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Russians Sweep Team Titles At World Cup; Colombian Juniors, China's Wang Top Them In Individual Races

Saransk, Russia, May 12-13 (With thanks to Paul Warburton of the IAAF for much of the commentary)—Home turf was very kind to Russia's deep stable of racewalkers as they scored decisive team wins in all five World Cup races. And in the women's 20 and men's 50, they captured both gold and silver medals individually, to go along with silver and bronze in the men's 20 behind China's Zhen Wang.

But perhaps there is hope for the rest of the world in the future—Colombia scored individual wins in both the Junior 10 Km races and Russia managed only a bronze in the women's 10 and silver in the men's 10.

The junior men's 10 was up first on Saturday and Colombia's Eider Arevalo defended his gold medal from 2010. The Colombian bided his time after the initial charges of others subsided and a lead pack of 13 went through the first 5 in a rather leisurely 21:28. Arevalo was moving much quicker than anyone at 6 Km and his fluent style contrasted to the labored efforts of Alexander Ivanov, who was trying to win for his hometown. Ivanov took the lead from Mexican Jesus Vega, but Arevalo ramped up the gears to take the final 2 Km lap in something less than minutes to finish 25 seconds ahead in 41:17. Vega was well clear of the rest of the field for the bronze, 14 seconds behind Ivanov.

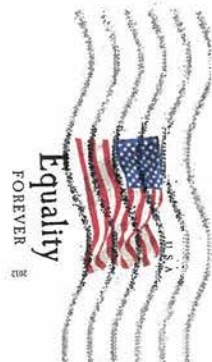
Arevalo became only the second junior to defend a gold, following Russia's Vera Sokolova in the 2004 and 2006 women's races. He was joined by teammate Kenny Perez (ninth) for team silver behind the Russian team of Ivanov and Damir Babykov (fourth).

Another Colombian, Sandra Arenas, captured the junior Women's 10, which immediately followed. This was one of the best races in World Cup history when it came to the drama of lead switching in the second half of the race. By 5 Km it became clear that the medals would be decided among a group of four who had left the rest behind. But who would win and who would be left out?

With Russia having won three of the four titles since the start of the junior race in 2004, the odds seemed to favor the Russian duo of Nadezhda Leontyeva and Ekaterina Medvedeva. After all, the pair had the fastest times of the year. But, inspired by Arevalo's win, Arenas was determined that it would be different. Leontyeva made the first move soon followed by Mexico's Alejandra Ortega, who made her bid for glory. Then Medvedeva moved up and the two Russians started the final lap 2000 meters ahead of Ortega, with Arenas seemingly out of it.

But Arenas was not finished and suddenly moved back with the leaders. Medvedeva was the first to crack and then Ortega drifted off the back. Arenas then shot by Leontyeva to

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open a gap. And the race was over, Arenas reaching the finish line in 45:57 a clear winner, with Ortega rallying one more time to capture the silver in 46:00, two seconds ahead of Leontyeva. Medvedeva was spent and struggled home in 46:18

In Saturday's final race, the Russians were disappointed once again in their quest for individual gold. As China's 20-year-old Zhen Wang prevailed in 1:19:13 with pre-race favorite Valeriy Borchin--Olympic and two-time World Champion--struggling home in tenth

Wang could see the man along side him was dancing with danger after Russia's Andrey Krivov had two DQ's posed on the huge screen. It was the perfect platform for Wang to mount a second sprint having already moved into the lead shortly after the halfway point. It still meant the young Chinese walker had to find the reserves to finish strongly and gain successful defense of his country's individual gold in the event (Hao Wang won in 2010). But, by the time he crossed the line, Krivov was 14 seconds back with an even greater gap to third..

The initial pace was set by Russia's Sergey Morozov who went through 5 Km in 20:29, with 19 others within 4 seconds of him. By 10, the field had dwindled as Wang, having quickened the pace decisively, went through in 40:11 with only eight others within 5 seconds.. Stepping up the pace another notch, Wang reached 15 Km in 59:47, now accompanied by Krivov. The closest pursuers were Russians Vladimir Kanaykin and Morozov (60:02). At the finish, Vladimir Kanaykin was a lonely third and Ukraine's Ruslan Dmytrenko had hauled in Morozov for fourth. The Russians completed an impressive team performance with Andrey Ruzavin in sixth and Borchin in tenth.

Wang's 39:02 for the second half was impressive on a very warm day. Another disappointment, besides Borchin, was Guatemala's Erich Barrondo, who had a 1:18:25 in March. He was with the leaders when DQ'd at 12 Km.

Wang gave credit to his Italian coach Sandor Damilano, brother of Olympic gold medalist Maurizio. Wang said: "I did not expect to win as Russia was on home soil. At 16 km, I thought there was a chance and it was only at the end I realized I was in the lead by a distance. Damilano is a great coach and I have followed him for two years." Krivov said: "It may be just silver--but it was platinum to me because I can now go to London and the Olympics." Kanaykin admitted hometown pressure had been a factor. "It was a big responsibility to be here and perform in front of so many supporters. I won't know until my next race in June whether I'm going to the Olympics."

In Sunday's 50 Km, individual gold finally came to Russia, along with silver and another team title. In the end, it came down to the last 20 meters after more than three and a half hours in the sun. Just when Igor Erokhin thought he had nailed down his first major gold, a man who has two of them decided otherwise. Sergey Kirdyapkin shot to the left of his teammate and drew reserves from somewhere to sprint ahead and win by just 2 seconds. The chances are the former IAAF World Champion would still have been able to dive over the line and win. But Erokhin's hopes of reducing the gap to a photo finish were hardly helped when he was misdirected at the finishing line. As he was shunted left to follow Kirdyapkin, there was a lingering thought it might have been closer still had the medalist followed the right line. It seemed to matter little as both flung tired arms around each other in exultation, and it meant a return to the top of the podium for Russia at 50 km for the first time since the event was last held here in 2008.

Australia's Jared Tallent held first from the gun until just over 41 Km, but when the hammer went down from the Russian pair, Tallent went backwards and settled for the same bronze he won in 2010.

