

Stroupe, Vaill Winners At World Cup Trials

Eugene, Oregon, March 30—Two years after emerging on the U.S. walking scene with a promising 1:38:44 20 Km debut, Patrick Stroupe reached the top with a win in the 20 Km Trial for the 2008 U.S. World Cup team, which will compete in Cheboksary, Russia May 10-11. Stroupe's personal record performance of 1:30:29.4 put him 21 seconds ahead of veteran John Nunn, who qualified for his fourth World Cup team. In third Tim Seaman, apparently not quite retired yet, remained a fixture on US. International teams as he held off Michael Tarantino for third place. Chris Tegtmeier continued to improve as he finished fifth. Missing from the race was Kevin Eastler, presumably still suffering from the injury that forced him out of the National 50 last month.

In the women's race, it was all veterans with 45-year-old Teresa Vaill prevailing over 44-year-old Joanne Dow by more than 2 minutes in 1:36:18.6. Vaill made her first World Cup team in 1985. Third and fourth were relative youngsters Susan Armenta (33) and Sam Cohen (30). Armenta is making a strong comeback this year after being essentially missing from the national scene since 2004 and finished just 15 seconds behind Dow. In fifth was Stephanie Casey, who flashed on to the scene last fall, and had a personal best of 1:41:47.7 today, a 3/12 minute improvement. Amber Antonia, who walked a 1:38 as recently as last October was absent. We have no report on why.

We will have more details on the races next month. Hats off to Mike DeWitt and the Wisconsin-Parkside program. Five members of the U.S. team will be products of that program—Seaman, Tarantino, and Cohen, plus Ben Shorey and Stephen Quirke at 50 Km.

Results:

Women: 1. Teresa Vaill, Walk USA (Fla.) 1:36:18.6 2. Joanne Dow, un. (N.H.) 1:38:36.4 3. Susan Armenta, un. (Cal.) 1:39:01.9 4. Sam Cohen, Parkside AC (Wis.) 1:40:52.3 5. Stephanie Casey, un. (Ore.) 1:41:47.7 6. Jolene Moore, NYAC (Ill.) 1:42:04.1 7. Maria Michta, Walk USA (N.Y.) 1:45:08.8 8. Solomiya Login, Southeastern Pa. AC 1:45:41.6 9. Lauren Forgues, Maine RW 1:45:45.3 10. Loretta Schuellein, Walk USA (N.Y.) 1:46:53.4 11. Margaret Ditchburn, un. (Cal.) 1:49:52.1 12. Kelly Wong, Golden Gate RW (Cal.) 1:50:33 13. Kristen Mullaney, Pegasus AC (Mich.) 1:52:06 14. Christina Peters, Goshen College (Ohio) 1:52:21.7 15. Susan Randall, Miami Valley TC (Ohio) 1:52:25.3 16. Sara Standley-Gonzalez, un. (Ore.) 1:54:01.2 17. Jamie Burmeister, un. (Neb.) 2:05:35.4 18. Carmen Jacinsky, RW Northwest (Ore.) 2:08:02.2

Men: 1. Patrick Stroupe, un. (Fla.) 1:30:29.4 2. John Nunn, US Army (Cal.) 1:30:50.6 3. Tim Seaman, NYAC (Cal.) 1:32:48.4 4. Michael Tarantino, un. (Cal.) 1:33:11 5. Chris Tegtmeier, Concordia U. (Neb.) 1:34:46.2 6. Theron Kissinger, Conn. RW 1:36:06.3 7. Dave McGovern, un. (N.Y.) 1:42:40.3 8. Jared Swehosky, un. (Ore.) 1:44:57.2 9. Michael Kazmierczak, Walk USA (R.I.) 2:00:06.9 Dq—Charles Collier, Athletics East (N.M.) DNF—Shawn McGee, Concordia College (Ore.)

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IAAF Racewalking Challenge Kicks Off In Chihuahua

Chihuahua, Mexico, March 8-9--Two Mexicans and a Norwegian scored wins in the first event of the IAAF Racewalking Challenge series in this northern Mexican city. On Saturday, Norway's Kjersti Platzer overcame the early lead of Germany's Melanie Seeger to score a decisive win in the women's 20 Km in 1:33:19. Then, Mexico's Eder Sanchez moved away from a strong field over the last 5 Km to win the men's 20 with a 1:22:53 effort. Finally, on Sunday, Mexico's Jesus Sanchez took off on his own after the first 5 Km and strolled to an easy win at 50 Km in 3:52:36. The times were good for early season and considering Chihuahua's altitude of nearly 5000 feet.

In the women's race, Seeger took the early lead and was challenged only by Portugal's Susana Feitor as she went through the first 5 in 23:15 with Feitor two seconds back. Platzer was biding her time 11 seconds behind, but was already leaving the rest of the field, with Elena Ginko of Belarus fourth in 23:33.

Feitor soon passed Seeger and lengthened her lead over the next 5, passing 10 Km in 46:30, 17 seconds ahead of Seeger, who was now accompanied by Platzer. The rest of the field was strung out behind. Ines Henriques of Portugal was fourth in 47:31. Feitor was forced to the sidelines by cramping with about 6 km to go and with Platzer closing in. Platzer, walking her second half in 46:32 went on to an easy win, nearly 2 ½ minutes ahead of Seeger. Speaking in perfect Spanish, Platzer applauded the event, "Chihuahua, I love you so much." Rytta Turava, Belarus, the 2007 Challenge winner, who mysteriously did not compete in the World Championships, was entered in the race, but did not start.

In the men's 20, 2007 Challenge winner Luke Adams of Australia was out to start the 2008 series on a winning note as he went through 5 Km in 20:47, a second behind Mexico's Claudia Vargas. A pack of 14 walkers followed at 6 to 10 seconds back. Adams and Vargas moved through 10 Km in 41:38 and increased their lead, with the pursuers now 24 seconds back. There were now just 13 in that pack as Francisco Fernandez of Spain, who has been trading number 1 World rankings with Jefferson Perez over the past few years, dropped out with stomach problems. Perez was biding his time in the pack and pacing Ecuadorian teammate Jaime Saquipay, hopefully to an Olympic A standard.

The early pace proved too much for Adams and his pace dropped off at the same time as the hungry pack increased their pace and Vargas got a third rec card. Another Mexican, Cristian Berdeja, was also picked out of the pursuing pack by the judges. At 15 Km, Saquipay led in 62:41 with Sanchez, Norway's Erik Tysse, Perez, Ireland's Robert Heffernan, and Adams 3 seconds back. Spain's Juan Manuel Molina and Mexico's Pedro Gomez were just 1 second behind them.

That field quickly broke apart as Sanchez stepped up the pace and only Molina, Tysse and Saquipay were able to mount any challenge to his attack. And even they were dropped and strung out over the last 2 km. Sanchez covered in final 5 km in 20:12 and came home 13 seconds ahead of Molina, who led Tysse by another 7 seconds. Saquipay, who was seeking an Olympic A standard missed it by 18 seconds in fourth. Perez, probably not entirely serious about his racing yet as he points for an Olympic gold, was well back in fifth,

just ahead of Heffernan.

"I felt very well and the competition unfolded as I had planned. It's important to win at home and show Mexico continues to be a powerhouse and to make progress", said a happy Sanchez, who finished fourth at the 2007 World Championships.

The revelation of the day, though no quite up to the exploits of young Chinese walkers (see results later in this issue), was Mexico's Pedro Gomez, 17, who finished seventh in 1:24:11. Gomez, the 2006 Central American and Caribbean Junior silver medalist and fourth place finisher at the 2005 World Youth Championships, had dominated the junior 10 Km race on Friday with a personal best of 41:58.2. He nearly matched that with a 42:03 for the first 10 Km in this race.

In winning the 50 on Sunday, Jesus Sanchez bettered his personal record by more than 4 minutes. With Olympic berth and World Cup berths on the line, Sanchez proved he is ready for higher goals as he walked away from Spain's 1993 World Champion Jesus Angel Garcia and his teammate Daniel Garcia, the 1997 20 Km World Champion. He broke 4 hours for the first time last year but then managed only 20th place in the World Championships.

