

## Belarus Teams Surprise At European Cup

Leamington, England, May 19-20—There were a few surprises in the European Cup racewalks contested here—five races over two days. First, were the team titles by Belarus in both men's and women's 20 Km races. And, in the men's 20, France's Yohan Diniz, heretofore a 50 Km specialist who surprised at that distance by winning last year's European Championship, pulled off another with a decisive win over 2004 Olympic gold medalist Ivano Brugnetti in 1:18:58.

In other races, Rytta Turava scored an expected victory in the women's 20, Russia's Vladimir Kanyatkin beat Norway's Trond Nymark at 50, and Russian Juniors won both the men's and women's 10 Km races. Russia took team titles in the 50 and both junior races. The races were conducted on a 1 Km circuit that provided spectators a view of the entire race.

In the men's 20, with Spain's Francisco Fernandez not present, the race became a dual between Diniz and Brugnetti, who has struggled with consistency since his Olympic win. He was on for this race with a personal best, but so was Diniz, who had never been under 1:21 for 20 before today.

Feeling the benefits of a recent altitude training camp in South Africa, Diniz took on the pace right from the start and held a four second lead over Brugnetti at 5 Km in 19:53. At that point, there was a pack of eight at under 20 minutes, but that soon changed as Diniz stepped up the pace.

At 10 Km, Brugnetti had caught up to the Frenchman as they went through together in 39:35, three seconds ahead of Russia's Valeriy Borchin. Ireland's Robert Heffernan was third in 39:49 and Russia's Igor Yerokhin fourth in 40:00. The rest of the field was stringing out.

As the pace accelerated further, Diniz tested out the Italian with feints at an attack, but any lead was short lived and at 14 Km, the two were still together. Then, Diniz made another move and opened a 3 second gap as he passed 15 Km in 59:11. For the first time, Brugnetti's expression showed stress at the quickened pace (19:36 for third 5 Km for Diniz) and the gap started to widen. Borchin was a lonely third in 59:45, and Heffernan was fourth in 90:00, just ahead of Belarusian Ivan Trotski (60:03) and Yerokhin (60:04).

From there, Diniz pulled steadily away from Brugnetti, who struggled home in 1:19:36 and lost ground to the others, but was never in danger of losing the silver. Yerokhin, Trotski, and Heffernan staged a tight race the rest of the way, finally finishing in that order. Borchin needed nearly 21 ½ minutes for this final 5 Km and faded all the way to ninth.

After the race, Diniz stated, "I knew I could beat 1:20 today—but had no idea I could beat 1:19. I'm a little bit surprised. I kept seeing if Brugnetti would react to little sprints—and I felt great throughout." Brugnetti was pleased with a personal best after dropping out of his the Sesto san Giovanni Challenge race three weeks earlier. (See below.)

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In the team race, the third finishers for each team were decisive. Off the first two finishers, Belarus, Italy, and Russia were even at 12 apiece. But Andre Talashka finished 17th for Belarus, three spots ahead of Italy's Fortunato D'Onofrio to seal the title. With Viktor Burayev dropping out early, Russia's third man was way back in 34th and Spain packed their team together in 12th, 13th, and 14th to take third place from Russia.

Turava was willing to play a waiting game in the women's 20, eschewing her usual go for broke tactics. A dawdling first 5 km in 23:11 saw a pack of 28 women within 5 seconds of one another. Turava turned the screws considerably on the next 5, stepping up to 22:15 for a 45:26 clocking. This narrowed the pack of immediate pursuers to 13.

At that point, Turava decided the race was on and when she took nearly another minute off over the third 5, 21:28 for a 66:54 at 15 Km, only Russia's 22-year-old Olga Kaniskina was able to stay with her, one second back. Turava's teammate, Elena Ginko was third at 67:04, 10 seconds ahead of Spain's Maria Vasco. When Turava accelerated even more on the final 5 (20:58), Kaninskina also had to let go, although she too, continued to increase her pace, and Turava had a 21 second margin as she finished in 1:27:52. Ginko came third, 16 seconds behind Kaniskina. Turava had walked her second 10 in 42:26, exactly 3 minutes faster than her first 10. Italy's Elisa Rigauda edged Vasco for fourth, nearly a minute ahead of Russia's Tatyana Sibileva. Belarus took the team title by two points over Russia. Ginko commented: "We always planned for a medal not thinking it would be first."

In the 50, Kanaykin overtook Nymark in the final 5, after dropping well back by the 40 Km mark. He won in 3:40:57, surviving the killing pace that Nymark forged from 25 to 40 Km (65:22 for 15 Km) to go even faster and leave Nymark 34 seconds behind at the finish. Russians took the next three spots to win the team battle in a rout.

Kanaykin, just 22 and a World Junior Championship in 2002 and silver medalist in 2004 had yet to translate that promise in senior competition (he was disqualified at La Coruna and in the European Championships last year), but certainly did so in this race. He led 24 others under the 4 hour mark in a very high quality race.

The early leader in the race was Russia's Yuriy Adronov at a rather leisurely pace—23:10 for the first 5 and 45:50 at 10 Km. At that point, there were still 10 walkers in the lead pack. Nymark stepped up the pace somewhat and led at 20 Km in 1:30:22, after passing 15 in 1:08:07. At the 25 Km mark, Nymark was just a second two ahead of the four Russians in 1:52:38, with the rest of the field now spreading out more than a minute further back.

Nymark then tried to steal the race and by 40 Km (2:57:59), had 34 seconds on Kanaykin and 38 on Oleg Kristkin and Aleksey Voyevodin, with successive 5 Km intervals of 22:00, 21:44, and 21:38. He continued with a 21:30 on the next 5, but Kanaykin was making a move of his own blasting a 20:53 to pull within 7 seconds as they started the final 5. Both had given their best, but Kanaykin proved the strongest powering through a final 5 in 21:31 as Nymark slowed to 22:12. Nymark was just one second of his personal best set last year when he was second in the World Cup race. Just 20 seconds behind him, Kistkin, 24 and in his first 50, edged Voyevodin by one second for the bronze medal. Voyevodin, the 2002 and 2004 World Cup and 2005 Euro Cup winner, has an enviable international record beyond those golds—second in the 2002 European Championships, second in the 2003 European

Cup, fourth in the 2003 World Championships, third in the 2004 Olympics, and second in the 2005 World Championships.

"For me, the race started at 40 Km and I felt good", said Kanaykin. "I feel I can definitely improve." A rueful Nymark said, "I should have been able to go below 3:40, but not off such a slow initial pace."

In fifteenth place, Irishman Jamie Costin set a new personal best of 3:53:30 to complete his recovery from a serious car injury sustained in Athens, one week prior to the 2004 Olympic Games. In the team race, the Spanish, led by great veteran Jesus Garcia, took sixth, seventh, and tenth to nail down the silver medals ahead of France.

In Junior 10 Km races, Russia's Sergey Morozov was never in doubt for the men's title leading by 22 seconds at the half-way point and going on to a 24 second win over Spain's Miguel Lopez in 40:25. With Dmitriy Shorin in third the Russians beat Spain, who had Manel Torta in fourth, for the team title. Morozov had won the World Cup Junior title last year. Anisya Kornikova was an even easier winner in the women's race, her 43:17 leaving teammate Yelena Shumkina 72 seconds back. Irina Yumanova was third, completing a Russian sweep.