Tallent and China's Jinguo Zhao laid down an early marker and had as much as 80 meters on the entire Russian team of five. But Zhao had clearly overcooked it and no sooner had he passed 20Km in a little over 1:28:00 he pulled off the course and left Tallent to the red vests. By 25 Km, reached in 1:49:20, it was Tallent, Russia's Sergey Bakulin and Erokhin, as Kirdyapkin had dropped 18 seconds back.

But Kirdyapkin quickly bridged this gap and soon, Bakulin, last year's World Champion, started to fade in the 80+ temperature. When it was Tallent's turn to suffer, it came down to an 8 Km duel decided when Kirdyapkin between the two Russians with Kirdyapkin finally prevailing.

Kirdyapkin finished in 3:38:08, nearly 2 ½ minutes ahead of the fading Tallent. In fourth was China's Tianfeng Si who came on strong and finished nearly 3 minutes ahead of Bakulin, who lost over 8 minutes to the leaders in the final 10.

In the team picture the surprising Ukraine captured their third bronze of the weekend the others coming in the men's 20 and jr. women's 10.

The final race of the weekend saw the Russians take one-two in the women's 20 Km, although favorite Olga Kaniskina had to settle for silver, well back of Elena Lashmanova. The Olympic and IAAF World champion was expected to breeze through this event in her hometown, but instead the breeze she felt was that of Lashmanova brushing past her on the way to gold.

The 20-year old Lashmanova made one move just after 15 km, where she had led by 3 seconds in 1:06:23, as the pair led third place Maria Poves of Spain by more than 40 seconds. But Kaniskina fought back into contact, only to have Lashmanova make another, and decisive move, a kilometer later. A small gap quickly became 100 meters and then nearly a minute by the end, as Lashmanova finished in 1:27:38--a 21:15 for the final 5. Kaniskina finished in 1:28:33 and Poves hung on for bronze in 1:29:10, 45 seconds ahead of China's Xiuzhi Lu.. Then it was nearly a minute more back to fifth-place finisher Beatriz Pascual of Spain. The 3-5 finish by Spain carried them to the team silver behind the Russians, who also had Anisya Kirdyapkina in sixth.

"I was nervous before the race and I had to work extra hard," said Lashmanova. "With 2 Km to go, I believed I could win. I wanted Olga to cross the finishing line with me--but she was a bit behind." (An understatement.) Kaniskina added, "Today we showed we are ready for the Olympic Games."

Poves reckoned the psychological boost of a bronze will stand her in good stead in London as well: "This medal was very important to me. It gives me the certainty I can compete with the best at the front of a race."

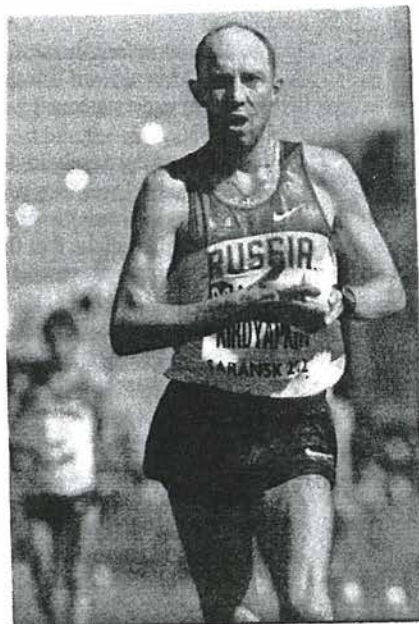
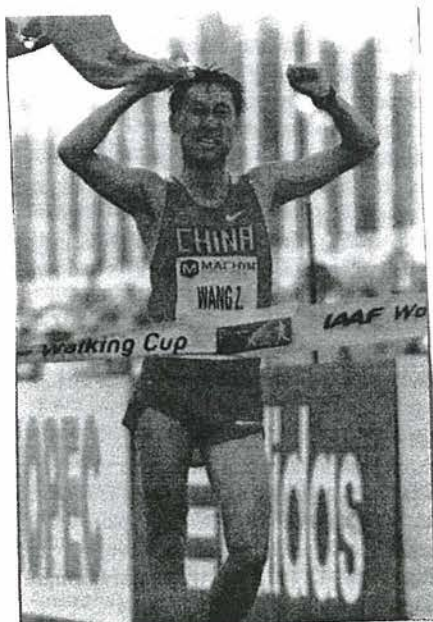
There were eight nations that finished teams in all five races, clearly led by Russia with their five golds. China was second best in overall performance with three silvers and two bronzes. And then came the surprising Ukraine, with four bronzes and a sixth place. Spain, Italy, and Belarus also had strong overall showings. The other two nations with team finishes in all five races were Poland and France. Although they did not finish a team in the women's 20, Mexico probably emerged as the strongest nation after Russia, China, and Ukraine with three fourths and a seventh.

The results:

Women's 20 Km: 1. Elena Lashmanova, Russia 1:27:38 2. Olga Kaniskina, Russia 1:28:33 3. Maria Jose Poves, Spain 1:29:10 4. Xiushi Lyu, China 1:29:55 5. Beatriz Pascual, Spain 1:30:46 6. Anisya Kirdyapkina, Russia 1:31:00 7. Elisa Rigaud, Italy 1:31:25 8. Olive Loughnane, Ireland 1:31:32 9. Ana Cabecinha, Portugal 1:31:42 10. Ines Henriques, Portugal 1:31:43 11. Julia Takacs, Spain 1:32:05 12. Claudia Stef, Romania 1:32:15 13. Olena Shumkina, Ukraine 1:32:19 14. Eleonora Giorgi, Italy 1:32:57 15. Shenjie Qieyang, China 1:33:00 16. Ni Gao, China 1:33:04 17. Vera Santos, Portugal 1:33:08 18. Kumi Otowshi, Japan 1:33:09 19. Melanie Seeger, Germany 1:33:24 20. Olia Iakovenko, Ukraine 1:33:29 21.