Sanchez was on his own after the first 5 Km, which saw a , which saw 15 athletes together at 24:25. When he accelerated to a 23:26 for the second 5, Sanchez left everyone but former 20 Km ace Bernardo Segura in his wake. The two reached 15 Km in 1:11:07 more than a minute ahead of the field. Segura lost 36 seconds over the next 5 and then called it a day. Sanchez hit 20 Km in 1:34:28 and then accelerated to a 23:00 5 to reach 25 in 1:57:28. Garcia, who nearly matched that effort with a 23:01 of his own was still nearly 1 ½ minutes back. Any thought of pursuit left him when Sanchez walked the next three 5 Km segments in 22:41, 22:40, and 22:42. When Sanchez faltered slightly to finish with 23:10 and 23:55, Garcia was able to gain 24 seconds on the final 10, but was still way back with a 3:55:13 at the finish. Daniel Garcia, trailing teammate Mario Flores by more than 2 ½ minutes at 40 Km accelerated just as Flores hit the wall and came home third in 4:00:59, 37 seconds ahead of Flores.

"I believe this result proves I am ready for bigger challenges, but I have to take things step by step. I am close to securing the qualification to Beijing and we have athletes to form a good for Beijing", he said. For Garcia it was the first 50 since 1999 and he finished close to the A standard. "I sped up the pace in the last 10 Km and kept my motivation to finish among the top three. The 36-year-old hopes to be one of the top three Mexicans at the World Cup in Russia in May and break the 4-hour barrier to qualify to the Olympics. Meanwhile, the 37-year-old Segura, who dropped out with severe pain in a leg, announced he is retiring from the sport.

During the event, Poland's Jerzy Hausleber, considered the father of Mexico's success in racewalking, was honored by some of his pupils, including 1984 Olympic champions Ernesto Canto and Raul Gonzalez.

Chihuahua will host the 2010 World Cup and proved it is ready by the way it conducted this event. Four-time Olympic gold medalist, now coach of Francisco Fernandez Robert Korzeniowski commended the organization of the event. "It has been a great success and we had a good turn-out. The people in Chihuahua are proud of this event and that is a good start for next year and the World Cup in 2010", he said.

The results

Women's 20 Km—1. Kjersti Platzer, Norway 1:33:19 (23:26, 46:47, 1:10:07) 2. Melanie Seeger, Germany 1:35:44 (23:15, 46:47, 1:10:36) 3. Ines Henriques, Portugal 1:36:38 (23:37, 47:31, 1:11:47) 4. Elena Ginko, Belarus 1:37:40 5. Maria del Rosario Sanchez, Mexico 1:38:45 6. Miriam Ramon, Ecuador 1:39:32 7. Graciela Mendoza, Mexico 1:41:05 8. Cristina Lopez, El Salvador 1:42:05 9. Veronica Colindes, El Salvador 1:42:08 10. Maria Esther

Sanchez, Mexico 1:42:38 12. Claudia Oertega, Mexico 1:44:05 13. Susan Armenta, USA 1:45:42 (25:07, 51:26, 1:18:12) (26 finishers, 6 DNF, 3 DQ)

Men's 20 Km—1. Eder Sanchez, Mexico 1:22:53 (20:55, 42:02, 1:03:42) 2. Juan Manuel Molina, Spain 1:23:06 (20:56, 42:03, 1:42:45) 3. Erick Tysse, Norway 1:23:13 (20:54, 42:02, 1:02:44) 4. Jaime Saquipay, Ecuador 1:23:18 (20:53, 42:02, 1:02:41) 5. Jefferson Perez, Ecuador 1:23:42 (20:54, 42:02, 1:02:44) 6. Robert Heffernan, Ireland 1:23:45 (20:55, 42:02, 1:02:44) 7. Pedro Gomez, Mexico 1:24:11 (20:56, 42:03, 1:02:45) 8. Luke Adams, Australia 1:24:20 (20:47, 41:38, 1:02:44) 9. Jared Tallent, Australia 1:25:40 10. Horacio Nava, Mexico 1:25:45 11. David Mejia, Mexico 1:25:49 12. Alvaro Garcia, Mexico 1:26:07 13. Victor Mendoza, El Salvador 1:26:18 14. Matej Toth, El Salvador 1:26:18 15. Gabriel Ortiz, Mexico 1:26:25 16. Peter Korcok, Slovakia 1:28:13 17. Juan Carlos Guerrero, Mexico 1:28:39 18. Allan Segura, Costa Rica 1:29:46 19. Jose Ojeda, Mexico 1:30:45 20. Bernardo Calvo, Costa Rica 1:34:39 (34 finishers, 8 DNF, 7 DQ, including Claudio Vargas, Mex. (20:46, 41:38) and Cristian Berdeja, Mex. (20:55, 42:03))

Men's 50 Km—1. Jesus Sanchez, Mexico 3:52:36 2. Jesus Angel Garcia, Spain 3:55:13 3. Daniel Garcia, Mexico 4:00:59 4. Mario Ivan Flores, Mexico 4:01:36 5. Edgar Hernandez, Mexico 4:05:49 6. Marco Rodriguez, El Salvador 4:06:01 7. Andrei Stepanchuk, Belarus 4:09:14 8. Alvaro Nava, Mexico 4:11:13 9. Miguel Solis, Mexico 4:11:45 10. Jose Alfredo Perez, Mexico 4:22:22 11. Etel Soto, Mexico 4:25:01 12. Christian Berdeja, Mexico 4:32:00 (17 finished, 9 DNF, 4 DQ)

Jr. Men's 10 Km—1. Pedro Gomez, Mexico 41:58.52 2. Adrian Ochoa, Mexico 43:00. . . 9. Roberto Vergara, USA 49:57 10. Ricardo Vergara, USA 50:50 (13 finished)

Usual Quick Times At Russian Winter Championships

Adler, Russia, Feb. 23-25—(Partial report last month) The Russian Winter Championships in this suburb of Sochi always produce fast times and deep fields in the racewalking events and the outside world always wonders. This year was no exception. Not the anyone doubts that Russia always produces many of the world's elite walkers who prove themselves on the international scene. But the speed and depth of performance gives pause and records set here have never been accepted. This year was no exception.

In the women's 20 Km, World Champion Olga Kaniskina bettered the Olimpiada Ivanova's world record by a wide margin as she clocked 1:25:11. (Ivanova had a 1:25:41 at the 2005 World Championships.) However, the time will not even be submitted as a World Record as only Russian and no international judges were present. And it wasn't the fastest ever as Ivanova herself turned in a 1:24:50 at this same site in 2001, again a time that was never accepted.

Ivanova wasn't the only quick woman on the day. Anisia Kirdyapkina, just 18, came second in 1:25:30 and Tatyana Shemiakina third in 1:25:46. Not far behind was Tatyana Sibileva in 1:26:16.

The men were also quick with Valeriy Borchin winning in 1:17:55 ahead of Sergei Bakulin (1:18:18) and Andrei Krivov in 1:19:06. The next three spots were occupied by well-known veterans who were never in contention but turned in very quick times, nonetheless. And at 35 Km, Vladimir, the world record holder at 20 Km and last year's Euro Cup 50 Km winner, impressed with a 2:25:59 clocking with five others under 2:30—an average of under 21:30 for each 5 Km. Results of the Russian show of power:

Women's 20 Km—1. Olga Kaniskina 1:25:11 2. Anisiya Kirdyapkina 1:25:30 3. Yelena Shemiakina 1:25:46 4. Tatiana Sibileva 1:26:16 5. Ludmila Arkhipova 1:26:16 6. Alyona Narlova 1:27:18 7. Eykaterina Ywxzhova 1:27:43 8. Larisa Yemelianova 1:28:10 9. Olga

Michailova 1:29:33 10. Tatian Gudkova 1:29:50 (56 finished, 22 under 1:33, 32 under 1:40)

Men's 20 Km—1. Valeir Borchin 1:17:55 2. Sergey Bakulin 1:18:18 3. Andrei Krivov 1:19:06 4. Ilya Markov 1:19:18 5. Viktor Burayev 1:19:27 6. Vladimir Stankin 1:20:06 7. Dmitri Yesipchuk 1:20:22 8. Piotr Trofimov 1:21:28 9. Aleksandr Prokhorov 1:21:34 10. Aleksandr Yargunkin 1:21:38

Men's 35 Km—1. Vladimir Kanaykin 2:25:59 2. Igor Yerokhin 2:27:12 3. Andrei Ruzavin 2:27:59 4. Denis Nizhegorodov 2:28:00 5. Sergei Kirdyapkin 2:28:28 6. Yrui Andronov 2:29:36 7. Sergie Melentiev 2:31:09 8. Sergey Sergachov 2:33:10 9. Aleksei Molevodin 2:36:21 10. Yuri Chesnokov 2:37:17

Chinese Walkers Also On Display

And this from China, where the Chinese annually put on a great display of speed and depth of performance that seems to equate even less to their performance internationally to that of the Russians. The Chinese Championships were held in Zhengzhou March 14-16. Here is a report.