The results:

**Women's 20 KM**—1. Ryta Turava, Belarus 1:27:52 (23:11, 45:26, 1:06:54) 2. Olga Kaniskina, Russia 1:28:13 (23:11, 45:26, 1:06:55) 3. Elena Ginko, Belarus 1:28:29 (23:14, 45:29, 1:07:44) 4. Elisa Rigauda, Italy 1:29:15 (23:12, 45:26, 1:07:19) 5. Maria Vasco, Spain 1:29:17 (23:11, 45:28, 1:07:14) 6. Tatyana Sibileva, Russia 1:30:11 (23:11, 45:28, 1:07:20) 7. Ines Henriquez, Portugal 1:30:24 (23:12, 45:30, 1:07:50) 8. Claudia Staf, Romania 1:30:34 (23:12, 45:30, 1:07:44) 9. Beatriz Pascual, Spain 1:30:37 (23:11, 45:33, 1:08:03) 10. Alena Nartova, Russia 1:30:44 (23:12, 45:28, 1:07:20) 11. Maria Jose Poves, Spain 1:30:48 (23:12, 45:32, 1:08:03) 12. Sniakhana Yurchanka, Belarus 1:31:12 (23:13, 45:34, 1:08:10) 13. Vira Zozulya, Ukraine 1:31:13 14. Susana Feitor, Portugal 1:31:28 15. Rossella Giordano, Italy 1:32:28 16. Sylwia Korzeniowska, Poland 1:32:47 17. Mayte Gorgallo, Spain 1:32:51 18. Vera Santos, Portugal 1:32:53 19. Sonata Mikulauskaite, Lithuania 1:33:08 20. Zuzana Malka, Slovakia 1:33:37 21. Lydmila Arkhipova, Russia 1:33:41 22. Nnoringa Aidetyte, Lith. 1:33:54 23. Ana Maria Groza, Romania 1:34:09 24. Maria Galkova, Slovakia 1:34:18 25. Olive Loughnane, Ireland 1:34:28 26. Gisella Orsini, Italy 1:34:37 27. Barbra Dibelkova, Czech Rep. 1:34:44 28. Veronica Budleanu, Rom. 1:34:54 29. Zuzana Schindlerova, Czech Rep. 1:34:57 30. Lidia Mongalli, Italy 1:35:25 31. Jurglia Meskauskiene, Litn. 1:35:39 32. Nadiya Prpokopuk, Ukraine 1:35:41 33. Marie Polli, Switzerland 1:35:41 34. Katarzyna Kwoka, Poland 1:36:23 35. Berigita Virbalyte, Lith. 1:37:20 36. Evaggelia Zinou, Greece 1:37:56 37. Angnieccka Dygocz, Poland 1:38:30 38. Jo Jackson, Great Britain 1:38:56 39. Olena Shevchuk, Ukraine 1:39:24 40. Laura Polli, Wittz. 1:40:40 (53 finishers, 4 DNF)  
Teams: 1. Belarus 16 2. Russia 18 3. Spain 25 4. Portugal 39 5. Italy 45 6. Romania 58 7. Lithuania 72 8. Ukraine 84 89. Poland 7=87 10. Czech Republic 107 11. France 139 12. Hungary 149

**Men's 20 Km**: 1. Yohan Diniz, France 1:18:58 (19:53, 39:35, 59:11) 2. Ivano Brugnetti, Italy 1:19:36 (19:57, 39:35, 59:14) 3. Igor Yerotkin, Russia 1:20:09 (20:07, 40:00, 60:03) 4. Ivan Trotski, Belarus 1:20:13 (19:58, 40:05, 60:04) 5. Robert Heffernan, Ireland 1:20:15 (19:57, 39:49, 60:00) 6. Andre Hohne, Germany 1:20:32 (19:57, 39:49, 60:00) 7. Joao Vieira, Portugal 1:20:42 (20:08, 40:15, 60:23) 8. Siarhei Charnou, Belarus 1:21:02 (19:58, 40:06, 60:19) 9. Valeriy Borchin, Russia 1:21:13 (19:56, 39:38, 59:45) 10. Giorgio Rubino, Italy 1:21:17 (20:18, 40:36, 60:47) 11. Erik Tysse, Norway 1:21:33 (19:58, 40:05, 60:38) 12. Juan Manuel Molina, Spain 1:21:48 (20:27, 40:54, 61:29) 13. Benjamin Sanchez, Spain 1:21:48 (20:18, 40:36, 61:10) 14. Jose Ignacio Diaz, Spain 1:21:57 (20:41, 41:14, 61:35) 15. Benjamin

Kucinski, Poland 1:21:58 (20:19, 40:52, 61:21) 16. Rafal Augustyn, Poland 1:22:08 17. Andrei Taleshka, Belarus 1:22:18 18. Andriy Kovenko, Ukraine 1:22:28 19. Luis Manuel Chochete, Spain 1:23:14 20. Fortunato Donnofrio, Italy 1:23:37 21. Mikalai Seradovich, Belarus 1:23:45 22. Artem Valchenko, Ukraine 1:24:03 23. Sergio Vieira, Port. 1:24:23 24. Diogo Martins, Port. 1:24:45 25. Donatas Skarnulis, Lith. 1:24:47 26. Ivan Losev, Ukraine 1:25:11 27. Matej Toth, Slovakia 1:25:12 28. Colin Griffin, Ireland 1:25:14 29. Franck Delree, France 1:25:28 30. Maik Berger, Germany 1:25:40 31. Jakul elonek, Poland 1:25:52 32. Sebastien Biche, France 1:26:04 33. Milo Batovsky, Slovakia 1:26:22 34. Andrey Ruzavin, Russia 1:26:23 35. Herve Davauz, France 1:26:26 36. Jarkko Kinnunen, Finland 1:26:28 37. Marius Ziukas, Lith. 1:26:31 38. Anatole Ibanez, Sweden 1:26:33 39. Jean-Jacques Nkouloukidi, Italy 1:26:51 40. Theodoros Koupidis, Greece 1:26:58 (53 finishers, 2 DNF, including Viktor Burayev, Russia, 6 DQ)

Teams: 1. Belarus 29 2. Italy 32 3. Spain 39 4. Russia 46 5. Portugal 54 6. France 62 7. Poland 62 8. Ukraine 66 9. Ireland 79 10. Lithuania 103 11. Slovakia 103

**Men's 50 Km:** 1. Vladimir Kanaykin, Russia 3:40:57 (45:54, 1:30:25, 2:14:59, 2:58:33) 2. Trnod Nymark, Norway 3:41:31 (45:49, 1:30:22, 2:14:37, 2:57:39) 3. Oleg Kistkin, Russia 3:41:51 ((45:51, 1:30:22, 2:15:01, 2:58:38) 4. Aleksey Voyevodin, Russia 3:41:52 (45:51, 1:30:23, 2:15:00, 2:58:38) 5. Yuriy Andronov, Russia 3:42:55 (45:51, 1:30:23, 2:15:01, 2:58:59) 6. Jesus Angel Garcia, Spain 3:46:08 (46:15, 1:31:34, 2:16:15, 3:11:52) 7. Santiago Perez 3:46:56 (46:14, 1:31:34, 2:16:27, 3:01:35) 8. Marco De Luca, Italy 3:47:04 (45:51, 1:30:43, 2:15:25, 3:00:16) 9. Rafael Fedaczynski, Poland 3:48:07 (47:22, 1:34:04, 2:19:30) 10. Francisco Jose Pinardo, Spain 3:50:53 (46:50, 1:32:31, 2:17:54, 3:03:44) 11. Eddy Riva, France 3:51:34 (46:14, 1:31:57, 2:17:54, 3:03:56) 12. David Boulanger, France 3:51:48 (46:14, 1:31:55, 2:17:55, 3:04:18) 13. Vitali Talankou, Belarus 3:51:59 14. Antonio Pereira, Port. 3:52:17 15. Jamie Costin, Ireland 3:53:30 16. Augusto Cadoso, Port. 3:55:14 17. Ingus Janevics, Latvia 3:55:40 18. Diego Cafagna, Italy 3:55:22 19. Jose Alejandro Camba, Spain 3:56:16 20. Denis Langlois, France 3:57:01 21. Anton Kucmin, Slovakia 3:57:41 22. Jorge Costa, Port. 3:57:44 23. Antti Kampas, Finland 24. Oleksiy Shelesi, Ukraine 3:58:10 25. Igors Kavics, Latvia 3:59:56 26. Andreas Gustafsson, Sweden 4:00:48 27. Oleksiy Kazanin, Ukraine 4:02:27 28. Zoltan Czukur, Hungary 4:03:37 29. Nenad Filipovic, Serbia 4:03:42 30. Konstadinos Stefanopoulos, Greece 4:03:42 (38 finishers, 5 DNF, 5 DQ)

Teams: 1. Russia 8 2. Spain 23 3. France 43 4. Portugal 52 5. Italy 60 6. Latvia 79 7. Ukraine 82