Federica Ferraro, Italy 1:33:41 22. Irina Ymanova, Russia 1:34:17 23. Jingjing Nie, China 1:34:30 24. Regan Lambie, Australia 1:34:34 25. Mayra Herrera, Guatemala 1:34:46 26. Lucie Pelantova, Czech. Rep. 1:34:48 27. Kristina Saltanovic, Lithuania 1:35:32 28. Ingrid Hernandez, Colombia 1:35:43 29. Claudia Balderrama, Bolivia 1:35:54 30. Arabelly Orjuela, Colombia 1:36:14 31. Paulina Buziak, Poland 1:36:17 32. Nadkya Borovska, Ukraine 1:36:27 33. Hanna Drabena, Belarus 1:36:43 34. Sylwia Korzeniowska, France 1:36:53 35. Laura Reynolds, Ireland 1:37:06 36. Agnieszka Szarnog, Poland 1:37:14 37. Ana Roeann, Romania 1:37:23 38. Erica De Sena, Brazil 1:37:44 39. Laura Polli, Switzerland 1:38:01 40. Anita Kasemaka, Latvia 1:38:04 41. Brigita Virbalyte, Lithuania 1:38:25 42. Hohanna Jackson, Great Britain 1:38:29 43. Sandra Galvis, Colombia 1:38:34 44. Sniazhana Yurchanka, Belarus 1:38:37 45. Milangela Rosales, Venezuela 1:38:43 46. Rachel Seaman, Canada 1:38:44 (23:47, 48:14, 1:13:20) 47. Anne Halkivaha, Finland 1:39:08 48. Paola Perez, Ecuador 1:39:11 49. Miranda Melville, USA 1:39:14 (24:31, 49:11, 1:14:12) 50. Ana Maria Groza, Bolivia 1:39:16 51. Edina Fusti, Hungary 1:39:22 52. Maritza Guaman, Ecuador 1:39:31 53. Neringa Aidityte, Lithuania 1:39:34 55. Antonella Palmisano, Italy 1:40:17. .62. Erin Gray, USA 1:42:16 (24:31, 49:38, 1:15:43). .73. Lauren Fergues, USA 1:44:31 (24:32, 50:13, 1:17:30). .77. Katy Burnett, USA 1:46:11 (25:24, 52:05, 1:19:14) DNF—Solomiya Login, USA (26:14) (86 finishers, 14 DNF, 5 DQ)

Team Scores (Cross country scoring based on first three finishers)—1. Russia 9 2. Spain 19 3. China 35 4. Portugal 36 5. Italy 42 6. Ukraine 65 7. Romania 99 8. Colombia 101 9. Lithuania 121 10. Poland 127 11. Belarus 131 12. Ecuador 168 13. France 162 14. USA 182 15. Hungary 215



World Cup gold medalists Zhen Wang and Sergey Kirdyapkin.

Men's 20 Km: 1. Zhen Wang, China 1:19:27 2. Andrey Krivov, Russia 1:19:27 3. Vladimir Kanaykin, Russia 1:19:43 4. Ruslan Dmytrenko, Ukraine 1:20:17 5. Sergey Morozov, Russia 1:20:26 6. Andrey Ruzavin, Russia 1:20:37 7. Nazar Kovalenko, Ukraine 1:20:38 8. Eder Sanchez, Mexico 1:20:58 9. Deng Cehn, China 1:21:05 10. Valeriy Borchin, Russia 1:21:29 11. Qi Zhao, China 1:21:46 12. Robert Heffernan, Ireland 1:21:51 13. Ivan Losev, Ukraine 1:21:57 14. Inaki Gomex, Canada 1:21:58 (20:26, 40:58, 61:36) 15. Rafal Fedaczynski, Poland 1:22:05 16. Isamu Fujisawa, Japan 1:22:05 1. Ivan Trotski, Belarus 1:22:05 18. Caio Bonfim, Brazil 1:22:05 19. Irfan Kolothum Thodi, India 1:22:09 20. Joao Vieira, Portugal 1:22:11 21. Chris Erickson, Australia 1:22:20 22. Giorgio Rubino, Italy 1:22:42 23. Adam Rutter, Australia 1:22:54 24. Babubhai Kesharabhai Panucha, India 1:22:55 25. Bertrand Moulinet France 1:22:59 26. Yuki Hamazaki, Japan 1:23:19 27. Luke Adams, Australia 1:23:28 28. Gustavo Restrepo, Colombia 1:23:34 29. Pedro Daniel Gomez, Mexico 1:23:40 30. Hao Wang, China 1:23:40 31. James Rendon, Colombia 1:23:43 32. Jarkko Kinnunen, Finland 1:23:43 33. Jose Leonardo Montana, Colombia 1:23:45 34. Surinder Singh, India 1:24:05 35. Zelin Cai, China 1:24:09 36. Benjamin Sanchez, Spain 1:24:10 37. Jakub Jelonek, Poland 1:24:18 38. Matteo Giupponi, Italy 1:24:23 39. Koichiro Morioka, Japan 1:24:44 40. Trevor Barron, USA 1:24:54 (20:25, 40:46, 63:02) 41. Francisco Arcilla, Spain 1:25:05 42. Antonin Boyez, France 1:25:20 43. Armond Nel, South Africa 1:25:27 44. Miguel Angel Lopez, Spain 1:25:31 45. Dane Mird-Smith, Australia 1:25:41 46. Dzianis Simanovich, Belarus 1:25:41 47. Andrei Talashka, Belarus 1:25:51 48. Jonathan Rieckmann, Brazil 1:25:52 49. Riccardo Machia, Italy 1:26:10 50. David Mejia, Mexico 1:26:11 51. Luis Lopez, Colombia 1:26:14 52. Edward Araya, Chile 1:26:14 53. Isaac Palma, Mexico 1:26:25 54. Rolando Saquipay, Ecuador 1:26:37 55. Alex Wright, Great Britain 1:26:38 56. Vitali Talankou, Belarus 1:26:43 57. Ihor Lyaschenko, Ukraine 1:26:49 58. Ever Palma, Mexico 1:26:56 59. Marcel Lehmert, Germany 1:27:06 60. Perseus Karlstrom, Sweden 1:27:14. .82. Creighton Connolly, Canada 1:30:49 98. Patrick Stroupe, USA 1:37:59 (21:56, 44:47, 69:56). .101. Nick Christie, USA 1:41:48 (22:50, 48:25, 1:15:08). .102. Bruno Carriere, Canada 1:43:28 103. Dan Serianni, USA 1:45:02 (23:49, 47:54, 1:15:23). .DQ—Tim Seaman, USA (21:51, 43:45,) (105 finishers, 6 DQ, 13 DNF including Evan Dunfee, Canada)