Even though the best and internationally known walkers did not attend the National Road Walking Championships that didn't mean there weren't fast times. China's best walkers are concentrating on what has become the most important walking meet in China—the IAAF Racewalking Challenge.

In the men's 20 Km, 24-year-old Zhiping Wang grabbed a first career podium finish winning in a personal best of 1:19:46. Wang was fourth at the National Championships last year on the Beijing Olympic course and was thirteenth at the 2006 World Cup. The biggest surprise of the race was Ding Chen, a 15-year-old! In second with a 1:20:16. In third, was an old man, 20-year-old Faguang Xu in 1:20:26. All of the 34 finishers were 25 or under.

In the women's race, 24-year-old Qiuyan completed her fifth career sub-1:30 race to retain her title in 1:29:08. Jiang was ninth at the 2006 World Cup. Yawei Yang, also 24, returned to a world's top level clocking with her first sub-1:30 since 2005 to capture second. However, the women's best 20 Km result was achieved in the Junior race by 18-year-old Mingxia Yang, who won in 1:28:56.

Perhaps the most amazing performance was in the Men's 30 Km where another 15-year-old (and 15 by only 3 months), Zhen Wang walked a 2:08:46. The day before he had won the Junior 10 Km in 40:46! Well, here are the results:

Men's 20 Km, March 16—1. Zhiping Wang 1:19:46 2. Ding Chen (15) 1:20:16 3. Faguang Xu 1:20:26 4. Hao Wang 1:20:34 5. Lianzuo Gao 1:21:19 6. Wei Yu 1:21:39 7. Paengfei 1:22:01 8. Xiaohong Wang 1:22:02 9. Zuezhi Zhang 1:22:15 10. Lei Li 1:22:29 11. Rui Li 1:22:38 12. Guosong Wu 1:23:00 13. Xiaoxin Gou 1:23:25 14. Chao Li 1:23:33 15. Hue Ge 1:23:48 16. Bin Ai 1:24:03 17. Yanxi Miao 1:24:15 18. Guoqing Li 1:24:32 19. Xingde Xu 1:24:49 20. Alatan Gadasu 1:25:12 21. Kai Guo 1:25:21 22. Zhengyu Huang 1:25:35 23. Chunlong Ji 1:25:46 24. Wei Wang 1:26:11 (34 finishers, 30 under 1:30, 10 DNF, 7 DQ)

Women's 20 Km, March 15—1. Qiuyan Jiang 1:29:08 2. Yawei Yang 1:29:53 3. Yang Shi 1:30:43 4. Qing Xu 1:32:19 5. Xue Chai 1:33:00 6. Jie Han 1:33:20 7. Zueping Sun 1:33:44 8. Jinzhao Song 1:34:23 9. Liha Sun 1:35:16 10. Jing Huang 1:35:17 11. Shuang Li 1:35:53 12. Li Li 1:36:59 13. Tianshu Shi 1:37:04 14. Tingting Wang 1:37:23 15. Xiao Yang 1:38:22 (20 finishers, 1 DNF, 3 DQ)

50 Km, March 16—1. Xuejin Bai (20) 3:55:04 2. Xialxin Gou 3:58:25 3. Yong Liu 4:00:57 4. Jaiwei Zhang 4:01:59 5. Lei Li 4:03:10 6. Defu Zhang 4:04:59 7. Pengfei Fang 4:05:01 8. Chao Zhang 4:07:34 9. Jincai Zhou 4:08:15 10. Yansen Cui 4:08:51 (24 finishers, 10 DNF, 3 DQ)

Under 20 Men's 10 Km, March 14—1. Rui Zhang 39:50 2. Xiancheng Fang 40:09 3. Tao Yang 40:35 4. Lingfu Geng 41:00 5. Ende Zhan 41:04 6.

Guangfei Wang 41:14 7. Hongwei Wang 41:22 8. Yongkun 42:44 9. Chao Gao 43:33 (4 DQ) **Under 20 Women's 20 Km**—1. Mingzia Yang 1:28:56 2. Kang Zhou 1:33:37 3. Miao Yu 1:33:47 (11 under 1:40) **Men's 30 Km, March 16**—Zhen Wang(15) 2:08:46 (Listed first in the results, but perhaps as a guest, as there was no place number by his name.) 1. Rui Zhang 2:10:47 2. Glingfu Geng 2:13:09 3. Tao yang 2:14:53 (8 finishers, 1 DNF, 3 DQ) **Men Under 18 10 Km, March 14**—1. Zhen Wang 40:46 **Men's Under 20 10 Km**—1. Rui Zhang 39:50 2. Xiancheng Fang 40:09 3. Tao Yang 40:35 4. Lingfu Geng 41:00 5. Ende Zhan 41:04 6. Guangfei Wang 41:14 7. Hongwei 41:22 8. Yongkin Zhang 42:44

Other Results

National Masters 3000 Meters, Boston, March 30: Women 40—1. Rebecca Garson 17:16.89 **Women 45**—1. Marcia Gutsche-Rutledge 16:51.56 2. Ginger Armstrong 18:14.89 **Women 50**—1. Nancy Sweazey, Canada 17:21.10 **Women 55**—1. Dolores Wilkes 24:50.49 Cindy Arbelhide DQ **Women 60**—1. Panse Geer 17:53.59 2. Jolene Steigerwalt 18:39.21 **Women 65**—1. Joanne Harriman 20:33.40 2. Sandra Hulst 21:45.75 **Women 80**—1. Miriam Gordon 13:13.35 **Men 40**—1. Joseph Ols 21:02.59 **Men 45**—1. Don Lawrence 14:23.14 2. Dave Talcott 14:43.84 3. Rod Craig 16:05.52 4. Larry Epstein 17:08.56 **Men 50**—1. Tony Hackney 16:22.00 2. Richard McElvery 16:36.48 **Men 55**—1. Andrew Smith 16:04.85 2. Robert Ullman 16:32.11 3. James Wass 18:09.92 **Men 60**—1. Bob Keating 15:59.83 2. Christoph Schmid 16:28.29 3. John Fredericks 16:58.79 4. John Gersh 18:26.21 5. Charles Mansbach 19:29.83 6. Bill Harriman 20:01.83 1 DQ **Men 65**—1. Joel Dubow 18:43.75 2. Tom Knatt 18:50.59 3. Frederick Pheiffer 24:44.69 **Men 70**—1. Paul Hohnson 17:48.66 2. William Hosken 19:23.59 3. Don Murray 21:13.77 4. Spencer Parrish 22:26.19 **Men 75**—1. Jack Bray 17:12.80 2. Alfred Dubois 19:45.21 3. Bob Fine 22:01.11 **Men 80**—1. Marvin Goldenberg 20:38.49

1 Mile, Nike High School Indoor Championships, Landover, Maryland, March 15: Girls—1. Leah Buletti, N.Y. 7:46.78 2. Olivia Lapham 7:50.02 3. Nicolette Sorensen 7:52.28 4. Christie Bernier 7:53.62 5. Molly Hospehs 8:00.02 6. Rachel Zoyhofski 8:18.98 7. Allison Chin, Ohio 8:21.70 8. Nina Yang 8:33.75 9. Kelsey Burglund 8:49.49 10. Claudia Ortiz 8:53.36 11. Ariana Guzman 8:59.61 12. Aleiza Higgins 9:03.45 (16 finishers, 5 DQ) **Boys**—1. Ricardo Vergara 6:34.98 2. Trevor Barron 6:37.12 3. Roberto Vergara 6:44.85 4. Tyler Sorensen (14) 6:45.51 5. Alejandro Chavez 7:13.95 6. Jacob Gundrklne 7:18.29 7. Tyler Campbell 7:19.07 8. John Randall 7:26.71 9. Patrick Shaffer 8:37.65 (1 DQ) **National Scholastic Indoor 1 Mile, New York City, March 16: Boys**—1. Ricardo Vergara, Texas 6:36.96 2. Trevor Barron, Penn 6:40.31 3. Roberto Vergara, Texas 6:44.97 4. Matthew Forgues, Maine 7:08.10 5. Alejandro Chavez, Texas 7:10.87 6. Tyler Campbell, Maine 7:17.03 7. Jacob Gundrklne, Ohio 7:30.07 8. Jonathan Brown, Maryland 8:27.54—DQ—Tyler Sorensen, Cal. and John Randall, Ohio. **Girls**—1. Mary Dutkoski, N.Y. 7:41.06 2. Emilija Vaskyte, N.Y. 7:44.55 3. Catie Davis, N.Y. 7:49.78 4. Nicolette Sorensen (7th grade) 7:54.69 5. Christine Bernier, Maine 7:55.23 6. Amy Cheung, N.Y. 7:55.84 7. Catherine Savooa, N.Y. 8:12.16 8. Allison Chin, Ohio 8:15.36 9. Diana Battaglia, N.Y. 8:15.57 10. Brittany Rende, N.Y. 8:16.48 11. Rebecca Katz, N.Y. 8:18.54 12. Emily Davis, N.Y. 8:25.67 13. Alison Higgins, N.Y. 8:25.67 14. Dan Ping He, N.Y. 8:26.51 15. Destiny Lalane, N.Y. 8:30.19 (35 finishers, 5 DQ) **N.Y. State Indoor 1500 Meter Championship, Ithaca, March 8**—1. Olivia Lapham 7:12.55 2. Emilija Vaskyte 7:14.87 3. Leah Buletti 7:16.03 4. Molly Joseph 7:16.81 (Looks like an exciting race) 5. Mary Dutkoski 7:26.57 6. Amy Cheung 7:30.10 7. Rachel Zoyhofski 7:59.55 8. Courtney Garrison 7:56.94 9. Dan Ping He 7:58.92 10. Nina Pasquarelli 8:04.90 (15 finishers, 5 DQ) **Mid-Atlantic 3000 Meter Championship, Coleville, Pa., March 8**—1. Peter Blank (53) 19:10.12 2. Art Lebofsky (65) 19:33.88 3. John Morrison (59)