**Jr. Women's 10 Km:** 1. Anisya Kornkova, Russia 43:17 (21:32) 2. Yelena Shumkina, Russia 44:29 (21:59) 3. Irina Yumanova, Russia 44:45 (22:06) 4. Naamaria Greceanu, Romania 47:01 (23:18) 5. Georgiana Banciu, Rom. 47:33 (23:36) 6. Yuliya Davydenko, Ukraine 47:42 (23:42) 7. Krystina Asipenka, Belarus 47:46 (23:57) 8. Lorena Castrillo, Spain 47:47 (23:42) 9. Federica Ferraro, Italy 47:54 (23:57) 10. Anna Mielcarek, Poland 47:55 (23:57) 11. Jeeny Grasse, Germany 48:03 (23:57) 12. Federica Menzato, Italy 48:05 (24:05) 13. Alexandra Gradinariu, Rom. 48:38 14. Svetlana Vavilova, Ukraine 48:52 15. Ana Claudia Conceicao, Portugal 48:56 16. Katarzyna Golba, Poland 49:21 17. Raquel Gonzalez, Spain 49:26 18. Alba Sanchez, Spain 49:35 20. Sandra Krause, Germany 49:57 21. Claudia Bussu, Italy 49:59 22. Catarina Godinho, Port. 50:04 23. Spyridoula Stavrou, Greece 50:34 24. Lucyna Chrusciel, Poland 50:39 15. Cecilia Kardos, Hungary 50:53 (38 finishers, 1 DNF)

Teams: 1. Russia 3 2. Romania 9 3. Ukraine 20 4. Italy 21 5. Spain 25 6. Poland 26 7. Germany 31 8. Belarus 37 9. Slovakia 48 10. Hungary 51 11. Greece 51 12. France 62 13. Estonia 73

**Jr. Men's 10 Km:** 1. Sergey Morozov, Russia 40:25 (20:05) 2. Miguel Angel Lopex, Spain 40:49 (20:27) 3. Dmitriy Shorin, Russia 41:38 (20:28) 4. Manel Toria, Spain 41:46 (20:55) 5.

Liuis Rotia, Spain 41:49 (20:55) 6. Aiaksandr Lyakhovich, Belarus 42:03 (20:55) 7. Christopher Linke, Germany 42:10 (20:55) 8. Arnis Rumbenieks, Latvia 42:13 (21:04) 9. Edikt Khaybulin, Russia 42:39 (20:59) 10. Kevin Campion, France 43:10 (21:49) 11. Alin Ciobataru, Romania 43:17 (21:15) 12. Yaroslav Borodinov, Ukraine 43:20 (21:15) 13. Alexadrros Pamapmihail, Greece 43:21 (21:42) 14. Mate Hellebrandt, Hungary 43:23 (21:42) 15. Damien Molmy, France 43:37 (22:02) 16. Wojciech Halman, Poland 43:46 17. Andrea Adragna, Italy 43:47 18. Olekdandr Hryshchuk, Ukraine 43:49 19. Michal Stasiewicz, Poland 43:58 20. Igor Gladkov, Belarus 44:01 21. Patryk Rogowski, Poland 44:07 22. Fedrico Tontodonati, Italy 44:11 23. Mehdu Boufraine, France 44:23 24. Mykola Likianchuk, Ukraine 44:19 25. Tatuvydas Zekas, Lithuania 44:40 26. Ben Waters, Great Britain 44:41 27. Ridvan Celik, Turkey 44:48 (37 finishers, 3 DQ—including Dzmitry Hamzunau, Belarus who crossed the line in fourth place with 41:42)

## Tysse-Turava Score In Sesto San Giovanni Challenge

Sesto San Giovanni, Italy, May 1—Three weeks earlier, Turava, who is proving indomitable, made it two for two in IAAF Challenge races. For the second time this year, she bested Norway's Kjersti Platzer in a 20 Km IAAF Challenge race. In April she beat Platzer by 53 seconds in Portugal. Today, Platzer cut the margin to 31 seconds and set a new Norwegian record, but was still no match for the Belarussian ace. Platzer's younger brother, Erik Tysse, fared better as he won easily won the Men's 20 over Australian Luke Adams.

In the women's race, five Chinese women set the early pace along with Turava as they covered the first 5 in 21:59. Platzer was in a chase group with Germans Melanie Seeger and Sabine Zimmer, Australia's Jane Saville, and Turava's teammate, Elena Ginko. At 10 Km, four Chinese women were still with Turava at 43:59 and Platzer was closing the gap on the leaders.

Stepping up the pace, Turava took a solid lead by 15 Km, which she passed in 1:05:43. Platzer moved up to third, with only Hongjuan Song between her and Turava. Turava sealed the win with a solid 21:27 for the final 5 and Platzer doing 12:34 herself, easily outdistanced the Chinese. Turava commented: "In the first 5 Km I did not feel well, I had some breathing problems. Only after 5 Km did I begin feeling better. I am very pleased with the strong support from the Italian crowd who supported me along the course. I want to continue competing on the IAAF circuit in La Coruna and Krakow."

Platzer was pleased with her National record of 1:27:41 as she returns to form after maternity leave. She now has a first and two seconds in this year's Challenge races. "I was focused on walking my own race and being patient", she said. "It was a fight against the time to recover from injury (a minor back problem following the Portugal race) and I decided not to follow the strong pace of the Chinese who pushed hard from the beginning. The tactic paid off and it was rewarded with a national record. It's like competing at home here with the crowd shouting my name along the course. I am planning La Coruna, Krakow and the Norwegian Championships before the World Championships."

In the men's race local favorite Ivano Brugnetti, the 2004 Olympic champion, went to the front, followed by Adams, China's Ronghua Lu, Tysse, two other Chinese, and Spain's Mikel Odriozola. Brugnetti led at 5 Km in 20:27 over Adams and Lu and raised the tempo over the next 2 Km to increase his lead over Adams to 15 seconds by 10 Km, which he passed in 40:44.

But, then the Italian began to struggle and Adams passed him at 12 Km as did Tysse soon after. He dropped out shortly after 15 Km. Adams led at that point in 1:01:30, five

seconds ahead of Tysse, with Ireland's Robert Efferman in third. The Irishman was disqualified at 18 Km. Tysse caught Adams at 16 Km and broke away a kilometer later to win by 40 seconds, covering the final 5 in under 20 minutes.

"It was family business today", he said. "My coach, Stephan (husband of Kjersti Platzer) told me to be careful. It was hot and humid and it could be dangerous. But I was focused on walking my race. At 16 km, I began feeling stronger. I came from behind, but I pushed harder when I saw that I was closing the gap on Adams. Results:

**Women:** 1. Ryta Turava, Belarus 1:27:10 2. Kjersti Platzer, Norway 1:27:45 3. Hongjuan Song, China 1:28:25 4. Jing Jiang, China 1:29:45 5. Sabine Zimmer, Germany 1:30:20 6. Elisa Rigau, Italy 1:30:54 7. Yanmin Bai, China 1:31:16 8. Ines Henriques, Portugal 1:31:21 9. Susana Feitor, Port. 1:31:40 10. Melanie Seeger, Germany 1:32:29 11. Sonata Milusauskaite, Lithuania 1:32:45 12. Jane Saville, Australia 1:33:57 13. Ana Cabecinha, Port. 1:34:30 14. Marie Polli, Italy 1:36:36 15. Na Shi, China 1:37:39 16. Tania Splinder, Brazil 1:37:54 17. Vera Santos, Port. 1:38:22 18. Laura Polli, Switzerland 1:40:31 19. Alessandra Picagevicz, Brazil 1:41:01 20. Tatyana Gabellone, Italy 1:42:18 (25 finishers, 4 DNF) DQ—Quiyan Jiang, China; Liu Hong, China; Elena Ginko, Belause, and Francesca Balloni, Italy  
**Men:** 1. Erik Tysse, Norway 1:21:38 2. Luke Adams, Australia 1:22:18 3. Joao Vieira, Portugal 1:23:16 4. Mikel Odrizola, Spain 1:24:19 5. Rolando Saquipay, Ecuador 1:24:19 6. Jean Jacques Nkouloukidi, Italy 1:24:22 7. Jimin Dong, China 1:24:25 8. Alessandro Gandellini, Italy 1:24:28 9. Fortunato D'Onofrio, Italy 1:24:55 10. Yang Wei, China 1:25:10 11. Pasquale Aragona, Italy 1:27:08 12. Francisco Arcilla Aller, Spain 1:27:31 13. Jose Bagio, Brazil 1:27:48 14. Xavier Moreno, Columbia 1:28:17 15. Milos Batovsky, Slovakia 1:28:23 16. Daniel King, Ukraine 1:28:26 17. Matej Toth, Slovakia 1:29:22 18. Cedric Houssaye, France 1:29:44 19. Jarkko Kinnunen, Finland 1:29:54 20. Alberto Contu, Italy 1:30:48 (41 finishers, 6 DNF, including Ivano Brugnetti and Colin Griffin; 6 DQ, including Robert Heffernan.)

