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Michta's American Record Highlights Cup Trials: Nunn Leads Men

Manchester, N.J., March 30 (Elliott Denman reports)—“Time never stops. Life moves on. The world keeps spinning.” Those 10 words are a good capsule of Maria Michta’s outlook on life. The Long Island graduate school student—she’s a Ph.D. candidate in microbiology at Manhattan’s Mount Sinai School of Medicine—never stops either. Her dual lives as a brilliant student and world class racewalker keep moving right along. And her dossier of brilliant performances keeps on spinning, too.

Latest addition to her list of achievements—a list that will surely and eventually rank her as one of the most accomplished women’s racewalkers in American history—came Sunday morning. In cold, drizzly, and generally difficult conditions, the 27-year-old Nesconset, N.Y. and C.W. Post College grad blazed to an American women’s record performance of 1:31:10 for the 20 Km racewalk as she won the U.S. Trials for the 2014 World Cup of Racewalking.

She thus erased three prior American citizen’s record for the event that had been in the books nearly 14 years. And, she was thoroughly delighted. “This is awesome,” said Michta. “I got a PR (45:19 for her second 10 Km) and I did negative splits to get the American record, so I can’t be more happy. This is everything I wanted. I worked so hard, and I had so many people who helped me,” she continued. “It all came together. And now it’s on to the World Cup.”

When Michelle Rohl clocked a 1:31:51 on May 13, 2000 in Kenosha, Wisconsin, it became a mark destined to stay in the books until the morning of March 30 2014. In a remarkably fine job of pacemanship, Michta reeled off splits of 5:56, 5:40, 5:45, 5:37, 5:42, 5:40, 5:42, and 5:41 for each of the 1,250-meter loops on the USATF-certified course at Harry Wriht Lake Park, breezing home 41 seconds under Rohl’s record.

Twist of all twists, though, is that Michta didn’t actually win the race. Even though the event was designated as the USATF National Trials for the World Cup of Racewalking, scheduled May 2-3 in Taicang, China, it was open to athletes from other nations and Rachel Seaman of Canada, a friendly rival and wife of Michta’s coach, Tim Seaman, wound up leading all the ladies and her performance of 1:30:41 was a national record of her own. The previous best by a Canadian woman was Seaman’s own 1:33:05, achieved at Naumburg, Germany on April 22, 2012. (Ed: Two national records in one day should be enough to make a coach and husband proud.)

So the stage is set for yet another Michta-Seaman duel—of course involving all the rest of the world’s elite—in five weeks’ time. Not only that, but she’ll have family company on the trip to China. Kid sister Katie Michta—both Michtas competed for the Walk USA club team—placed second to Brenda McCollum in the concurrent women’s junior 10 Km and thus is bound for China, too, to compete against the best 19-and-unders of the planet.

Leading the men’s 20 Km pack was two-time Olympian John Nunn of Bonsall, Cal. With a 1:26:45 win over Patrick Stroupe of Asrmstrong, Missouri (1:27:12), Nick Christie

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El Cajon, Cal. (1:29:20), Alejandro Chavez of Pharr, Texas (1:29:22), and Michael Mannozi of Boardman, Ohio (1:31:10). Stroupe, however, is already qualified for the U.S. team at 50 Km, and is likely to opt for that event in China.

Nearly as brilliant as Michta in the Trial was second-place Miranda Melville of Rush, N.Y. who bettered her PR by nearly two minutes, finishing in 1:33:10. The rest of the women's team will be Susan Randall of Beaver Creek, Ohio (1:43:18), Katie Burnett of Rochester, N.Y. (1:43:49) and Erin Taylor-Talcott of Owego, N.Y. (1:44:26).

Melville, also coached by Tim Seaman, will be on her fourth World Cup Team. She noted: "This only leaves my hungrier for of future races and even faster times." Coach Tim noted: "I am so excited that Miranda qualified to compete in the World Cup and that she had almost a 2-minute PR. She has moved up to now be the fourth fastest American woman ever and I couldn't happier with her progress." (Ed. Be it here noted that Tim had been on the last eight U.S. World Cup teams, beginning in 1997, and could probably have been on this one had he not announced that his win in the Indoor National 3000 in February was his final race.)

Results of the Cup Trial races:

Women's 20 Km—1. Rachel Seaman, Canada 12:30:41 2. Maria Michta, 1:31:09 3. Susan Randall 1:43:17 4. Katie Burnett 1:43:17 5. Erin Taylor-Talcott 1:44:25 6. Mereth Zelba, Mexico 1:46:32 7. Molly Josephs 1:46:50 8. Biittany Collins 1:56:29 9. Katie Malinowski 1:59:39 10. Natalia Alfonso 2:02:12 (DNF Susan Brooke and Erin Bresnahan)

Men's 20 Km—1. John Nunn 1:26:45 (21:26, 43:13, 1:04:59) 2. Patrick Stroupe 1:27:12 (21:39, 43:13, 1:05:20) 3. Kenny Perez, Colombia 1:27:37 4. Nick Christie 1:29:19 (33:22:46, 44:51, 67:05) 5. Alejandro Chavez 1:29:21 (22:57, 45:40, 67:42) 5. Michael Mannozi 1:31:10 (22:57, 45:41, 63:22) 6. Jonathan Hallman 1:23:45 7. Francisco Pantoja, Mexico 1:34:46 8. Richard Luettichau 1:35:28 9. John Cody Risch 1:38:21 10. Nathan Vanderwall 1:39:10 11. Ray Sharp (54) 1:41:19 12. Joel Pfahler 1:43:03 13. Jake Gunderkline 1:44:03 14. Dave Talcott (53) 1:44:07 15. John Soucheck (48) 1:50:52 16. Omar Nash 1:58:09 17. John Fredericks (665) 2:15:02 18. Tim Chelius (57) 1:18:08 19. Fred Linkhart (61) 2:21:53 DNF—Stevan Washburn (19)

Junior Women's 10 Km: 1. Brenda McCollum 51:54 2. Katgie Michta 52:09 3. Katharine Newhoff 52:37 4. Monika Farmer 53:14 5. Ashleigh Resch, Australia 54:29 6. Annica Penn 56:33 7. Valentina Vaitones 63:42 8. Melissa Endy 67:17

Junior Men's 10 Km: 1. Anthony Peters 47:25.7 2. Alexander Peters 50:46 3. Jonathan Lazor 52:07

IAAF Challenge Continues In Rio Maior

Rio Maior, Portugal, April 5 (IAAF Press Release)—Both podiums comprised Portuguese-speaking athletes at the International Racewalking Grand Prix, a part of the IAAF Racewalking Challenge. Brazil's Caio Bonfim won the men's race and Portugal's Vera Santos the women's title for a second time. A particularly hot afternoon resulted in numerous dropouts, especially in the men's race. But despite the weather both races were competitive.

