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## Barron, Michta Shine At Trials, Along With South Americans

Eugene, Oregon, April 1—Pulled along by two South American guests, Trevor Barron won the U.S. World Cup Trial at 20 Km and achieved an Olympic “A” standard in the process. Barron, still only 19, was pulled to a 1:22:13 by Colombia’s Eidor Arevalo and Ecuador’s Mauricio Arteaga. Trevor’s time is only 11 seconds off Tim Seaman’s National record of 1:22:02 set in 2004. (Note that Tim Lewis walked a 1:21:48 in Quebec in 1986, but that was never accepted as a record.)

The 39-year-old Seaman walked his best time in 5 years to take second among U.S. walkers in 1:25:58, just 22 seconds ahead of Patrick Stroupe, who was 9 seconds under his previous best. Nick Christie and Dan Serianni were fourth and fifth among U.S. walkers to join the first three on team for the World Cup in Saransk, Russia May 12-13.

Arevalo won the race in 1:21:48.6 after trailing Arteaga most of the way. The Ecuadoran finished in 1:21:56.

In the women’s Trial, Maria Michta and Teresa Vaill broke away from the pack after 3 Km. When Vaill dropped out at 5 Km, Michta was on her own, but ultimately had to survive a fast charging Erin Gray, who walked a personal best to draw within 12 seconds of at the finish. Michta had a 1:35:56.2. Lauren Forgues was also under 1:40. Katie Burnett and Solomiya will join the first three on the trip to Saransk.

In Junior 10 Km races, Alejandro Chavez, Michael Nemeth, and Johnathan Hallman earned World Cup berths in a race utterly dominated by Colombia’s Manuel Soto and missing Tyler Sorensen, while all four women entered had personal bests, with Maite Moscoso and Abby Dunn earning World Cup berths. The results:

**Men:** 1. Eiden Arevalo, Colombia 1:21:48.6 2. Mauricio Arteaga, Ecuador 1:21:56 3. Trevor Barron, NYAC 1:22:13 4. Tim Seaman, NYAC 1:25:58 5. Patrick Stroupe, un. 1:26:20 6. Rolando Saquipay, Ecuador 1:26:19 7. Francisco Pantoja, un. 1:29:19 8. Nick Christie, un. 1:31:32 9. Dan Serianni, World Class RW 1:32:24 10. John Nunn, U.S. Army 1:32:25 11. Michael Mannozzi, Miami Valley TC 1:33:51 11. Ian Whatley, World Class RW 1:39:22 13. John Cody Risch, Coernerstone U. 1:43:35 14. Pablo Gomez, Chicago Walkers Club 1:47:58 DNF—Juan Moscoso, Florida AC DQ—Mike Tarantino, un.

**Women:** 1. Maria Michta, Walk USA 1:35:56 2. Erin Gray, Bowerman AC 1:36:08 3. Lauren Forgues, NYAC 1:39:13 4. Katie Burnett, un. 1:41:19 5. Solmaya Login, Southeastern PA AC 1:41:25 6. Miranda Melville, un. 1:42:10 7. Susan Randall, Miami Valley TC 1:46:08 8. Erika Shaver, un. 1:47:47 9. Kelly Clark, Racewalkers Northwest 1:55:13 11. Jamie Kootz, un. 1:56:25 11. Kathryn Grimes, RW Northwest 1:59:27 12. Melissa Bosserman, RW Northwest 2:17:45 DNF—Teresa Vaill, un. and Janelle Vrown, un. DQ—Maite Moscoso, Central Florida

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**Junior Men:** 1. Manuel Soto, Colombia 41:56.6 2. Alejandro Chavez, Missouri Baptist U. 46:06 3. Michael Nemeth, Wings of Moon TC 46:35 4. Jonathan Hallman, un. 48:28 5. Nathaniel Roberts, Bowerman AC 48:48

**Junior Women:** 1. Maite Moscoso, Central Florida TC 51:22.8 2. Abby Dunn, Maine RW 53:04 3. Molly Josephs, Walk USA 54:57 4. Nicole Court-Menendez, Maine RW 58:45

## New Asian Records At Taicang

Taicang, China, March 30 (IAAF Report by Mirko Jalava)—The best Chinese walkers did not disappoint in front of their home crowd and smashed both 20 Km Asian records, men's and women's, at the IAAF Racewalking Challenge here. In the men's race, it was the young duo of Zhen Wang and Ding Chen who excelled, both getting under the old Asian record of 1:17:41 set by Hongjun Zhu seven years ago.

The 20-year-old Wang, fourth in last year's World Championships, finished in 1:17:36 for his second consecutive win here, walking 54 seconds faster than last year. Chen, just 19, was second in 1:17:40, 1:12 under his previous best, which he had in finishing third here last year. Wang just missed Alex Schwazer's World leading 1:17:30 for the year.

Another 20-year-old, Zelin Cai, also walked a personal best of 1:18:47 for third. Italy's Giorgio Rubino was the best non-Chinese in the competition finishing in fourth place in 1:20:10, his best time since 2009. The 25 year-old was fourth in the 2009 World Championships and fifth two years earlier.

Australia's Jared Talent, a medalist in both the 20 and 50 in the 2008 Olympics was fifth in 1:20:34 and Germany's Christopher Linke had a personal best of 1:20:41 for sixth place.

In the women's race, it was finally time to wipe out the 1:26:22 Asian record, which had stood for more than 10 years. It seems that the 24-year-old Hong Liu is finally ready to challenge Russian Olga Kaniskina, having been quite close on a couple of occasions at the World Championships. Liu won silver and bronze in the last two World Championships, behind Kaniskina.

In today's race, Liu was in her own class with a fast 1:25:46. She missed Elmira Alembekova's World leading time by just 19 seconds. In second today, was 18-year-old Xiuzhi Lu in 1:27:01, well under her previous best of 1:29:50. Finishing a one-two-three Chinese sweep was 21-year-old Shenjie Weyang in 1:27:04. The first non-Chinese finisher was Australia's Claire Tallent in 1:28:53, well under her previous best of 1:32:02. The results of the two races:

**Women:** 1. Hong Liu, China 1:25:46 2. Xiuzhi Lu, China 1:27:01 3. Shenjie Weyang, China 1:27:04 4. Ni Gao, China 1:28:06 5. Claire Tallent, Australia 1:28:53 6. Huanhuan Sun, China 1:30:21 7. Tanya Holiday, Australia 1:33:15 8. Monica Quihua, Mexico 1:34:40 9. Jeon Yong-Eun, Korea 1:35:09 10. Tatyana Korotkova, Russia 1:37:23 11. Weon Ascaso-Bycol, Korea 1:39:09 12. Nicole Fagan, Australia 1:42:48 (2 DNF, 2 DQ—Melanie Seeger, Germany and Tatyana Sibileva, Russia)

**Men:** 1. Zhen Wang, China 1:17:36 2. Ding Chen, China 1:17:40 3. Zelin Cai 1:18:47 4. Giorgio Rubino, Italy 1:20:10 5. Jared Talent, Australia 1:20:34 6. Christopher Linke, Germany 1:20:41 7. Pyotr Trofimov, Russia 1:20:52 8. Inake Gomez, Canada 1:21:05 9. Adam

Rutter, Australia 1:21:23 10. Luke Adams, Australia 1:22:50 11. Chris Erickson, Australia 1:23:09 12. Dane Bird-Smith, Australia 1:23:15 13. Hagen Pohle, Germany 1:23:18 14. Choi Byang-Kwang, Korea 1:23:45 15. Hafei Chu, China 1:24:48 16. Brendon Reading, Australia 1:25:07 17. Evan Dunfee, Canada 1:26:20 18. Rhyddian Cowley, Australia 1:27:21 (2 DQ)

## Wins For Pascual, Toth In Portugal

Lisbon, Portugal, April 14—Fighting periods of hard rain and strong wind, Matej Toth and Beatriz Pascual scored impressive wins in the Rio Maior IAAF Racewalking Challenge 20 Km races today.