## Boyles Escorts Stroupe To Trials Qualifier

Dayton, Ohio, May 6—Patrick Stroupe came to Dayton for the annual Jack Mortland races with a 20 Km best of 1:38:44 in his only race at the distance a year ago. He left with a best of 1:33:26, qualifying him for the 2008 Olympic Trials. He was aided immensely by the Miami Valley Track Club's Matt Boyles, a veteran of two World Cups, and several Jack Mortland races. Matt agreed to pace him through and afterward had to apologize for perhaps making the pace a bit too quick early on and making it tougher for Patrick in the closing stages. But, Matt stayed with him to the finish, when he could easily have moved to a quicker time himself. The two hit 5 Km in 22:49, and went slightly faster the second five to pass 10 in 45:35. Patrick started to struggle a bit, but Matt continued to encourage him and at 15 they were at 1:08:52, still on 1:32 pace. They slowed further on the final 5, with Matt looking quite fresh and easy, and Patrick struggling, as well he might going more than 5 minutes under his previous best. Laura Feller looked solid in third and 60-something Leon Jasionowski walked a strong, steady pace for fourth in 1:54:32, which, as noted later in this issue, is just a bit more than 4 minutes slower than he did 35 years ago. Results of the 20 and other races on the day's program:

**Men's 20 km**—1. Matt Boyles, Miami Valley TC 1:33:26 2. Patrick Stroupe, Central Methodist U. 1:33:26 3. Larua Feller, un. 1:53:54 4. (27:05, 55:41, 1:24:35) Leon Jasionowski (60+), Pegasus 1:54:32 (28:12, 56:49, 1:24:49) 5. Dave Talcott, Shore (45+) AC 1:56:16 6.

Max Walker (60+), Indiana RW 2:01:05 7. Andrew Smithy (55+), un. 2:01:16 8. Jerry Muskal (45+), Miami Valley 2:22:10

**Women's 20 Km**—1. Susan Randall, Miami Valley 1:59:09 2. Tin Peters, Goshen Col. 1:59:59 3. Debbi Topham (50+) Pegasus 2:10:07 1 DQ

**10 Km**—1. Rod Craig (45+), Pegasus 57:19 2. Ed Fitch (45+), Miami Valley 57:20 3. Allison Chin (15), Miami Valley 62:01 4. Heresa Amerman, Indiana RW 62:27 5. Cathy Mayfield (55+), Indiana RW 64:48 6. Marshall Sanders (65+), Pegasus 65:24

**5 Km**—1. Don Knight (60+), Pegasus 30:31 2. Allison Berry (14), Miami Valley 31:54 3. Sandy Lawson (50+), Indiana RW 33:08 4. Thomas Kellery (65+), Indiana RW 34:05 5. Barbara Amerman (55+), Indiana RW 34:11 (9 finishers, 1 DQ)

Teams (Based on total time for the team's best competitor in each of the three events): 1. Miami Valley TC (Boyles, Fitch, Berry) 3:02:40 2. Pegasus (Jasionowski, Craig, Knight) 3:22:22 3. Indiana Racewalkers (Walker, Amerman, Lawson) 3:36:40

## Other Results

**NAIA Championships, Fresno, Cal., May 25: Women's 3 Km**—1. Tina Peters, Goshen 15:20.21 2. Po-Man Lo, Virginia Intermount 15:24.40 3. Rachel Rhodes, Houghton 15:26.12 4. Amanda Sullivan, Roberts Wesleyan 15:57.790 5. Amanda Johnson, Lindsey Wilson 15:54.68 6. Lindsey Connolly, Westmont 17:31.23 7. Maria Mudd, Walsh 18:25.8 8. Katie Malinowski, Cornerstone 19:12.29 9. Brittani Lyons, Malone 19:22 (2 DQ) **Men's 5 Km**—1. Patrick Stroupe, Central Methodist 22:10.76 2. Inaki Gomez, U. Of British Columbia 22:16.08 3. Christ Tegtmeir, Concordia (Neb.) 23:01.49 4. Jon Ripke, Concordia (Neb.) 25:45.19 5. Chris Diaz, Malone 26:07.83 6. Nathan Dreher, Concordia (Neb.) 26:14.50 7. Seth Campbell, Cedarville 26:37.8 8. Joe Carmany, Malone 26:42.9 9. Jeremy Worley, Concordia (Ore.) 27:17.10 10. Creighton Connolly, U. Of BC 27:33.11 11. Shawn Magee, Concordia (Ore.) 27:42.12 12. Kelvin Shoneson, Cornerstone 13. Chris Dehning, Concordia (Neb.) 27:53.14 13. Geoff Karhoff, Cent. Meth. 28:10 15. Kevin Conrey, Missouri Valley 28:12 16. Cody Knight, Mo. Val. 28:35 17. Brandon Hislop, Dakota Wesleyan 19:19 18. Josh Montenegro, Tiffin 31:30 (4 DQ)

**5 Km, Cambridge, Mass., April 29**—1. Holly Wenninger 31:59 2. Pat Godfrey 33:54 3. Joanne Harriman 35:38 4. Beth Katcher 35:51 (6 finishers) **Men**—1. Bill Harriman 30:37 2. Emmett Schmarsow 30:56 3. Ken Mattsson 33:45 4. Justin Kuo 34:10 **Boston marathon**—1. Kelly Huang, New Hope Pa. 4:25:50 2. Gary Morgan (47) 4:44:43 3. Mark Zullo (54), Rhode Island 4:46:04 4. Nicolle Goldman (48), Cal. 4:47:03 (Reportedly nine finishers.) **15 Km, New York City, May 20**—1. Diana Rado (18) 1:22:43 2. Solomiya Login 1:23:31 3. David Wolf (47) 1:25:49 4. Alexis Davidson (51) 1:30:53 5. Bruce Logan (42) 1:33:15 (8 finishers, 1 DQ) **20 Km, Hauppauge, N.Y., May 20**—1. Maria Michta 1:45:02 2. Erin Taylor 1:53:01 **10 Km, same place**—1. Maria Michta 51:24 (presumably on her way to the 20) 2. Michael Mazmierczak 51:24 3. Michael Bartholomew 53:24 4. Erin Taylor 55:44 5. Jenna Monahan 56:33 6. Lorraine Horgan 56:33 (12 finishers) **10 Km, same place**—1. Leo Romero 53:33 2. Burce Logan 58:18 3. Alexis Davidson 59:15 4. Lisa Marie Velluchi 63:21 5. Nina Yang (17) 63:58 6. David Lee (52) 64:11 7. Dan Ping He (15) 65:59 (13 finishers) **5 Km, same place**—1. Julio Alva (16) 27:52 2. Amy Cha (15) 32:30 **3 Km, Richard Stockton Col. N.J., April 7**—1. Rich Luettchau 12:53.91 2. John Fredericks, Shore AC 16:45 **Penn Relays, April 25: Women's 5 Km**—1. Maria Michta, CW Post Col. 23:35.89 2. Laura Feller 25:04.53 3. Solomiya Login 25:12.32 4. Diana Rado 26:10 5. Lorraine Horgan, Walk USA 26:34 6. Susan Randall, Miami Valley 26:37 7. Po-Man Lo, Vir. Intermount Col 26:39 8. Maryanne Danielm Cibb, Wakjers 16:52 9. Pamela Alva 27:08 10. Amanda Johnson, Wilson 27:16 11. Chelsea Conway, East Ridge 27:56 12. Dana Vered 28:57 13. Christie Bernier, Auburn RC 29:17 14. Theresa Amerman, Indiana RW 29:25 15. Arame Mboj, New Rochelle 29:26 16. Rebecca