20:27.18 4. Jose DuBow (65) 20:37.02 **Women**—1. Panse Geer 18:19.52 **5 Km, New York City, March 9**—1. Curt Clausen (40) 24:07 2. Solomiya Login 26:29 3. LisaMarie Vellucci 26:29 4. Diane Rado (19) 26:48 5. Catherine Davis (16) 27:10 6. David Wolf (48) 27:27 7. Greg Dawson (41) 27:40 8. Pamela Alva (19) 27:47 9. Aldexis Davidson (52) 27:46 10. Jennifer Marlborough 28:47 11. Bill Vayo (43) 29:11 12. Nina Yang (18) 29:49 13. Dan Ping He (16) 29:57 14. Yanchen Dolma (16) 29:57 15. Tyeasna (16) 30:17 16. Connie Cheng (16) 30:39 17. Arame Mbodj (17) 31:09 18. Robert Mullen (61) 31:15 19. David Lee (53) 31:30 20. Morgan Giles (17) 31:47 **N.J. Indoor 3000 Meter Championship, Toms River, Feb. 24: Women**—1. Panse Geer (61) 18:05.15 2. Allison Snocowski (17) 18:45.41 3. Fran Emanuel (63) 20:52.69 (2 DNF) **Men**—1. Richard Luettchau 13:57.58 2. John Soucheck (42) 14:46.67 3. Dave Talcott (47) 14:50.14 4. John Fredericks (60) 16:39 5. Tom Quattrocchi (56) 17:25.99 6. Randall Miller (46) 17:47.44 7. Manny Eisner (67) 17:58.25 **Berea Colleg Invitationas, Berea Ky., March 15: Women's 3000 Meters**—1. Amanda Johnson 15:47.72 2. Nicole Furnish 19:17.47 3. Caroline Johnson 19:33.54 (1 DQ) **Men's 5000 Meters**—1. Doug Johnson 24:43.67 2. Evan Crowds 24:46.67 (5 finishers, 1 DQ) **NAIA Indoor Championships, Johnson City, Tenn., March 7: Women's 3000 Meters**—1. Tin Peters, Goshen 15:22.43 Meet record is 13:56.06 by Amber Antonia of Wis.-Parkside in 2002) 2. Rachel Rhodes, Houghton 16:43.49 3. Megan Wong, Westmont 16:51.88 4. Janelle Brown, Cornerstone 17:06.21 4. Katie Malinowski, Cornerstone 17:15.04 6. Emily Hansen, Concordia 17:P36.13—DQ—Chlesea Adams, Houghton **Men's 3000 Meters**—1. Chris Tegtmeier, Concordia 12:41.19 Meet record is 12:16.56 by Lachlan McDonald of Wis.-Parkside in 2002) 2. Thiago Ferreira, Missouri Valley 13:44.06 3. Josh Wiseman, Cedarville 13:58.24 4. Seth Campbell, Cedarville 13:58.37 5. Peter Muldoon, Central Methodist 14:14.19 6. Tom Stoles, Concordia 14:23.26 7. Geoff Karhoff, Central Methodist 14:42.85 8. Nathan Dreher, Concordia 14:50.53 9. Brad Sinnick, Malone 15:00.86 10. Chris Dehning, Concordia 15:09.64 11. Aach Adams, Houghton 15:15.31 12. Daniel Lew, Westmont 16:31.12 DQ—Grant Lew, Cedarville **5 Km, Winter Park, Fla., Feb. 23**—1. Juan Moscoso 27:07 2. Tom Furman 31:56 3. Ray Jenkins 32:28 (8 finishers) **Women**—1. Cheryl Rellinger 26:41 2. Edna Marshall 32:05 3. Sandra DeNoon 33:59 (11 finishers) **1500 meters, Miami, Feb. 23**—1. Peter Bayer (65+) 8:06 2. Essie Faria (70+) 9:18 **3000 Meters, same place**—1. Peter Bayer 19:59.3 2. Essie Faria 21:25 (4 finishers) **15 Km, Coconut Creek, Fla., Feb. 23**—1. Dave McGovern (42) 1:32:11 2. Juan Yanes (58) 1:36:05 3. Gerry Gomes (75) 1:43:36 4. Sterling Klinger (49) 1:48:36 **10 Km same place**—1. Loretta Schuellien 58:38 2. Juan Yanes 61:35 (presumably on his way to 15) 3. Sterling Klinger 66:01 4. Ann Harsh (57) 67:43 (6 finishers) **1 Mile, Houston, March 22**—1. Steve Kimmel 8:47.92 2. Dlesey Burns (12) 9:43.08 3. Lojiza Vosta (68) 10:05 4. Dave Gwyn (56) 10:23 (9 days after pacemaker implant) (6 finishers) **20 Km, Houston, March 16**—1. Loiza Vosta 2:31:16—2 weeks after fracturing his sternum in an auto wreck. They make 'em tough in Texas. **5 Km Denver, Feb. 10**—1. Daryl Meyers (65) 31:34 2. Teresa Green 33:34 **Indoor 3 Km, Colorado Springs, Feb. 10**—1. Mike Blanchard (46) 17:32 2. Marianne Martino (57) 17:43 3. Darla Yoerg (40) 17:44 **5 Km, Denver, Feb. 17**—1. **Daryl Meyers 32:24 10 Km, Santa Ana, Cal., Feb. 24**—1. Philip Dunn 45:11 2. Pedro Santoni (50) 55:12 3. Dave Crabb (62) 61:09 4. Wayne Wurzbeger (66) 67:41 5. Bob Nyman (69) 68:20 6. Patrick Bivona (66) 69:59 **5 Km, same place**—1. Alex Kazryan (53) 29:05 2. Sylvia Ellis (60) 31:19 (10 finishers) **20 Km, Hntington Beach, Cal., March 16**—1. Philip Dunn 1:34:29 2. John Nunn 1:37:25 3. Steve Pecinovsky (53) 1:51:31 4. Pedro Santoni (50) 1:56:58 5. Joe Nieroski (46) 2:04:54 (10 finishers, 1 DQ) **Women**—1. Margaret Ditchburn 1:55:57 2. Kelly Wong 1:56:23 3. Laura Carnagie 2:03:01 4. Caroline Samson 1:09:49 (9 finishers, 2 DNF, 1 DQ) **5 Km, same place**—1. Alex Kazaryn 28:30 2. Rick Campbell (62) 29:01 3. Wayne Wurzbeger (66) 31:08 4. Carl Acosta (74) 33:14 5. Vitahi Miko:yan (53)