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Lithuania 4:06:44. David Berdeja, Mexico 4:06:55 45. Aldjandro Florez, Switzerland 4:07:36 46. Dionisio Ventura, Portugal 4:10:27 47. Vitaliy Anichkin Kazakhstan 4:10:30 48. Luis Bil, Portugal 4:11:47 49. Herve Davaux, France 4:12:39 50. Pavel Yarokhau, Belarus 4:12:40 51. Dominic King, Great Britain 4:13:25 52. Georgiy Sheiko, Kazakhstan 4:13:58 53. Dudan Majdan, Slovakia 4:14:15 54. Lorenzo Dessi, Italy 4:14:56 55. Abdinur Alibek, Kazakhstan 4:14:57. . .DNF—Ben Shorey, USA (2:23:57 at 30 Km) and Erich Cordero, USA (1:45:48 at 20 Km) (72 finishers, 35 DNF, 3 DQ)

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Women's 20 Km winner Elena Lashmanova

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31 Mert Atli, Turkey 44:35 32. Nathan Boll, Australia 44:52 33. Artsium Trkou, Belarus 44:58 34. Alvaro Martin, Spain 45:01 35. Marc Tur, Spain 45:07 36. Adrien Cassagnes, France 45:12 37. Miguel Caarlvalho, Portugal 38. Mohammed Saleh, Egypt 45:19 39. Manuel Soto, Colombia 45:24 40. Keny Guidnaudeau, France 45:37. . .46. Alejandro Chavez, USA 46:28. . .49. Michael Nemeth, USA 46:48. . .58. Jonathan Hallman, USA 48:51 (63 finishers, 1 DQ, 3 DNF)

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As a footnote to the World Cup, While Spain's Jesus Garcia is celebrated for his very successful 10 World Cup appearances, Holland's Harold Van Beek competed in his 12th World Cup at Saransk, unfortunately an unsuccessful one as he was DQ'd in the 20. He had been tied with Sweden's Bo Gustafsson for the most World Cup appearances. Harold's best finish was 36th in the 50 in 1993 with a 4:15:08. Those with nine or more World Cup appearances are: Harold Van Beek, Holland 12; Bo Gustafsson, Sweden 11; Jesus Garcia, Spain; Augusto Cardoso, Portugal and Michael Harvey, Australia 10; Sergio Gualdino, Brazil; Alessandro Bellucci, Italy; Pavol Blak, Czechoslovakia; Martin Bermudes, Mexico; Ulf-Peter-Peter Sjöholm, Sweden; and **Dan O'Connor, USA 9**. Among the women, the list reads: Graciela Mendoza, Mexico and Ildiko Ilyes, Hungary 10; Susana Feitor, Portugal; Kristina Saltanovic, Lithuania; and Maria Rosza, Hungary 8; Jane Saville, Australia; Kerry Junna-Saxby, Australia; Aniko Szerbensky, Hungary; and Monica Gunnarsson, Sweden 7. (Thanks to Luis Diaz of Portugal for this listing.)

Other results

4000 meters, Farmingdale, N.Y., May 6—1. Molly Josephs (18) 21:10.1 2. Jenna Monahan (23) 22:01.9 3. Katie Milcha (16) 22:02.2 4. Kelly Maranchuck (17) 22:12.1 5. Holly Lindoe (16) 22:13.0 6. Maria Michta 22:15.6 7. Natalie DeQuarto (16) 22:15.8 8. Sarah La Porte (16) 23:46.6 9. Allison McConville (15) 24:23.6 10. Katie Connors (16) 24:48.9 (finishers) **New York City High School 1500 meter Championships: Staten Island Borough:** 1. Jessica szela 8:04 2. Meirrel Hosny 8:27.7 (12 finishers) **Manhattan Borough:** 1. Karen Zheng 7:27.96 2. Jessica Zalph 7:37.6 3. Jennifer Zhou 7:59.84 4. Janie Ou Yang 8:01.12 5. Mei Yin Wu 8:08.78 6. Lio Qi Kong 8:10.31 (16 finishers) **Bronx Borough:** 1. Helen Zou 8:44.82 (7 finishers) **Queens Borough:** 1. Sophia Mahin 7:14.1 2. Gabriela Kluzinski 8:28.7 (6 finishers) **Brooklyn Borough:** 1. Hannah Wilson 8:53.71 (14 finishers) **Girls H.S. 1500, Byram Hills, N.Y.—1.** Maria Gorecki 7:30.23 2. Kristi Licursi 7:25:28 3. Alex Shaw 7:46.78 4. Caroline Mir 7:53.90 5. Kristina Magana 8:17.84 6. Victoria Parrish 8:24.94 (15 finishers) **Al Saner 20,000 meters (track), Point Pleasant, N.J., May 20—1.** Michelle Rohl (46) 1:50:57 (53:48 at 10,000; first race in 10 years for the three-time Olympian. She brought Rachel Tylock to the Mortland walks in Dayton 2 weeks earlier—see results below—and indicated that she was training some with Rachel, but not planning any comeback. Maybe not a comeback, but at least some competition in a decent time.) 2. Rachel Tylock, Mansfield U. 1:54:42 3. Maria Paul (45+) 2:23:40 **Men—1.** Tom Quattrocchi, Shore AC (60+) 2:23:32 2. Dr. Pat Bivona (70+) 2:25:34 **Penn Relays, Philadelphia, May 2, 2012: 10,000 meters—1.** Michael Mannozi, Miami Valley TC 44:38.27 2. Richard Luettrichau, Shore AC 44:03.58 3. Samuel Babativa 44:47.15 4. Cody Risch, Cornerstone U. 46:35.72 5. Joel Pfahler, Miami Valley TC 49:09.23 **Women's 5000 meters—1.** Jill Cobb, Miami Valley 23:02.77 2. Katie Burnett 23:48.72 3. Erin Taylor, Shore AC 24:07.20