In the women's race, the Portuguese quarter of Ana Cabecinha, Ines Henriques, Santos, and Susana Feitor were joined in the first half by Brazil's Erica da Siena. After passing through the half-way mark, 2005 World bronze medalist Feitor dropped out, followed by

national record-holder Cabincha. Of the three left, Henriques led, but she couldn't hold off the closing pace of Santos, who crossed the line in a season's best of 1:31:14. De Sena came through to take second in 1:31:22, bettering the Brazilian record she set two years ago here. Henriques was third in 1:32:03.

"This win came about in the final laps, where my confidence grew because I knew my strength at this time of the season", said Santos.

Portugal's two-time European bronze medalist Joao Vieira was seeking a second consecutive victory in the men's race. He battled until the final lap, but despite his best efforts could not hold off Bonfim, who came through to win in 1:23:15, five seconds ahead of Vieira, whose twin brother Sergio finished third in 1:24:15.

"I am very happy with this win," said Bonfim, the reigning South American champion. "I've come to Rio Maior several times for training. It's a great place for training and I'm trying to convince the Brazilian federation to sent their athletes to train at the Rio Maior Sports Centre."

Italy's lone entrant Marco de Luca finished fourth in 1:24:50. Results:

Women—1. Vera Santos, Portugal 1:31:14 2. Erica de Sena, Brazil 1:31:22 3. Ines Henriques, Portugal 1:32:03 4. Maria Jose Poves, Spain 1:34:24 5. Ainhoa Pinedo, Spain 1:35:56 6. Kristina Saltanovic, Lithuania 1:36:18 7. Cisiane Lopes, Brazil 1:37:40 8. Paola Perez, Ecuador 1:39:40 9. Daniele Cardoso, Portugal 1:39:46 10. Sandra Silva, Portugal 1:43:16 (12 finishers, 5 DNF) **Men**: 1. Caio Bonfim, Brazil 1:23:16 2. Joao Vieira, Portugal 1:23:20 3. Sergio Vieira, Portugal 1:24:15 4. Marco de Luca, Italy 1:24:50 5. Jose Bagio, Brazil 1:26:52 6. Pedro Isidro, Portugal 1:25:53 7. Mikel Odriozola, Spain 1:27:28 8. Wayne Snyman, Brazil 1:28:14 9. Miguel Carvalho, Portugal 1:33:29 10. Pedro Santos, Portugal 1:34:04 (12 finishers, 2 DQ (including Andres Chocho, Ecuador), 8 DNF)

Challenge moves On To Czech Republic

Podebrady, Czech Republic, April 12 (IAAF Press Release)—The Czech Republic's rising star Anezka Drahotova, still a junior, and Slovakia's experienced Matej Toth took the honors here at the eighth of this year's 12 events in 2014 IAAF Racewalking Challenge. Both walkers, who coincidentally clinched their wins in the 17th kilometer of their 20 Km races, also definitely pressed their medal potential at the upcoming World Racewalking Cup.

Getting the biggest cheers was obviously Drahotova, the first Czech woman to win in Podebrady after Lucie Pelantova in 2010. A leading group of five was established in the early stages of the race, including Drahotova. However, with the Prague half-marathon still in her legs from last Saturday, and unlike her performance at last summer's IAAF World Championships when she audaciously led the field for more than half the race, she was content to wait in the pack and let her rivals make the pace.

Just after 16 Km, with the leading group now down to three, Drahotova decided that was her moment to put her foot on the accelerator and made her successful attack, uncorking a 4:16 kilometer after that pace had oscillated between 4:28 and the low 4:30s. Further laps of 4:11, 4:19, and 4:16 followed and she crossed the line in 1:29:43.

Although more than a minute outside her national record and 2014 world junior leading time of 1:28:13 from Lugano, Switzerland last month, it was still a solid performance from the Prague University Sports Club athlete, especially in the relatively warm conditions for the time of year.

"It wasn't as easy as it might look," said the 18-year-old winner. "But I was really surprised what a solid pace I could keep. My coach (Ivo Pitak) was slowing me down at the beginning to go for a more tactical race. This was a good test before European Championships, and I want thank the Lithuanian Neringa, who took the pace. Since I felt surprisingly

comfortable, I could speed up in the last kilometers and I was trying set a good time for the organizers. In the end, I am happy to bring them a time under 1:30 and win as well."

Her next goal is to win the junior 10 Km in Taicang (World Cup). Brazil's Erica de Sena hung on for second place, exactly a minute and just under 250 meters behind in 1:30:43. She improved her national record time in a week. Neringa took third in 1:30:54.

Five wins between 2003 and 2014 make Matej Toth one of the most successful competitors in the history of this event, which had its 82nd edition this year. The 2010 IAAF World Cup 50 Km winner also decided that the 17th kilometer was good moment to make a push for home and he managed to put daylight between himself and Poland's Rafal Fedaczynski, his last opponent in the fight for another victory. With hands above his head in celebration, his last win coming two years ago, Matej crossed the line in 1:20:00, just shy of his personal best of 1:19:48 set in Dudince last month.



Drahotova hits the finish line in Podebrady.

"It was a bit tougher than last time in Dudince," admitted Toth. "I had to keep an eye on my rivals, but it was good preparation for the World Cup and I'm happy for the win. The 17th kilometer is good point to attack, because the last kilometer can always be a danger, even a walker with weaker personal best can do a strong finish. I say, this race is a matter of my heart and I always like to come back. I saw world class walking for the first time here when I was 14 at the 1997 World Cup; that's when my dreams about finishing on top of the podium started, and now those dreams are coming true," he added with a smile. The win took Toth to the top of Challenge standings with 16 points.

Toth is going to Taicang to do the 20 and then he will prepare for the 50 at the European Championships.