While Portugal's best women came to battle it out for World Cup and Olympic team selection, Spain's Pascual, second last year, proved better than them all. At the finish Pascual prevailed by five seconds over Ana Cabecinha, of Portugal, with a winning time of 1:31:03. Portugal's Ines Henriques, a winner at Chihuahua earlier this year, was third in 1:32:32.

The hotly contested race saw a pack of 11 women together at 5 Km, with Cabecinha leading in 22:59. There were still seven in the lead group at 10 Km, reached in 45:49. By 15 km, reached in 1:08:36, the lead group was down to five—Pascual, Cabecinha, Henriques, Romania's Claudia Stef and Brazil's Erica de Sena. As the other three began to drop away, it became a two-woman race, with Pascual prevailing at the end.

The men's title was decided in the final lap when Toth, a winner in Dudince three weeks earlier, took the lead to win in 1:20:25, leaving Mexico's Eder Sanchez 24 seconds back at the finish. In third, another Mexican, Isaac Palma improved on his personal best by more than 2 minutes as he finished in 1:21:14, 14 seconds clear of Ireland's Robert Heffernan. A strong race for Mexico, as they had five more in the top twelve.

Despite the conditions, eight women and six men achieved personal bests. The results:

**Men:** 1. Matej Toth, Slovakia 1:20:25 (20:21, 40:20, 60:13) 2. Eder Sanchez, Mexico 1:20:49 (20:21, 40:20, 60:13) 3. Isaac Palma, Mexico 1:21:14 (20:22, 40:20, 60:32) 4. Robert Heffernan, Ireland 1:21:28 (20:21, 40:20, 60:32) 5. Horacio Nava, Mexico 1:22:04 (20:21, 40:25, 61:25) 6. Ever Palma, Mexico 1:22:15 (20:21, 40:21, 61:05) 7. Recep Celik, Turkey 1:23:45 (20:21, 40:53, 62:04) 8. Francisco Arcilla, Spain 1:24:30 (21:09, 42:13, 63:31) 9. Pedro Gomez, Mexico 1:24:38 (20:21, 40:21, 60:40) 10. Andres Chocho, Ecuador 1:24:47 (21:09, 42:16, 63:22) 11. Cristian Gomez, Mexico 1:25:18 12. Omar Zepeda, Mexico 1:25:21 13. Juan Cano, Argentina 1:25:24) 14. Yerko Araya, Chile 1:25:58 15. Clemente Garcia, Mexico 1:26:20 16. Luis Corchete, Spain 1:25:37 17. Pedro Isidro, Portugal 1:26:53 18. Alex Wright, England 1:26:54 19. Hedi Teraoui, Tunisia 1:29:03 20. Augusto Cardoso, Portugal 1:19:03 21. Luis Lopes, Portugal 1:29:37 22. Dionisio Ventura, Portugal 1:29:53 23. Mario Silero, Spain 1:31:17 (28 finishers, 6 DNF, 4 DQ including Omar Segura, Mexico.)

**Women:** 1. Beatriz Pascual Spain 1:31:03 (23:06, 45:50, 68:36) 2. Ana Cabecinha, Portugal 1:31:08 (22:59, 45:49, 68:36) 3. Ines Henriques, Portugal 1:31:32 (23:00, 45:50, 68:38) 4. Claudia Stef, Romania 1:31:46 (23:00, 45:49, 68:36) 5. Erica de Sena Brazil 1:31:53 (23:00, 45:50, 68:36) 6. Sabine Krantz, Germany 1:32:25 (22:59, 45:50, 68:43) 7. Susana Feitor, Portugal 1:32:36 (23:01, 45:59, 69:17) 8. Vera Santos, Portugal 1:33:45 (23:02, 46:17, 70:05) 9. Sandra Galvis, Colombia 1:34:11 10. Arabelly Sanchez, Colombia 1:35:17 11. Raquel Gonzalez, Spain 1:36:37 12. Paula Perez, Ecuador 1:37:43 13. Esther Sanchez, Mexico 1:38:07 14. Yadira Graman, Ecuador 1:38:18 15. Lisbeth Silva, Mexico 1:38:23 16. Eva Igesias, Spain 1:38:38 17. Olfa Lafi, Tunisia 1:39:44 18. Chaima Trabelsi, Tunisia 1:40:22 (24 finishers, 7 DNF, including Olive Loughnane, Ireland; Sonata Milusauskaite, Lithuania; and Rachel Seaman, Canada (46:37 at 10 Km)



**Other Major European Races** (Including good performances by Mrs. Seaman and Miss Forgues):

**20 Km, Podebrady, Czech Republic, April 22**—Another win for Toth.. **Men's 20 Km**—1. Matej Toth, Slovak Rep. 1:21:54 2. Jarkko Kinnunen, Finland 1:23:12 3. Sandor Racz, Hungary 1:23:54 4. Mate Helebrandt, Hungary 1:24:10 5. Arnis Rmbenieks, Latvia 1:24:47 6. Vito di Bari, Italy 1:26:04 7. Ricardo Macchia, Italy 1:27:14 8. Diego Dafagna, Italy 1:27:28 9. Karel Ketner, Czech Rep. 1:28:12 10. Milan Rizek, Czech Rep. 11. Lukas Gdula, Czech Rep. 12. Aleksey Golovin, Russia 1:33:38 (27 finishers) **Women's 20 Km**—1. Sibileva Di Vincenzo, Italy 1:34:16 2. Federica Ferraro, Italy 1:34:24 3. Antonella Palmisano, Italy 1:34:27 4. Lucie Pelantova, Czech Rep. 1:34:36 5. Anita Kazemaka, Latvia 1:35:51 5. Zuzana Schindlerova, Czech Rep. 1:36:11 7. Viktoria Madarasz, Hungary 1:35:51 8. Veronika Privalinocova, Slovak Rep. 9. Arnett Torma, Hungary 1:48:13 10. Miroslava Stasova, Slovak Rep. 1:49:51 **Jr. Women 10 Km**—1. Anezka Drahoova, Czech Rep. 47:47 2. Anna Clemente, Italy 48:30 3. Eliska Srahotova, Czech, Rep. 49:37 **Jr. Men 10**—1. Vito Minci, Italy 43:10 2. Francesco Fortunato, Italy 43:11 3. Marco Amati, Italy 45:04 4. Bence Venyercean, Hungary 45:28 6. Patrick Spevak, Slovak Rep. 45:53 6. Ondrej Moti, Czech Rep. 45:58

