

## A Blackburn Tribute

With the passing of Corinn Blackburn in July, the wonderful couple that really gave birth to the Ohio Racewalker is gone from this wordly scene, but their inspiration certainly lives on. Without John and Corinn Blackburn there would be no Ohio Racewalker and likely your editor would never have become involved in racewalking. John led his son Jack into the sport, together they led me into the sport, and it was Jack who actually conceived the idea of this publication in 1965. It is fitting that we pay tribute in these pages and better acquaint all of you with Ohio's first family of racewalking. So excuse me as we depart from the news of the day and reflect on these two remarkable people.



Corinn and John living it up!

First, Corinn's obituary:

Corinn King Blackburn, age 94, of Salida, Colorado, died July 21, 2007 at Columbine Manor Care Center. She was born in Wapokoneta, Ohio on November 14, 1921 to Rev. James N. And Kathleen King, the eldest of six children.

Corinn attended Bluffton College in Bluffton, Ohio where she was an outstanding art and drama student. She painted her entire life and has had many landscape scenes on display over the years throughout the state of Ohio. While at Columbine, she received two consecutive national art awards for her watercolor Christmas cards.

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## Perez Makes It Three In A Row

Osaka, Japan, Aug. 25—Overcoming stifling conditions and strong efforts of a deep field of outstanding athletes, Ecuador's Jefferson Perez strode to his record third straight 20 Km Racewalk title in the World Championships today. It was also a record fourth WC medal. Although he was the two-time defender, Perez went into the race as an underdog to Spain's Francisco Fernandez, who had beaten him handily in last year's World Cup race. While the winning time of 1:22:20 doesn't seem impressive, with the starting temperature at about 90 F and the humidity at 50 percent, it was remarkable, with Perez covering the second 10 Km in under 40 minutes. The favored Fernandez just edged Tunisia's ever-improving Hatem Ghoulia for the silver, 20 seconds after Perez had finished. (More on that later.)

The win was the seventh for the 33-year-old Perez in major international races. He won Olympic gold in 1996 and added World Cup titles in 1997, 2002, and 2004. He also has World Championship and World Cup silvers (2006 and 1999 respectively). The only real blemish on his record is his fourth place finishes in the 2000 and 2004 Olympics. Over the 11 years from 1996 to 2006, he was ranked number one in the world three times and number two four times, plus rankings at three, four, and five. He did not compete in 2001.

In the extreme heat, the race went off cautiously with the first 5 Km taking 21:39. Italy's 2004 Olympic Champion Ivano Brugnetti was leading by two seconds with Perez, Ghoulia, and Fernandez together behind him. Brugnetti tried to steal the race and opened a 17-second lead at 10 km, which he passed in 42:14 (20:35 for the second 5). Walking well within himself, Perez did not panic and bided his time waiting for the opportune time to make his move.

With two warnings, Brugnetti was starting to show signs of distress. Sensing the time was right, Perez broke free from the main pack at 12 km, followed closely by Russia's Valery Borchin. Perez caught Brugnetti at 13 km and the Italian's race was over a little further down the road when he was shown a third red card. With the heat starting to take his toll, Borchin's medal bid also ended when he collapsed at the side of the road not long after.

By 15 Km, Ghoulia had joined Perez, and Fernandez was just 2 seconds back with the clock on the leaders reading 1:02:31—40 minutes flat for the third 5. Fernandez was working hard to stay up, but had to yield to the other two. On the final 2 Km lap, Perez applied more pressure and opened up a decisive lead on Ghoulia which he held to the finish with a 19:49 for the final 5. In the final stretch, Ghoulia slowed and Fernandez stormed from 15 or 20 minutes back in the final 100 meters, passing the Tunisian just before the finish line. However, Chief Judge Ron Daniel disqualified him for his final sprint, which is the prerogative of the Chief Judge. On an appeal from the Spanish, the Jury of Appeal overruled that DQ and the silver medal was restored to Fernandez. Mexico's Eder Sanchez, who crossed the line fourth, had celebrated his medal upon learning of the DQ, and even completed an interview with the medalists, and then finally had to accept fourth place, nearly a minute behind Fernandez and Ghoulia, and just 3 seconds ahead of Italy's Giorgio Rubino.

There was no domination of any nation in the final standings, which speaks well for the spread of our sport. Following Rubino were Robert Heffernan of Ireland, Luke Adams of Australia, and Erik Tysse of Norway. Russia, usually good for two or three in the top ten, had

to settle for ninth in the person of Ilya Markov. Italy was the first country to finish two athletes, with Alex Schwarzer in tenth and then Ecuador with Rolando Saquipay in twelfth. There were seven disqualifications in the 42-man starting field, and three others dropped out. For the U.S., Kevin Eastler finished 28th in 1:28:29, which may seem disappointing but isn't a lot further off his best than the times of the top finishers. Tim Seaman was 31st in 1:33:58.

Post-race quotes: Jefferson Perez (Who collapsed a few moments after finishing, apparently with severe stomach cramps and was carted off on a stretcher. Apparently he recovered quickly for the interview.): I had much respect for all the walkers. I also knew I could be the first with three consecutive golds, but shortly after the start, I forgot about this. I needed to concentrate on today's particular race. The weather was my biggest worry. The last three laps I was thinking just breathe well and do what you can. I was not thinking about the positions. Just to give the best fight. I am not sure, but this could be the toughest of my victories. After the finish line I said, "My goodness, maybe this is a dream, but my dream"

Hatem Ghoulia: I've been quite consistent in the last few years, fifth in Helsinki, fourth in last year's World Cup. I'm so happy to get a medal for my eighth participation at the World Championships. Besides, it is the first Tunisian medal in the history of the competition. In the homestraight, I drastically reduced my pace. I saw the judges close to me and got scared I could get disqualified. (Which explains how Fernandez made up so much ground at the finish.)

*(Note: The women's 20 Km and the men's 50 were on August 31 and Sept. 1, respectively. That was too late for inclusion of the results in this issue. So you can await our report on those two races in next month's issue.)*

The results:

1. Jefferson Perez, Ecuador 1:22:20 2. Francisco Fernandez, Spain 1:22:40 3. Hatem Ghoulia, Tunisia 1:22:40 4. Eder Sanchez, Mexico 1:23:36 5. Giorgio Rubino, Italy 1:23:39 6. Robert Heffernan, Ireland 1:23:42 7. Luke Adams, Australia 1:23:52 8. Erik Tysse, Norway 1:24:10 9. Ilya Markov, Russia 1:24:35 10. Alex Schwarzer, Italy 1:24:39 11. Koichiro Morioka, Japan 1:24:46 12. Rolando Saquipay, Ecuador 1:25:03 13. Gaobo Li, China 1:25:30 14. Matej Toth, Slovakia 1:25:57 15. Chil-Sung Park, Korea 1:26:08 16. Juan Manuel Molina, Spain 1:26:26 17. Benjamin Kucinski, Poland 1:26:43 18. Andriy Kovenko, Ukraine 1:26:44 19. Akihiro Sugimoto, Japan 1:26:45 20. Hyunsub Kim, Korea 1:26:51 21. Takayuki, Japan 1:26:53 22. Luis Fernando Lopez, Columbia 1:27:22 23. Benjamin Sanchez, Spain 1:27:29 24. Hassanin Sbai, Tunisia 1:27:35 25. Joao Vieira, Portugal 1:27:44 26. Rafal Augustyn, Poland 1:27:54 27. Ivan Trotskiy, Belarus 1:27:56 28. Kevin Eastler, USA 1:28:29 29. Yucheng Han, China 1:31:58 30. Jimin Dong, China 1:32:03 31. Tim Seaman, USA 1:33:58 32. Predrag Filipovic, Serbia 1:35:51 DQ—Jared Tallent, Australia; Gabriel Ortiz, Mexico; Andres Chocho, Ecuador; Ivano Brugnetti, Italy; Daniel Garcia, Mexico; Igor Erokhin, Russia; and Gustavo Restropo, Columbia. DNF—Valeriy Borchin, Russia; Andre Shone, Germany; and Sergio Vieira, Portugal.

## Blackburn (continued from page 1)

She was married to Dr. John H. Blackburn in 1934. They were together for 67 years before his death in July 2000. Dr. Blackburn served with honors in World War II as a physician and surgeon. His battalion was among the first wave to land at Omaha Beach to begin the invasion of Europe.

After John returned home from the war, the couple made their home in Worthington, Ohio where they worked together in his office as a general practitioner for many years. Corrin and her husband were the pioneers of racewalking in Ohio and she was the first woman to participate in the sport, beginning in her early forties. *(Ed. Actually, there were*



racewalkers in Ohio prior to their participation and several national 40 and 50 km races were held in Cincinnati and Dayton in the '30s, 40s, and 50s before John discovered the event when Jack was running at an Ohio AAU meet. But, they were pioneers in the Columbus area and quickly became strong advocates.)

Survivors are daughter Sara and Tony Fernandez of Villa Grove, Colorado; son, Jack of Alcony, Ohio; sister Mary of Bluffton, Ohio; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Here is how Jack remembers his mother:

Corinn was a multi-talented lady who never realized how special she was. As an artist, she turned out countless numbers of paintings and card illustrations, as well as very special sculptured pieces. She was a talented musician, playing the cello, piano, and organ quite well. Before she had her thyroid gland removed, she sang in choirs and had a yodel that pierced the neighborhood. When I was little, this was her call to me to get home, NOW! Corinn was also blessed with intestinal fortitude (guts) that enable her to be a great single

mom through World War II, especially during the times when we didn't know where John was overseas.

She was, as far as I know, the first competitive lady racewalker in the U.S.. For a long time she was only able to compete with men, to their chagrin, beating many of them to the finish line. Now, the U.S. sends world class lady racewalkers to the Olympic Games. Corinn also ran with and helped coach the girl's team of the Ohio Track Club. This team had nationally ranked athletes and they traveled to Texas for the Women's Track and Field Championship in the early '60s. (Ed. Among them, Estelle Baskerville, a high jumper on two Olympic teams and Susan Knott, a 400 meter runner in the Pan Am Games.)



Corinn at age 16 (what a doll!)

Corinn and John were great role models as a married couple. They had two entirely different personalities with the same values and were able and willing to learn from each other, therefore, balanced each other out. They were totally loyal and accepting of each other, imperfections and all. No man that I have ever known was so totally in love with his lady, woman, and wife. She was also very much in love with him and expressed it in many ways, including comforting him and protecting him from the harshness of the outside world. (That's another story.) They had a very deep and accepting understanding of each other.

John used to say that she has no recognition of how beautiful and amazing she is. Corinn frequently criticized herself for possibly (sometimes actually) offending others with her straight from the shoulder comments regarding how she felt about them and what she thought they should do about their selves. No fluff at all. She never had the intentions of hurting anyone and felt badly if she did. She would say of herself on occasion, "Why can't I just keep my mouth shut sometimes?" She just spoke the truth as she saw it at the time. She didn't have a fake bone in her body. She wouldn't have made a successful politician.

Her last home on earth was the Columbine Nursing and Convalescent home in Salida, Colorado. She continued to be creative with Christmas card designs and much

quilting for needy children and families. The card designing earned her third place two years in a row. The contest included residents in the particular chain of facilities all over the U.S. and Canada.

Corinn dealt with living in the nursing home much the same way she did throughout life. She met it head-on. She made it work. Corinn thought of herself as helper of the "old people" more than a consumer. Others viewed her in the same exact way.

Both John and Corinn requested that there be no formal services (funerals). They did, however, request that their ashes be mixed together and kept with the family in some way. No other specifics were mentioned. This doesn't stop someone from having a recognition party for her as Joyce Blackburn did for John. Corinn said to me and others that it should be a party to celebrate her passing on to a new life with John without sadness. She also suggested that apricot brandy or peach schnapps might be the "happy juice" of the occasion. Come to think of it, this was probably more than a suggestion.

John and Corinn have together and individually left a profoundly positive impression on their vast number of family and friends.

Their appreciative and loving son,  
Jack Blackburn.

Finally, to make this tribute complete, let me repeat my words about John from the July 2000 ORW:

**We lose a friend and a mentor.** A few weeks ago, Dr. John Blackburn died in Flagstaff, Arizona. Doc was largely responsible for the Ohio Track Club becoming a national power in racewalking in the 1960s. It was in 1956 or '57 that Doc went to Dayton to watch his son Jack, a successful distance runner at Ohio State (sixth in the 1956 Olympic Trials 10,000 meter run), compete in the Ohio AAU meet. In the course of the evening he also saw the 1 Mile walk and decided this was something he could do to improve his fitness. He introduced himself to two legends of Ohio racewalking, Wayne Yarch and Clair Duckham, and got himself into the sport. As he did with everything he took interest in (which included sports cars such as Jaguars and MGs, the violin, history, and much else) he immersed himself in the sport, studying the mechanics closely, aided by his medical knowledge. In his mid-40s when he started, he wasn't going to become a national champion, but he did become quite adept. In the spring of 1958, Jack's class schedule didn't allow him to make track practice, so he gave up his final season at OSU and began walking with his dad. Almost immediately, Jack was competitive on the national level. Your editor knew Jack from high school competition, summer all-comers meets, and training together that winter when I was in grad school at OSU. So naturally, they drew me into the sport that summer. Over the next several years, I really had no coach, nor did any of us, but I found much guidance from Doc Blackburn—on technique, medical matters, and life itself. Most of my training was done on the blacktop track Doc had built outside his home—9.3 laps to the mile. I went for training spins as long as 22 miles on that track. The big Coca-Cola clock (I tolerated it although I am a Pepsi guy) on the front of the carport, with a sweep second hand, pushed me with its report of how I was doing at the end of each lap. Fort-five seconds meant a 7-minute mile, 51 seconds a sub-8 minute mile. And there were Doc and Corinn to talk with or commiserate with after I was finished. Doc was a well-respected racewalking judge throughout the country—strict in his interpretations, fair, and impartial. He wrote some very well received columns on medical and physiological aspects of our sport in early issues of the newsletter. He spoke out against whatever he saw as hypocrisy in the sport (and in about anything). He supported my career even when I beat his son, but let me know when I was off base in my actions or words. When he retired from his practice, he worked for few years as a state



medical examiner, and then, with Corinn, retired to Arizona. He continued to walk, though no competitively. A couple of years ago, he published a Civil War novel, which was a very good read, and had since done a sequel to that book. But, as health problems caught up with him, he was unable to go for his walks or to play his violin, or even to devote the effort he wanted to toward doing a third book. So from his perspective, I am sure the end was welcome. All those who encountered Doc are the better for it and will miss his presence in this world.