Fedaczynski was second just 18 seconds behind Toth with Ukraine's Kovenko, now 40, edging away from the other competitors in the last three kilometers for third in 1:20:26, just 6 seconds outside his personal best. The results:

Men: 1. Matej Toth, Slovakia 1:20:00 2. Rafal Fedaczynski, Poland 1:20:18 3. Andriy Kovenko, Ukraine 1:20:26 4. Kevin Campion, France 1:20:39 5. Erik Tysse, Norway 1:20:50 6. Aleksandr Argunkin, Russia 1:21:08 7. Rafal Augustyn, Poland 1:21:13 8. Perseum Karlstrom, Sweden 1:21:54 9. Anton Kucmin, Slovakia 1:22:20 11. Erwin Gonzalez, Mexico 1:22:26 12. Marius Ziukas, Lithuania 1:22:49 13. Antonin Boyez, France 1:24:24 14. Jonnathan

Caceres, Ecuador 1:24:48 15. Suzan Majfan, Slovakia 1:25:25 16. Arnis Rumbenicks, Latvia 1:25:40 17. Massimo Stanol Italy 1:25:51 18. Marius Savelskis, Lithuania 1:25:53 19. Genadij Kozlovskij, Lithuania 1:25:54 20. Vito Minei, Italy 1:25:54 21. Jamie Higgins, Great Britain 1:26:02 22. Aleks Ojala, Finland 1:26:39 23. Vlsadyuslav Lobchenko, Ukraine 1:26:43 24. Daniele Paris, Italy 1:26:46 25. Dei Tos Leonardo 1:27:10 26. Patrik Spevak, Slovakia 1:27:10 28. Tadas Suskevicius, Lithuania 1:28:56 29. Serhiy Sitlychnyy, Ukraine 1:29:19 30. Edgars Gjacs, Latvia 1:29:37 31. Artur Mastinica, Lithuania 1:29:52 32. Lukas Gdula, Czech Rep. 1:29:55 33. Andres Chocho, Ecuador 1:29:58 (54 finishers, 6 DQ (including Caio Bonfim), 7 DNF

Women: 1. Anezka Drahotova, Czech Rep. 1:29:43 2. Erica de Sena, Brazil 1:30:43 3. Meringa Aidietyte, Lithuania 1:30:54 4. Katarzyna Burghardt, Poland 1:31:48 5. Paola Perez, Ecuador 1:33:40 56. Laura Reynolds, Ireland 1:34:22 7. Maria Galikova, Slovakia 1:34:23 8. Valentina Trapletti, Italy 1:34:50 9. Emilie Menuet, France 1:35:16 10. Vasylyna Vitovshchik, Ukraine 1:35:22 11. Maria Czakova, Slovakia 1:35:54 12. Federica Curiazz, Italy 1:36:30 13. Serena Pruner, Italy 1:36:53 14. Lucie Pelantova, Czech Rep. 1:37:07 15. Katarzyna Golba, Poland 1:37:32 16. Eliska Drahotova, Czech Rep. 1:37:39 17. Monika Kapea, Poland 1:38:01 18. Lucie Auffret, France 1:39:32 (36 finishers, 1 DQ, 5 DNF)

Jr. Men's 10 Km: 1. Miroslav Uradnik, Slovakia 42:01 2. Jonathan Hilbert, Germany 42:09 3. Nathaniel Seiler, Germany 42:17 4. Jean Blancheteau, France 42:34 5. Daniele Todisco, Italy 43:25 (25 finishers)

Jr. Women's 10 Km: 1. Noemi Stella, Italy 47:11 2. Zivile Vaiciukeviciute, Lithuania 48:40 3. Eleonora Cominici, Italy 49:12 4. Monika Hornakova, Slovakia 49:28 5. Mariya Filiuk, Ukraine 49:46

Other Results

Nyack Races, Nyack, N.Y., April 6: 5000 meters—1. Emerson Hernandez, El Salvador 21:10.4 2. Maryanne Daniel (55) 27:32.8 3. Samuel Brenner (17) 27:44.3 4. Bill Vayo (49) 27:45.8 5. Kristi Licursi (18) 28:57.0 6. Cher Armstrong 28:58.1 7. Rasheeda Moncada 29:00.6 8. Carol Bendall (55) 30:13.9 9. Elizabeth Pasquale (61) 30:51.1 10. Barry Blake (59) 33:00.4 (13 finishers) **10,000 meters**—1. Spencer Dunn (15) 50:40.4 2. Maria Michta 51:24.7 (Obviously not a serious effort) 3. Jack Lazor (17) 51:26.2 4. Ed O'Rourke (52) 54:04.4 5. Bruce Logan (49) 65:04.6 6. Samantha DuBois (19) 68:47.2 **High School Girls 5000 meters**—1. Katherine Newhoff (17) 25:53.5 2. Meaghan Podlaski (16) 26:14.3 3. Kayla Allen (14) 26:16.3 4. Sydney Sirois (15) 26:16.7 5. Allison McConville (17) 26:58.5 6. Kaitlyn Martins (15) 27:19.2 7. Caitlyn Apollo (17) 27:44.8 8. Jamie Fleming (17) 27:50.0 9. Katie Miale (17) 27:56.4 10. Maria Garcia (15) 28:22.0 11. Alina Kasparsons (14) 28:27.4 12. Sagan Leggett (17) 28:34.8 1. Irene Fletemeyer (19) 28:48.3 14. Melissa Endy (14) 28:53.6 15. Sophia Mahin (17) 29:09.8 16. Amanda Stallone (16) 29:13.6 17. Loren Lozano (17) 29:41.5 18. Jennifer Campbell (17) 29:52.8 19. Brooke Gillette (17) 30:05.7 20. Dulce Cervantes (14) 30:15.0 (28 finishers) **49th Annual Capt. Ronald Zinn Memorial 10 Km, Wall Township, N.J., April 13** (1964 Olympic 20 Km walker Ron Zinn was killed in action in Vietnam in the summer of 1965. This annual race honors Ron and all veterans.)—1. John Soucheck, Shore AC 54:45 2. Bill Vayo, Shore AC 59:56 3. Tim Chelius, Shore AC 63:51 4. Tom Quaattrocchi, Shore AC 65:56 5. Fred Linkhart, FARC 67:07 6. Ray Robertson, FARC 71:54 7. Ben Ottmer, FARC 84:58 **Women**—1. Panse Gfeer, Shore AC 71:32 **5000 meters, Greenville, S.C., April 12**—1. Ian Whatley (54) 25:12.2 2. Erika Shaver 26:13 3. Ali Bahr (41) 28:48 4. Mike DeWitt (63) 31:47 **Youth Olympic Games Trials, Miramar, Fla., April 5: Men's 5000 meters**—1. Noel Chama Jr (16), Mexico 43:54.47 2. Mario De los Rios Jr. (16), Mexico 45:20.44 3. Sergio Sacul (16) Guatemala 46:54.52 4. Cruz Jorge,