33:26 (8 finishers) Women-1. Sylvia Ellis (60) 30:45 2. Donna Cuninghame (61) 30:59 3. Laura Houston (42) 32:39 (18 finishers) **Pacific Assn. 1 Hour, Los Gatos, Cal., Feb. 23-1.** Susan Armenta 11,755 meters 2. Kelly Wong 10677 3. Robyn Stevens 10,343 4. Karen Styoanowski (53) 9830 5. Nicolle Goldman (49) 9148 6. Roswitha Albrecht (69) 7318 Men-1. Tyler Sorenson (14) 12,031 (A name to watch. To do this, either he accelerated at the end or he was under 50 at 10 Km and we don't have many juniors under 50 these days, let alone a4-yaer olds.) 2. Kevin Killingsworth (52) 10,837 3. Joe Berendt (52) 10,231 4. J.D. Bhatia (17) 9942 5. John Mullane (69) 8407 **3 Km, Kentfield, Cal.-1.** Kevin Killingsworth 15:48 2. Jack Bray 18:02 3. Ed Lane 19:52 4. S. Desmond Canning 19:55 (9 finishers) **2.8 Miles, Seattle, Feb. 9-1.** Bob Novak (58) 26:53 2. Stan Chraminski (6) 26:53 3. Anne Tuberg (48) 27:47 4. Rebecca Kettwig (37) 29:37 5. Gordon hartwig (64) 29:48 6. Joslyn Slaughter (49) 30:18 7. Dora Choi (42) 31:34

20 Km, Lugano, Switz., March 9-1. Daniele Paris, Italy 1:24:32 2. Milos Hlusa, Czech. Rep. 1:25:45 3. Dan King, Great Britain 1:26:14 34. Anatoliy Kukushkin, Russia 1:27:23 5. Pasquale Aragtona, Italy 1:27:58 6. Jiri Malysa, Czech. Rep. 1:29:45 7. Fazimir Verkin, Slovakia 1:29:47(30 finishers, 5 DNF, 3 DQ) **Women-1.** Zuzana Schindlerova, Czech. Rep. 1:33:15 2. Evaggelia Xinou, Greece 1:33:36 3. Mari Polli, Switz. 1:34:50 4. Laura Polli, Switz. 1:35:04 5. Lucia Pelentova, Czech. Rep. 1:36:36 6. Maria Czakova, Slovakia 1:40:05 (14 finishers, 1 DNF, 1 DQ) **Jr. 10 Km-1.** Roman Stieglitz, Germany 44:25 2. Andrea Adragna, Italy 44:25 3. Alberto Gabbadini, Italy 46:25 4. Pasqual Stieglitz, Ger. 46:27 5. Andrea Previtali, Italy 46:37 6. Valerio Bagardo, Italy 47:38 (15 finishers) **20 Km, Santa Eularia des Riu, Spain, March 15-1.** Ilya Markov, Russia 1:23:39 2. Hatem Ghoulia, Tunisia 1:23:42 3. Juan Manuel Molina, Spain 1:24:32 4. Grzegorz Sudol, Poland 1:25:37 5. Mikel Odriozola, Spain 1:25:52 6. Jose David Dominguez, Spain 1:26:00 7. Jamie Costin, Ireland 1:26:03 8. Jose Alejandro Cambil, Spain 1:27:12 9. Francisco Arcilla, Spain 1:29:09 10. Francisco Pinardo, Spain 1:29:29 11. Ferran Collados, Spain 1:29:31 (4 DQ) **Women's 10 Km, same place-1.** Beatriz Pascual 43:25 2. Rocio Florido 44:28 3. Sonata Milusauskaite, Lithuania 44:42 4. Sylwia Korzeniowska, Poland 44:47 5. Maria Jose Poves 45:16 6. Zuzana Malikova, Slovakia 45:37 7. Ana Cabecinha, Portugal 46:07 8. Mayte Gargallo, Spain 46:55 (14 finishers, 1 DQ) **Under 23 20 Km, same place-1.** Miguel Angel Lopez 1:26:24 **South African Championships, Stellenbosch, March 15-1.** Thami Hitaswayo 1:28:04 2. Marc Mundell 1:28:06 3. Werner Appel 1:29:23 4. Sipho Mahlangu 1:33:41 5. Pieter Vorster 1:38:43 6. Mojalefa Molise 1:39:59 **Women-1.** Ruzanne Harris 1:42:47 **South American Championships, Cuenca, Ecuador, March 15-16: Men's 20 Km-1.** Luis Fernando Lopez, Columbia 1:24:38 2. Roland Saquipay, Ecuador 1:25:41 3. James Rondon, Col. 1:27:07 4. Pavel Chihuan, Peru 1:28:56 5. Maruicio Arteaga, Ecuador 1:29:04 **Women's 20 Km-1.** Sandra Zapata, Col. 1:39:02 2. Jhoana Ordonez, Ecuador 1:39:27 3. Janeth Guaman, Ecuador 1:40:25 **Men's 50 Km-1.** Mesias Zapata, Ecuador 4:15:26 2. David Guevera, Ecuador 4:33:33 3. Edwin Ochoa, Ecuador 4:34:55 **Junior Men's 10 Km-1.** Julian Rendon, Columbia 45:07 2. Ricardo Lojan, Ecuador 45:47 3. Jose Montana, Col. 46:06 **Youth Men's 10 Km-1.** Alexander Castaneda, Columbia 46:50 2. Caio Oliveira Bonfim, Brazil 47:00 3. Jose Fernandez, Ecuador 48:26 **Junior Women's 10 Km-1.** Anlly Paola Pineda, Columbia 49:13 2. Claudia Cornejo, Bolivia 49:22 3. Maria del Pilar Rayo, Col. 49:41 **Asian Championships, Nomi City, Japan, March 16: Men's 20 Km-1.** Koichiro Morioka, Japan 1:21:55 2. Ronglong Zhang, Cnhina 1:23:32 3. Rustam Kuvatov, Kazakhstan 1:24:01 **Women's 20 Km-1.** Mayumi Kawasaki, Japan 1:31:?? (She was reported as nearly 3 minutes slower than her national record of 1:28:56, but the time was not shown) 2. Sha Yang, China 1:32:23 3. Masumi Fuchise, Japan 1:32:37 4. Yuan Yufang, Malaysia 1:32:48 **Australian National Championships, Gld Coast, March 13: Women's 10 Km-1.** Jessica Rothwell 46:15.17 2.