## Race Results

**National 15 Km, Minneapolis, August 20 Women**—1. Jolene Moore 1:14:21 (Also 1st 40-44) 2. Erin Taylor 1:21:08 3. Susan Randall 1:21:39 4. Solomiya Login 1:22:39 5. Diana Rado 1:22:47 6. Debbie Topham 1:30:03 (1st 50-54) 7. Jamie Burmeister 1:31:04 8. Jennifer Marlborough 1:31:14 9. Lynette Heinlein 1:33:12 (2nd 50-54) 10. Anita Macias-Howard 1:36:21 (3rd 50-54) 11. Sue Kliever 1:36:25 (2nd 40-44) 12. Tish Borgen 1:26:03 (3rd 40-44) 13. Lori Holcomb 1:41:24 (4th 40-44) 14. Kathy Finch 1:44:39 (5th 50-54) 15. Walda Tichy 1:45:55 (1st 55-59)

**Men**—1. Chris Teggtmeier 1:13:58 2. Michael Wiggins 1:20:56 (1st 55-59) 3. Dan O'Brien 1:21:14 (1st 40-44) 4. Leon Jasionowski 1:23:13 (1st 60-64) 5. Rod Craig 1:30:03 (1st 45-49) 6. Dave Daubert 1:40:41 (2nd 60-64) 8. Bernie Finch 1:44:39 (1st 65-59) 8. Phil Rogosheski 1:45:56 (3rd 60-64) DQ—Matt Boyles, Robert Nichols

**National USATF Masters Meet, Orono, Maine August 2-5: Men's 10 Km: Age 35-39**—1. Ed Parrot 53:21.85 40-44—1. John Soucheck 51:47.60 2. Edgardo Rodriguez 57:18.45 49-1. Tommy Aunan 53:55.51 2. David Keenan 54:18.3 3. Rod Craig 60:05 50-55—1. Klaus Thiedmann 55:41.96 2. Pedro Santi 56:17 55-59—1. Michael Wiggins 51:57.14 2. Andrew Smith 53:44 3. Mike DeWitt 57:31 4. Richard McGuire 58:31 5. Brian Savilonis 63:53 60-65—1. Norman Frable 54:00.45 2. Leon Jasionowski 55:44 3. Christoph Schaid 57:02.14 4. Don Knight 64:47 (56 finishers) 65-59—1. Paul Johnson 60:56.62 2. Marshall Sanders 65:44 3. Ronald Walters 66:23 70-74—1. Jack Bray 62:56.54 2. Carl Acosta 67:02 3. William Hoskin 68:45 75-79—1. Alfred DuBois 66:47.21 2. Jack Starr 66:47.84 (3 finishers, 2 DQ)

**Women's 10 Km:** 40-44—1. Rebecca Garson 60:09.82 45-49—1. Marcia Gutsche Rutledge 54:36.73 50-54—1. Debbie Topham 58:49.84 2. Lynette Heinlein 62:39 55-59—1. Lynn Tracy 56:27.65 2. Cathy Mayfield 62:37 3. Gayle Johnson 65:39 60-64—1. Panseluta Geer 64:13.71 2. Kathleen Frable 64:21 3. Jolene Steigerwalt 65:01 (5 finishers) 65-59—1. Louise Walters 63:42.01 2. Janet Higbie 71:09 3. Sandra Hulst 72:11 70-75—1. Essie Faria 75:07 (1 DQ) 80-85—1. Miriam Gordon 83:34.61 **Women's 5 Km:** 40-45—1. Rebecca Garson 29:21.39 2. Pamela Aller-Merrill 31:25 (3 finishers) 45-49—1. Maryanne Daniel 28:43.18 50-54—1. Debbie Topham 29:20.58 2. Lynette Heinlein 31:28 (3 finishers, 1 DQ) 55-59—1. Lynn Tracy 28:57.29 2. Cathy Mayfield 30:48 3. Doris McGuire 33:21 (1 DQ) 60-64—1. Panseluta Geer 31:17.73 2. Jolene Steigerwalt 31:44 3. Kathleen Frable 32:13 (4 finishers) 65-59—1. Louise Walters 31:57.91 2. Sandra Hulst 35:37 (1 DQ) 70-74—1. Essie Faria 37:44.17 (2 DQ) 80-84—1. Miriam Gordon 40:55.99 **Men's 5 Km:** 35-39—1. Ed Parrot 25:10.88 (1 DQ) 44-49—1. Edgardo Rodriguez 27:29.14 2. David Burns 28:01 50-54—1. Don Lawrence 26:27.43 2. Tommy Aunan 26:53 3. David Keenan 27:01 (1 DQ) 50-54—1. Klaus Thiedmann 26:43.74 2. Pedro Santi 27:06 3. Bart Kale 31:21 (4 finishers) 55-59—1. Michael Wiggins 25:56.37 2. Andrew Smith 26:25 3. Richard McGuire 29:12 60-64—1. Leon Jasionowski 26:45.93 2. Bob Keating 27:36 3. Norman Frable 27:47 4. Christoph Schaid 28:23 5. Don Knight 31:44 6. Joel Dubow 33:57 65-59—1. Paul Johnson 29:57.64 2. Tom Knatt 31:05 3. Marshall Sanders 32:39 4. Peter Bayer 32:56 5. Ron Walters 33:10 (7 finishers, 1 DQ) 70-74—1. Jack Bray 29:51.25 2.