(16), Puerto Rico 48:44.32 **Women's 5000**—1. Valeria Ortuno (15), Mexico 22:55.35 2. Vivian Castillo (15) Mexico 23:30.12 3. Arely Morales Hernandez (15) Guatemala 25:33.37 **5000 meters, Columbia, Kentucky, March 29**—1. Reini Brickson, Lindsey Wilson 26:17.19 2. Amanda Bland, Lindsey Wilson 27:46.3 3. Jourdann Green, Lindsey Wilson 28:49.17 4. Nikki Worsham, Rio Grande 30:09 **Men**—1. Bernard Graham, Lindsey Wilson 24:;8.76 **5000 meters, Central Methodist U., April 5**—1. Patrick Stroupe 20:12.61 2. Alejandro Chaves, Missouri Baptist 20:40.590 3. Nick Christie, Central Baptist 20:53.36 4. James Hafner, Evangeline 24:03.78 5. Doug Hutcherson, Cent. Meth. 24:37.02 6. Eric Crawford, Culver-Stockton 28:24.17 7. Doug Harris, Missouri Valley 28:48.50 (8 finishers, 2DQ) **Women**—1. Mereth Zelbva, Miss. Bap. 25:03.72 2. Molly Josephs, Miss. Bap. 25:20.81 3. Nicole Court-Menendez, Dakotga Wesleyan 27:08.160 4. Ioulia Barakou, Miss. Bap. 27:29.59 7. Lenarfd Keara, Kansas Wesleyan 28:52.30 8. Tessa Graybill, Benedictine 19:14.65 9. Courtney Kiernan, Miss. Bap. 19:28.661 (11 finishers, 1 DQ) **Wisconsin 5 Km, Kpleasant Prairie, April 6**—1. Sam Cohen (a female Sam) 23:54 2. Will Preischel 27:43 3. Klaus Thiedmann 28:49 4. Ron Winkler 36:51

Balkan Championships, Balchik, Bulgaria, April 12: Men's 20 Km—1. Vladimir Savanovic, Serbia 1:26:31 2. Sahin Senoduncu, Turkey 1:17:24 Guest. Adrian Ionut, Romania 1:39:02 3. Marius Cocioran, Romania 1:29:25 4. Narcis Kihaila, Romania 1:32:44 (7 finishers, 3 DQ) **Women's 20**—1. Despoina Zaounidou, Greece 1:34:56 2. Antigoni Drimpioti, Greece 1:36:04 (5 finishers, 1 DQ, 3 DNF) **20 Km, Zaniemsl, Poland, April 5**—1. Lukasz Nowak 1:20:57 2. Rafal Sikora 1:22:19 3. Damian Blocki 1:26:06 4. Michal Stasiewicz 1:26:39 5. Pawel Gawronski 1:27:51 6. Jakub Herba 1:30:19 **Women**—1. Paulina Buziak 1:29:41 2. Monika Kapera 1:34:20 3. Natalia Plominska 1:38:22 4. Karolina Wierus 1:39:49 **Belarus Championships, Brest, March 29: 35 Km**—1. Ivan Trotski 2:45:50 2. Pavel Erochov 2:55:25 **20 Km**—1. Andrei Talachko 1:23:55 2. Dmitri Dioubin 1:24:20 3. Alexandr Liachovitch 1:24:38 4. Evgueni Zalesski 1:26:40 **Women's 20**—1. Ann Drabenia 1:33:07 2. Alina Maraveiyouk 1:33:28 3. Daria Bolkinets 1:35:05 4. Anastasia Iatsevitch 1:37:56 **Italian 20 Km, Locorotondo, March 30**—1. Giorgio Rubino 1:26:57 2. Federico Tontodonati 1:27:10 3. Vito Minei 1:27:29 4. Francesco Fortunato 1:27:36 5. Teodorico Caporaso 1:28:33 6. Jean Jacques Nkouloukidi 1:29:10 7. Mirko Dolci 1:30:39 **Women**—1. Antonella Palmisano 1:32:24 **24 Hours, Chateau-Thierry, France, March 29-2**—1. Phillippe Morel 198.690 Km 2. Urbain Girod 196.031 3. Zoltan Czukur, Slovakia 195.698 (35 finishers, 9 over 180 km) **Russian Championships, Sochi, March 22-23: Men's 35 Km**—1. Mikhail Ryzhov 2:28:11 2. Ivan Noskov 2:30:14 3. Aleksei Bartsaikin 2:32:10 4. Denis Asanov 2:32:14 5. Roman Yevstifeev 2:33:00 6. Aleksandr Yargunkin 2:33:57 7. Sergey Sharypov 2:39:00 8. Nikoly Ivanova 2:44:14 (16 finishers) **Men's 20 Km**—1. Aleksandr Ivanov 1:20:44 2. Denis Strelkov 1:20:59 3. Pyotr Trofimov 1:21:11 4. Andrei Ruzavin 1:21:47 5. Pavel Parshin 1:21:55 6. Aleksey Golovin 1:22:06 7. Yuri Andronov 1:23:12 8. Kirill Frolov 1:24:04 9. Vladimir Moraov 1:25:40 10. Viktor Sokolov 1:27:04 20 finishers **Women's 20 Km**—1. Anisya Kirdyapkina 1:28:05 2. Vera Sokolov 1:28:32 3. Irina umanova 1:28:44 4. Marina Pandakova 1:28:48 5. Elmira Alembekova 1:29:33 6. Lina Bikulova 1:30:28 7. Olga Dubrovina 1:31:14 8. Irina Shushina 1:33:23 9. Alyone Khranova 1:33:34 9. Alyuona Khranova 1:33:34 10. Anna Krakhmalyhova 1:34:18 11. Kristina Mikhayhlova 1:34:18 12. Sofiya Brodatskaya 1:37:12 13. Tatyana Akulinushkina 1:37:26 14. Irina Mikhaylova 1:38:57 15. Kristina Grachea 1:39:26 16. Anna Khryashocheva 1:39:40 (20 finishers) **Japanese 50 Km, April 20**—1. Takayuki Tanii 3:41:22 2. Yuki Yamazuki 3:44:23 3. Hiroki Arai 3:48:18 4. Takuya Yoshida 3:55:35 5. Takafumi Higma 4:06:10 (9 finishers, 2 DQ, 3 DNF)

World Masters Championships, Budapest, Hungary, March 26 and 29: 3 Km: W35—1. Bianca Schenker, Germany 14:08.42 2. Brit Schroter, Germany 14:16.32 (5 finishers) **W40**—1.

