track during track meets. Of course, the loss of this option is not a big deal if we can get more colleges to add the racewalk to their meets. Meet directors can make the walks even more attractive—competitively and financially (and also make it easier to get racewalk judges) if they also invite those high school and adult walkers in the community who can walk faster than the NAIA provisional times to enter and compete right alongside the college athletes." **College choices.** Vince also reports on scholarship activity. As reported earlier, Vince's daughter Tina (Goshen) and Kentucky's Amanda Johnson (Lindsey Wilson) have been given track and field scholarships to continue their walking at the college level. Now, Lauren Forgues of Maine and Kate Cannon of New York have announced their college choices, both at Division I schools. Forgues will attend Maine and Cannon the U.S. Naval Academy. Junior World Cup team member Heather Buletti is looking at the U. Of Rochester and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, both NACA Division III schools. Le'erin Voss, also on the World Cup team will be attending racewalk powerhouse Wisconsin-Parkside, also NACAA Division III. Coach Mike DeWitt reports that she has signed a National Letter of Intent and will major in biology at Parkside. The UWP roster will include three other girls with

racewalking experience—Lauren Davis, Susie Potthast, and Mandy Murray. With Ben Shorey and Mike Tarantino graduating this spring, there will be no racewalkers on the men's roster, which must be the first time in many years that this has been the case. Christine Tagliaferri, a former USP walker, has returned from a school year in Costa Rica and will rejoin the Parkside AC when she begins graduate at UW Milwaukee in the fall. . . **Aussie history.** Australian racewalker Tim Erickson has finished a book—*Once Were Walkers*—that traces the sport in that country, particularly in the state of Victoria. "From William Murray in 1912 to Nathan Deakes in 2005, Victoria continues to be the walking powerhouse in Australia. Over 40 Victorian based walkers have represented Australia in the Olympics, the Commonwealth Games, and other major international competitions. This is the story of these elite sportemen and sportswomen. It is also the story of Australian racewalking which is, at the time of writing, our most successful track and field event." It contains 196 pages, 80 photographs, 43 biographies, enough statistics to dazzle even the most devoted statistician, controversies, and little known facts. Available from Tim Erickson, 1 Avoca Cres, Pascoe Vale, Victoria, 3044, Australia. Phone 03 9379 2065, e-mail terick@melbpc.org.au. . .

LOOKING BACK

45 Years Ago (From Chris McCarthy's May 1961 Midwest Walker)—John Allen won the National 50 Km on Long Island in 4:38:19, beating Ron Laird (4:40:16) and Ron Zinn (4:44:39). Carl Kurr was fourth in 4:46:33, with Bruce MacDonald, Elliott Danman, and Bob Mimm also under 5 hours. There were 22 finishers. . . Your editor won a 25 Km in Chicago in 2:05:57, better than 6 minutes ahead of Rimas Vacaitis and 7 ahead of Jack Blackburn. However, the course, which had long been in question because the lap around the park just happened to be exactly 1 mile, was actually measured shortly after and proved to be somewhat less than a mile. Based on a comparison of the winner's splits in this race and in the National 25 on the same course a month later, the performance was worth about 2:11:30. I wasn't fit for 25 K. The first 13 laps averaged 7:52; the last two were 9:30 and 9:40 and the final 954 yards took 5:27.

40 Years Ago (From the April 1966 ORW)—The National 35 Km went to Ron Laird in 2:55:20, more than 15 minutes ahead of Goetz Klopfer. Bob Bowman and newcomer Larry Young finished third and fourth. . . Ron Daniel and Canadian Karl-Merschenz walked a dead heat in a fast 20 Km in Ontario, finishing in 1:32:48. . . Young was improving fast, finishing just 7 seconds behind Larry Walker's 13:54 in a 2 mile race.

35 Years Ago (From the April 1971 ORW)—The National 20 went to Tom Dooley, who edged Athens AC teammate Goetz Klopfer in San Francisco. Tom had 1:32:18 with Goetz returning 1:32:38 in second and Larry Young 1:33:54 in third. Aging Ron Laird could manage only fourth ahead of John Knifton, Floyd Godwin, and Bill Ranney. Ranney finished in 1:35:40 and Bob Henderson, way back in 14th, broke 1:40 in the fastest mass finish in U.S. history to that date. . . Young did better at 35 Km, beating Laird on his home ground in Pomona with a 3:02:22. Ranney, Bob Bowman, John Kelly, and Mike Ryan followed. . . And Laird did better in the National 10 in Chicago, building an early lead and then hanging on to beat Floyd Godwin 47:10 to 47:18. Greg Diebold, Bob Henderson, some old dude named Mortland, and Jerry Brown followed. . . Host Elliott Denman edged George Braceland in a Monmouth, N.J. 50 miler. Elliott had an 8:55:56 to George's 8:58:05. Some 50 minutes further back, our own Jack Blackburn hung on the beat Larry O'Neil for third. . . John Knifton