Garson 29:41 17. Nina Ang, Stuyvesant 30:10 18. Morgan Giles, New Rochelle 30:19 19. Ginger Amrstrong, Conn. Walkers 30:50 20. Natash Potkin 30:54 21. Nina Pasquarelli, Wa'tonville 31:00 22. Panseluta Geer, Shore AC 31:18 23. Sara Adams, Maine RW 31:36 24. Kelsey Burlund, Walk USA 32:01 **Men's 10 Km**—1. Matt Boyles, Miami Valley TC 42:22 51 2. Chris Tegtmeyer, Concordia U. 46:25 89 3. Theron Kissinger 46:30 96 4. Richard Luettchau, Richard Stockton COL. 47:09 70 5. Michael Kazmierczak, Rhode Island U. 48:23 26 6. Trevor Barron, South Park TC 50:26 7. Douglas Johnson, Kentucky Racers 51:59 8. Michael Bartholomew, Walk USA 52:33 9. Matthew Forgues, Maine RW 53:34 10. Evan Crowder, Kentucky RW 53:08 11. Tyler Campbell, Maine RW 57:41 **1 Mile, Durham, N.C., May 23**—1. Curt Clausen 7:48 (Recently received his law degree from Duke and supported the local Carolina Godiva TC with his presenece at this rae.) 2. Ray Dooley (54) 9:18 3. Tom Kirby (54) 10:03 4. Barbara Hindenbach (56) 10:12 5. Susan Slade (51) 10:25 6. Andrew Briggs (76) 10:34 (11 finishers) **10 Km, Orlando, Fla., April 15**—1. Edgardo Rodriguez (40+) 59:29 2. Juan Yanes (55+) 61:18 3. Steve Renard (45+) 64:25 4. Lynn Robison (50+) 65:28 6. Helge Heirrich (40+) 66:33 (11 finishers) Youth 5 Km, same place—1. Maite Moscoso (11 or 12) 31:17 2. Amanda Prescott (13-15) 32:10 **Florida 8 Km Championship, May 12**—1. Juan Yanes 48:32 2. Gary Null (60+) 51:57 3. Peter Bayer (65+) 54:40 (7 finishers, 1 DQ) **10 Km, Kenosha, Wis., April 22**—1. Klaus Theirmann 58:05 2. Mark Sekelsky 59:44 3. Lynn Tracy 60:02 (5 finishers) **5 Km, same place**—1. Tori Cooper 28:32 **15 Km, Kenosha, May 20**—1. Klaus Theidmann (52) 1:19:48 2. Lynn Tracy (54) 1:29:35 3. Mark Sekelsky (49) 1:31:16 **10 Km, same place**—1. Sam Cohen 46:31 (Her personal best by about 40 seconds) 2. Al DuBois (75) 69:26 **5 Km, same place**—1. Matt DeWitt 15:31 **5 Km, Minneapolis, April 14**—1. Lori Holcomb (40+) 31:56 2. Dave Daubert (60+) 32:15 (4 finishers) **20 Km, Minneapolis, May 12**—1. Jamie Burmeister 2:09:43 2. Bernie Finch (67) 2:26:08 (6 finishers) **Heartland of America Conference 5 Km, Baldwin City, Kan., April 28B**—Patrick Stroupe, Central Meth. 22:16 32 2. Thiago Ferreira, Missouri Valley 25:01 79 3. Kevin Conrey, Miss. Val. 27:03 4. Geoff Karhoff, Central Meth. 27:35 5. Cody Knight, Miss. Val. 28:27 (1 DQ) **10 Km, Denver, April 28**—1. Mike Blanchard (45) 57:27 2. Marianne Martino (56) 59:39 3. Barbara Amador (58) 66:11 **5 Km, same place**—1. Sherrie Gossert (54) 32:50 2. Rita Sinkovec (66) 33:45 **5 Km, Albuquerque, N.M., April 15**—1. Joe Sutton (60+) 30:55 2. Lenny Krosinsky (65+) 33:45 3. Earl Roenfranz (75+) 33:56 Women: 1. Leslie Herman (60+) 33:47 (General consensus was that the course was short.) **10 Km, Prescott, Ariz., May 10**—1. Sabin Snow (65) 64:07 Women—1. Marilyn Yetter (57) 65:40 **5 Km, Los Angeles, April 26**—1. Yoko Eichel (60) 30:42 (6 finishers) **5 Km, Fair Oaks, Cal., April 13**—1. Joe Berendt 29:15 2. Jack Bray 29:45 3. Jim Beckett 29:55 4. Ron Walters 33:16 5. Stu Kinney 33:18 6. Mark Qilantang 33:35 (12 finishers) Women—1. Louise Walters 31:53 2. Shirley Dockstader 33:15 3. Ann Lee 33:20 4. Arlene Lurey 33:51 (9 finishers) **5 Km, Kentfield, Cal., May 6**—1. Jack Bray 30:18 2. Ann Lee 33:29 3. Doris Cassels 33:47 (8 finishers) **Western Regional 5 Km, Soquel, Cal., April 29**—1. Kelly Wong 28:36 2. Leslie Sokol (49) 28:39 3. Nicolette Sorensen (11) 28:53 4. M.J. Baglin (50) 30:09 5. Ann Gerhardt (55) 30:51 6. Ann Gerhardt (55) 30:51 7. Susan Mears (52) 31:13 8. Louise Walters (67) 31:58 9. Kelsey Wolfram (14) 33:02 (11 finishers) Men—1. Tyler Sorensen (13) 27:48 2. Mike Counts (54) 28:16 3. Ronald Walters (68) 32:49 (5 finishers) **5 Km, Portland, Ore., May 6**—1. Shawn Magee 26:37 4 2. Rob Frank 26:48 4 3. Jeremy Worley 27:38 6 Women—1. Stephanie Casey 25:15 **5 Km, Eugene, Ore., May 12**—1. Tommy Aunan (48) 26:50 35 2. Norman Frable (61) 26:59 10 3. Rob Frank (54) 27:16 11 4. Bob Novak (57) 27:38 5. George Opsahl (65) 28:58 6. Stan Chraminski (59) 29:17 7. Bart Kale (59) 30:27 8. Dennis Robinson (60) 31:05 9. John Backlund (67) 31:05 10. Leslie Shields (53) 33:42 11. Ron MacPike (74) 33:58 Women—1. Mary Snyder (56) 28:53 40 2. Yoko Eichel (60) 29:23 45 3. Kathryn Grimes (43) 29:46 4. Kathy Frable (61) 30:41 5. Judy Heller (61) 32:56 8. Ann Marie

Bruning (42) 33:31 7. Darlene Backlund (61) 33:42 **1 Mile, Eugene, May 13**—1. Tommy Aunan 8:03 02 2. Norman Frable 8:12 66 3. Rob Frank 8:05 59 4. George Opsahl 8:52 75 5. Dennis Robeson 9:25 6. John Backlund 9:29 7. Keith McConnel (63) 9:38 8. Ron McPike 10:33 9. Dick Vaughn (76) 10:54 Women—1. Kathy Frable 9:29 41 2. Darlene Backlund 10:18 56 **3 Km, Seattle, March 31**—1. Tommy Aunan 15:30 5 2. Bob Novak 16:43 6 3. Steve DiBernardo 17:17 7 4. Richard Zerbe (19) 17 5. Corinne Beuchet 19:51 6. Bill Bruner 19:57 7. Don Choi 20:53 **10 Km, Seattle, April 14**—1. Inaki Gomez (19), Canada 46:00 9 2. Evan Dunfee (16) Can. 47:18 2 3. Stphanie Casey 52:34 6 4. Gerry Dragomir (55), Can. 52:56 2 5. Tommy Aunan 56:40 4 6. Karl Johansen (60) 57:38 5 8. Bob Novak (55) 57:43 8. George Opsahl 59:59 10. Mary Snyder (56) 60:25 3 11. Ann Tubery (47) 60:46 1 12. Louis Landre (47) 63:25 13. John Backlund 63:51 14. Bart Kale (50) 69:12 15. Corinee Beauchet (59) 59:02 4 16. Dora Choi (41) 69:59 (24 finishers) **4600 meters, same place** (Supposed to be 5 Km, but officials stopped walkers 1 lap short)—1. Heather Warwick (16), Can. 25:14 2. Amanda Schneider (17), Can. 30:09 Men—1. Shawn Magee (20) 25:15 2. Creighton Connolly (18), Can. 25:37 3. Jeremy Bahr-Worley (18) 26:14