Alexandra Lamas, Portugal 14:43.40 2. Valeria Pedetti, Italy 14:58.95 3. Nicole Horl, Germany 15:18.90 (8 finishers) **W45**—1. Marit Naumann, France 15:53.66 2. Pilar Iglesias, Spain 15:59.57 3. Irina Kokorina, Russia 16:00.47 (9 finishers) **W50**—1. Myriam Nicolas, Belgium 15:57.11 2. Natalia Ternetyeva, Russia 16:07.04 3. Odile Pamart, France 16:08.70 (8 finishers) **W55**—1. Tatyana Kryovokhyaha, Ukraine 16:06.45 2. Daniela Ricciutelli, Italy 16:45.00 3. Natalia Marcenco 16:49.76 (8 finishers) **W60**—1. Heather Carr, Australia 16:189.25 2. Maria Alice Fernandes, Portugal 17:29.93 3. Maria Orlete Mendes, Portugal 17:33.65 (5 finishers) **W65**—1. Noel Blatchford, Great Britain 18:21.24 2. Antonina Tyshko, Ukraine 18:36.35 (8 finishers) **W70**—1. Pirjo Karatie, Finland 19:31.43 (3 finishers) **W75**—1. Lusya Aleksyeyeva, Ukraine 22:37.10 (2 Finishers) **W80**—Denise Leclerc, France 22:17.70 **W85**—1. Elena Pagu, Romania 27:00.09 **M35**—1. Juan Pinero Alvarez, Spain 12:52.91 2. Francisco Martin Diaz, Spain 13:04.79 3. Francis Carmona Gordillo, Spain 13:09.51 4. Grzegorz Grinholt, Poland 13:10.08 5. Brian O'Domhnaill, Ireland 13:48.70 (8 finishers) **M40**—1. Alex Flores, Switzerland 12:13.57 2. Stefen Borsch, Germany 12:19.12 3. Luis Silva, Portugal 12:21.86 4. Vlacheslav Degtyarenko, Russia 12:39.64 5. Normunds Ivzans, Latvia 12:46.06 (6 Finishers, 1 DQ) **M45**—1. Miguel Prieto, Spain 12:30.74 2. Gyula Dudas, Hungary 13:03.27 3. Phillippe Bonneau, France 13:10.17 4. Petro Garnyk, Ukraine 13:12.01 5. David Swarts, US 13:31.97 (10 finishers) **M50**—1. Gilles Sahuc, France 12:38.88 2. Miguel Erianer, Spain 12:57.87 3. Adolfo Garcia, Spain 13:47.58 4. Andres Naso, Italy 13:49.81 **M55**—1. Mark Donahoo, Australia 14:17.18 2. Sergey Systerov, Russia 14:23.53 3. Mikhail Kiselev, Russia 14:34.98 4. Dirk Bogaert, Belgium 14:42.24 5. Waldemar Malecki, Poland 14:46.79 (16 finishers) **M60**—1. Ignacio Melo Valls, Spain 14:07.83 2. Patrice Brochot, France 14:32.41 3. Alberto Pio, Italy 14:39.53 (7 finishers, 1 DQ) **M65**—1. Ian Richards, Great Britain 14:23.80 2. John Hall, Great Britain 15:34.16 3. Ettorino Formentin, Italy 15:46.72 (27 finishers) **M70**—1. Colin Turner, Great Britain 16:23.39 2. Ants Palmar, Estonia 16:46.02 (3 finishers) **M75**—1. Arthur Thomson, Great Britain 17:09.39 2. Romolo Pelliccia, Italy 17:12.19 3. Jordana Lexis, Fancis 17:49.28 (4 finishers) **M80**—1. Tapio Ollikained, Finland 20:49.90 2. Ivan Puskin, Ukraine 20:53.0 (3 finishers) **M85**—1. Viljo Hyvola, Finland 22:28.09 (2 finishers) **10 Km: M35**—1. Grzegorz Sudol, Poland 41:14.70 2. Grzegorz Grinholt, Poland 46:34.90 3. Gordillo Carmona, Spain 46:41.60 (7 finishers) **M40**—1. Alex Flores, Switzerland 44:44.40 2. Luis Silva, Portugal 44:43.10 3. Stefen Borsch, Germany 44:55.00 4. Normunds Ivzans, Latvia 45:53.40 (9 finishers) **M45**—1. Miguel Prieto, Spain 45:08.40 2. Gyula Dudas, Hungary 46:34.90 3. Philippe Boneau, France 47:19.40 4. Steffen Meyer, Germany 48:27 (13 finishers, 1 DQ) **M50**—1. Miguel Perianer, Spain 45:33.60 2. Gilles Sahuc, France 46:19.90 3. Adolfo Marin, Spain 49:25.60 4. Francisco Reis, Great Britain 49:47.10 (27 finishers) **M55**—1. Mikhail Kiselev, Russia 52:11.10 2. Miroslaw Luniewski, Poland 52:30.90 3. Dirk Bogaert, Belgium 52:36.70 4. Systerov Sergey, Russia 52:59.90 **M60**—1. Ignacko Melo Valls, Spain 50:38.90 2. Patrice Brochot, France 52:14.50 3. Fabio Ruzier, Slovakia 53:45.30 (14 finishers) **M65**—1. Ian Richards, Great Britain 52:02.80 2. John Hall, Great Britain 55:09.80 3. Ettorino Forentin, Italy 55:58.30 (32 finishers) **M70**—1. Colin Turner, Great Britain 58:23.30 2. Ants Palmar, Estonia 59:23.80 3. Vladimir Karlov, Russia 60:48.30 4. Felix Maier, Germany 60:52.30 (6 finishers) **M75**—1. Arthur Thomson, Great Britain 60:32.50 2. Romolo Pelliccia, Italy 61:52.00 3. Jordana Alexis, France 63:3;9.50 4. Klaus Gottert, Germany 63:55.20 (6 finishers) **M80**—1. Ivan Pushkin, Ukraine 71:06.50 2. Karlheinz Teufert, Gerany 72:57.00 (5 finishers) **M85**—1. Vi9ljo Hyvola, Finland 77:37.30 2. Robert Schoukens, Belgium 81:42.00 (4 finishers) **W45**—1. Zita Fertaly, Hungary 56:22.50 2. Marit Naumann, France 56:40.20 3. Pilar Iglesias, Spain 56:53.50 (16 finishers) **W50**—1. Myriam Nicolas, Belgium 57:12.302 2. Natalia Terentyeva, Russia 58:02.60 3. Veronique Cochereau, France 58:28.10 (6 finishers) **W55**—1. Tetyana Kryvokhyzha, Ukraine 56:51.10 2. Natalia Marcenco, Italy 60:20.60 (7 finishers) **W65**—1. Noel Blatchford, Great Britain 64:02.80 2. Antonina Tyshko, Ukraine 66:;25.00 (7 finishers) **W70**—1. Pirjo