**20 Km, Naumburg, Germany, April 22: Women**—1. Sabine Krantz 1:33:02 2. Rachel Seaman, Canada 1:33:02 3. Ainhua Pinaardo, Spain 1:33:47 4. Laura Reynolds, Ireland 1:34:42 5. Yadir Guaman Masa, Ecuador 1:36:17 6. Anna Halkivaha, Finland 1:37:08 7. **Lauren, Forgues, USA** 1:38:04 (Just off personal best of 1:37:41 8. Laura Polli, Switzerland 1:40:21 **20 Km, Men, same place**—1. Christopher Linke 1:20:55 2. Andre Hohne 1:21:24 3. Hagan Pohle 1:24:40 4. Colin Griffin, Ireland 1:24:45 5. Carsten Schmidt 1:34:49 6. Danielele Paris, Italy 1:24:57 7. Maik Berger 1:25:17 8. Jamie Costin, Ireland 1:25:54 9. Fortunato D'Orofrío, Italy 1:25:57 10. Marcel Lehnberg 1:27:07 **20 Km, Zaniemysl, Poland, April 22**—1. David Tomala 1:20:50 2. Rafal Augustyn 1:20:53 3. Grzegorz Sudol 1:20:58 **Women 10** Paulina Buziak 1:29:44 (Polish National record) 2. Agnieszka Swarnog 1:30:56 3. Agnieszka Dygacz 1:31:40

## Other Results

**High School 1500 meters, New York City, March 24**—1. Sophia Mahin 7:27.98 2. Karen Zheng 7:43.18 3. Jessica Zalph 8:05.89 4. Janie Ou Yang 8:12.78 (35 finishers) **5000 meters, Nyack, N.Y., April 1**—1. Katie Michta (15) 26:34.7 2. Jiwon Kang (17) 27:01.3 3. Sophia Mahin (15) 27:06.9 4. Kelly Maranchuck (17) 27:08.6 5. Holly Lindoe (16) 27:27.7 6. Sarah LaPorta (16) 29:24.8 7. Jordann Green (18) 29:35.6 8. Natalie De Qwarto (16) 29:43.2 9. Katie Connors (16) 29:55.6 10. Kristina Magana (17) 30:22.6 11. Caitlion Appollo 41:49.4 12. Monica Duque (17) 33:46.8 13. Francesca Aiello (17) 33:51.2 **Second Race, same place**—1. Dave McGovern (46) 24:44 2. Bill Vayo (46) 27:09.6 3. Spencer Dunn (13) 28:27.4 4. Jenna Monahan (22) 28:50.4 5. Cher Armstrong (25) 29:45.7 6. Lisa Brevogel (21) 31:06.6 7. Larry Beckerle (51) 31:26.9 8. Panseluta Geer (65) 32:35.1 **10,000 meters, dame place**—1. Bruce Logan (47) 59:59.7 2. Alexis Davidson (56) 64:33.1 **High School 1500 meters, Lindenhurst, N.Y., April 10**—1. Brittany Collins 7:21.80 2. Alyssa English 7:46.0 3. Samantha Milano 8:14.10 31 finishers) **High School 1500 meters, Suffolk, N.Y., April 16**—1. Stephanie Saccente 7:10.10 2. Brittany Collins 7:11.0 3. Sam Barrett 7:38.10 4. Courtney Kiernan 7:38.80 5. Norma Miller 7:40.30 6. Alyssa English 7:52.70 7. Samantha McMahon 7:54.20 8. Rachel Steinmuller 8:08.80 (10 finishers) **1500 (for freshman and sophomores), same place**—1. Katie Michta 7:10.20 2. Alexa Kluepfel 7:55.70 3. Natalie DeQuarto 7:59.20 (18 finishers) **4 X 800 meters relay, same place**: 1. Sachem East "A" (16:32.62 2. Sachem East "B" 16:38.62 (5 teams) (Eight girls at one high school averaging under 4:09 is impressive.) **3 Km, U. of Delaware, March 25**—1. Peter Blank (57) 18:37.01 2. John Morrison (63) 18:44.96 3. Jim Carmines (68) 19:00.22 4. Arthur Lebofsky (70) 20:03.92 (8 finishers) **Indoor 3000 meters,**