Carl Acosta 33:50 3. William Hosken 35:23 (2 DQ) 75-59—1. Jack Starr 32:45.82 2. Alfred Dubois 33:58 3. Charles Williams 34:48 5. Bob Fine 35:18 (1 DQ, 1 DNF) 80-84—1. Marvin Goldenberg 34:42.49 2. Charles Boyle 38:42 (1 DQ) 85-89—1. John Levinson 45:55

**5 Km, Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 12**—1. Steve Vaitones (51) 29:35 2. Emmett Schmarsow (56) 30:18 3. Larry Epstein (3=48) 30:31 4. Justin Kuo (54) 33:14 5. Paul Schell (69) 33:50

**Women**—1. Itzi Gaarcia (44) 33:56 2. Pat Godfrey (60) 34:54 (5 finishers) **Canada vs. USA, Hauppauge, N.Y., Aug. 12: Junior Women 5 Km:** 1. Le'erin Voss, USA 26:39 2. Diana Rado, USA 26:27 3. Jenna Monahan, USA 26:41 4. Tina Peters, USA 26:46 5. Heather Warwick, Czan. 27:14 6. Kathryn Jackman, Can. 28:01 7. Alva Pamelis, Penn, guest 28:25 8. Allison Chin, USA 29:03 9. Marie-Helene Ratel, Can. 29:18 10. Mercedes Mancha, Elgin Sharks 29:37 11. Daine Clack, N.Y. 29:39 12. Catherine Davis, Penn. 30:15 13. Nina Yang, N.Y. 31:24 14. Dan Ping He, N.Y. 31:56 (19 finishers) Team Score: USDA 6 Canada 19

**Junior Men's 10 Km**—1. Inaki Gomez, Canada 46:54 2. Delgado Bonilla, Puerto Rico 48:10 3. Evan Dunfee, Can. 49:19 4. Oliver Duguay-Coucher, Can. 49:44 5. Roberto Vergara, USA 50:08 6. Frankie Rodriguez, Puerto Rico 51:17 7. Hugo Duguay-Boucher, Can. 52:01 8. Ricardo Vergara, USA 52:28 9. Creighton Connolly, Can. 55:28 10. Matt Forgues, USA 56:01 11. Xavier Soto Ruiz, Puerto Rico 58:24 12. Evan Crowds, USA 61:18 13. John Randall, Ohio 63:14 14. Patrick Shaffer, Ohio 65:04 Team Score: Canada 6 USA 18 **NACAC Development Cup, same place: Girls 14-16 3 Km**—1. Allison Chin 16:55 2. Christie Bvernier 16:58 3. Catherine Davis 17:35 4. Arely Ann Muniz Dominici, Puerto Rico 18:24 4. Amanda Colon, Puerto Rico 18:50 56. Emily Reed 18:54 7. Amana Salinas 19:00 (13 finishers, 1 DQ) **Women 17-19 5 Km**—same as US-Canada **Women 20-22 5 10 Km**—1. Rachel Lavalley, Canada 51:01 2. Maria Michta 52:46 3. Amanda Johnson 59:16 **Boys 14-16 3 Km**—1. Matt Forgues 15:07 2. Julio Alva 15:39 3. Ricky Sosulski 15:52 4. John Randall 15:55 5. Melvin Pacheco Muniz, Puerto Rico 16:04 6. Gerald Lebron, Puerto Rico 16:47 7. Taylor Campbell 16:58 8. Lenny Salinas 18:10 (1 DQ) **Boys 17-19 10 Km**—same as US-Canada **Men 20-22 10 Km**—1. Luc Menard, Canada 46:06 2. Michael Kazmierczak 49:41 3. Chris Teggtmeier 50:51 **Women's 5 Km**—1. Erin Taylor 15:44 2. Cher Armstrong 29:29 3. Maryanne Daniel 29:51 4. Nichole Qessels 30:36 (7 finishers) **Mens 5 Km**—1. Michael Bartholomew 25:19 2. Vince Peters (53) 28:19 3. Bill Vayo (43) 28:51 4. Jim McGrath (70) 34:10 **Mens 10 Km**—1. Tim Seaman 45:50 **3 Km, New York City, Aug. 18**—1. Leo Romero 14:26 2. Bill Vayo (43) 16:34 3. Robert Mullen (60) 17:51 4. Gary Null (62) 18:03 5. Kelly McCann (17) 19:16 6. Jon Qalam (57) 19:26 (38 finishers, 3 DQ) **1500 meters, Albuquerque, N.M., May 12**—1. Joe Sutton (60+) 9:37.61 2. Bill Baldwin 10:19 3. Leslie Herman (60+) 10:28 **Western Regional 5 Km, Rio Rancho, N.M., June 9**—1. Laura Draelos (45) 31:11 2. Leslie Herman (59) 36:56 **Men**—1. Joe Armbruster (75) 36:50 **Men's 3 Km**—1. John Attsbury 18:53 **1600 meters, Van Nuys, Cal., July 25**—1. Mario Lopez (49) 8:58.2 2. Donna Cunningham (60) 9:01.8 3. Yoko Eichel (60) 9:06.3 4. Deo Jaravata 9:26.2 5. Alan Ede (67) 9:46.3 6. Carl Acosta (73) 10:01.9 (12 finishers) **Pacific Assn. 3 Km, Reno, Nevada, July 21**—1. Kelly Wong 15:34.1 2. Laura Carnegie 17:31.8 3. M.J. Bagin (60) 18:00.3 4. Susan Mears (52) 18:01.5 5. Kathleen Frable (61) 18:40.3 6. Louise Walters (67) 18:54.4 (113 finishers) **Men**—1. Mark Green (51) 13:52.1 2. Gharfara Abderrezak 14:47.9 3. Norman Frable (61) 15:51.8 4. Price Alexander 16:17.2 5. Bill Penner (60) 16:53.0 6. Ed Moore (68) 17:33.4 7. Jack Bray (74) 17:34.7 (10 finishers) **5 Km, Kentfield, Cal., July 29**—1. Jack Bray 29:30 2. Jami Boshoven 30:42 3. Ed Lane 32:50 4. Ann Lee 33:00 5. Peter Corona 33:25 6. Shirley Dockstader 33:51 (8 finishers) **10 Km, Kentfield, Aug. 12**—1. Rezak Gharfara 52:33 2. Kevin Killingworth 54:40 3. Joe Berendt 58:56 4. Jim Beckett 58:56 5. Jack Bray 60:59 6. Nicki Goldman 61:17 7. Louise Walters 61:45 8. Ron Walters 63:33 9. Ed Lane 66:39 10. Ann Lee 66:41 (17 finishers) **10 Km, Oregon, June 10**—1. Julie Lucas 57:12.81 2. Carmen Jacinsky 58:07.31 **20 Km, same place**—1. Stephanie Casey 1:47:26.72 2. John Backlund (67)

2:10:23 (4 finishers, 1 DQ). Stephanie Casey is the 23-year-old daughter of of Jim Bean, a racewalker of some note in an early era. This performance qualified her for next year's Olympic Trials. **2.8 Miles, Seattle, July 14**—1. Bob Novak (58) 25:37 2. Stan Chraminski (59) 25:37 2. 3. Bart Kale (50) 25:50 4. Ann Tuberg (47) 26:56 (8 finishers)