Karetie, Finland 67:55.50 2. Gisela Theunissen, Germany 63:57 (7 finishers) **W75-1.** Lyusya Aleksyeyeva, Ukraine 77:18.30 2. Leni Elbving, Germany 77:24.50 (6 finishers)
 . In the World Masters results I found, which were not complete, Dave Swarts was the only U.S. name listed (Men's 45 5000). However, there was further U.S. presence I find in a communique from Eugene Geer. Dave reports: "There was one result from the World Masters in Budapest that seems to have been lost in the shuffle. In the women's 10 Km, outdoors in the park, two walkers (Kathlent Frable and Panse Geer) dropped down from the W65 group to the W60 to form a team with Marianne Martino. They won second place losing to Spain but defeating Latvia and Ukraine. The U.S. team's total time 3:32:43, with Spain 3:28:43 and Latvia 3:38:04

Competition in the ancient sport of heel-and-toe walkig is available at these sites

Sun. May 4	20 Km, Penfield, N.Y. 8am. (Y)
Sun. May 11	National USATF 10 Km and 27th Annual Jack Mortland Racewalks (5, 10, and 20 Km), Dayton, Ohio, 9 am (M)
Sun. May 18	National USATF Junior and Masters 15 Km, Riverside, Cal. (D)
Sat. May 31	5 and 10 Km, Royal Oak, Mich. (F) USATF National 5 Km, Albany, N.Y. (D)
Sat. June 7	Wisconsin and Illinois 10 Km, Pleasant Prairie, Wis. ((I)
Sun. June 8	Michigan USATF 5000, Olivet College (F)
Sat. June 14	Midwest and Ohio 1 Hour, Elbow Springs, Ohio (M)
Sun. June 15	Midwest 3000, Waukesha, Wis. (I)
June 28-29	5 Km, Detroit, 8 am (F)
Sun. June 29	National USATF 20 Km Championships, Sacramento, Cal. (D)
Fri. July 4	Midwest Masters 5000, Waukesha, Wis. (I)
	1 and 2 Miles, Berkley, Mich. (F)

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From Heel To Toe

Gus Davis checks in. (Which is a lot better than checking out.) Referring to the results of the National masters indoor meet in last month's issue, Gus writes: "I finally 'won' a national championship (Men's 75) in Boston; the other two guys got DQ'd. At this age getting to the starting line and finishing is deserved of a medal. Great sport, great fun. Please acknowledge Charles Boyle who, as the only M90, was national champion 30:21.93. He has slowed down a bit since his 80s but is still sharp, having recently written a children's book. (*Ed. Sorry that I missed Charles in the results I published.*) . . . **Michta honored.** Maria Michta was named as the USATF Athlete of the Week following her American record effort at the World Cup Trials. She is the first racewalker so honored in 2014. . . **Black Dan.** Walt Murphy's News and Results Service included the following in their "This day In Track & Field for April 10: 1880--Frank 'Black Dan' Hart won the O'Leary belt walking competition before a full house at Madison Square Garden, covering a record 565 miles in 142 hours. Hart was considered the premier 'pedestrian' at a time when six-day walking races were all the craze. . . **Marek.** In the results of a 1 Hour race in Ottawa reported last month in which Marek Adamowicz finished third behind the Tacotts, after leading by 4 minutes at 10,000 meters (46:24.5) I suggested that perhaps he was just out for a quick 10,000. Here is what Ottawa's and Canada's racewalking guru, Roger Burrows, reports to me: "Yes, Marek did want a 10 Km performance above all, in order to qualify for our World Cup team (junior). After 10 Km, he was simply fulfilling the rule that a performance at a shorter distance is fine as long as the advertised distance is completed. He also did it last year for the same reason (Americas Cup team). And he is not the first walker to something similar in the 7-year history of our event. But he does really shut it down! Others have cruised for a while to recover and then picked it up again. Perhaps not to pre-10 km levels, but certainly enough to record a satisfying 1 Hour distance. Not sure why Marek slowed so much. Unfortunately, he didn't get the standard he was looking for, so perhaps he wondered whether there was any point. At 46ish for 10 km, he may not have been able to exceed the overall meet record, just in excess of 13 Km. But he could probably have got 12 Km, or at least, stayed ahead of Erin for the overall win! . . . **Kudos.** National Racewalk chairman, Ron Daniel offers the following plaudits: Congratulations to Ron Salvio, Event Director, and the Freehold Area Running Club. This past Sunday, March 30, Ron and his club hosted the 2014 IAAF Racewalking World Cup US Team Trials. The event was held at the Harry Wright Lake Park in Whiting, N.J. As advertised, the 1.25 Km course was fast. But before races began, many good things were already in place. At the host hotel, a packet pick-up with a hospitality room worked very efficiently. Goodie bags and a very nice event T-shirt were available for all. While no one was in charge of the 'rain gods', race morning came with a rain-calm. By the time the athletes and officials arrived, many volunteers were busy setting up the course. After a live singing of the National Anthem, the race started on time. To aid in the laps counting chip timing was also being used. There were multiple people doing the various jobs required to conduct a first-class event. The official results have already been published, so I won't repeat them here but to say that two Women's National Records were set. . . In both Men's/Women's Sr. and Jr. events, nearly everyone qualifying for the U.S. World Cup Team also made out Team qualifying standards on Sunday. Yes, a fast course! Plenty of fluids were available (not just the rain); and Ean MT was on hand as well as massage therapists and physical trainers. At the

awards celebration, a more than adequate luncheon was served and very nice 'boats-in-bottle' awards along with USATF medals were given out. I was very impressed. All those in the New Jersey areas should make it point to come ne of the Spring/Summer races that will be held at Harry Wright Lake. Congratulations again to the Freehold Running Club and Ron Salvio. .