**Arlington, Va., Jan. 8**—1. Peter Blank 18:18 2. Jim Wass (59) 19:11.8 3. Irene Fletemeyer (16) 18:18 (8 finishers) **Indoor 3000, Arlington, Va. Jan. 22**—1. Peter Blank 18:06.6 2. Jim Wass 18:34 3. Donna Green (59) 19:06 4. Jim Carmines 19:29.3 (8 finishers) **Indoor 3000 meters, Landover, Maryland, Feb. 4**—1. Peter Blank 18:17.55 2. Jim Wass 18:30.77 3. Irene Fletemeyer 18:38 4. John Morrison (63) 18:56.37 5. Jim Carmines 19:26.42 **Indoor 3000, Arlington, Va., Feb. 5**—1. Donna Green 18:44 (6 finishers) **1500 meters, same place**—1. Irene Fletemeyer 8:53 **5 Km, Washington, D.C., Feb. 18**—1. Peter Blank 31:57.25 2. Jim Wass 32:25.26 **1500 meters, Alexandria, Va., March 30**—1. Peter Blank 8:39.51 2. Jim Wass 8:47.6 **3000 meters, Newark, Del., March 25**—1. Irene Fletemeyer 18:26.61 2. Peter Blank 18:37.06 3. John Morrison 18:44.96 4. Jim Carmines 19:00.22 (9 finishers) **Indoor 1 Mile, Glen Mills, Pa., Jan. 15**—1. Tina Peters 8:08.81 2. Lindsay Herman 8:54.08 3. Peter Blank 9:27.39 4. Art Lebofsky 9:58.86 **1 Mile, Glen Mills, Jan. 29**—1. Tina Peters 8:00.78 2. Lindsay Herman 8:28.30 3. Peter Blank 9:15.87 **Indoor 1 Mile, Chester, Pa., Feb. 26**—1. Irene Fletemeyer 9:25.52 2. Peter Blank 9:30.2 3. Art Lebofsky 9:45.87 (7 finishers) **5000 meters, Greenville, S.C., April 14**—1. Michael Manozzi 22:03 2. Jonathan Hallman 22:09 3. Ian Whatley 23:30 **Women**—1. Erika Shaver 24:36 **1 Hour, South Florida, March 25**—1. Chris Schmidt (65) 11,070 meters 1. Ann Harsh (61) 9280 3. Gerry Gomes (79) 8087 4. Cathy Miller (51) 7257 (8 finishers) **5000 meters, Cedarville, Ohio, April 7**—1. Ricardo Vergara, Lindsey Wilson College 22:40.49 2. Kyle Hively, Miami Valley TC 22:46.80 3. Joel Pfahler, Miami Valley 22:49.22 4. Robert Vergara, Lindsey Wilson 23:08.6 5. Omar Nash, Miami Valley 25:22.98 (2 DQ) **Women**—1. Jill Cobb, Miami Valley TC 22:59.58 2. Rachel Tyleock, Mansfield U. 24:41.22 3. Reini Brickson, Lindsey Wilson 27:08.62 4. Emily Belovich, Miami Valley TC 27:32.58 5. Amanda Bland, Lindsey Wilson 30:16.41 (1 DNF) **1 Hour, Yellow Springs, Ohio, April 14**—1. Jill Cobb 12,326 meters (484:48 at 10 Km) 2. Omar Nash 11,890 (50L:44) 3. Joel Pfahler 11,590 (51:27) 4. Erika Graves 9151 Fifth grader Kennedy Graves went 5 Km in 35:21) **5000 meters, Goshen, Indiana, April 7**—1. Jacob Gunderkline, Goshen Col. 23:16.60 2. David Horst, Goshen 23:41.10 3. Nathan Vanderwall, Cornerstone U. 23:41.00 4. Mitchell Brickson, Goshen 23:45.50 5. Isaac Withrow, Cornerstone 25:02.70 6. Tyler Steigenga, Cornerstone 25:52.90 **Women**—1. Monica Lawrence 27:40.70 2. Mercedes Mancha, St. Xavier 19:14.30 3. Brianna Griffiths, Cornerstone 30:52.50 **Illinois 5000, Maywood, April 21**—Youth Women—1. Cassandra Delgado (16) 29:44 Open Women—1. Janelle Brown, Cornerstone 26:38 2. Mercedes Mancha, St. Xavier 27:46 3. Brianna Griffiths (18), Cornerstone 29:32 4. Ellerie Lagerhausen (19), Ashford 29:43 Youth Men—1. Alex Peters (15) 22:57 Open Men—1. Cody Risch, Cornerstone 21:40 2. Jacob Gunderkline, Goshen 22:56 3. Mitchell Brickson (19), Cornerstone 23:45 4. Nate Vanderwall (19), Cornerstone 24:33 5. Jaleksandr Jacobsen, Ashford 24:45 6. Tyler Steigenga (19), Cornerstone 24:46 7. Isaac Withrow (18), Cornerstone 24:50 8. Zach Pavlich (19), Ashford 27:31 Masters Men—1. Pablo Gomex (40) 25:10 2. Klaus Thiedmann (57) 29:15 3. Rich McBGuire (64) 31:57 4. Ray McKinnis (72) 38:40 **Wisconsin 5 Km, Pleasant Prairie, April 1**—1. Matt DeWitt 23:53 2. Klaus Thiedmann 31:32 3. Robert Watkins 34:23 (5 finishers) **1 Hour, Ottawa, Ontario, April 15**—1. Bruno Carriere 11,892 meters (50:27 at 10 Km) 2. Jocelyn Ruest 11,440 3. Laune VanLeeuwen 10,380 4. Linda Wilson 10,016 5. Sandy Archibald 9362 6. Ken Atkins 9326 7. John Gardam 9219 8. Jenny Hoshioian 9100 9. Ann de Thy 9060 10. Patrick Gaboury 9039 (19 finishers) **20 Km, Hyryla, Finland, April 15**—1. Aleksi Ojala 1:29:16 2. Eemeli Kiiski 1:29:41 3. Timo Viljanen 1:22:37 **10 Km, same place**—1. Akyu Partanen 38:59 (National record) 2. Markus Kyrola (16) 48:34 **Women's 10 Km, same place**—1. Anne Halkivaha 46:35 2. Henriika Parviainen (14) 50:29 3. Erika Parviainen (16) 50:42 **Winner's World Masters Indoors, Jyväskylä, Finland, April 3-8: Women's 3000 meters: W35**—Baiba Fridanbrudere, Latvia 15:37.95 **W40**—Hanna Liland, Norway 16:35.06 **W45**—Irina Kokorina, Russia 16:17.48 **W50**—Natalia Tarentyeva, Russia 16:14.28



W55–Lynette Ventris, Australia 14:51.24 (World Age group record) W60–Heather Carr, Australia 16:05.95 W65–Pirjo Karatie, Finland 19:06.51 W70–Ritva Tulinieni, Finland 21:00.51 W75–Denise Leclerc, France 21:33.93 **Men's 5000 meters**–M35–Vincenzo Magliulo, Italy 12:16.30 M40Vyacheslav Deglyarenko, Russia 12:57.06 M45–Walter Arena, Italy 13:03.11 M50–Mark Donahoo, Australia 13:55.43 M55–Mikhail Kiselev, Russia 14:47.94 M60–Patrice Brochot, France 14:15.85 M65–Andrew Jamieson, Australia 14:39.77 (World age group record) M70–Marcel Jobin, Canada 16:34.25 M75–Alexis Jordana, France 17:31.56 M80–Viljo Hyvola, Finland 21:18.72 M85–Guenther Cielieski, Germany 22:00.31 **10 Km (on the road even though this was the Indoor Championships): Women:** W35–Baiba Fridanbrudere, Latvia 56:50 W40–Pilar Iglesias, Spain 52:42 W45–Irina Kokorina, Russia 56:10 W50–Natalia Tarentyeva, Russia 56:35 W55–Lynette Ventria, Australia 49:59 (World age group record) W60–Heather Carr, Australia 55:23 W65–Pirjo Karetie, Finland 1:05:15 W70–Ursula Herrendoerfer, Germany 1:13:22 W75–Denise Laclerc, France 1:11:56 **Men's 10,000 meters:** M35–Francisco Martin, Spain 45:33 M40–Vyacheslav Deglyarenko, Russia 45:38 M45–Miguel Perlanez, Spain 46:33 M50–Andrea Naso, Italy 48:30 M55–Mikhail Kiselev, Russia 52:09 M60–Patrice Brochot, France 49:54 M65–Andrew Jamieson, Australia 52:04 M70–Ants Palmar, Estonia 56:46 M75–Alexis Jordana, France 1:01:12 M80–Vijo Hyvola, Finland 1:14:37 M85–Guenther Cielieski, Germany 1:16:12 (For complete results go to [www.fidalservizi.it/wma\\_2012/Index.htm](http://www.fidalservizi.it/wma_2012/Index.htm))

### Find A Place To Ace A Race

Sat. May 5 5 Km, Newark, Del. (T)  
 Sun. May 6 Pac. Assn. 5 Km, San Mateo, Cal. (J)  
 Jack Mortland 20 Km plus 5 and 10 Km, Dayton, Ohio (M)  
 20, 30, 40, and 50 Km, Kenosha, Wis. (I)  
 Last Chance 20 Km, Eugene, Oregon ((K)  
 4000 meters, Farmingdale, N.Y.  
 1 Mile, Chester, Pa. (E).  
 3000, 5000, 10,000, and 20,000 meters, Houston (G)  
 Thur. May 17 1 Mile, Houston (G)  
 Sat. May 19 Marathon and ½ Marathon, St. Joseph, Minn. (S)  
 5 Km, Wilmington, Del. (T)  
 20 Km and 5 Km, Dearborn, Mich. (F)  
 Sun. May 20 **National USATF 15 Km, Riverside, Cal. (D)**  
 Sun. May 20 5 Km, Rehoboth, Del. (T)  
 20 Km, Point Pleasant, N.J., 8:30 am (A)  
 1 Mile, Chester, Pa. (E)  
 Thur. May 25 5 Km, New Orleans (L)  
 Fri. May 26 Southwestern USATF 3000 meters, Coppell, TX (G)  
 Sun. May 27 Sanford Kalb 9 Mile, Lakewood, N.J. 9 am (A)  
 (Tentative) 10, 15, and 20 Km, Goshen, Indiana (R)  
 1 Mile, Houston (G)  
 Thur. May 31 **National USATF 10 Km., Albany, N.Y. (D)**  
 Sat. June 2 10 and 20 Km, Pleasant Prairie, Wis. (I)  
 Sun. June 3 1 Mile, Yellow Springs, Ohio (M)  
 Wed. June 6 1 Mile, Houston (G)  
 Thur. June 7 Ohio 10 Km Championship (Optional 20 Km), Yellow Springs (M)  
 Sat. June 9 1500 meters, Yellow Springs, Ohio (M)