**World University Games, Women's 20 Km, Thailand, Aug. 9**—1. Quiyan Jiang, China 1:35:22 2. Lidia Mongelli, Italy 1:37:23 3. Sniazhana Yurchanka, Belarus 1:37:26 4. Kumi Ootoshi, Japan 1:37:36 65. Neringa Aidietyte, Lithuania 1:38:57 6. Zuzanna Malikova, Slovak Rep. 1:39:06 7. Laris Emelyanova, Russia 1:39:48 8. Alina Olaru, Romania 1:40:12 9. Zhanna Halaunia, Belarus 1:40:42 10. Brigita Virbalyte, Lithuania 1:41:06 11. Maria Galikova, Slovak Rep. 1:41:32 12. Maria Esther Sanchez, Mexico 1:41:32 (15 finishers, 1 DQ) **Men's 20 Km, Aug. 14**—1. Yafei Chu, China 1:24:37 2. Chil Sung Park, Korea 1:24:42 3. Koichiro Morioka, Japan 1:25:10 4. Yusuke Suzuki, Japan 1:25:50 5. Benjamin Kucinski, Poland 1:26:25 6. Hyunsub Kim, Korea 1:27:20 7. Alexander Yargunkin, Russia 1:27:40 8. Gabriel Ortiz, Mexico 1:28:34 9. Goqiang Zeng, China 1:29:15 10. Maik Berger, Germany 1:29:17 11. Mikalai Seradovich, Belarus 1:29:59 12. Diogo Martins, Portugal 1:30:20 13. Pasquale Aragfona, Italy 1:30:41 14. Cristian Andres Chocho, Ecuador 1:31:24 15. Rafal Augustyn, Poland 1:31:46 (23 finishers, 1 DQ) **Norwegian Women's 3 Km Championship, August 2**—1. Kjersti Platzer 12:34.69 **Norwegian Men's 5 Km, August 2**—1. Erik Tysse 18:32.46 **Italian 10 Km, Pachuca, July 26**—1. Alex Schwarzer 40:39.21 **Women's 5 Km, same place**—1. Elisa Rigaud 21:45.46 **British 5 Km, Manchester, July 27**—1. King 20:57.90 **Women's 5 Km, same place**—1. Jackson 22:03.65 **Romanian Women's National 20 Km, Bucharest, July 27**—1. Claudia Stef 1:31:44 **Spanish 10 Km, Aug. 5**—1. Francisco Fernandez 38:07.65 (19:09 at 5 Km) 2. Benjamin Sanchez 40:37 3. Jose Antonio Gonzalez 40:46 4. Jose Diaz 40:53 **Spanish Women's 10 Km, same place**—1. Sonata Milusouskaite, Lithuania 46:04.56 2. Julia Takacs, Hungary 46:45 3. H. Linares 47:0 4. Maria Perez 48:36 **3000 meters, Zargosa, Spain, July 28**—1. Maria Jose Poves 13:34.57 2. Julia Takacs, Hung. 13:40.59 3. Mayte Gargallo 13:46.32 **French National Championship 20 Km, Tourlaville, July 21**—1. Raphael Cosset 1:37:49 2. Nicolas Seche 1:39:07 3. Didier Coquillon 1:39:32 **French "Elite" Championships 20 Km, Niort, Aug. 7**—1. Yohann Diniz 1:23:16 2. Emmanuel B oulay 1:28:48 3. Herve Davaux 1:30:21 4. Johan Augeron 1:31:15 5. Sebastian Biche 1:31:15 6. Eddy Roze 1:32:16 (24 competitors) **Women**—1. Mandy Lorigou 1:45:17 2. Patricia Garnier 1:47:08 (34 competitors) **20 Km, Adelaide, Australia, July 29**—1. Adam Rutter 1:27:07 2. Darren Brown 1:27:30 **Women's 10 Km, same place**—1. Megan Szirom 47:14 2. Clair Woods 48:36 3. Lyn Ventris (51) 48:54

We have the results of the 2006 Shore AC National Postal 1 Hour, but not room to include them in this issue. Gives you something to look forward to next month, along with the summaries and results of the World Championship at 20 Km for women and 50 Km for men.. We will report that the postal walk saw 269 competitors representing 35 different clubs. They walked a total of 231,407.7 Km, or 13,884 miles. The best distance was 13,584 meters by Kevin Eastler. Teresa Vaill led the women with 12,698 meters and was third overall.

## Opportunities To Satisfy That Competitive Drive (Or Just Enjoy Racewalking Companionship)

Sun. Sept. 2 West Regional 1 Hour, Banks, Oregon (E)  
Sat. Sept. 8 New Mexico 5 and 10 Km, Albuquerque (T)  
2.8 Miles, Seattle (C)

Sat. Sept. 15 North Region 15 Km, Minneapolis (V)  
5 Km, Aurora, Col., 9 am (H)  
Sun. Sept. 16 **USATF National 40 Km, Ocean, N.J. (A)**  
Pac. Assn. 20 Km, Oakland, Cal. (J)  
Florida 1 Hour, Plantation, Fla. (Q)  
5 Km, Denver (H)  
Sun. Sept. 23 5 Km, Albuquerque (T)  
5, 10, and 20 Km, Welland, Ontario (K)  
Sun. Sept. 24 Doc Tripp Memorial 10 Km, Colorado (H)  
Sun. Sept. 30 5 Km, Kentfield, Cal., 7:30 am (P)  
Sat. Oct. 6 Minnesota and North Region 50 Km (also, 5, 10, 20, 30, and 40 Km), Minneapolis, Minn. (V)  
**National USATF 5 Km (Z)**  
Sun. Oct. 7 ½ Marathon, Sandy Hook, N.J., 9 am (A)  
Sat. Oct. 13 1 Hour, Albuquerque, N.M. (T)  
2.8 Miles, Seattle, Wash. (C)  
Sun. Oct. 14 Georgia 5 and 10 Km, Atlanta (F)  
**USATF National 1 Hour, Waltham, Mass. (B)**  
Georgia 5 and 10 Km, Atlanta (B)  
Indiana 20 Km, Indianapolis (AA)  
Sun. Oct. 20 1 Mile, Kentfield, Cal. (P)  
Sun. Oct. 21 Florida 1500 and 3000 meters, Plantation, Fla. (Q)  
Mon. Oct. 22 Marathon, 5 and 10 Km, Half-Marathon, Albuquerque, N.M. (T)  
Sun. Oct. 28 10 Km, Seaside, Cal. (W)  
**USATF National 30 Km, Hauppauge, N.Y. (U)** (Also a 50 Km)  
Sun. Nov. 4 5 Km, Fair Oaks, Cal. (P)  
National USATF Masters 20 Km, Clermont, Fla.  
Sat. Nov. 10 2.8 Miles, Seattle (C)  
5 and 10 Km, Minneapolis (V)  
Wed. Nov. 14 Indiana 1 Hour, Indianapolis (AA)  
Sun. Nov. 18 Florida State 20 Km, Open 5, 10, and 20 Km, Plantation (Q)  
Thu. Nov. 22 Gobbler Hobbler 5 and 10 Km, Albuquerque, N.M. (T)  
Sun. Nov. 25 1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal., 8 am (P)