.How not to encourage your child in athletic endeavors. Here is something I had in this column way back in the September 1975 issue. Then, with tongue in cheek, I prefaced it as How To Develop A Champion: My wife and I went over to the Whetstone High School track today for a little jogging, with our boys along. They are now 7 and 5 (almost) and occasionally do a little running when we visit a track, which we commend when they do it. We don't pressure them in any way, however, figuring if they want to they will. Who needs training at that age, anyway. Just before we left, another couple arrived, also with two sons. The older boy was about Derek's size and could have been no more than 8. He, his brother, and mother jogged one lap while Daddy cycled around a few times. Then, as they gathered near the starting line, we heard, "Alright Johnny, you won't have any trouble breaking 7 today." Johnny was the older boy, it turned out. As he took off on his timed mile (with Daddy riding along beside), I started my watch out of curiosity. The first lap took 1:50. Already 5 seconds behind pace and Daddy was already on him to pick it up. He managed to increase the pace a bit the second lap hitting 880 in 3:37. A tough road ahead to hit seven. Daddy was now telling him, quite forcefully, that he had to push this next lap; make it hurt, then the last lap will be easy. A he rounded the second turn on that lap, Johnny suddenly stopped and started walking! Horrors! From the other end of the track, where we stood, we could clearly hear Daddy, still on his bicycle, roar, "Don't stop again!" And his mother, who had been cheering him on from the stands, could be heard, "Oh, Johnny! What are you doing?" After walking 15 or 20 yards and with his father bellowing at him, Johnny started running again. In the meantime, wife Marty, rather sickened by the display, was saying let's go. Which we did. But I had to linger by the gate long enough to watch Johnny finish. He was obviously running his last lap with a little fear and managed 7:10. Probably a pretty good performance for his age. But isn't the kid going to love running with such splendid encouragement from his parents? Or probably any other sport he gets into. We thought later it would have been good to suggest that now it was Johnny's turn to ride the bike and yell at the old man as he tried to negotiate a 7-minute mile. Would only seem fair.

Following up on the Black Dan reference above, here is a March 30 article from the *Wall Street Journal*:

Competitive walking was the national pastime until baseball came along

By Matthew Algeo (The author of "Pedestrianism: When Watching People Walk Was America's Favorite Spectator Sport.")

With opening day upon us, we again are reminded that baseball is America's national pastime. It's hard to imagine a time when baseball wasn't considered the national game, but long ago another sport was far more popular competitive walking.

In the 1970s and 1880s, the country's largest arenas were packed to the rafters with fans watching men—and sometime women—walking in circles on dirt tracks. They race around the clock for six days at a time (Prohibitions on public amusements on Sundays made longer races impossible.)

Although running was sometimes allowed, it was not an effective strategy for races that lasted 144 hours straight—roughly the length of 50 baseball games. Stopping occasionally to catch a few winks on cots placed on the arena floor, the competitors pushed themselves to,

and sometimes beyond, the edge of physical and mental collapse. A nation starved for entertainment in the days before radio and record players savored the competition.

The sport was known as pedestrianism, and its most successful practitioners were this country's first celebrity athletes. Their images appeared on some of the first trading cards, and they received lucrative endorsement deals. Dan O'Leary, an Irish immigrant from Chicago who won a six-day race by walking 520 miles, was the spokesman for Dittman's salt. Another pedestrian, John Hughes, was sponsored by the National Police Gazette. During races, Hughes wore a shirt with the newspaper's log emblazoned across the front, one of the earliest examples of advertising on an athletic uniform (a trend that, to its credit, Major League Baseball has resisted).

Champion pedestrians were well paid. After a six-day race at Madison Square Garden (then known as Gilmore's Garden) in March 1979—attended by luminaries including James Blaine, who was then a Republican senator from Maine, and future president Chester Arthur—the winner, Charles Rowell, walked away with more than \$18,000 (about \$425,000 in today's money). Not bad for six days work.

But just a decade later, pedestrianism was dead. By then, charges of race fixing and doping had diluted fan interest. During one race in 1976, the famous pedestrian Edward Payson Weston was caught chewing coca leaves—a practice that was considered unsportsmanlike,

Meanwhile, baseball was on the rise. The National League, founded as a ragtag enterprise in 1876 became a stable, profitable business after team owners imposed a \$2500 salary cap in 1885. Of the eight clubs in the league in 1890, only one, the Cleveland Spiders, no longer exists. The other seven clubs were, and still are, the Braves, Cubs, Dodgers, Giants, Phillies, Pirates, and Reds. (*Ed. Although the Braves, Dodgers, and Giants have relocated, the Braves twice.*) Fans who once flocked to six-day races instead filled spacious new wooden ballparks. For all its popularity today, baseball would do well to remember the demise of its predecessor as America's favorite spectator sport. Players' use of performance-enhancing drugs has sullied baseball's image. TV ratings are declining. For a brief time, it seemed that pedestrianism would be out national pastime forever. Even if it takes more than a century, history has a way of repeating itself.

LOOKING BACK

50 Years Ago (From the Spring 1964 issue of the *Midwest Race Walker*, published by Chris McCarthy in Chicago)—In an exciting 1 Hour Race (the first National 1 Hour Championship race), Ron Laird led three others beyond the national record, covering 8 miles 797 yards on Chicago's Rockne Stadium cinder track. Laird pulled away from Ron Zinn after 4 ½ miles, with Zinn missing the 8 mile mark by just 28 yards. Art Mark, with 7 miles 1649 yards finished just 9 yards ahead of your editor. In reality, the latter two probably missed Rudy Haluza's national record of 7 miles 1614 yards set in 1963 as the finishing gun misfired. McCarthy's article say it was finally fired an estimated 8 seconds late, which would be worth at least 30 yards. My recollection says it must have been a bit more than that. I recall passing 7 ¾ miles in just under 59 minutes. Finishing strongly after struggling mid-race, I had a 7:20 for my last mile and was still carrying that pace. So, I expected I would have 7 or 8 seconds left after another half-lap and would perhaps get to 1570 yards—at about the end of the backstretch. As I entered the turn, I knew something was amiss and actually backed off because Art Mark was at a crawl and I didn't want to take a place away from him in what I knew was "overtime". So, I figured we had perhaps an extra 12 seconds, which would still put Laird well past 8 miles. Whatever, it was an outstanding race for that era, with nine walkers going beyond 7 ½ miles, despite some noticeable absentees, including Haluza and Jack Blackburn. . . McCarthy himself won the Ohio 50 Km a few weeks earlier in 4:43:44, 3 minutes ahead of Blackburn. Phil MacDonald was another 2 minutes back.