4. Susan Randall, Miami Valley 24:21.11 5. Rachel Tylock, Mansfield U. 24:25.54 6. Janelle Brown, Cornerstone U. 25:22.88 7. Rachel Zylofski, RIT 26:40.77 8. Jenna Monahan, Walk USA 27:20.53 9. Lindsay Hartman, Drexel U. 27:33.62 10. Tina Peters, Miami Valley 28:00.47 11. Mercedes Mancha, St. Xavier U. 28:00.83 **Jr. Men's 10,000**—1. Lucas Bourget, Lakers TC 50:28.46 2. Anthony Peters, Elgin Sharks 50:30.44 3. Alex Peters, Elgin Sharks 52:03.91 **Jr. Women 5000**—1. Abby Dunn, Maine RW 25:31.80 2. Molly Josephs, Walk USA 25:50.75 3. Nicole Court-Menendez, Maine RW 27:50.87 **Masters Men 10,000**—1. Dave Talcott, Shore AC 50:13.33 2. Bill Vayo,un. 56:35.18 **Masters Women 5000**—1. Maryanne Daniel, Conn. RW 26:53.61 **Girls HS. 5000**—1. Katie Michta 25:25.05 2. Annica Penn 26:10.92 3. Kelly Maranchuck 26:16 4. Holly Lindos 28:50.62 5. Sophia Mahin 26:55.96 6. Katie Kong 27:15.42 7. Natalie DeQuarto 28:33.4 8. Sarah LaPorta 28:34.01 9. Katie Connors 28:52.15 **20 Km, Embury-Riddle U., Florida, April 27**—1. Michele Bonk 1:46:49 Men—1. Ian Whatley 1:41:12 **Jack Mortland Racewalks, Dayton, Ohio, May 6: 20Km**—1. Mike Mannozi 1:37:07 (24:16, 48:11, 1:12:18) 2. Jill Cobb 1:39:01 (24:37, 48:59, 1:13:46) 3. Jonathan Hallman (18) 1:40:51 4. Mike Tarantino 1:42:15 5. Joel Pfahler 1:46:18 6. Chris Schmidt (65) 1:51:50 7. Paul Trembly (47) 1:59:35 8. Erika Shaver 1:59:17 9. Max Walker (65) 2:01:53 10. Cathy Mayfield (60) 2:14:20 DNF—Rachel Tylock (19) 1:22:38 at 15; Josh Wiseman 48:45 at 10; Jake Gunderkline 50:10 at 10; DQ—Kyle Hively) **10 Km**—1. Omar Nash 51:08 2. Susan Randall 53:42 3. Reini Brickson 57:57 4. Emily Belovich (14) 62:39 DQ—Mitchell Brickson 49:40. **5 Km**—1. Damon Clements (56) 28:26 2. Michael Belovich (12) 34:38 3. Erika Graves (42) 34:44 4. Kennedy Graves (11) 37:49 **20 Km, Prairie Springs, Wis., May 6**—1. Ben Shoreyu 1:34:08 (23:18, 23:32, 23:40, 23:38) 2. Alkesandr Jakobsen 1:49:19 3. Pablo Gomez (4) 1:50:19 **10 Km, same place**—1. Andy Kaestner (47) 58:15 2. Klaus Thiedmann (57) 58:43 3. William Hosken (74) 71:44 **10 Km, Pasadena, Cal., April 15**—1. Alex Kazarayan (57) 58:58 2. Ryan Thong (12) 67:25 3. Mike Mizote (54) 67:52 4. Deo Jaravata (47) 69:02 5. Carl Acosta (78) 71:11 6. Bill Moremen (84) 74:49 **Women**—1. Pagtsy Hurley (17) 61:18 2. Kristin Ugrob (42) 71:38 3. Jolene Steigerwalt (6*) 72:15 4. Darlene Bakclund (66) 72:17 5. Wendy Clark (58) 72:39 **B5 Km, same place**—B1. Yaron Cohen 31:04 2. Deo Jaravata 32:01 3. Ray Billig (55) 33:45 4. Constantine Yap (12) 34:55 (7 finishers, 1 DQ) **Women**—1. Julia Townsend (19) 31:49 2. Janelle Zamota (12) 32:32 3. Paula Rasmussen (58) 34:49 4. Shirley Capps (77) 38:19 (8 finishers, 1 DQ) **20 Km, Banks, Oregon, May 6**—1. Ian Whatley (50+) 1:37:49 2. Rob Frank (50+) 1:58:34 3. Katie Grimes (40+) 2:01:16 **Japanese 50 Km, Wajima, April 15**—1. Yuki Yamazaki 3:41:47 2. Takayaki Tanii 3:41:52 3. Koichiro Morioka 3:45:22 **French 20 Km, Saran, April 15**—1. Bertrand Moulinet 1:21:42 2. Kevin Campion 1:24:45 3. Hatem Ghoulia, Tunisia 1:26:32 **Women**—1. Sylwia Korseniowska 1:34:11 2. Ines Pastorina 1:37:49 3. Emilie Menuet 1:37:56

Some Summertime Races

Sat. June 2	National USATF 10 Km., Albany, N.Y. (D)
Sun. June 3	10 and 20 Km, Pleasant Prairie, Wis. (I)
Wed. June 6	1 Mile, Yellow Springs, Ohio (M)
Thur. June 7	1 Mile, Houston (G)
Sat. June 9	Ohio 10 Km Championship (Optional 20 Km), Yellow Springs (M)
Sun. June 10	1500 meters, Yellow Springs, Ohio (M)
	5 Km, Cambridge, Mass, 9:30 am. (X)
	East Regional 5000 meters, Farmingville, N.Y. (D)
Thur. June 14	1 Mile, Houston (G)
Sun. June 17	2 Mile, New Orleans (L)
	New England 3000 meters, Weston, Mass., 11 am (X)