Thur. June 14 1 Mile, Houston (G)  
 Sun. June 17 2 Mile, New Orleans (L)  
 Wed. June 20 3000 meters, Yellow Springs, Ohio (M)  
 Thur. June 21 1 Mile, Houston (G)  
 Sat. June 23 5 and 10 Km, LA area (U)  
 3000 meters, Coppell, Texas (G)  
 Mon. June 25 5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. 6:45pm (A)  
 Tues. June 26 1 Mile, Ft. Washington, Pa. (E)  
 Sat. June 30 **US Olympic Trials 20 Km Men, Eugene., Oregon (D)**  
 Sun. July 1 **US Olympic Trials 20 Km Women, Eugene (D)**  
 5 and 10 Km, Pasadena, Cal. (U)  
 Mon. July 2 5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)

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### From Heel To Toe

**Correction.** Last month's schedule of upcoming races incorrectly showed the National 15 Km in Riverside, Cal. on May 13. The actual date is May 20, as reflected in this month's schedule. We regret any confusion this might have created. . . **Another correction.** This from John Knifton: "Just a minor correction to Ray Sharp's account of the 1980 National 30 Km Championship in Houston (*March issue, in which Ray had Marco Evoniuk in second place*). To give the 'Texas locals' every advantage in those days, when few nationals were staged in the 'the south', we may not have had too many course markers out in Memorial Park, so Marco Evoniuk inadvertently went off course and I took second place "American" (first master—I had just turned 40!) In 2:25:00, 4 minutes behind Ray. I had to go back to my trusty March 1980



Ohio Racewalker to retrieve that piece of trivia!!". . **Barron Athlete of the Week.** Trevor Barron was named USA Track & Field Athlete of the Week on April 3 after he finished as the top American at the IAAF Racewalking Cup Trials in Eugene, Oregon. (See lead article in this issue.) Trevor is currently in his second semester at Colorado College in Colorado Springs where he plans to pursue a degree in computer science or math. Barron quipped that "Coming down from 6000 feet makes sea level feel pretty easy. I knew I was capable of walking the "A" standard and I was pleased when I did," he said. "I hope to be even faster in Russia, the Olympic Trials and the Olympics." Trevor was the second racewalker named as Athlete of the Week this year, following John Nunn, who was named on January 26 following his 50 Km Olympic Trials victory. . . **Splits.** Speaking of the 50 Km Trial, Elliott Denman has provided 20 Km splits in that race: Tim Seaman 1:38:52; Ben Shorey 1:38:53 Patrick Stroupe 1:38:55; Erich Cordero 1:38:55, John Nunn 1:39:20, Yandy Alvarez 1:41:22; Allen James 1:45:06; Ray Sharp 1:45:21, Michael Mannozi 1:47:55, Dave McGovern 1:59:32., and on the distaff side Erin Talcott 1:46:37. . **Hello.** Andrew and Ingrid Crane in Florida write: "We were thrilled to see our friends Stella Cashman and Helene Britton judging the PSAL Indoor 1500 in February. We were all together for the World Cup in 1991 (*Ed. Gee! I was there too as a member of the Press Crew.*) We were also all together at Howard Jacobson's racewalk camp in 1984 Wonderful memories. . **Generous subscriber.** Roderick McElwain writes, along with his renewal: "Thank you for another great year of racewalking news. You continue to be more enjoyable than the New York Times. I appreciate the extra special offer of twelve dollars for the upcoming year (I think he was looking at a renewal slip sent before the price increase), but I think I'll honor my grandmother and pay fifteen. She advised me to avoid bargains when the other guy is losing money on the deal." Thanks Roderick, but I think you sent me a gift as your expiration date was the month before the price increase. . **College destinations:** Vince Peters announces college destinations for some of our junior racewalkers: Ian Rixon, Maine, Ashford University in Iowa; Katie Flanders, Maine, Biola U. in California; Nicole Court-Menendez, Maine, Dakota Wesleyan in South Dakota; Abby Dunn, Maine, Goshen College, in Indiana; Jourdann Green, New York, Lindsey Wilson College in Kentucky; and Molly Josephs, New York, Missouri Baptist U. in St. Louis. . **Standards.** The "proposed" qualification standards for the 2013 World T&F Championships in Moscow are: 20 Km Men-1:24:00, B-1:26:00; 20 Km Women A-1:36:00, B-1:38:00; 50 Km Men A 4:02:00, B-4:16:00. These standards are relaxed from recent years and, if accepted, give us a better chance of getting several racewalkers to the meet. . **Thelma Fellows.** Thelma Fellows, a national level racewalking judge for many years, passed away in Kalamazoo on April 16. She had suffered a stroke while while judging and officiating in a meet at Goshen College in Indiana on March 31. Thelma was known for her positive attitude and infectious enthusiasm. She was quick to volunteer to help anyone learn to racewalk by doing clinics around Michigan and offering one-on-one coaching and lessons.

## Chegin, the Man Behind the Saransk Race Walking Dynasty

by Paul Warburton for the IAAF

How much does Victor Chegin mean to Saransk race walking where the IAAF World Race Walking Cup takes place on 12-13 May? Just about everything is the short answer. The center where some of the world's greats train, and from where they are plotting an iron grip on the Cup on home turf, is named after him.

In fact, the training facility a couple of kilometres outside the centre 600k east of Moscow used to be called simply 'Start.' It has been in fifth gear for the last five years as non-

stop as Olympic, IAAF World Championships, World Walking Cup and IAAF Challenge victories have piled up outside Chegin's door like a delivery man emptying his supermarket van.

The 'big boss', his own tongue-in-cheek description, is hungry for more and it's a brave punter who bets on anyone else getting a lookin when the Cup hits town on the weekend of 12-13 May. Chegin built on the success in 1995 at the Gothenburg IAAF World Championships where 18-year-old Irina Stankina became the youngest-ever gold medallist.

Since then, the 50-year-old has 'worked' every political, social and other opportunity to get the funding that keeps the medal production line in full order. This correspondent was playfully grabbed by the arm and marched over to the president of Mordovia at one such function in the recent past.

What was being said became an immediate mystery to non-Russian speakers, but one nodded benignly as one does when events sail over the head. Mr. President smiled at Chegin and then at me in turns, as the supercoach urged and cajoled with the intensity of a Hyde Park speaker.

After the 2009 IAAF World Championships in Berlin where Chegin's charges clean-swept all three walking golds, he not only got the center renamed after him, he got his home republic's highest honor. As a Mordovian sports website gushed: "All the citizens of Mordovia know this man by sight. "The Race Walking Center of the Olympic Training was named after him. He is the only full Cavalier of the Order of Glory of Mordovia Republic.

"He is an honored citizen of the Republic of Mordovia. His intravital monument will be erected soon. Thanks to Victor Chegin's diligence the Republic got the results the whole world is talking about. At the presence of thousands of spectators, the Head of the Republic of Mordovia gave him the highest degree of the Order of Glory. He is the father of all the victories of our race walkers.