Melissa Hayes 48:05 3. Nicole Fagan 50:44 **Men's 10 Km-1.** Daniel Coleman 44:11.81 2. Brendon Reading 45:24.566 3. Sean Fitzsimons 45:30 4. Dane Alex Bird Smith 45:58 5. Rhydian Cowley 46:07 6. Derek Mulhearn 48:05 **20 Km, Portugal, March 1-1.** Susana Feitor 1:29:31 2. Melanie Sweeger, Germany 1:30:08 3. Ines Henriques 1:31:28 4. Vera Santos 1:31:40 5. Kristina Saltanovic, Lithuania 1:31:55 **50 Km, same place-1.** Joao Vieira 3:52:35 2. Dionisio Wventura 4:09:02 3. Pedor Martins 4:09:41 **Italian Indoor Championships, Feb. 23: Men's 5 Km-1.** Ivano Brugnetti 18:33.06 2. Lorenzo Civallo 19:21.51 3. Alessandro Gandellini 19:33.63 4. Alberto Contu 19:40.72 **Women's 3 Km-1.** Elisa Rigauda 12:10.23 2. Rossella Giordano 12:49.68 3. Sibilla DiVincenzo 13:01.63 4. Gisella Orsini 13:04.42 5. Agnese Ragonesi 13:07.64 6. Emanuela Perilli 13:30.10 **Polis Indoor Championships, Spala, Feb. 24: Women's 3 Km-1.** Katarzyna Kwoka 12:50.51 2. Anna Mielcarek 13:21.05 3. Agnieszka Byczak 13:44.47 **Men's 5 Km-1.** Grzegorz Sudol 19:51.20 2. Rafal Augustyn 20:06.33 3. Jakub Jelonek 20:27.17 4. Rafal Fedaczynski 20:58 5. Rafal Sikora 21:00 **German Indoor Championships, Sindelfingen, Feb. 23: Men's 5 Km-1.** Andre Hohne 19:35.87 2. Hannes Tonat 20:13.61 3. Christopher Linke 20:39.91 **Women's 3 Km-1.** Melanie Seeger 12:12.57 2. Jenny Grasse 13:41.02 **Lithuanian Indoor Championships, Feb. 8: Women's 5 Km-1.** Brigita Virbalyte 22:44.33 2. Neringa Aidietyte 22:56.40 **Men's 10 Km-1.** Darius Skarnulis 41:00.93 2. Donatas Skarnulis 41:00.95 3. Tadas Suskevicius 41:38.51 4. Marius Ziukas 53:06 **20 KM, Bhopal, India, Feb. 27-1.** Gurmeet Singh 1:34:03 2. Ashok Kumar Patel 1:34:36 3. Hari Ram Yadav 1:36:23 **World Masters Indoors 3 Km, France, March 20: Womens 35-1.** Hanne Liland, France 15:00.98 2. Beata Betlej, France 15:59.62 (7 finishers) **Women 40-1.** Nicole Best, Germany 14:10.41 2. Anne-Catherine Queneherve, France 14:22.15 3. Milen Megli, Italy 14:27.41 4. Barbara Primas, Germany 15:20.96 (16 finishers) **Women 45-1.** Nadine Mazuir, France 15:25.84 2. Carmen Garcia, Spain 15:53.88 3. Ada Booyens, South Africa 15:58.92 4. Janine Luniewska, Poland 16:21.64 (14 finishers) **Women 50-1.** Dominique Alvernhe, France 15:28.36 2. Tatyana Kryvokhyzhza, Ukraine 15:51.29 3. Marie-Francoise Picard, France 16:08.08 4. Chantal Debernard, France 16:37.20 (17 finishers, 1 DQ) **Women 55-1.** Maria Alice Silva, Portugal 15:56.34 2. Maryvonne Joffin, France 16:58.36 3. Maria Jose Birz, Spain 17:01.63 4. Teresa Chiozza, Canada 18:22.04 (10 finishers) **Women 60-1.** Suzanne, France 17:28.85 2. Janine Bernier, France 18:50.50 3. Yoko Eichel, USA 18:53.02 (8 finishers, 2 DQ) **Women 65-1.** Pirjo Karetie, Finland 18:50.60 2. Janet Higbie, USA 19:27.25 3. Gisela Theunissen, Germany 20:32.98 (11 finishers) **Wineb 70-1.** Josette Sommier, France 20:08.24 2. Maureen Spelman, Great Britain 20:11.59 (6 finishers) **Women 80-1.** Olena Shub, Ukraine 28:27.34 2. Nellija Lapina, Latvia 28:27.64 **Men 35-1.** Juan Porras, Spain 12:41.01 2. Steffen Borsch, Germany 12:49.76 3. Denis Franke, Germany 13:43.16 4. Peter Meciar, Slovakia 13:53.34 5. Christer Svensson, Sweden 13:59.33 6. Christophe Erard, France 14:00.93 7. Franco Geronimo, Italy 14:10.17 (13 finishers, 3 DQ) **Men 40-1.** Alfredo Galicia, France 13:04.28 2. Dick Gnauck, Germany 13:44.37 3. Faustino Ruiz, Spain 14:19.33 4. Jean Pierre Broyon, France 15:18.96 (6 finishers, 2 DQ) **Men 45-1.** Guadalupe De Los Angeles, Mexico 12:50.10 2. Jean-Michel Frixon, France 12:57.92 3. Sergio Gutierrez, Costa Rica 13:01.62 4. Bengt Bengtsson, Sweden 13:08.45 5. Xavier Bunel, France 13:34.20 6. Ronald Papst, Germany 13:52.00 7. Jordi Ballesteros, Spain 14:00.91 8. Patrick Murphy, Ireland 14:08.20 9. Uwe Schroter, Germany 14:11.96 10. Frederic Marie, France 14:24.59 **Men 50-1.** Nick Silvester, Great Britain 13:42.61 2. Carl Meyer, South Africa 13:51.34 3. Mikhail Kiselev, Russia 14:09.50 4. Dirk Bogaert, Belgium 14:15.58 6. Alfons Schwarz, Germany 14:40.80 7. Michel Baboin, France 15:10.85 8. Javier Moreno, Spain 15:22.76 (15 finishers) **Men 50 2-1.** Monna Fabian,

Columbia 14:02.18 2. Gerard Gualandi, France 15:29.41 3. Philippe Fauvel, France 15:37.02
4. Josef Barbuzynski, France 15:42.73 (14 finishers, 1 DQ) **Men 55**—1. Fabio Ruzzier, Slovenia 13:51.56 2. Ignacio Melo, Spain 14:13.55 3. Patrice Brochot, France 14:23.58 4. John Hall, Great Britain 14:58.73 5. Gerard Perez, France 15:10.72 6. Udo Schaeffer, Germany 15:52.70 (21 finishers, 2 DQ) **Men 60**—1. Jean-Paul Masselin, France 14:48.59 2. Ludwig Nierselberger, Austria 14:10.26 Jose Afonso, France 15:50.98 4. Colin Turner, Great Britain 16:05.56 5. Bill Purves, Hong Kong (Via USA) 16:08.72. . . 12. Norm Frable, USA 18:01.62 (21 finishers, 3 DQ) **Men 65**—1. Karl Degener, Germany 15:53.43 2. Hermann Strieder, Austria 16:26.98 3. Ronald Penfold, Great Britain 16:44.51 4. Gunars Rubenis, Latvia 17:20.01 5. Ed Shillabeer, Northern Ireland 17:27.30 6. Ulrich Zetzman, Germany 17:43.48 (15 finishers, 3 DQ—including Tom Knatt, USA) **Men 70**—1. Arthur Thomson, Great Britain 16:09.24 2. Zirguds Irbe, Latvia 17:12.57 3. Jan Bialous, Poland 17:29.40 (10 finishers) **Men 75**—1. Bob Fine, USA 20:07.06 2. Vladimir Kaponov, Russia 20:07.06 3. Jack Starr, USA 20:07.20—Looks like the best race of the meet. (7 finishers) **Men 80**—1. Gerhard Herbst, Germany 21:43.09 **Men 85**—1. Lino Tadei, Italy 24:25.90 2. Jack Fitzgerald, Great Britain 28:15.99 3. Juhani Karjalainen, Finland 19:00.47

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Fri. Apr. 4 3000 meters, Pomona, N.J. (A)
 Sat. April 5 5 Km, Canton, Ohio (M)
 Sun. April 6 **World Cup Jr. 10 Km Trials, Men and Women, Hauppauge, N.Y. (D)**
 Mt. SAC Relays 5 and 10 Km (R)
 5 Km, Kentfield, Cal., 8 am (P)
 4 Miles, Denver, 9 am (H)
 Sat. April 12 Indiana 5 Km, Indianapolis (B)
 2.8 Miles, Seattle (C)
 5 Km, Stapleton, Col., 9 am (H)
 Sun. April 13 Metropolitan 10 Km, New York City, 8:30 (G)
 5 Km, Fair Oaks, Cal. (P)
 Sun. April 20 1 Hour, Ottawa, Ontario (K)
 Ron Zinn Memorial 10 km, Wall Twp., N.J. 11:30 am (A)
 Sat. April 26 Penn Relays 10 Km (F)
 5 Km, Indianapolis (B)
 10 Km, Seattle (C)
 Sun. April 27 **USATF National Masters 20 Km, Orlando, Florida (E)**
 Metropolitan 15 Km and Open 10 Km, New York City (G)
 Sun. May 3 Henry Laskau 5 Km, Coconut Creek, Florida (N) 5 Km, Denver, 8 am (H)
 Sun. May 4 Mortland Walks (5, 10, and 20 Km), Dayton, Ohio (M)
 1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal. (P)
 Fri. May 9 Last Chance Walks, Cedarville, Ohio (M)
 Sat. May 10 Colorado masters 5 Km, Denver (H)
 Sun. May 11 5 Km, Houston (L)
 Sat. May 17 5 Km, Denver 8:15 am (H)
 Sun. May 18 National Masters and West Region 15 Km; 5 Km, Riverside, Cal. (Y)
 20 Km, Point Pleasant, N.J., 9 am (A)
 5 Km, Littleton, Col., 7 am (H)
 Racewalks, Kenosha, Wis. (I)
 Sun. May 25 Sanford Kalb 9 Mile, Lakewood, N.J., 9 am (A)

Fri. May 30 1 Mile, Houston (L)
 Sat. May 31 **USATF Jr. And Sr. 10 Km and Open 20 Km, Albany, N.Y. (D or U)***
 Sat. June 7 5 Km, Los Angeles (Y)
 20 Km, Kenosha, Wis. (I)
 1 Mile, Holmdel, N.J. (A)
 Sun. June 8 5 Km, Albuquerque, N.M. (T)
 Sat. June 14 5 Km, Los Angeles (Y)
 20 Km, Long Beach, Cal. (R)
 Sat., June 21 10 Km, Pasadena, Cal. (R)
 USATF Junior 10 Km, Columbus, Ohio (D)
 Sun. June 22 Alongi in Marin 5 Km, Kentfield, Cal. (P)
 Sun. June 29 5 and 10 Km, Pasadena, Cal. (R)
 * Or Sun. June 1. I have seen both dates.