tuned in a 4:19:38 50 Km at the same site. . . Dave Romansky had 20 Km efforts in 1:33:04 and 1:33:27, but suffered a DQ in that national race. . . In Luxemborg, Charlie Sowa, who finished one place and 19 seconds ahead of your editor seven years earlier in the Tokyo Olympics 20 Km, covered 214,050 meters in 24 hours, averaging under 5:40 per 50 Km. (At that time, your editor covered 214 Km in a good month of training.)

30 Years Ago From the April 1976 ORW)—Still a force in his late 30s, Ron Laird won the National 20 In New York in 1:33:53, the National 10 in Boulder, Colorado in 45:07, and the National 15 on the track in Champaign, Ill. In 1:08:49. In the 20, Dan O'Connor was second in 1:35:41, followed by Larry Young, Wayne Glusker, Jim Heiring, and Bob Kitchen. In the 10, Jerry Brown stayed close for 3 miles (21:20 to 21:45), but was DQ'd at 4 miles. Greg McGuire came second in 48:36 and Floyd Godwin was third. John Knifton was second in the 15, with Brown, Godwin, Alan Price, and Jerry Young next. . . Laird also got fourth walking as a guest in the 20 Km of a Mexico-Canada dual meet with a 1:29:51. Daniel Bautista had 1:25:13 and Raul Gonzales 1:25:53. In the 10 Km, Laird finished third in 45:23, with Domingo Colin returning 43:49. (Assuming the 10 was on the track, the times might make one wonder about the accuracy of the 20 Km course.) . . In East Germany, Peter Frenkel and Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller both did 1:25:40 ahead of Hans-Georg Reiman, 1:26:19. In the USSR, it was Anatoliloy Solomin in 1:26:32, Yevgeniy Yesyukov 1:26:41, and Pyotr Potschehnchuk 1:26:45. . . Jim Heiring won the NAIA 10 Km in 47:55. . . In Bergen, Norway, Bautista did a world's best of 40:51.6 for 10 Km. . . The U.S. beat Canada in a dual meet as Dan O'Connor won the 20 in 1:35:31 (Todd Scully had 1:34:05 as a non-scorer) and Jerry Lansing the 35 Km (really just 32.66 Km as it turned out) in 2:46:20, just 8 seconds ahead of Augie Hirt.

25 Years Ago (From the April 1981 ORW)—Jim Heiring and Alan Price both won two National titles. Jim took the 20 In Kenosha, Wis. In 1:30:47 and the 10 on the track at Stagg Field in Chicago in 45:08. Price won the 100 Km in Arlington, Ver. In 11:17:11 and four weeks later the 100 mile in Methuen, Mass. With a 20:09:18. In the 100 Km, Price took the title, but Israel's Shaul Ladany easily won the race in 10:24:14. Sal Corrallo won the master's title in third place. Bob Keating was just 22 minutes behind Price in the miler and Ohio's own Jack Blackburn also went under 21 hours. In the 20, Dan O'Connor was second to Heiring in 1:32:20, followed by Marco Evoniuk and Todd Scully. Evan Fox led Mike DeWitt and Jay Byers for second place in the 10. . . Vicki Jones beat Paula Kash to win the women's National 20 Km in California. Vicki finished in 1:53:59, Paula in 1:55:03. Lori Maynard was another 2 minutes back.

20 Years Ago (From the April 1986 ORW) - Many more national titles were contested. Debbi Lawrence won the women's 20 Km in Overland Park, Kan., finishing in 1:45:07 and Carl Schueler took the men's 25 Km at the same site with his 1:53:28. Teresa Vaill was 33 seconds behind Debbi, with Canada's Micheline Daneau third and Susan Liers fourth. Jim Heiring led Schueler through 15 Km and finished just 3 seconds back in second. Dave McGovern and Gary Morgan were third and fourth. . . The National 15 Km in Long Beach went to Tim Lewis in 1:06:47. Paul Wick was 1:20 behind and Steve Pecinovsky nearly 3 minutes back in third. McGovern, Larry Walker, and Morgan followed. . . The National 50 was held in Seattle, with Marco Evoniuk winning in 4:13:32. Dan O'Connor went just under 4:20 in second and Eugene Kitts had 4:23:56 in third. Randy Mimm, John Slavonic, and Merk Fenton rounded out the top six. . . Teresa Vaill and Tim Lewis won the Rockport 5 Km walks in Denver in 23:54 and 20:51, respectively. Debbi Lawrence and Gwen Robertson

were second and third in the women's race, and Carl Schueler and Dave Cummings second and third in the men's race. . . In the John Ljunggren Sweden Cup, East Germany's Hartwig Gauder won the 20 in 1:21:15 ahead of Victor Ivanenko, USSR, 1:22:18. The women's race went to Vera Osipova, USSR, in 1:35:52, ahead of Ann Jansson, Sweden 1:36:18, probably one of the first elite international 20 Km races for women.