**29 Km Dudince, Slavakia, March 24**—1. Rafal Augustyn, Poland 1:23:07 2. Maik Berger, Germany 1:24:01 3. Predrag Filipovic, Serbia 1:24:18 4. Jamie Costin, Ireland 1:24:53 5. Castten Schmidt, Germany 1:25:26 6. Tados Suskevicius, Lithuania 1:25:26 7. Peter Cokok, Slovakia 1:25:46 8. Hannes Tonst, Germany 1:26:02 9. Jakub Jelonek, Poland 1:26:47 10. Levente Kaperi, Hungary 1:28:02 11. Marius Ziukas, Lith. 1:28:47 12. Mirko Dolci, Italy 1:29:00 13. Tibor Marta, Hungary 1:29:16 14. Mario Jose dos Santos, Brazil 1:29:16 (19 finishers, 12 DQ! Some tough judges, eh?) **Women:** 1. Zuzana Malikova, Slavakia 1:32:19 2. Katarzyna Kwoka, Poland 1:35:49 3. Agnieszka Dygacz, Poland 1:36:54 4. Pauline Buziak, Poland 1:37:17 5. Lucie Pelantova, Czech Rep. 1:38:06 6. Zuzana Schindlerova, Czech Rep. 1:39:06 7. Agnieszka Szarnog, Poland 1:41:05 10. Jurgita Meskauskienė, Lith. 1:41:29 (19 finishers, 5 DNF, 0 DQ. Aha! Ladies are 'fairer' than gents.) **50 Km, same place**—1. Colin Griffin, Ireland 3:51:32 2. Milos Batovsky, Slovakia 3:54:10 3. Donatas Skarnulis, Lithuania 3:54:23 4. Chris Erickson, Australia 4:04:10 5. Dusan Majdan, Slovakia 4:07:43 6. Zoltan Czukur, Hungary 4:09:31 7. Frank Werner, Germany 4:10:42 8. Maciej Rosiewicz, Poland 4:12:37 (22 finishers, 20 DNF, 2 DQ) **Under 20 Men's 10 Km, same place**—1. Tautvydas Zekas, Lithuania 44:42 2. Pawel Krawczyk, Poland 44:53 3. Balazs Darabos, Hungary 45:55 4. Krisztian Vargas, Hung. 46:11 (14 finishers, 1 DNF, 1 DQ) **Under 20 Women's 10 Km, same place**—1. Federica Ferraro, Italy 50:20 2. Anita Meszaros, Hung. 50:55 3. Barbora Strnadova, Slovakia 51:24 4. Cecilia Kardos, Hung. 51:27 (13 finishers) **20 Km, Lugano, Switzerland, April 1**—1. Mario Jose dos Santos, Brazil 1:27:40 2. Pasquale Aragona, Italy 1:29:02 3. Andres Adragne, Italy 1:32:18 (21 finishers, 2 DNF, 5 DQ) **Women**—1. Elisa Rigauda, Italy 1:32:25 2. Marie Polli, Switz. 1:38:43 3. Federica Ferraro, Italy 1:40:41 4. Valentina Trapletti, Italy 1:41:41 (12 finishers, 4 DNF, 1 DQ) **20 Km, Podebrady, Czech Rep., April 14**—1. Luis Manuel Corchete, Spain 1:23:56 2. Daniele Paris, Italy 1:24:35 3. Matej Toth, Slovakia 1:25:10 4. Lorenzo Civallero, Italy 1:25:17 5. Gyula Dudas, Hungary 1:25:33 6. Mikel Odriozola, Spain 1:25:47 7. Fourunato D'Onofrio, Italy 1:26:22 8. Anton Kucmin, Slavakia 1:26:47 9. Matteo Giupponi, Italy 1:27:47 10. Jose David Dominguez, Spain 1:28:06 11. Santiago Perez, Spain 1:28:34 12. Milos Batovsky, Slovakia 1:28:56 13. Frank Werner, Germany 1:30:24 14. Tadas Suskevicius, Lithuania 1:30:42 15. Marius Ziukas, Lith. 1:31:00 16. Ricardas Rekst, Lith. 1:31:37 17. Fredrik Svensson, Sweden 1:31:58 18. Milos Holusa, Czech 1:32:04 (ff finishers, 10 DNF, 7 DQ) **Women:** 1. Beatriz Pascual, Spain 1:32:57 2. Maria Jose Poves, Spain 1:33:59 3. Monica Svensson, Sweden 1:35:27 4. Maria Galikova, Slovakia 1:36:23 5. Neringa Aidietyte, Lithuanis 1:36:25 6. Marie Polli, Switz. 1:37:25 7. Lidia Mongelli, Italy 1:37:35 8. Gisella Orsini, Italy 1:38:09 9. Jurgita

Meskauskienė, Lith. 1:40:28 (22 finishers, 4 DNF) **Men's Under 20 10 Km Men's Under 20 10 Km, same place**—1. Mate Hellenbrandt, Hungary 43:57 2. Balazs Daragos, Hung. 44:40 3. Tautvydas Zekas, Lith. 44:56 4. Raimondas Grigas, Lith. 46:32 5. Christophe Burki, Switz. 46:47 6. Pavelas Velicko, Lith. 46:50 7. Genddiy Koslovskiy, Lith. 47:15 (14 finishers, 1 DNF) **Women's Under 20 10 Km**—Maria Czakova, Slovakia 50:13 2. Anita Meszaros, Hungary 52:34 (10 finishers, 2 DNF) **Antanas Mikenas Memorial Races, Birstonas Lithuania, May 6** (Mikenas, representing The USSR, was the silver medalist in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics with a 1:32:03, behind Leonid Spirin's 1:31:27) 1. Ingus Janevics, Latvia 1:24:30 2. Artur Brozovski, Germany 1:25:57 3. Richardas Rekst, Lith. 1:30:01 4. Valerijus Grinko, Lith. 1:31:31 **Women's 10 Km**—1. Jolanta Dukure, Latvia 44:00.64 2. Neringa Aidietyte, Lith. 46:28 3. Jurgita Meskauskienė, Lith. 47:33 **Jr. Men's 10 Km**—Arnis Rumeneiks, Latvia 42:55.38 2. Patryk Ragozski, Germany 44:16.03 3. Tautvydas Zekas, Lith. 44:25.31 4. Pavel Velicko, Lith. 45:09.15 5. Raimondas Grigas, Lith. 46:49.50 **Jr. Women's 10 Km**—1. Bernadeta Juozaityte, Lith. 51:38.15 **Ethiopian Championships, Addis Ababa, May 4: Women's 20 Km**—1. Asnakech Ararsa 1:44:30 2. Bekashinn Aynalem 1:46:36 3. Hanna Hailelassie 1:47:19 **Men's 10 Km**—1. Cherenet Mikore 1:33:56 2. Ashenafi Merecho 1:34:11 3. Degefe Deveko 1:34:51 **Australian Under 13s, May 2: Girls 1500 meters**—1. Amy Burren 6:56.0 2. Emma Bettiol 7:02.2 3. Chelsea Dyer 7:11.9 4. Breanne Goschnik 7:14.8 (13 finishers, 1 DQ) **Boy's 1500**—1. Samuel Dils 7:05.5 2. Jacob Allen 7:21.6 3. Lewis Clark 7:22.2 4. Braden Howlett 7:22.4 (11 finishers, 3 DQs)

## Events For Your Racewalking Pleasure

Sun. June 3	Pacific Assn 1 Mile, Stockton, Cal. (J)
Sat. June 9	West Regional 3 and 5 Km, Santa Fe, N.M. (T) 2.8 Miles, Seattle (C) 1 Mile, Holmdel, N.J. (A) Florida 10 Km, Clermont (N) 20 Km, Kenosha, Wis. (I) Indiana 3 Km, Indianapolis (CC)
Sun. June 10	10 Km Kentfield, Cal. (P) Ohio 10 Km Yellow Springs (M) 10 and 20 Km, Kenosha, Wis. (F) 10 and 20 Km, Eugene, Ore (E) 5 Km, Greeley, Col. (H)
Sat. June 16	5 Km, New York City, 8:am (G)
Sun. June 17	Met. 20 Km and 10 Km, New York City, 9 am (G) 5 Km, Denver (H)
Mon. June 18	New England 3 Km, Cambridge, Mass.(X)
Wed. June 20	5 Km, Denver, 6 pm (H)
Sat. June 23	<b>National USATF Men's 20 Km, Indianapolis, 6:30 am D)</b> <b>National USATF Jr. Men's 10 Km, Indianapolis, 8:30 am (D)</b>
Sun. June 24	5 and 10 Km, Pasadena (R) <b>National USATF Women's 20 Km, Indianapolis, 6:30 am (D)</b> <b>National USATF Jr. Women's 10 Km, Indianapolis, 8:45 am (D)</b> 5 and 10 Km Albuquerque, N.M. (T) 5 Km, Denver, 8 am (H)
Mon. June 25	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)