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From Heel To Toe

Vergara's to Lindseyh Wilson. Coach Edwin Hagen from Lindsey Wilson College in Kentucky signed the Edinburg (Texas) High School twins, Ricardo and Roberto Vergara to scholarships to compete at the school. The 17-year-old High School All-Americans, coached by A.C. Jaime of the South Texas Walking Club, had scholarship offers from eight different colleges throughout the country. Together, the twins have set ten national records and have won gold and silver medals in the AAU and USATF 3000 and 5000 meter national races for

several years. . . **Zinn tribute.** Bryan Lambert shared with me the following letter that he sent to *Sports Illustrated*: "I read in the 3/24 issue about Stephen Scherer in *Faces In the Crowd*, who won the air rifle competition at the Olympic Trials. Congratulations to this your man for making the Olympic Team and winning the trials as a freshman to boot! The story mentions he is the first Cadet to make the Olympic team since 1960. I wish to pass on to your readers that the Cadet who made the '60 Olympic Team and competed in Rome in the 20 Km racewalk was Ron Zinn. Ron was a Junior at the time. I believe they held a parade at West Point to honor his achievement. After graduation, Ron again made the Olympic Team in 1964, finishing 6th in the 20 Km at the Games in Tokyo. Sadly, and mirroring our current times, Captain Ron Zinn was killed July 6, 1965 while leading a patrol in South Vietnam, near Saigon. Air Rifle is under the public's radar about as much as racewalking, I would imagine, but regardless, congratulations to this young cadet/soldier/Olympian and a moment of remembrance for another soldier/Olympian who gave his country the fullest measure of service: Capt. Ron Zinn." Bryan Lambert is the former Bryan Snazelle, who was a dedicated racewalker in the mid 1970s. His best finish in a National race was a third in the 1977 35 Km in 3:04:55. He finished 13th in the National 20 that year in 1:40:41 and improved to ninth in 1:40:14 in 1978 and then disappeared from the national scene. He is now a Probation Supervisor in Marin County, living in San Rafael, Cal. I was privileged to be a teammate and roommate of Ron's on the U.S. National T&F team in 1961—a three-week lark in Europe led off with a US-USSR dual meet in Moscow and again in Tokyo. His death was a shock and something hard to explain to Russian friends when I found myself back there a month later for another dual meet with the USSR. For many years, Ron's coach Mike Riban held a Ron Zinn Memorial 10 Km in Chicago, and winning that was a special honor. The race disappeared when Mike moved to Iowa. But Elliott Denman had already taken up the banner with the Zinn Memorial race in New Jersey, scheduled this year for April 20 in Wall Township. . . **A little know Heiring record.** For some reason, I was browsing on the Ohio State University athletics website the other day and came across the records for Ohio Stadium. (Deplorably, they tore out the track there several years ago so they could sink the field and add another 10,000 or so seats, boosting capacity to about 103,000. But at least, the built a new track/soccer stadium—Jesse Owens Field. So they list records for both sites.) Anyway I was surprised to find that they list a Stadium record for the 5000 meter walk. The Ohio State Invitational included the event in 1984 and it was won by Jim Heiring in 20:01.9, which, of course, still stands as the Stadium record. Here is my report on the race in May 1984 ORW: "Jim was on the way to a sub-20 minute performance when he paused briefly to stretch a tightening hamstring (or some other muscle) with about three laps to go in second was Steve Pecinovsky in 21:01 and third was Gary Morgan in 21:02.5. Pecinovsky won a stirring dual after Morgan had come from well back to catch him with three laps to go. There were several other finishers, but they were never announced. I saw only the last half of the race, and had to stroll out of church early to do that, leaving once youngest Scott was confirmed. Anyway, it was a good enough show that one would hope the walkers would be invited back next year and maybe ever allowed to walk in the meet proper—they started an hour ahead of the opening ceremonies, but still had a reasonable number of spectators." They didn't invite the walkers back the next year or any other. The only other racewalk of significance held in that hallowed arena was at the National Junior 10 Km in 1990 or 1991, with Tim Seaman winning. . . **Michta Honored.** Maria Michta is the 2008 Valedictorian of the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University. The 21-year-old represents a class of 1024 undergraduate students and will be the main student speaker at graduation on Sunday, May 11. Shooting for an Olympic berth, Michta was fifth in the National 20 Km in 2006 and fourth last year in a personal best 1:41:20. She graduated in January from Post's Honors Program with a B.S. in Biology,

carrying a 4.0 GPA. She has been a member of the school's cross country and track teams in addition to her racewalking efforts. She is currently interning at Brookhaven National Laboratory, studying x-ray crystallography. Last summer she worked at BNL as a volunteer to gain additional laboratory experience and was able to directly tailor a research project to her senior undergraduate thesis. She is a tutor in physics, organic chemistry, and biochemistry for fellow C.W. Post students and in chemistry and biology for high school students. She plans to enroll in biomedical Ph.D. program. . . **Corrections.** In reporting the Millrose Mile last month I noted that Ricardo Vergara was the second high schooler and the youngest person ever to win that prestigious event. Wrong. The first high schooler to win was Zach Pollinger in 2003, so I was right about the second high schooler. However, Zach was only 16 when he won. My apologies to him for the oversight. And about those famous typos. I had a classic in last month's issue. In the Looking Back feature, 30 Years Ago: "...or they just passed it off as another of the famou ORW typos". . . An apt demonstration of what I spoke of, but unintended, I assure you. . . **McGovern clinic.** Dave McGovern will bring his world famous, World Class Racewalk Clinic right here to Columbus, Ohio August 1-3 of this year. But, if you want to attend, you must be willing to sign the following: "WAIVER (Heretofore referred to as "da Fine Print"). I, being in sound mind and body, do fully understand that participating in the sport of racewalking may result in my being subject to a panoply of physical and emotional ailments. I agree that by attending this clinic, I may be advised by Dave to wiggle my extremities in ways not intended by my creator, and that such wiggles may cause otherwise staid, emotionally stable, yet sedentary passersby to burst out into uncontrollable snickering. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assignees, do hereby waive and release the organizers of this event, the Kentucky State Bureau of Weights and Measures, the city of Columbus, Christopher Columbus, the Nina, the Pinta, the Santa Maria (*Ed. Please not that there is indeed a replica of the Santa Maria docked in the Scioto River in downtown Columbus should you choose to visit for the clinic*), Santa Claus, Santa Domingo, Placido Domingo, the owners and employees of Wild Bill's Pit Bull Rodeo, the artist presently known as The Artist Formerly Known as Prince, the cast and crew of *Titanic: The Musical*, and any other parties even less remotely connected to Dave's clinic than the aforementioned, from any claims connected with this relatively harmless daredevil racewalking weekend. I also attest that I am physically fit to participate in this clinic, and certify that I will change my socks every 3000 miles and will not now, nor in the foreseeable future, racewalk naked in public between the hours of 8:15 am and 4:45 pm. Now sit up straight, wash behind your ears, and don't drive with your eyes closed. Please don't forget to remember the Alamo, and for crying out loud, get a haircut, wouldja?!" So, if you are willing and even enthusiastic to make such a commitment contact Deb Chenault, 1962 Starbridge Court, Columbus, OH 43235, 614-719-9342 for further information. Or, visit Dave himself at www.racewalking.org. . .

LOOKING BACK

45 Years Ago (From the March 1963 *Race Walker* published by Chris McCarthy)—The National 20 Km was won by Ron Laird in 1:34:52. Ron Zinn led the race, held in Chicago's Horner Park, for 8 miles, starting off with a 6:58 Mile, but faded at the from there to finish in 1:36:02, 34 seconds ahead of Canada's Alex Oakley. Akos Szekely was close behind in 1:36:41 with Jack Mortland almost 2 minutes further back, just ahead of John Allen. Mortland noted that he was pointing more for his June wedding than the Pan-Am Games, for which this race was a tria (and now pointing for his 45th anniversary.) . . Ken Matthews beat

Paul Nihill in the British National 10 Mile, 73:00 to 73:34, with our own Rudy Haluza, stationed in England with the US Air Force, tenth in 77:19. Two weeks later, Rudy finished ninth in the British National 20 Km.

40 Years Ago (From the March 1968 ORW)—On the Mt. SAC track in Walnut, California, Larry Young bettered the American 50 Km record with a 4:25:40 and Ron Laird also bettered Goetz Klopfer's old record with 4:29:29. . . Tom Dooley also had a fast track race with a 1:08:50 for 15 Km in San Francisco. . . On the East Coast, Ron Daniel got into the record breaking act with a 2:05:43 for 35 Km, beating John Knifton by 2 minutes. Dave Romansky turned in a 1:16:50 for 10 miles on the Asbury Park, N.J. boardwalk.