Chegin's word is law at the Chegin Center as you might expect. Technicians, medical staff, cleaners, cooks and coaches stop what they're doing and stand to attention as he passes. If it all has the whiff of a kind of Russian sports royalty, this man is heir apparent.

What did come as a surprise was his ability to stop trains in the middle of nowhere. As the IAAF Challenge party was about to leave for the 12-hour train ride to Moscow, Chegin and a subordinate boarded the waiting carriage with four or five strong-looking rucksacks.

What they did then was to start dispensing copious bottles of expensive vodka to all and sundry, but carried on doing so as the train chugged into life. After much back-slapping and other good wishes, the train eventually stopped in the dusk around 30 minutes later – with not a single habitation in sight. What was there at a level crossing was a big car. Out of it got someone Chegin obviously knew, because the Big Boss and the entourage were greeted warmly before climbing in the back.

This is what the rest of the world take on at the World Cup, where not only will the likes of reigning Olympic and IAAF champions Valeriy Borchin and Olga Kaniskina toe the line, but anything up to 15 others of both sexes, senior and junior, plan to change Chegin's intense stare to a smile as they cross the finish line.

## Centurions

Dave Talcott recently released an up to date list of U.S. Centurions—those who have walked 100 miles in 24 hours or less. His list updates one I have on hand that is several years old. Let me garner a few statistics from the list.

There are now 73 official U.S. Centurions. These are people who completed a 100 miler on U.S. soil, including some from outside the U.S. A U.S. citizen who walked a 100-



miler in, say, England, would be come a British Centurion, not an American Centurion, and, thus will not be on the list. The list of U.S. Centurions includes 19 from other contries. Thus, there 54 U.S. Centurions, who are U.S. citizens.

The first three on the list of U.S. Centurions date back to May 10, 1878—J.B. Gillie, M.J. Ennis, and J. Schmidt, all presumably male. Gillie completed his 100 in 21:00:42. It was then 89 years until we had another U.S. Centurion—Larry O'Neil, a 60-year-old Montanan who walked a 19:24:34 in Columbia, Missouri, in what became an annual race on the track. Larry's time in that race has still been bettered only six times in the U.S., twice by Paul Hendricks and Alan Price, and once by Larry Young and Ivo Majetic, of the Czech Republic. LO'Nekl did five more 100s between then and 1977, all in Columbia, except for one in Los Angeles on Oct. 30, 1970. The L.A. race came just 34 days after he had completed his third 100 in Columbia. He had done 20:42:42 in Colombia, but slowed to 21:49:32 in L.A.

In 1971, two-time Olympic 50 Km bronze medalist Larry Young became the most well-known of U.S. Centurions, walked what remains the fastest time on U.S. soil—except, it wasn't on soil. Torrential rains drove the Columbia race indoors that year and Larry walked an 18:07:12 on a 200-meter track. Amazingly, he walked the last 2 miles each under 8 minutes.

King of the U.S. Centurions is Alan Price, who completed 23 100s between 1978 and 1993. His first was on Sept. 23, 1978 in Colombia when he finished in 18:57:01 to become the 23rd U.S. Centurion. During his long run, Price twice walked three centuries in the same year—1980 on Aug. 2, Sept. 27, and Nov. 1 and 1982 on Aug. 7, Sept. 25, and Nov. 23. Between Aug. 11, 1979 and Sep. 26, 1987 Price walked 19 100 milers doing at least two a year in every year but 1985. Alan's fastest 100 was 18:46:37 at Colombia in 1984. He was under 19 hours one other time and under 20 hours on six other occasions. Two of his centuries came in Ohio—Springfield in 1986 and Xenia in 1993. The Xenia race was his final 100.

The next fastest U.S. Centurion is Pal Hendricks, who did 18:48:52 in San Diego in 1980, beating Price in the process. That was his third and final 100. He had won in Colombia in 1977 and then lost to Price the following year in Alan's first century.

The next most prolific Centurion was Leonard Busen who did 11 between 1974 and 1982, all in his home base of Colombia. Other prolific Centurions are Chuck Hunter—8, Bob Chapin and O'Neill 6, and Ohio's own Jack Blackburn 5.

The first woman to become a U.S. Centurion was Elsie McGarvey in 1978 with a 22:52:31. She was Centurion No. 24 and she repeated in 1980, although nearly an hour slower. There are nine other women on the list, seven of them U.S. citizens. The fastest was the late Bev LaVeck McCall, who did 21:42:14 in 1982 to become U.S. Centurion No. 39. England's Sandra Brown, a Centurion in England, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Malaysiz, also a U.S. Centurion. She walked 21:50:58 in Golden Colorado in 2000. (See below for more on Sandra.)

Other Centurions besides Young and Blackburn who were more noted for accomplishments at shorter distances, including national titles and international team experience, were Shaul Ladany, Jerry Brown, John Kelly, Augie Hirt, and Tom Dooley.

## The Great Sandra Brown

While on the subject of Centurions, here is a little about England's Sandra Brown. We seem to suggest above that Alan Price's 23 100s is amazing—through 2101, Sandra, then 61, had walked 141! And, many of these were actually longer distances, such as 24 hour races, in which she went beyond 100 miles. The criteria is that she reached 100 in less than 24 hours. And Alan's three in a year twice? Hah! Sandra walked her first 100 at age 33 in 1982. By te time she was 40, she had 18 under her belt. Then she really took off. From then on

through 2010, there were 2 years when she only did three and five years when she did just four. Every other year she did at least five. the 100 she did in Colorado in 2000 was one of 11 that year, preceded by nine in 1999 and followed by seven in 2002. In May of 1999, she did three, two of those actually 24 hour affairs, going over 183 Km in one and 192 km in the other.—both well over 100 miles.



**Sandra Brown and husband Richard.** They finished one-two in many of those English Centurion races—not always in the same order.

Sandra is no piker at shorter distance. In 2009 she rewrote the British age 60 record book with a 56:56.8 at 10 Km, 1:55:34 at 20 km, and 5:47:30 at 50 km. She has also represented England on many occasions in ultra-distance running championships. Sandra holds the record for the most number of finishes, male or female, in the annual English Centurions race—24. And for real ultra-distance—she holds the women's record for the Land's End to John O'Groats epic (one end of Great Britain to the other), a distance of 810 miles which she did in 13 days, 10 hours. Want more? In 1996 she set a women's world run record for 1000 miles—14 days, 10 hours, 27 minutes, 26 seconds—walking, not running, most of the way.!

## Clair Duckham

Clair Duckham was one of the legends of Ohio racewalking. He was also a legend cycling in Ohio. In the late '30s and te '40s, Clair was placing well in many national racewalking events. His last appearance in a National was in 1969 in the 15 Km held in Worthington, a Columbus suburb. Clair finished 19<sup>th</sup> in 1:31:05, quite respectable for a 66 year old at that time. Clair was famous for many things. Like riding his motorcycle from Dayton to Boston for the BAA marathon (he ran it) and then motorcycling back home the next day. That's a trip of about 800 miles. Or riding 50 Mile hi-wheeler tours on the roads of western Ohio well into his 80s, perhaps 90s. Clair and I had a nice trip together to White Plains, N.Y. for the National Masters met in 1975.