15 Years Ago (From the April 1991 ORW)—Victoria Herazo retained her National 20 Km title in Albany, N.Y. in 1:40:31.8, but fell well short of the record she set on the same course a year earlier—1:35:40. She went after it, going through the first 5 in under 23 minutes, but wasn't helped by weather conditions. Debbie Benton was a distant second in 1:54:32. In the men's National 25 held concurrently, Gary Morgan was aiming for a sub 1:30 at 20 km and missed it by just 7 seconds and went on to a personal best 1:54:48.5. John Soucheck was second in 2:11:02. . . In the Mortland 20 Km in Yellow Springs, Ohio, Cedarville College's Chad Eder blitzed a 1:29:56. . . An international 20 Km in Eisenhuettenstadt, Germany saw eight men under 1:20, led by Yevgeniy Misyulya, Belarus, in 1:18:18. Mikhail Schennikov, Russia; Igor Kollar, Slovak Rep.; and Daniel Barcia, Mexico, followed, all under 1:19. For the U.S. Tim Seaman had a brilliant 1:24:14 in 34th with Allen James two places back in 1:25:05. Andrzej Chylinski had 1:26:48, Philip Dunn 1:27:05, and Rob Cole 1:27:50, probably the best ever performance by a U.S. team. Kerry Saxby-Junna, Australia, won the women's 10 at the same meet in 41:47, with 10 women under 43:00. Victoria Herazo led the U.S. contingent in 24th with 45:02, Sara Standley had 45:56 and Dana Yarbrough 46:09 in another stellar performance. . . Russian titles went to Yelena Nikolayeva in 41:04 (world record), Mikhail Schennikov in 1:18:36, and Andrei Plotnikov in 3:40:58. . . Italy's Annarita Sidoti won the European Cup 10 Km in 43:25. The men's 20 went to Poland's Robert Korzeniowski in 1:21:46, and the 50 to Spain's Jesus Garcia in 3:51:00.

10 Years Ago (From the April 1996 ORW)—Curt Clausen walked 41:29.15 to beat Al Heppner by 6 seconds in the Penn Relays 10 Km. In the junior race, Ben Shorey did 44:16.68 to beat Matt Boyles by more than 4 ½ minutes. Sara Stevenson (22:16.34) beat Jill Zenner by half a second in the women's 5 Km. Amber Antonia was nearly a minute back in third. . . European Cup titles went to Russia's Olimpiada Ivanova (1:26:48), Russia's Viktor Burayev (1:19:30), and Spain's Jesus Garcia (3:44:16). Nataalya Fedoskina, Russia, was second in the women's race in 1:26:50, with Italy's Elisabetta Perrone third in 1:27:09. Yevgeniy Misyulya, Russia (1:19:45), and Andreas Erm, Germany (1:19:51) were second and third in the men's 20. Francisco Fernandez was just 2 seconds over 1:20 in fourth. The 50 saw six under 3:50, with Russian Nikolay Matyukhin second in 3:45:58.

5 Years Ago (From the April 2001 ORW)—Curt Clausen (41:29.15) beat Al Heppner by just 6 seconds to win the Penn Relays 10 Km. Ben Shorey won the junior race in 44:16.68 and in the women's 5 Km Sara Stevenson (22:16.34) beat Jill Zenner by just half a second. . . In the European Cup, Russia's Olimpiada Ivanova won the women's 20 in 1:26:48, followed by Natalya Fedoskina, Russia, in 1:26:50, and Elisabetta Perrone, Italy, in 1:27:09. Viktor Burayev, Russia, won the men's 20 in 1:19:30. Yevgeniy Misyulya, Russia (1:19:45), Andreas Erm, Germany (1:19:51), and Francisco Fernandez, Spain (1:20:02) followed. The 50 sent to Spain's Jesus Garcia in 3:44:26. Russians Nikolay Matyukhin (3:45:58) and Vladimir Potemin (3:56:12) were second and third.