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)
Sun. July 8	5 Km, Brookline, Mass. , 9:30 am (X)
Mon. July 9	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
Wed. July 11	1 Mile, Yellow Springs, Ohio (M)
Sat. July 14	Bay State Games 3000 meters, Weston, Mass., 9:30am
Mon. July 16	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
Thur. July 19	1 Mile and 3000 meters, Yellow Springs, Ohio (M)
Sat. July 21	New England Masters and Open 3000 meters, Providence, Mass., 11:00 am
	West Region Masters 5 Km (U) (X)
Mon. July 23	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
Mon. July 30	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
Mon. Aug. 6	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. 6:45 pm (A)
Mon. Aug. 13	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 6:45 pm (A)
Aug. 2-5	National USATF Masters T&F Championships, Lisle, Ill. (D)
Sat. Aug. 18	Virginia and east Regional 1500meters, Virginia Beach (N)
Mon.. Aug. 20	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J. 6:45 pm (A)

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From Heel To Toe

Joe Vitucci. Joe Vitucci, a long-time racewalker from Cincinnati and for many of those years an ORW subscriber, passed away on May 7. In 1983, he set, he set a National age-group record for 20 Km with a 2:04:03. He also won the age 60-64 title at the 5th World Masters Games held in San Juan, Puerto Rico with a 2:05:18. Joe was 88 years old when he died. . . **A pioneering woman.** Ahead of her time—a time when women's racewalking was almost non-existent in most of the world—Jennie Woods in Australia published a booklet entitled "Step By Step Walking". The Introduction offers an interesting approach: "If you want to walk, then most decidedly do so, but firstly why not obtain some constructive suggestions as to how to walk correctly, and so save time and the possibility of learning and perhaps having to change your style—you may as well aim for a dual goal, i.e., stylist as well as speedster. Walking after all is the natural form of progress and it can be a science of negotiating in an attractive athletic manner that which we humans achieve each time we place one foot ahead of the other in order to advance upon terra firma. It is intended that this booklet should prove of assistance to those who desire to attain perfection in walking, also to those who are desirous of training or advising young walkers." In a preface, the author noted: "As far as I am aware, this is the first time a publication of this kind has been written entirely by a woman for the benefit of women athletes." Following some 30 pages of instruction she notes: "In conclusion, let us walkers work together in the hope that our efforts be an example for the rest of the world to follow, by having walks for women, and that the current move to have walks included in Empire and Olympic Games will give Australian girlhood opportunities of taking their places in future International competition . . . " Hear! Hear! And in 50 years, though a while to really get started, much progress has been made. Now for the women's 50 in international games.

A Trip Down Memory Lane

Following are all, or parts of articles, I have come across recently, that honor three great racewalking athletes of the past. The first is an article from the Tipperary (Ireland) Star about John Kelly. Not old John Kelly, the marathoner of note, nor young John Kelly, marathon Olympian, nor rowing Olympian John Kelly, brother of Grace, but **the John Kelly**, racewalking Olympian, survivor of death valley, marathoner, boxer, rugby player,, etc. and all-around good fellow.

John Kelly

John Kelly was born on 6 Oct., 1929 at No. 7 Bridge, Loughmore [the cottage by the railway line on the Thurles to Templemore Road]. When he was three his family moved to Graystown, Killenaule and while there he was educated at Graystown National School. After a few years the family moved back to No. 7 Bridge, Loughmore and he attended Loughmore National School from 1941 to 1944. When he finished his schooling he worked near Moyglass on John Joe Lacy's farm and played Junior hurling with Moyglass. He left Ireland in 1949 when he emigrated to Melbourne, Australia and for the next few years he went back and forth to New Zealand following the construction trade. While in Australia he entered the 1956 Australian Olympic Trials for the hammer but had three no throws [one of which nearly landed in a tram full of people!! - there were no safety nets in those days, only the circle]. At 6' 2", John also competed in the '56 Trials in boxing - heavyweight and went out with a cut eye in the second round. He had won both light-heavyweight and heavyweight categories in a Golden Gloves Tournament in Melbourne in the early 1950's, and in New Zealand he was runner-up in the 1957 Senior Heavyweight Boxing Championships. In rugby he played wing forward with Marist clubs based in New Plymouth and Wellington, and in 1954 he won the Moran Cup at

Auckland's Eden Park with New Plymouth, the only time they have ever won it.

After moving to America in 1959, he was training at Bobby Gleason's Gym in New York six days a week considering a professional boxing career and was offered a pro fight but decided to concentrate on running instead. He finished 7th in brutally warm conditions in the 1964 Yonkers Marathon in New York which was one of two U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials for the 1964 Olympics. In January, 1965 he won the Philadelphia Marathon in 2:37:23 running the whole distance in several inches of snow, with snow continuing to fall all during the race!

In 1970 at Orange County he actually walked a marathon in 3:58:59. His best walking times for 20km and 50km are 1:32:30 [1967 Lawrence to Lowell Race in Massachusetts - setting a new course record] and 4:24:22 [June 1968, USA 50K Racewalk Championship in San Francisco]. John went on to represent Ireland at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City in the 50km race walking event but did not finish, overcome by the flu which he contracted two days before the event. His club at the time was Melrose A.A., based in New York, and after moving to California he competed for the Southern California Striders, Santa Monica Track Club and was coach and member of the California Walkers. In 1973 he earned a place in the Guinness Book of Records when he walked 120 miles in the notorious Death Valley Desert, California in the non-stop record time of 34 hours 9 minutes and 9 seconds, beating the previous record by an incredible 28 hours 30 minutes. In soaring July temperatures he attempted the feat to free the Forth Worth Five [Irish-Americans wrongly imprisoned in Texas], the ensuing publicity resulted in the dismissal of charges of supplying arms to the IRA and their release from prison - Senator Ted Kennedy and the Archbishop of Texas aided in this effort.

He has also engaged in sport at coaching and administrative levels, and was the race walking director at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics - this entailed not only organizing all volunteers but setting and measuring the course. In New York he completed a high school diploma through home study courses in the 1960's, and did some classes at Santa Monica City College in California in the 1970's.