Through Wayne Armbrust, I recently learned of his death in Chicago in March of 2009 just 32 days short of his 103rd birthday. That was at the same time as Chris McCarthy



died, also in Chicago, and our March 2009 issue had some great memories of Chris's amazing life. Unfortunately, nothing on Clair. Let's make up for it. Wayne found the following article on Duck, published in the Dayton Daily News on April 6, 2009.

Clair Duckham, a noted champion of the sport of cycling, and the co-founder of the Dayton Cycling Club, will be remembered during a memorial bike ride from Dayton to Troy on April 26. According to Chuck Smith, a spokesman for the Dayton Cycling Club, Duckham died in Chicago on March 27, just 32 days before his 103rd birthday, April 28.

Every year since 1996 members of the Dayton Cycling Club have taken part in a biking ritual the last week of April to help Duckham celebrate his birthday. Duckham initiated the 22-mile bicycle ride from Dayton to Troy when he turned 90 years old. Each year since then Duckham and an entourage of hardy riders, including family members and friends, pedaled to a restaurant in Troy where they enjoyed a birthday luncheon.

For the last seven years, Robert "Bob" Taft, first as governor of the state of Ohio, and now as a research associate at the University of Dayton, has taken part in the bike ride hosted by Duckham. Smith said, "The members of the Dayton Cycling Club will remember and celebrate Clair Duckham's birthday in a special way. We will make it a celebration of his life. We plan to meet at the Vandalia Recreation Center on Stonequarry Road at 8 a.m. on April 26 and arrive at the Frisch's Big Boy restaurant in Troy (20 Troy Town Drive near I-75) about 9:30 a.m.

Duckham was a biking enthusiast since he was 12, and as he grew up in Dayton, made the bike trek from Dayton to the Troy restaurant nearly every Sunday. In later years he asked friends to join him. "It just started happening," Duckham explained to me a few years ago. "It became this famous Sunday morning thing to do. I always thought it was great exercise and preferred biking to running or walking."

Duckham said he and a friend approached Horace M. Huffman Jr., CEO of the Huffly Corp. back in 1961, and asked him if he would be willing to sponsor a cross-country tandem bicycle race. "Mr. Huffman proposed that instead of that he would be willing to help create a cycling club and that is the way the Dayton Cycling Club was born," Duckham explained. "There were about 25 members at first and now at least 700 cyclists take part."

Duckham, who retired after a long career with NCR, made his home in Harrison Twp. most of his life and moved to Chicago to be near a son and daughter after the death of his wife of 60 years, Gaynelle Duckham.

Taft said he enjoyed the annual bike ride with Clair Duckham and company. "Since I was governor, the State Patrol was biking with us for security, and it got to be quite a party each year," Taft said. "I am so sorry to hear that Clair passed away. He was a real inspiration. I was always impressed with how he kept active. In addition to biking he loved to dance. And I enjoyed talking with Clair. I would sit across from him at the restaurant and it was a real delight to talk with him, to see his face light up. He was a very special person."

#### Spotlight on "Mr. Ubiquitous": Olympian Gary Morgan

(From Coach Q website, March 13, 2011)

Michigan native Gary Morgan loves the sport of running. Gary began running in high school, but found his true love of racewalking in 1975 at an AAU track meet where he competed at the age of 15.

More than 35 years later, Gary has competed in six Olympic Trials from 1984 to 2004 in the 20 and 50 Km events, and placed first in the 1988 US Olympic 290 Km Trials, representing America in the Seoul Olympics as a racewalker. Morgan's accomplishments

include a total of five qualifying finishes for the Olympic Trials and finishing second in the 1992 Trials at 20 Km (but falling short of the qualifying standard.)

Including the 1988 Olympics, Gary has competed on 17 National teams that included World Championships, Pan Am Games, Goodwill Games, World Cup, and various other teams. He carried the Olympic torch in 1996 and 2002. He has run or walked more than 60 marathons, including those in New York, Boston, Chicago, Kilimanjaro, and Antarctica. In 1997, he was honored by the New York Athletic Club for his achievements and was named the Athlete of the Year.

Art McCaferty, publisher and CEO of Great Lakes Sports Publications, named Gary "Mr. Ubiquitous" due to his omnipresence in running adventures around the world. A television reporter for the Running Network and writer for Michigan Runner, Gary reports on his numerous running adventures around the world, including mountain biking, cross country skiing, camping, and all outdoor sports. He is an officer of the USATF Athlete's Advisory Committee to the U.S. Olympics, a State Representative of the Year for the Road Runners Club of America, and on the board of the Ann Arbor Track Club. The Michigan Sports Hall of Fame inductee also climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain in 2006.

Since retiring as an electrician from General Motors, this world traveler makes time to give back to the community as a volunteer, whether it be reading to children at Salvation Army Shelters, working with youth from the Save the Family Foundation, or serving as an official at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. In 2011, in recognition of his work as a community volunteer, Gary was awarded the Jackie Joyner Kersee Award for dedication to track and field and community service. *(Well, gee, they forgot to mention that Gary was a four-time winner of the annual Jack Mortland race and still holds the meet record with the 1:27:30 he walked for 20 Km in the first edition in 1988. And thanks to Vince Peters for keeping alive this event started by John White in Columbus.)*

#### Women's All Time 50 Km List

(Compiled by James Leppik)

4:10:59 Monica Svensson, Sweden  
 4:12:16 Elena Ginko, Belarus  
 4:16:27 Jolanta Dukure, Latvia  
 4:25:21 Brigita Virbalyte, Lithuania  
 4:28:13 Evaggelia Xinou, Greece  
 4:28:53 Nering Aidietyte, Lithuania  
 4:29:56 Natalia Bruniko, Italy  
 4:32:36 Lyudmila Shelest, Ukraine  
 4:33:22 Erin Taylor-Talcott, USA  
 4:33:45 Lyudmila Yekorova, Ukraine  
 4:35:51 Anna Lisa Potenza, Italy

#### LOOKING BACK

**50 Years Ago** (From the April 1962 Race Walker, published by Chris McCarthy in Chicago)—John Allen won the National 40 Km in Buffalo in 3:30:22, beating Ron Laird by more than 12 minutes. Laird was just 3 seconds ahead of Bob Mimm, with Ron Daniel, Carl Kurr, and Jack Blackburn taking the next three spots. . . The Penn AC 12 miler went to Ron Zinn in a course record 1:33:31 with Jack Mortland 1:23 back in second. Ron Laird (1:36:02)

and Bob Mimm (1:37:00) followed. . .In discussing the World Lists for 1961, McCarthy noted he would like to talk to Rein Leius of the USSR and ask him how it feels to turn in a 4:44:05 50 Km and finish in 55th Place in a national race (and this in the day when 4:15 was a super time). There was some depth in that land even 50 years ago.

**45 Years Ago** (From the April 1967 ORW)—On the West Coast, Don DeNoon took the measure of Ron Laird by 22 minutes, winning a 30 Km race in 2:30:00. Then Laird turned the table at 20 Km, winning by just 1 second in 1:33:23. . .The Ohio 20 Km went to Jack Mortland in a leisurely 1:41:13.