Tue. June 26	1 Mile, Oakhurst, N.J. (A)
Wed. Jun. 27	1600 meters, Van Nuys, Cal. (Z)
Sun. July 1	Pac. Assn. 5 Km, San Mateo, Cal. (J)
Wed. July 4	5 Km, Evergreen, Col., 8 am (H)
Sat. July 7	2.8 Miles, Seattle (C) N.J. 5 Km, West Long Branch (A) USATF National Club Championships 5 Km, New York City (D) Pac. Assn. 1 Mile, Davis, Cal. (J) 5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
Mon. July 9	1 Mile, Oakhurst, N.J. 6:30 pm (A)
Tue. July 10	1600 meters, Van Nuys, Cal. (Z)
Wed. July 11	Masters 10 Km, Seattle (C)
Sat. July 14	Bay State Games 3 Km, Cambridge, Mass. (X) Minn. 10 Km, Minneapolis (V) North Region 10 Km, Indianapolis (AA) 5 and 10 Km, Albuquerque, N.M. (T) 5, 10, and 20 Km, Windsor, Ontario (K) 5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
Sun. July 15	1 Mile, Oakhurst, N.J., 6:30 pm (A) 1600 meters, Van Nuys, Cal. (Z) 1500 and 3000 meters, Yellow Springs, Ohio IM)
Mon. July 16	New England 5 Km, Springfield, Mass. (X)
Tues. July 17	Pac. Assn 3 Km, Reno, Nev. (J)
Wed. July 18	5 Km, Denver, 7:30 am (H)
Thur. July 19	New England 5 Km, Springfield, Mass. (T)
Sat. July 21	Pac. Assn. 3 Km, Reno, Nev. (J)
Sun. July 22	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A) 5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
Mon. July 23	<b>National USATF Masters 5 and 10 Km, Orono, Maine (D)</b> 5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
Mon. July 30	Eastern Regional Youth 2 and 5 Km, Open 5 Km, along with USA-
August 2-5	Canada Junior Dual, NACAC Under 23 RW Cup, Hauppauge, N.Y. (U)
Tue. Aug. 6	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. 6:45 pm (A)
Sun. Aug 12	Indiana 5 Km, Indianapolis (AA)
Mon. Aug. 13	<b>National USATF 15 Km, Minneapolis (V)</b>
Sat. Aug. 18	

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## From Heel To Toe

**A request.** Tom Dooley, 1968 and 1972 Olympian in the 20 Km and collector of much racewalking history and memorabilia, is looking for video or DVD of the 1980 and 1988 Olympics. If you can help Tom out on this contact him at 2817 San Simeon Way, San Carlos, CA 94070. . . **Dorit takes the long road.** Dorit Attias has been competing in ultr-distance races in France to qualify for the annual Paris-Colmar race June 6 to 9. She will be the first American woman to compete in the race of over 300 miles. (Paul Hendricks and Eugene Kitts are the only American men to compete.) On March 3-4, Dorit competed in the French 24 Hour Championship finishing eighth by covering 168 Km (nearly 105 miles). April 7-8 she did the Rouen 24 Hour finishing first with 172.5 Km (over 107 miles).

Some further thoughts on the Bob Bowman-Larry dialogue in the last two issues:

From Sal Corrallo (Competitor, judge, race promoter, and National RW Chair 1984-88):

I have read with great interest the very well developed Young/Bowman exchange on judging. Each appears to have convincing arguments for their side of the issue. However, it seems to me that increasing the international race distances over the years, is an admission of the difficult job judging international level athletes has become, no matter how experienced and qualified the judge. No longer are racewalks conducted on an indoor or outdoor track, where some really thrilling events have taken place. The reason is the apparent difficulty in judging lifting at faster speeds. As a result, racewalking has dropped out of the eyes of most track fans, athletes, and coaches. Given the long distances of the international events, the commitment and training time needed is a real barrier to recruiting athletes. Overall the number of walkers has dropped over the past 20 years, at least in this country, especially those able to spend the time and money to train for a 20 or 50 K. The real question is what can be done to bring the sport back onto the track and into the eyes of the track and field community. I am sure Bob Bowman has many other reasons for the increased distances and the dropping of the shorter track races, but the numbers of competitive walkers doesn't lie. Racewalking can be a popular event, as suggested by the number of youth and masters racewalkers. The short distances in these events contribute to this popularity. The difficulty

in judging the the international racewalker should not be the reason for setting distance or the selecting of venues, as is the case now. Rather the role of the judge is to find the best way to assure the integrity of the sport.

Larry is right when he states "The time is now to insure fairness through diplomacy, to bring technology into the judging of the sport" Clearly, a form of electronics is the answer. I am not sure what form it might eventually take, but I suggest the answer is out there. It should be kept in mind that the technology should be developed so that the international distances can again include track events, with assurances they will be judged fairly. Only then will we have the opportunity to build a fan base and recruit and keep quality athletes. Perhaps I am a bit too optimistic, but it sure beats the current situation.  
*(Ed. A lot of research suggests that the technology may not be out there—Bob Bowman can comment more astutely on this than I—or if it is, the costs would be prohibitive. As to judging issues bringing a change to greater distances, the international distances for men's racewalking have been 20 and 50 Km since 1956. True, an indoor 5 Km World Championship was in vogue for a few years, but was dropped and that quite probably was because of judging controversy. In the same time, the women have gone from no races to 5, then 10, then 20 Km, but more because racewalking should be an endurance event than because of judging issues. In this country, 20 years ago we had 40 or 50 male athletes willing to train long and hard enough to better 1:40 and 5 hours, now we have a dozen or fewer. The reasons are mysterious, but probably not connected to judging.)*

From Roger Burrows, Canada's Racewalking Chair:

Larry Young was a wonderful athlete, and must be eternally celebrated for his achievements. But his technical analysis of modern racewalking is wrong. Sincerely argued, but wrong. Wrong premise, wrong decade.

If we were high jumpers, Mr. Young's position would be like providing detailed analysis of the straddle take-off. If we were road race organizers, he would be describing, oh-so accurately, the logistics of the "popsicle" stick finish line system. Both worked well in their time, but their time is past.

Those interested in the sport's technical and evolutionary history should read Mr. Young's views—I for one am fascinated. But for those interested in the level to which the sport has now moved, we all know that we have to go with Bob Bowman's views. Right?

And, from Mr. Bob Bowman himself:

Larry was certainly an exception when he was at his best (i.e., 1972). One of the reasons he walked good times was his minimizing or eliminating a great percentage of the time, the flight phase. However, he would not be competitive today because his stride was longer with a slower turnover. *(Ed. Larry, of course, would reply that he would not be competitive because competitors are no longer racewalking.)* The reason I stated that the walkers then generally had a greater flight phase is because of this fact. Longer strides with slower turnover. The smallest flight phases measured in various studies of old and recent videos are of top walkers in recent years such as Jefferson Perez. He hugs the ground so well with perfectly smooth and balanced technique. If you have two walkers with the same basic body and strength and the same stride length, but one has a greater flight phase, the one with the better contact will finish ahead of the other walker because of the faster turnover associated with the better contact. I know this is just the opposite of what many people, including Larry, feel is the case. They are wrong. There is no doubt in my mind after reviewing all the studies, that walkers 30 or 40 years ago in general had greater flight phases,

and that the judging was generally weaker. Larry was certainly an exception to this but he should be thankful that he developed a competitive technique that maintained solid contact. Not just to avoid judging calls, but because it made him a faster walker. That it is in a nutshell!