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## From Heel To Toe

**Eastler, Seaman comments:** Commenting on the World Championship race, Kevin Eastler noted: "It was fair for the conditions, considering that I am supposed to do the 50 in six days, I'm happy with my race. That 50 is going to be brutal. I'm going to rest and see how I recover. I didn't hold too much back in this race. I was a little conservative at the start which was my plan. I knew the conditions would be brutal." Regarding Jefferson Perez, Kevin said: "Jefferson is my hero. He's everything a champion athlete should be, a real modest guy who's done so many good things for his country" On that account, Tim Seaman added: "I'm happy for Jefferson. When he passed me I told him 'win this one for the Americas' Well he smiled and did just that. Now he goes after another Olympic gold. And he's going to get it. He wants it for sure" On his own race, Tim said: "For me, it was pretty hard. I've been struggling ever since Athens. Maybe something happened over there. I've been struggling in the heat every single race. I need to get more focused. I'm doing too many things besides training. I have my own business." . . . **IAAF RW Committee.** In a meeting of the IAAF (the International T&F organization), Italy's Maurizio Damilano was re-elected to the Chairperson seat, defeating Gabriel Roldan of Mexico and former chairperson Bob Bowman. Elected to seats on the committee were Jane Saville of Australia, Sari Essayah of Finland, Vyacheslav of Russia, Roadan, Shande Yang of China, Fumio Imamura of Japan, Bowman, Luis Saladie of Spain, Petger Marlow of Great Britain, and Khaled Amara of Tunisia. . . . **50 Km Olympic Trials.** USA T&F has announced that the 2008 Olympic Trials in the men's 50 Km racewalk will held in Palmetto Bay, Florida on February 10. "We are pleased to be returning to Palmetto Bay", USATF Racewalk Chairman Vince Peters said. "The village, in conjunction with the Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department, did a superb job of hosting the Pan American Racewalk Cup Trials this past March. Together, they put together an extremely attractive Olympic Trials bid package that will result in an outstanding environment for the selection of our Olympic Team in 2008." A purse of \$55,000 will be awaiting the top finishers of the race. First place will be worth more than \$15,000, with the top eight finishers guaranteed prize money. (Ed. Not to be cynical, but recent history suggests that the money might be guaranteed, but that eight finishers is not guaranteed. Let us hope that will not be the case this time.) To be eligible for the race, athletes must have walked faster than 4:45 on a USATF-certified course or track in a judged race during the period of January 1, 2006 through February 1, 2008. (Ed. I can count only nine qualifiers at this time—Philip Dunn, Ray Sharp, Theron Kissinger, Mark Green, Dave McGovern, John Nunn, Curt Clausen, and Marco Evoniuk, and Kevin Eastler,—and there won't be many more opportunities for further

qualifiers. We are aware of 50s at Minneapolis, Oct. 6, Hauppauge, N.Y. on Oct 28 and Houston, Texas, Jan. 6, 2008. And whether all of those that are qualified will choose to be on the line in February is another question. So the question might be will there be eight starters, let alone eight finishers. We need to encourage greater participation in the 50. Is there a chance of making this the Olympic Trials 50 Km and Open 50 Km?) . . .

## The Osaka controversy

As you have already read in the article on the World Championship 20 Km, the race was not without controversy with the DQ and subsequent reinstatement of Francisco Fernandez in the World Championship 20 Km. Here is some of what was said immediately after.

From Gary Westerfield, competitor, coach, and international judge: For the second time in recent history, a jury of appeals has overturned a chief judge's decision to disqualify an athlete in the final 100 meters of a race. The first was at the Junior Pan Am's in Brazil. I had the opportunity to discuss that jury's decision with one of its members, Amadeo Francis, IAAF VP and President of PASO and NACAC. He said (and I paraphrase), 'The chief judge may disqualify without previous red cards, when the mode of progress is obvious that they are not racewalking, when they are running.' We discussed the meaning of obvious. We agreed that the that word is open to interpretation; obvious in what way? We agreed obvious running, as was the case in Santiago de Chile at the IAAF Juniors a few years back, when the leader ran in in front of the IAAF Council at the finish and was not disqualified.

The second was yesterday in Osaka. After Chief Judge Ron Daniel issued a red card to Fernandez, the Spanish delegation protested. A video of Fernandez's finish was viewed by the Jury of Appeals (which was also shown on the IAAF website). Except for the last two steps, his form was race walking and not running (I mention the last two steps because he flexed at the knee to stop before the line, and that is obvious, but he did not do it over a progression of steps.) Ron may have felt that Fernandez was losing contact (which is not very apparent from the position of the camera) and his rapid acceleration to catch the Tunisian warranted a special DQ, because he gained an advantage. However, that does not seem to be the test the Jury of Appeals wants. As Dr. Francis suggested about the jury's decision to reverse the DQ in Brazil, juries want to see the athlete make a mockery of the event by breaking into a run.

Perhaps Rule 230.1(a) needs to be rewritten employing a better choice of words that will not be left to interpretation. I ask this question: What is the difference between running and race walking? Fernandez's last two steps were running. And while we are at it, what is a progression of steps?

A perhaps telling comment from Robert Korzeniowski, four-time Olympic gold medalist and current coach of Fernandez: "Paquito is a fine technical walker and this should never happen to him. Then again, if I was him, maybe I would have slowed down a bit and settled for the bronze medal. Still, we may have to look at the rules again."

From Australia's Jim Leppik, a frequent commentator on the racewalking scene: "What was the jury allowed to see, the video in normal motion or in slow motion, frame by frame as well?" We got the entire race live here. I taped it and this morning I slowed it frame by frame. He was a mile off the ground, especially the last 20 to 30 meters. I could've rolled Ron himself under his feet! I'm not sure whether I should be judging it that way for obvious reasons, but if they're using video evidence as a basis of appeal I was happy enough to base my judgement on it. And on that basis I don't see how the decision was overturned."

From Wayne Armbrust: I saw the IAAF video. . . (It is not easy) to see obvious lifting and I think I am pretty good at spotting it. I think I do see lifting on the video, but

untrained eyes likely would not. Of course, I could not see on the video anything like what Ron saw from a few meters away or others saw from a few tens of meters away. However, if this video was all the jury had to go on, I can see why they didn't find that there was "obvious" failure to comply. The view of these juries is that the violation has been more egregious than that which would warrant a red card from the scoring judges to disqualify under 230.3 (a) and I guess I would agree that it should, to prevent abuse of the rule. Again, it comes down to how obvious is "obvious".

And finally, Chief Judge Ron Daniel reflects on what followed his sincere attempt to enforce the rules as they are written, or at least as he reads them:

First, let me start with the description of the Appeal on the IAAF page. "After examining the video of the race and discussing with the Chief Judge, the Jury of Appeal decided unanimously that the mode of progression of the Spanish athlete did not merit a disqualification. The Jury of Appeal in its decision noted that the purpose of Rule 230.3 (a) is to prevent athletes from improving their position in the closing stages of the competition by obviously failing to comply with the mode of progression defined as Racewalking. The appeal of the Spanish federation is upheld and the athlete reinstated. It is to be noted that Mr. Odriozola, a member of the Jury, did not participate in the decision."