35 Years Ago (From the March 1973 ORW)—Nikolai Smaga won the 3 Mile Race in the US-USSR indoor track meet in Richmond, Va., with a 20:56.3, 3 seconds ahead of Yevgeniy Ivanchenko. Ron Daniel had 21:21.2 and Ron Kulik 22:50. . . John Knifton covered 25 Km in a swift 2:00:15 with Ray Somers only 58 seconds back. A visiting team of Italian policemen filled the next four spots. . . On the local scene, Jack Blackburn edged your editor in a friendly 7 mile, 57:17 to 57:19, an all-out race for the old men following a leisurely first 3 miles in 25:20. . . We also had a note on Latvian walker Adolfs Liepsaalins, who in 1965 at age 55, did 10 Km in 44:00. He had done 43:11 at age 49, a considerable improvement over his youthful best of 46:00 at age 28.

30 Years Ago (From the March 1978 ORW)—Collegiate indoor titles went to Carl Schueler and Peter Timmons. Frostburg's Schueler did 13:53.6 to win the NAIA 2 Mile, and Timmons, of St. Johns, won the IC4A 1 Mile in 6:49.2. . . Schueler also beat an aging Dave Romansky at 10 Km with a 45:26 performance. . . Italy's Vittorio Visini had a world's best indoor 2 Mile with 12:57.6 in Genoa and East Germany's Karl-Heinz Stadtbuller did an indoor 20 Km in 1:27:19. . . In another race, Visini did 3 Km in 11:43.8, also the best on record. . . The British 10 Mile went to Olly Flynn in 67:29, but the course was reported as short.

25 Years Ago (From the March 1983 ORW)—Marco Evoniuk beat Jim Heiring in the National 30 Km blasting a 2:16:42. Heiring was nearly 3 minutes back. Tim Lewis (2:23:50) came third. . . European 20 Km Champion Jose Marin won the Spanish 50 Km in a blistering 3:40:47, 7 minutes ahead of Jorge Llopert. Dan O'Connor finished seventh in the race with a 4:21:27. . . A week later, O'Connor won a 20 Km race in Long Beach in 1:28:38. . . Tom Edwards made an impressive debut at 50 Km, winning the Eastern Regional in 4:23:22.

15 Years Ago (From the March 1993 ORW)—At the World Indoor Championships in Toronto, the Russians prevailed with Mikhail Schennikov winning the men's 5 Km in 18:32.10 and Elena Nikolayeva the women's 3 Km in 11:49.73. Poland's Robert Korzeniowski trailed Schennikov by nearly 4 seconds, with Canada's Tim Berrett a strong fourth in 18:43.02. Kerry Junna-Saxby, Australia, pushed Nikolayeva with 11:53.82. Italy's Ileana Salvador was less than 2 seconds further back in third. Debbi Lawrence finished third in her heat in 12:20.79, but was DQ'd in the final. . . U.S. titles went to Lawrence in 12:35.79 and Allen James in 20:24.37. Vicotria Herazo and Sara Standley followed Lawrence—well behind in 13:08.73 and 13:48.24. Doug Fournier was just 10 seconds behind James with Marc Varsano third in 20:41.01. . . In an outdoor 5 Km in Australia, Frants Kostyukevich, Belarus, beat Korzeniowski 18:28.50 to 18:36.98. Junna-Saxby did 20:30 at the same site.

10 Years Ago From the March 1998 ORW)—Michelle Rohl and Tim Seaman won U.S. indoor titles at 3 and 5 Km. Rohl's 12:40:37 put her 15 seconds ahead of Joanne Dow with Gretchen Eastler-Fishman third. Seaman did 19:54.36, 35 seconds ahead of Curt Clausen. Al Heppner was another 11 seconds back in third, just ahead of Jonathan Matthews. . . Clausen easily won the 1 Mile at the Millrose Games in 5:54.90 with Mike Rohl second in 6:09.28. . . In a battle of 43-year-old military personnel in Arlington, Va., Warrick Yeager finished 0.2 seconds ahead of Steve Pecinovsky in 12:33.7. . . The Japanese national 20 Km went to Daisuke Ikeshima in 1:21:49. Satoshi Yanagisawa had the same time in second. Australia's Nick A'hern had 18:51.39 for 5 Km in Auckland, N.Z.

5 Years Ago (From the March 2003 ORW)—In the year's first IAAF Challenge races in Tijuana, Bernardo Segura of Mexico won the 20 Km in 1:19:06, 2 seconds ahead of Spain's Francisco Fernandez and 5 ahead of Robert Korzeniowski. Tim Seaman was twelfth in 1:25:25. The women's 20 went to Ireland's Gillian O'Sullivan in 1:29:55 with Russia's Nadezhda Ryashkina nearly 2 minutes back in second. The men's 50 went to Spain's Jesus Garcia in 2:46:46, 4 ½ minutes ahead of New Zealand's Craig Barrett. Philip Dunn was fourth in 4:15:01. . . U.S. indoor titles went to Tim Seaman in 19:21.56 and Joanne Dow in 13:07.68. John Nunn was just 5 seconds behind Seaman. In the women's race Michelle Rohl was second in 13:21.19. . . In Italian races Rossella Giordano did a swift 1:05:56 for 15 Km, 29 seconds ahead of Elisabetta Perrone and Ivan Berugnetti had a 2:11:01 for 30 Km with Marco Giungi second in 2:12:33.

And finally, with the result of this year's World Cup Trial in this issue, here is the result of an earlier World Cup Trial, 1989. This was probably the best 20 Km in the history of U.S. racewalking. Six under 1:30, 14 under 1:35, 23 under 1:40. And everyone wasn't there. During the course of that year, there were 33 who walked 1:38:14 or faster, 24 at 1:36 or better, and 8 under 1:30. Oh, that we could get sort of participation again.

World Cup 20 Km Trial, Washington, D.C., April 16—1. Tim Lewis, Reebok 1:26:52 2. Doug Fournier, UW-Parkside 1:29:06 3. Mark Manning, Reebok 1:29:22 4. Gary Morgan, NYAC 1:29:25 5. Steve Pecinovsky, Pot. Valley 1:29:42 6. Curtis Fisher, NYAC 1:29:47 7. Carl Schueler, Reebok 1:31:06 8. Richard Quinn, Pot. Val. 1:31:30 9. Michael Rohl, Parkside AC 1:32:38 10. Reggie Davenport, UW-Parkside 1:32:46 11. Allen James, Athletes in Action 1:33:33 12. Don Lawrence, un. 1:33:44 13. Curt Clausen, Eastside TC 1:33:53 14. Ray Funkhouser, Shore AC 1:34:22 15. Ray Sharp, un. 1:35:38 16. Marc Bagan, Shore AC 1:36:00 17. Mark Fenton, Reebok 1:35:04 18. Rob Cole, UW-Parkside 1:37:02 19. Dan Pierce, un. 1:37:08 20. Dan O'Brien, Motor City Striders 1:37:28 21. Paul Malek, Parkside 1:37:59 22. Bob Briggs, Pot. Val. 1:37:34 23. John Marter, UW-Parkside 1:39:31 24. Jon Jorgenson, UW-Parkside 1:40:48 25. Cliff Mimm, Shore AC 1:41:01 26. Jeff Salvage, Eastside TC 1:41:36 27. Alan Jacobson, Eastside TC 1:42:00 28. Gary Null, East Side TC 1:42:08 29. Nick Bdera, Eastside TC 1:42:36 30. Alan Price, Pot. Val. 1:43:35 31. Max Green, Wolverine Pacers 1:48:05 32. James Wass, Pot. Val. 1:48:29 33. Tom Gustafson, Eastside TC 1:48:52 34. James Campoli, Union College 1:49:38 35. John Murphy, un. 1:51:00 36. Justin Kuo, un. 1:53:27 37. Alan Sangeap, Eastside TC 1:53:29 38. Alvia Gaskill, un. 1:53:33 39. Curt Sheller, un. 1:55:28 40. Walter Lubzik, Wolverine Pacers 1:57:31 41. Michael Stadman, Pot. Val. 2:03:23 42. James Lemert, Pot. Val. 2:04:22 43. Bernie Finch, un. 2:07:29 44. Paul Robertson, Pot. Val. 2:08:55 45. Scott Bentley, Pot. Val. 2:09:32 DNF or DQ—John Alfonso, John Monteiro, Dave McGovern, Regis Dandar, Paul Cajka, James Mann, Robert Gottlieb