## LOOKING BACK

**45 Years Ago** (From the May 1962 American Race Walker published by Chris McCarthy)—Your editor, a spry 27-year old at that time, journeyed west to capture the National 30 Km in Los Angeles in 2:36:02 with John Allen 3 minutes back and Ronald Laird 3 minutes behind him. Bob Bowman was fourth. . . Bowman won the Mt. SAC Relays 2 Mile in 16:27. . . Pedestrian of the Month was Corinne Blackburn, mommy of Publisher Emeritus, Jack Blackburn. Corinne, as one of the pioneers in women's racewalking, had best time of 56:45 for 5 miles and 68:10 for 6.

**40 Years Ago** (From the May 1967 ORW)—Ignoring the relentless sun and boiling blacktop of the McKeesport, Pa., Eastland Shopping Plaza, Ron Laird scored an easy National 20 Km win in 1:38:42. Fast-improving Larry Young was a distant second in 1:42:10, but still 3 minutes ahead of Tom Dooley and Larry Walker, and 6 ahead of one Jack Mortland, who edged Steve Hayden for fifth. . . Three days later, Laird found cooler weather in Chicago and captured the Zinn Memorial 10 Km, a track race, in 44:44. Dooley (47:32) and Mortland (47:50) followed. . . Laird also picked up the National 35 Km title, making for a very productive month. . . Shaul Ladany set his annual American record at 50 miles with an 8:11:41 in New Jersey. Race Director Elliott Denman was second in 9:11:05. . . Jack Blackburn toyed with Jack Mortland for 3 laps of the Ohio AAU 2 Mile, and then scored an easy win 14:26 to 14:47.

**35 Years Ago** (From the May 1972 ORW)—. Larry Young topped the news with an American record 20 Km on the track in Columbia, Mo., and a win in the Western Hemisphere 20 Km in Sharon, Pa. Larry had 1:30:10 in the Columbia race. At Sharon six days later, he had no trouble winning in 1:31:59 on a tough, and maybe slightly long, road course. Ron Daniel was second in 1:37:18, followed by Floyd Godwin (1:37:28), John Knifton, Jose Oliveros, Mexico and Canadians Neville Conway, Marcel Jobin, and Pat Farrelly. Preceding that race was the All-American 20 Km, won by Steve Hayden in 1:41:22, ahead of Karl Merschenz, Jack Mortland, and Alex Oakley, Merschenz and Oakley from Canada. (Sixth was Leon Jasionowski in 1:50:15, just a bit more than 4 minutes faster than he did 35 years later in the Mortland race reported in this issue.) Daniel won the Seaside Heights, N.J. 10 miler in 1:14:15, nearly 3 minutes ahead of Dave Romansky, but Dave turned the tables in the Martin Luther King Games 1 Mile to win in 6:20.5. . . Tom Dooley did 2:29:24 for 30 Km on the track and Todd Scully had a 4:32:25 for 50. . . Dooley and Bob Kitchen finished together in 1:31:52 for a track 20 Km and Goetz Klopfer had 4:27:28 for 50 on the track. It was a busy month.

**30 Years Ago** (From the May 1977 ORW)—Augie Hirt won the National 100 Km title in a record 10:23:32, with Paul Lightsey second more than 50 minutes behind. . . Jim Heiring won the USTFF 10 Km over U.W.-Parkside teammate Chris Hansen, 45:36 to 45:48. . . The National 10 Km went to Steve Pecinovsky in 49:46, just 6 seconds ahead of Martin Kraft, as few people showed up. Bill Walker moved away from Jack Mortland over the last mile to take the master's title in 51:53, as they finished fifth and sixth overall.

**25 Years Ago** (From the May 1982 ORW)—Jim Heiring and Marco Evoniuk finished fourth

and fifth in an international 20 Km in Bergen, Norway, just inches apart, and were given the same time, an American record 1:25:59. Soviet Yevgeniy Yesyukov won the track race in 1:22:30. . . Dan O'Connor won the National 50 Km in 4:22:22 with Vincent O'Sullivan second and the Ohio Track Club's Chris Knott third in 4:35. . . Sue Cook walked a World record 5 Km of 22:45.6 in Australia and also had a world best for 10 Km—47:13, but that was not acceptable as a world record, since it was done in a men's race.

**20 Years Ago** (From the May 1987 ORW)—The World Cup of Racewalking came to the U.S. for the first time and the Soviets dominated the races in New York's Central Park, taking both men's and women's titles. At 50 Km, East Germany's Ronald Weigel blitzed the final 5 Km in 20:56 to drop teammate Hartwig Gauder and win in 3:42:26. Gauder was 26 seconds back, and the third German, Dietmar Meisch, just 22 seconds behind him. The Soviets took the next four spots, not far behind, to stay in contention for the team title. Mexico's Carlos Mercenario, just 20-years old, was a surprise at 20 Km in 1:19:24, coming from 17 seconds back of teammate Ernesto Canto on the final 4. Canto faded to fifth, and a 2-3-9 finish by the Soviets, with no Germans in sight, sewed up the team title. Italy took second. The U.S. was ninth among 35 teams, led by Tim Lewis' 13th place in the 20 with a 1:22:27. The Soviet women took 1-2-5 for an easy team title at 10 Km, but only with the help of three Dqs on the Chinese team. Olga Krishtop was the winner in 43:22, 13 seconds ahead of Irina Strakhova. Maryanne Torrellas finished 16th in 46:28 and Teresa Vaill 20th in 46:50 as the U.S. women came in 6th of 23 teams.

**15 Years Ago** (From the May 1992 ORW)—Penn Relay titles went to Allen James with a 41:21.5 for 10 Km and Debbi Lawrence with 21:32.9 for 5. Dave McGovern was second in the 10 with 42:07. Michelle Rohl (22:08.5) and Teresa Vaill (22:26) followed Lawrence. . . In Mexico, Carlos Mercenario did 50 Km in 3:50:09, followed by Miguel Rodriguez (3:50:55) and German Sanchez (3:51:02). The Italian 50 went to Giovanni Perricelli in 3:55:01, 42 seconds ahead of Massimo Quirivoni.

**10 Years Ago** (From the May 1997 ORW)—U.S. walkers stayed in Europe following April's World Cup races with some success. In Poland, Curt Clausen and Tim Seaman took 1-2 in a 10 Km race in 40:47 and 41:14. Dana Yarbrough won a women's race in 46:24. A week later in Germany, Clausen did 1:25:32 for 15th in a 20 Km race, with Philip Dunn 24th in 1:28:22. Tim Seaman suffered a DQ. Victoria Herazo and Yarbrough finished 19th and 20th in a women's 10 Km at the same site with 45:47 and 45:52. Later in the month, Herazo was 27th in a 10 Km at Naumburg, Germany in 46:37. . . Herazo and AL Heppner won National 15 Km titles in Elk Grove, Ill. With times of 1:08:07 and 1:15:51. Mike Rohl was second to Heppner in 1:09:58. . . Heppner also won the Penn Relays 10 Km in 42:13.05, edging Will Van Axen (42:14.32).

**5 Years Ago** (From the May 2002 ORW)—National 30 Km titles went to Susan Armenta in 2:38:45 and Tim Seaman in 2:37:05. . . At the Penn Relays, U.W.-Parkside walkers shone with Jim Heys 44:01.31) and Matt DeWitt (44:41.16) one-two in the men's 10 Km race and Amber Antonia (22:38.61) winning the women's 5 Km. Fastest of all, however, was UWP's Ben Shorey who won the Junior 10 Km in 43:20.60. . . Heys beat Shorey in a 20 Km in Kenosha, Wis., 1:29:54 to 1:31:35. . . In the NAIA meet, Antonia won the women's 3 Km in 13:27.46 and Shorey beat Heys at 5 Km with a 20:57.16. Heys did 21:09.97. . . On the world scene, Spain's Francisco Fernandes had a 1:17:22 for 20 Km in Turku, Fin., a world best on the road, leaving Poland's Robert Korzeniowski more than 2 minutes behind. . . In Naumburg, Germany, Spain's Juan Molina did 1:20:18, just 7 seconds ahead of Ireland's Robert Heffernan. John Nunn was eighth in 1:24:49. . . Latvia's Aigars Fedejevs did a 30 Km in 2:06:13 in Italy.