He played a role in the musical film *Star!* featuring Julie Andrews and directed by Robert Wise, and in the mid 1970's he became a member of the Screen Actors Guild. A well traveled man, he has returned to Ireland to visit many times and has been to over 100 countries. Since 1998 John Kelly and his wife have lived in Prescott, Arizona and in 2003 there was a plaque unveiled in his honor outside Loughmore National School. He was also home for the 2004 Tipperary Sports Awards where he was the Knocknagow Award winner. The award is presented each year to a leading Tipperary sports person

Jim Hewson

Another tribute to the late, great Jim Hewson provided by Elliott Denman, who prefaces it with : "*It was Jimmy Hewson's decision to compete in the 1956 Olympic 20Km—after leading all USA walkers in the Trials—rather than in the 50, in which he place third in the Trials—or possibly compete in both of them—that gave me my own Olympic opportunity, and this opportunity surely has shaped the rest of my life.*" Hewson was a six-time National champion and also a great rower, as attested in the following article Elliott provided from the Buffalo News written by Tom Graham.

As a coxswain for Bishop Timon High School and the West Side Rowing Club in the late 1950s, I was mentioned by monitored by a man who competed in the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia, and by other older men and two brothers who had won U.S. and Canadian rowing championships.

As a sophomore and junior, I had the coxswain's responsibility of steering the boat on a straight course and giving verbal commands to men five to 15 years older than I in races for U.S. and Canadian rowing championships. The experienced, dedicated oarsmen, with their

commitment to hard work and excellence, and their trust and acceptance of me was as important passage for me from a boy to a young man.

To be in championship crews with Olympian Jim Hewson and win U.S. and Canadian rowing championships, has lasted a lifetime. Hewson trained six hours a day, seven days a week. His typical daily workout would include 1000 sit ups, weight lifting, walking 15 to 20 miles and rowing 5 to 7 miles..

Hewson was nominated for the Sullivan Award as the top amateur athlete in the U.S. because he was the first ever to qualify for both the 20 and 50 Km walking events at the 1956 Olympic Trials and compete in the 1956 Olympic Games in addition to his 71 trophies and 92 medals for rowing from 1937 to 1958.

(Ed. Hewson was important to me as well. In the 1961 National 20 in Buffalo, in which I finished second to Ron Zinn and qualified for the U.S. National T&F team for the Dual meet with the Soviet Union in Moscow, Jim was on the sideline, urging me on and giving me much encouragement, although he didn't know me at all. I suppose I would have finished second without his encouragement, but it certainly meant a lot to me at the time.)

Tommy Green

The career of a sporting hero who was unable to walk until he was five-years old but went on to win Olympic gold in road walking is to be celebrated in Hampshire this summer.



John Kelly

Olympian Tommy Green had the dubious honor of being presented with medals and trophies by both Mussolini and Hitler. But his greatest achievement was in 1932 in Los Angeles, when he won the Olympic 50 Km racewalk at the age of 38. Green's early life had not marked him out as a future Olympic champion.

He did not walk for the first five years of his life after developing rickets, he was injured after being crushed under a horse and during World War I suffered lung problems in a gas attack and was sent home to recover. But Green, who was born in Eastleigh in 1894, overcame these early setbacks to become the first and oldest winner of the 50 Km Olympic gold.

And ahead of the London 2012 Games, his life and achievements are being marked in his hometown with a street party and parade in his honor on July 15.

Thomas Green left school at 12 to work as a butcher's assistant before following his father into the Army with the 20th Hussars regiment. After the war, he settled in Eastleigh and became employed at the Eastleigh Railway Works, where he was later to lose a thumb in an industrial accident. He took up walking in 1926 at age 32, quickly winning races.

Speaking in 2009, his son, Ray Green, told local historian Jake Simpkin, "He came out of the First World War and he was asked to lead a blind man in a walk, and the blind man said, 'You're good Tommy, you should take it up.' My mother said he was daft. But after three walks he came back with a prize. After that he came with a prize practically every time."

He joined Belgrave Harriers Athletics Club and began entering and winning major road races both in the UK and overseas. His main competitor was the young Harold Whitlock, who frequently came second to Green.

His son tells of one occasion when the two athletes went head to head at the London to Brighton race. Green's train was delayed and he was half an hour late to the start line at Big Ben. The leaders were way off, but Green was determined to take part in the 52-mile walk.

"So this friend of his (Whitlock) that was always second to him saw the tape coming," remembered his son. He said 'At last, I'm going to win a London to Brighton', and he heard the clip, clip, of my father's heels and he beat him on the tape, and he said: 'You devil Tommy.'" Whitlock went on to take the gold for Great Britain at the Berlin Olympics in 1936.

It was the era of amateur athletes, and Tommy Green's greatest triumph in Los Angeles was only made possible by the support of a local cinema owner from Eastleigh. He paid for Green to attend the event and traveled over with him to America on the Empress of Britain—one of the most luxurious ships of its time.

Green won the race by more than 7 minutes in a time of 4:50:10 and he remains the oldest ever champion in the event. Walking remains part of the modern Games. The men's 50 Km in London will take place on August 11 on the streets around Buckingham Palace, finishing at the Mall.

The Tommy Green Walk To Victory event in July will be a recreation of an event held on September 22 1945 when Green took part in the walk to celebrate victory in Europe and Japan after World War II. Even at the age of 51, he had lost none of his walking prowess and came 17th out of 146 competitors over the course from Eastleigh, through Southampton to Lyndurst and back.

Point youth theater director Daniel Hill said; "This is going to be one of the biggest street parties Eastleigh has ever seen. To make it as authentic as possible, we want to hear from anyone with stories about Tommy Green or Eastleigh in the 1940 and 1950s."

LOOKING BACK

50 Years Ago (From the May 1962 American Race Walker, published by Chris McCarthy in Chicago)—Your editor, a spry 27-year-old at that time, journeyed west to capture the National 30 Km in Los Angeles in 2:36:03 with John Allen 3 minutes back and Ron Laird 3 minutes behind him. . . Pedestrian of the month was Corinne Blackburn, mommy of ORW Publisher Emeritus Jack Blackburn. Corinne, as one of the pioneers in women's racewalking, had best times of 56:45 for 5 miles and 68:10 for 6.