I did not have the opportunity to review any video. I don't know what the Jury saw. At these World Championships, Jury members come from the IAAF Council and are rotated throughout the days of competition. Mr. Odriozola, The President of the Spanish Federation, is to be on a Jury on another day; however, on this day, he sat in on the proceeding. In fact, he was already in the Jury room when I was called in and he remained in the room after I left. He was allowed to make his 'pitch' for Fernandez. Because the Jury room was next door to the ITO/IRW judges room and the wall was open at the top, we could continue to hear him speaking with the Jury after I left. His participation before and after my participation is bothersome to me. He has a direct personal interest in the outcome and is, of course, friends with other members of the Jury. I don't know what accepted Jury protocol is to be, but this is beyond my expectation. And what Gary said is most likely their defense...that Fernandez was not obvious enough!!! And what did happen?

Perez...well, he is the master of strategy, enough said and of course a sub-20 minute finish helped. Fernandez just didn't have it yesterday. Ghoulia had a very good race (albeit with two red cards). I had two judges on the track for the 300+ meters to the finish; one at 250 meters, the other at 100 meters. I positioned myself around 40 meters. Perez entered the stadium well clear (80 to 90 meters) and it is worth noting, he maintained his speed to the finish. Ghoulia entered at least 30 meters ahead of Fernandez. There was not much change around the track until they entered the last 100. Ghoulia seemed to slow and perhaps begin his celebration not being aware that Fernandez was making his charge. Side Note: Odriozola asserted that Ghoulia was obviously very tired and not able to walk any faster and that Ghoulia had turned around and saw Fernandez coming but could not respond. I did not see Ghoulia turn around and I don't know how he felt...of course Odriozola did! Continuing...as this was developing, I proceeded toward the finish. I stepped forward so that Fernandez could obviously see me with red paddle in hand. Fernandez continued his charge. About 20 meters before the finish line, Fernandez fully 'shifted' gears and was (to me) very 'obviously' off the ground. His acceleration is what moved him to Ghoulia and allowed him to pass within the last stride, much to Ghoulia's surprise. Clearly he didn't know Fernandez was coming. Fernandez's move was very shocking and easy to call. At least one jury member asserted that perhaps the difference in the closing speed of Ghoulia and Fernandez is what led to my decision. Not true. In fact, even if Fernandez was not overtaking someone, he was so far off that I would have made the call.

I had at my side Nicola Moggio (Level III judge, one of the recorders in this meet).

He is in complete agreement with me. David Katz (the US IAAF Technical Committee member) was at track side and also agrees in the flagrant lifting. Bob Hersch from his view in the announcing booth also agrees.

'And, of course, the purpose (see above) of the rule was ignored by the over ruling. Fernandez should know in his mind and heart that he 'stole' the silver medal. Clearly, this decision could lead to 'runs' at the finish and allow for the Chief Judge to DQ and then challenge. But, at a minimum, I will challenge the Jury of Appeal protocol.

*Ed. Well, in trying to digest all that has happened and all that is being said, I reach the conclusion that the change in the rules that was meant to protect our sport from controversy and possible "banishment" from international athletics, and that seemed to be working, has now become a point of controversy itself that might lead to the ridicule we were trying to avoid. So we will probably revisit 230.3 (a) as Gary and Robert K. have suggested and maybe try to define "obvious". I find Gary almost agreeing with something I suggested somewhat tongue-in-cheek (not in the ORW) a few months ago when he asks what is the difference between running and walking. I suggested then that we all know what looks like walking and what looks like running, so why not abandon all the rules to define walking and tell the judges if it doesn't look like walking throw the red card.*

## LOOKING BACK

**45 Years Ago** (From the August 1962 American Race Walker published by Chris McCarthy)-Ron Laird left the rest of the field from the start and cruised to an easy win in the National 35 Km in Seattle. His 3:20:21 effort left Ed Glander more than 20 minutes back at the finish. Claude Wrathall was third. . . John Allen won the New York State 2 Mile in 14:38.5 with George Shilling second. . . John Harwick won the Jr. National 30 Km ahead of Regis Brown (who eventually achieved international status as Jerry Brown). . . Olavi Yli Tokala walked a 6:45 mile in Providence.-

**40 Years Ago** (From the August 1967 ORW)-Laird was the star of the month and then some. He first won the Pan American 20 Km title in 1:33:05, leaving an up-and-coming Mexican walker, Jose Pedraza, nearly 2 minutes behind. Later, Ron did a 43:10.4 10 Km on the road in England, a 44:36.8 American record on the track in Germany, and a 1:28:18 20 Km to beat 1964 Olympic 50-Km gold medalist, Abdon Pamich, in Italy. Larry Young walked the same three European races in 45:19, 46:22, and somewhere in the low 1:30s, after winning the Pan Am 50 Km in 4:26:21. . . With those two in Europe, Tom Dooley had his best ever distance race to win the National 40 Km in 3:30:10, 2 minutes ahead of Goetz Klopfer. . . Bob Kitchen showed his great promise at the distances with a third place finish in 3:34:04. . . Dooley was fourth in the 20 and Klopfer third in the 50 at the Pan Am Games.

**35 Years Ago** (From the August 1972 ORW)-Larry Young completed a busy July with a win in the Senior 40 Km in Long Branch, N.J. in what seems a very slow 3:39:59.4. However, with the temperature at 93 F and the humidity high, it was no insignificant performance. John Knifton was 8 minutes back and Todd Scully was the only other walker able to better 4 hours in the conditions. . . Jeanne Bocci won the women's National 1500 meters in 6:59.1 over Lynn Olsen and Sue Brodock. A week later she did 6:50.4 to beat the same two, with Brodock ahead of Olsen this time. . . The Strasbourg-to-Paris 500-Km race went to Luxembourg's Jsej Simon in 67:03.28 with Belgium's Robert Schoucken second.



**30 Years Ago** (From the August 1977 ORW)—Young won his eighth National 50 Km title and fourth in a row with a 4:19:58 clocking in Columbia, Missouri. Taking the lead from Dan O'Connor just after 20 Km, Young pulled away gradually the rest of the race. Augie Hirt went with Young briefly, but couldn't hold the pace and was soon repassed by O'Connor, who took second in 4:24:06. Hirt had 4:25:50, Tom Dooley 4:26:26, Bob Rosencrantz 4:29:23, and Randy Mimm 4:32:01. . . In the Women's World Championships, Sweden's Siv Gustavsson walked a world best 22:57 to win the 5 Km and lead her team to victory. Sweden's Elizabeth Olsson won the 10 Km in 51:35. For the U.S., Sue Brodock was third in the 5 at 23:55 and Jeanne Bocci fourth at 10 in 52:52. The U.S. team was second behind Sweden. . . Maccabiah Games titles went to Bob Rosencrants of the U.S. at 3 Km (23:45.5) and Israel's Shaul Ladany at 50 (4:43:58), in extreme heat in Israel. . . Tom Knatt captured the National 40 Km in 3:33:28 with Carl Schueler 4 minutes back. Wayne Glusker and Bob Falcicola followed. . . England's Colin Young won the Rouen, France 24 hour race for the third time, covering 210.717 km. . . The Paris-to-Strasbourg race, covering some 507 Km that year, went to Robert Schoukens in 64:11.25, with Josy Simon nearly 1 hour back. . . Neal Pyke won the National 15 Km in Santa Monica in 1:09:50. Larry Walkers was second in 1:10:32.