**40 Years Ago** (From the April 1972 ORW)—The National 25 Km title was won by Larry Young in 1:57:28 following a race-long duel with Goetz Klopfer. Goetz hung tough until the final mile and finished a half-minute back, only to find that he had the old DQ. So second went to Bill Ranney in 2:03:13 with Todd Scully third. The race was held in Seattle. . .The annual 50 miler in New Jersey went to Shaul Ladany in 7:23:10, with Bill walker a half-hour behind. Shaul went through the 50 Km mark in 4:30:36. . .Young added the National 20 Km title to his laurels on Long Island in 1:32:43. Ron Daniel was second in 1:34:10, followed by Floyd Godwin, John Knifton, Jerry Brown, and Todd Scully. Your aging editor decided that Long Island didn't like him as received the second DQ of a career that began in 1958, the first being 12 years earlier in the National 10 Km on . . .Long Island. . .In East Germany, Karl-Heinz Stadtmueuller bettered the world record for 30 Km with a 2:14:16 on he track.

**35 Years Ago** (From the April 1977 ORW)—Wayne Glusker and Dave Himmelberger shared the National 35 Km title, finishing in 3:03:50 in Palo Alto. Bryan Snazelle was just 41 seconds back. . .Shaul Ladany continued his domination of the ultras, winning the National 75 Km title in a record 7:04:48 (4:35:44 at 50). Martin Kraft was second in 7:27:15. Alan Price third, and Gerry Bocci fourth. . .In Turku Finland, Reima Salonen did an indoor 3 Km in 11:03.1, passing 1 Mile in 5:53.2.

**30 Years Ago** (From the April 1982 ORW)—Marco Evoniuk left Jim Heiring after 17 miles and went on to a decisive win in the National 35 Km. His 2:48:08 left Heiring nearly 3 minutes back. Ray Sharp was just under 3 hours in third. . .Ralf Kowalsky had a world record of 2:05:54 for 30 Km in East Germany.

**25 Years Ago** (From the April 1987 ORW)—Tim Lewis and Debbi Lawrence emerged victorious in the DC Invitational walks. Lewis had 1:27:16 for 20 Km, 38 seconds ahead of Carl Schueler. Ray Sharp had 1:29:24 and Mike Stauch and Steve Pecinovsky 1:29:59. Dave McGovern was just 3 seconds over the 1:30 mark. Lawrence was convincing as her 47:33 put her 63 seconds ahead of Lynn Weik, with Maryanne Torrellas third in 48:56 in the 10. The Vaill sisters, Teresa and Lisa, also broke 50 minutes.

**20 Years Ago** (From the April 1992 ORW)—Carl Schueler and Marco Evoniuk both qualified for their fourth Olympic team at the 50 Km trial in New Orleans. Joining them was Herm Nelson who gutted it out in second place for a 4:04:38, just under the qualifying standard of 4:05. Evoniuk in third (4:09:44) already had met the standard. Schueler won the race in 4:02:10, after going through 25 Km in 1:56:57, which proved a bit quick on the day, but he was never in danger of losing the race. Following the first three were Andrzej Chylinski (4:11:53), Jonathan Mattnews (4:12:28), and Dan O'Connor 4:13:53). . .At the National Invitational in Washington, D.C., Canada's Janice McCaffrey edged Teresa Vaill in the 10 Km 45:07 to 45:16. Lynn Weik (45:38) and Maryanne Torrellas (48:06) followed. Tim Lewis won another title at 20 Km in 1:28:47, 25 seconds ahead of Ian Whatley. Dave McGovern lead a closely bunched pack for third in 1:29:31, as five more (Ray Funkhouser, Mark Manning,

Steve Pecinovsky, Carl Scueler, and Marc Varsano) came in under 1:30. . .Alan James passed on the D.C. race, but a week earlier blasted a 1:25:01 in Long Beach. Dave Marchese followed in 1:28:56. . .A competitive 20Km in Monterrey, Mexico saw Czech Igor Kollar winning in 1:22:57, with six others at 1:24 or better. . .Another Czech, Roman Mrazek was second followed by Russia's Mikhail Schennikov, Ernesto Canto, Italy's Walter Arena, Joel Sanchez, and Daniel Garcia. . .In a show of strength, Spain had five walkers under 3:50 in their National 50, won by Jaime Barroso in 3:48:08.

**15 Years Ago** (From the April 1997 ORW)—Russia dominated the World Cup races held in the Czech Republic, taking both men's and women's titles. They finished one-two in the women's 10 Km race with Irina Stankina finishing in 41:52 and Olimpiada Ivanova in 41:59. China's Yan Gu was third in 41:15, wit Erica Alfridi of Italy fourth. Italy, China, and Belarus followed the Russians in the team standings. The U.S. finished 14th of the 31 teams, led by Victoria's 46:31 in 50th place. The men's 20 went to Olympic Champion Jefferson Perez, Ecuador, in 1:18:24, just 3 seconds ahead of Mexico's Daniel Garcia, who led Russia's Ilya Markov by just 3 seconds. Curt Clausen led the U.S. contingent with a 1:24:41 in 60th. At 50, Spain's Jesus Garcia won in 3:39:54, 18 seconds ahead of Oleg Ishutkin, Russia. Finland's Valentin Kononen and Russia's Nikolay Matyukhin were third and fourth. Andrzej Chylinski was the top U.S. finisher with a 4:07:15 in 44th place. In the team standings, Russia finished well ahead of Mexico and Belarus. The U.S. was 16th among the 44 teams competing.

**10 Years Ago** (From the April 2002 ORW)—Matt Boyles mad his first 20 Km race a memorable as he won the annual Jack Mortland Race in Yellow Springs, Ohio in 1:30:26. . .In the National Invitational races in Washington, D.C> 20 Km wins went to Kevin Eastler in 1:33:51 and Teresa Vaill in 1:37:56. . .Australian title winners were Jane Saville in 1:34:18 and Nathan Deakes in 1:23:36. . .In England, Ireland's Gillian O'Sullivan overwhelmed Norway's Kjersti Platzer in a women's 20 Km, 1:29:53 too 1:30:08. . .The Spanish 50Km title went to Miguel Odriozola in 3:47:55, nearly 5 minutes ahead of Santiago Perez. Maria Vasco won the women's 20 in 1:28:47.

**5 Years Ago** (From the April 2007 ORW)—In Pan Am Cup races in Brazil Ecuador's Jefferson Perez won the men's 20 Km in 1:25:08, just 1 second ahead of Colombia's Jose Restrepo. Kevin Estler was the first U.S. walker in seventh with 1:29:47. El Salvador's Cristina Lopez prevailed in 1:39:21, 21 seconds ahead of Ecuador's Miriam Ramon. Sam Cohen of the U.S. was 12th in 1:45:43, just ahead of Jolene Moore. Team titles in these two races went to Mexico and Ecuador. Mexico's Alvaro Garcia won te 50 in 4:04:52, with Philip Dnun fourth for the U.S. in 4:14:58. Dunn was joined was joined by ancients Ray Sharp (4:33:00 for ninth), Curt Clausen, and Mark Green for an improbablyeteam title, as no one else finished a team of three. . .In Rio Maior, Portugal, IAAF Challenge wins went to Rytta Tureva, Belarus (1:28:01) in the women's 20 and Italy's Ivano Brugnetti (1:20:21) in the men's 20. Norway's Kjersti Platzer and Australia's Luke Adams were the second place finishers.

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