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

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

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

30 Years Ago (From the May 1982 ORW)—Jim Heiring and Marco Evoniuk finished fourth and fifth in an international 20 Km in Bergen, Norway, just inches apart, and were given the same time, an American record 1:25:59. Soviet Yevgeniy Yesyukov won the track race in 1:22:30. . . Dan O'Connor won the National 50 Km in 4:22:22 with Vincent O'Sullivan second and the Ohio Track Club's Chris Knott third in 4:35. . . Sue Cook walked a World Record 5 Km of 22:45.6 in Australia and also had a world best for 10 Km—47:13, but that was not acceptable as a world record since it was done in a men's race.

25 Years Ago (From the May 1987) ORW)—The World Cup of Racewalking came to the U.S. for the first time and the Soviets dominated the races in New York's Central Park, taking both the men's and women's titles. At 50, East Germany's Ronald Weigel blitzed the final 5 km in 20:56 to drop teammate Hartwig Gauder and win in 3:42:26. Gauder was 26 seconds back, and the third German, Dietmar Meisch, just 22 seconds behind him. The Soviets took the next four

spots, not far behind, to stay in contention for the teams title. (At that time there was just one overall title based on the two races. Now, a team title is given in each race.) Mexico's Carlos Mercenario, just 20-years old, was a surprise at 20 Km in 1:19:24, coming from 17 seconds back of teammate Ernesto Canto on the final 5. Canto faded to fifth, and a 2-3-9 finished by the Soviets, with no Germans in sight, sewed up the team title. Italy took second. The U.S. was ninth among 35 teams, led by time Lewis' 13th place in the 20 with a 1:22:27. The Soviet women took an easy team title at 10 Km, but only with the help of three DQ's on the Chinese team. Olga Krishtop was the winner in 43:22, 12 seconds ahead of Irina Strkhova. Maryanne Torrellas finished 16th in 46:28 and Teresa Vaill 20th in 46:50 as the U.S. women came in 6th of 23 teams.

20 Years Ago (From the May 1992 ORW)—Penn Relays titles went to Allen James with a 41:21.5 for 10 Km and Debbi Lawrence with 21:32.9 for 5. Dave McGovern was second in the 10 with 42:07. Michelle Rohl (22:08.5) and Teresa Vaill (23:36) followed Lawrence. . . In Mexico, Carlos Mercenario did 50 Km in 3:50:09, followed by Migeul Rodrigues (3:50:55) and German Sanchez (3:52:02). . . The Italian 50 went to Giovanni Perricelli in 3:55:01, 42 seconds ahead of Massimo Quirivone.

15 Years Ago (From the May 1997 ORW)—U.S. walkers stayed in Europe following April's World Cup races with some success. In Poland, Curt Clausen and Tim Seaman took 1-2 in a 10 Km race in 40:47 and 41:14. Dana Yarbrough won a women's 10 Km race in 46:24. A week later in Germany, Clausen did 1:25:32 for 15th in a 20 Km race, with Philip Dunn 24th in 1:28:22. Tim Seaman suffered a DQ. Victoria Herazo and Yarbrough finished 19th and 20th in a women's 10 Km at the same site with 45:57 and 45:52. Later in the month, Herazo was 27th in a 10 Km at Naumburg, Germany in 46:37. . . Herazo and Al Heppner won National 15 Km titles in Elk Grove, Ill. with times of 1:08:07 and 1:15:51. Mike Rohl was second to Heppner in 1:09:58. . . Heppner also won the Penn Relays 10 Km in 42:13:05, edging Will Van Axen (42:14:32).

10 Years Ago (From the May 2002 ORW)—National 30 Km titles went to Susan Armenta in 2:38:45 and Tim Seaman in 2:37:05. . . At the Penn Relays, U.W. Parkside walkers shone with Jim Heys (44:01.31) and Matt DeWitt (44:41.16) one-two in the men's 10 Km race and Amber Antonia (22:38.61) winning the women's 5 Km. Fastest of all, however, was UWP's Ben Shorey who won the Junior 10 in 43:20.60. . . Heys beat Shorey in a 20 Km in Kenosha, Wis., 1:29:54 to 1:32:35. . . In the NAA meet, Antonia won the women's 3 Km in 13:27.46 and Shorey beat Heys at 50 Km with 20:57.16. Heys did 21:09.97. . . On the world scene, Spain's Francisco Fernandez had a 1:17:2 for 20 Km in Turku, Finland, a world best on the road, leaving Poland's Robert Korzeniowski more than 2 minutes behind. . . In Naumburg, Germany, Spain's Juan Molina did 1:20:18, just seconds ahead of Ireland's Robert Hefferman. John Nunn was eighth in 1:24:49. . . Latvia's Algard Fedejevs did a 20 Km in 2:06:13 in Italy.

5 Years Ago (From the May 2007 ORW)—Belarus was the surprise team at the European Cup, winning team titles in both men's and women's 20 Km. Russian teams prevailed in the 50 and both Junior 10 Km races. Individually, Rytta Turava, Belarus, beat Russia's Olga Kaniskina at 20 Km, 1:27:52 to 1:28:13, with Elena Ginko, Belarus, just 16 seconds further back in third. France's Yohan Diniz won the men's 20 in 1:18:58, ahead of Ivano Brugnetti, Italy (1:19:36) and Igor Yerotkin, Russia (1:20:09). In the 50, Russia's Vladimir Kanaykin overcame a 54 second deficit in the final 10 to beat Norway's Trond Nymark in 3:40:57. Nymark finished in 3:41:31, 20 seconds ahead of Russia's Oleg Kistkin. Junior 10s went to Anisa Korokova in 43:17 and Sergey Morozov in 40:25, as the Russians took 1-2-3 in both races. . . In an IAAF Challenge race in Italy, Turava won in 1:27:10, 35 seconds of Norway's Kjersti Platzer. In the men's race, Erik Tysse, Norway (1:21:38) beat Australia's Luke Adams (1:22:18). . . Matt Boyles won the Jack Mortland 20 Km in Dayton, Ohio in 1:33:26 as he helped Patrick Stroupe (same time) to an Olympic Trials qualifier. Boyles could have gone much faster, but was content to help Stroupe achieve his goal.