**25 Years Ago** (From the August 1982 ORW)—In the Women's World meeting in Bergen, Norway, the Soviet Union emerged as easy winners with Alexandra Devinskaya winning the 10 Km race in 48:11.1 ahead of Sweden's Ann Jansson (48:14) and Susan Liers-Westerfield of the U.S. (49:25). Australia's Sue Cook won the 5 Km in 23:09.2, but the Soviets took second and third, with Ludmilla Krutscheva just 4 seconds back of Cook. Teresa Vaill led the U.S. in 7th with 24:28. With 110 points, the USSR finished 32 points ahead of Norway, followed by Sweden, the U.S., and Australia. . . The U.S. men took third in a five-nation international with races at 20 and 50 Km. West Germany's Franz Josef Wever won the 20 in 1:24:46 with Great Britain's Steve Berry (1:25:00) and Jim Heiring of the U.S. (1:25:32), taking second and third. Ray Sharp was fourth. The 50 went to Sweden's Bo Gustavsson in 3:53:22 as Marco Evoniuk came second in 4:03:13 for the U.S. West Germany had 65 pooints ahead of Sweden (52), USA (50), Great Britain (45), and Norway (27). . . Heiring and Sharp tied for first in the 20 Km at the National Sports Festival a week later in 1:28:29, more than 6 ½ minutes ahead of third-place Todd Scully. The 50 went to Ray Somers in 4:37:50 with Martin Kraft (4:43:10) in second.

**20 Years Ago** (From the August 1987 ORW)—U.S. Sports Festival titles went to Marco Evoniuk at 35 Km (1:50:51, Gary Morgan at 20 Km (1:31:10), and Marayanne Torrellas at 10 Km (47:55). The races were held in very hot conditions in Durham, N.C. . . Morgan also took the National 10 Km at Niagara Falls in 44:05, with Ray Sharp (45:07), Canada's Michel Lafortune, and Paul Schwartzberg following. . . The women's 10 Km race went to Debbi Lawrence in 48:31, nearly 3 minutes ahead of Torrellas. . . Mexicans swept the gold in the Pan Am Games in Indianapolis. Carlos Mercenario captured the 20 in 1:24:10, Maria Colin the 10 in 47:18, and Martin Bermudez the 50 in 3:58:53. Tim Lewis was second in the 20 in 1:35:50 and Maryanne Torrellas third at 10 in 48:26, behind Canada's Ann Peel. . . Italy's Giovanni DeBenedictis previewd his Olympic success in '92 (bronze) with a win at the European Junior 10 Km in 39:44.71. Spain's Valentina Massana was second.

**15 Years Ago** (From the August 1992 ORW)—In the Barcelona Olympics, hometown boy Daniel Plaza was a surprise winner at 20 Km. His teammate, Valentin Massana, had the silver medal in sight but was pulled by the judges as he approached the Stadium. That moved Canada's Guillaume Leblanc, with the finest race of his brilliant career, into second with DeBenddictits third. Plaza walked 1:21:45, 40 seconds ahead of Leblanc, who was 46

seconds clear of the Italian. 1980 Champion Maurizio DaMilano was fourth. Humidity took its toll in the race. Andrei Perlov got clear of Carlos Mercenario over the final 10 Km to win the 50 for Russia in 3:50:13. The Mexican was 2 minutes back and well ahead of Ronald Weigel in third. Chinese women took 1,3,5 in the women's 10 Km. Yueling Chen won in 44:32. Yelena Nikolayeva was just a second back, with Chunzi Li in third.

**10 Years Ago** (From the August 1997 ORW)—Italy's Annarita Sidoti walked a commanding race to win the World Championship 10 Km in Athens. Her 42:55 left Olga Kardopolitseva, Belarus, 35 seconds back and 19 seconds ahead of teammate Valentina Tsybulskaya. The men's 20 went to Mexico's Daniel Garcia in 1:21:43, 10 seconds ahead of Mikhail Schennikov of Russia. Mikhail Khmelniitskiy, Belarus, was third in 1:22:01. Curt Clausen had 1:32:05 in 24th. After a race long battle for the lead, Poland's Robert Korzeniowski outlasted Spain's Jesus Garcia to win the 50 in 3:44:46. Garcia had 3:44:59 with Mexico's Miguel Rodriquez a distant third in 3:48:30. Andrew Hermann was a DQ for the U.S.

**5 Years Ago** (From the August 2002 ORW)—In the European 50 Km Championships, Korzeniowski was untouchable as he walked the fastest 50 to that time with his 3:36:39. He took a commanding lead by 20 Km and eventually finished nearly 4 minutes ahead of Russia's Aleksandr Boyevodin (3:40:16). Garcia was third in 3:44:33, The women's 20 Km was another walk-away win as Russia's Oliampida Ivanova walked a swift 1:26:42. She moved steadily away from teammate Yelena Nikolayeva (1:28:20) over the second half. Italy's Erica Alfridi was third in 1:28:33. It was not a meet for close races as Spain's Francisco Fernandez won the men's 20 in 1:18:37 with Vladimir Andreyev, Russia, second in 1:19:56 and Spain's Juan Manuel Molina third in 1:20:36. . . Ecuador's Jefferson Perez dropped in on the U.S. National 10 Km race in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. and and strolled to an easy win in 39:59. Curt Clausen won the U.S. title in 42:20 ahead of Tim Seaman's 43:27. The women's race went to Teresa Vaill in 48:43 with Jill Cobb second in 50:40 and Jolene Moore third in 51:24. Australia's Nathan Deakes won twice at the British Commonwealth meet taking the 20 in 1:25:25 and the 50 in 3:52:40. His countrywoman Jane Saville won the women's 20 in 1:36:34.

An interesting final note on our little judging controversy at the World Championships. Mention was made of the earlier similar incident at the Pan Am Junior meet. In an ironic twist, Ron Daniel had reacted to an on-line commentary that Tom Eastler had written regarding the incident. Ron said: "Very nice writeup. Yes, the reversal by the Jury of Appeals is bizarre but that's what happened. I have no better explanation. Again, the key word is "obvious" when the Chief Judge takes action at the end. And the "obvious" call would be one made by the spectators in the stands, not just the Chief Judge who may have acted with much greater scrutiny. The Jury of Appeals didn't feel it was obvious!!!! I doubt that Ron realized he would soon be in the eye of a similar storm Hey! Maybe the next time, the Chief Judge can just ask for a thumbs or down from those in the stands. Would that satisfy the Jury of Appeals?