Mortland (that's me) called it a day at 24 miles while leading McCarthy by about 5 minutes. . .Laird went on a record rampage in San Diego, doing a track 20 Km in 1:35:26, An American record at the time. He broke records at 8, 9, and 10 miles, and at 15 Km on the way. (Records were recognized at about any distance one cared to contest in those days.) In another race, Laird knocked down records a 4 (17:51.2) and 5 (22:14.4) Km.

45 Years Ago (From the April 1969 ORW)—Mr. Laird won his fifth consecutive National 15 Km title in the Columbus suburb of Worthington as he edged away from Dave Romansky in the final 5 Km. Ron finished in 1:06:45 with Dave just 12 seconds back. Tom Dooley, Goetz Klofer, Ron Daniel, and Gary Westerfield rounded out the top six, with Westerfield at 1:12:09, leaving aging race director one place out of the top six. . .In Point Pleasant, N.J., Bob Kitchen did a track 50 Km in 4:19:41. . .Romansky beat Kitchen by 2 minutes in a New Jersey 10 miler finishing in 1:13:31.

.On the West Coast, Laird set an American records at 3 miles (20:51.8) and 5 Km (21:24.2). . .Dooley beat Klofer by a half-minute in a quick (50:32.7) 7 miler. . .The ORW postal 10 Mile Relay (alternate quarters) went to Dooley (1:36.7 average) and Klofer (1:37:72) in 64:49.8. Klofer also teamed with Bill Ranney (obviously not on the same day) take second with 67:07.2, followed by Gary Westerfeld-Gerald Bocci (69:07) and Jack Blackburn-Jack Mortland (69:33) Youth prevailed as the latter two teams went head-to-head on the Worthington track.)

40 Years Ago (From the April 1974 ORW)—Within a three-week period, Shaul Ladany won both the National 75 and 100 Km titles. The 100 came in Des Moines, Iowa, where he had a 10:12:53, leaving Augie Hirt 38 minutes back. Jerry Brown and Bill Walker took the next two places. In the 75 in West Long Branch, N.J., Shaul had 7:25:09. Gary Westerfield trailed by nearly 25 minutes in second with Tom Knatt third and Alan Price fourth. . .Jerry Brown beat Colorado TC teammate Floyd Godwin in the National 1 Hour in Boulder's altitude, covering 7 miles 1671 yards, with Godwin just 34 yards back. Bob Henderson and Augie Hirt followed.

35 Years Ago (From the April 1979 ORW)—Jim Heiring broke Larry Young's American 20 Km record by 6 seconds with 1:30:04 on the Grosse Pointe, Michigan track. Chris Hansen stayed with him for 5 miles and then slowly drifted away to finish in 1:31:45. Martin Kraft had 1:32:35 and Steve Pecinovsky 1:32:45. . .Paul Hendricks took second in a 200 Km race in France with 23:08:18. Luxembourg's Josey Simon won in 22:55:48 (5:42 per 50 Km). . .The Spanish 50 Km went to Jorge Llopart in a swift 3:50:03 ahead of France's Gerard Lelievre (3:56:49). . .In England, Marian Fawkes set a women's world record with 48:37.6 for 10 Km.

30 Years Ago (From the April 1984 ORW)—Carl Schueler walked an impressive 4:07:23 in very muggy conditions to win the Natinal 50 Km in Cleveland. Vincent 'Sullivan had a 4:10:00 in second and Tom Edwards 4:14:39 in third. . .Teresa Vaill was an easy winner in the women's National 20 Km in Seattle with 1:43-5:20. Gwen Robertson was second in 1:51:46 and Carol Brown third in 1:52:52. . .At the same site, Tim Lewis pulled away from Jim Heiring in the last 10 to win the National 25 Km in 1:49:36. Heiring had 1:50:49, Ed O'Rourke 1:54:47, Carl Schueler 1:55:40, Dave Cummings 1:58:38, and Tom Edwards 1:59:01

25 Years Ago (From the April 1989 ORW)—In the U.S. World Cup Trials, Debbi Lawrence prevailed in the women's 10 Km and Tim Lewis in the men's 20. In Tampa, Lawrence got away from Lynn Weik in the final 3 Km to win in 47:46. Weik had 48:10 and Teresa Vaill 48:35 in third. Wendy Sharp, Maryanne Torrellas, and Susan Liers founded out the top six. In Washington, D.C., Lewis dominated the race

20 Years Ago (From the April 1994 ORW)—Tim Seaman prevailed in tghe Easter Bunny 20 Km in Racine, Wis. In 1:29:47 ahead of don Lawrence and Will Van Axen. . .Gary Morgan won the Mortland 20 Kmi in 1:36:24 and Lisa Sonntag the women's 10 Kmin 51:41.

15 Years Ago (From the April 1999 ORW)—A good month for Tim Seaman as he set an American road record while winning a 10 Km in Carlsbad, N.M.. In 19:47 and then won the Penn Relays 10 Km with an American record 39:43.75. He beat Jefferson Perez by nearly a minute in the 5 and Curt Clausen by just over a minute in the 10. . .In Italian 20 Km races, Giovanni DeBenedictis' 1:22:34 put him 17 seconds of Massimo Fizialetti and Erica Alfridi finished 36 seconds ahead of Elisabetta Perrone in 1:31:52.

10 Years Ago (From the Spril 1969 ORW)—Seaman won the 20 Km att H.S. World Cup Trials in Overland Par, Kansas with a 1:26:09. Curst Clausen (1:27:30), Kevin Eastler (1:28:42), John Nunn (1:29:33), and Philip Dunn (1:30:41) were other qualifiers. Norway's Erik Tysse finished fourth in the race with 1:28:54. Six others finishdr under 1:50. . .The women's race went to Joanne Dow in 1:34:44 with Teresa Vaill second in 1:36:49 and Michelle Rohl third in 1:37:37. All three, however, passed up the World Cup trip to concentrate on training for the Olympic Trials. So Jolene Moore (1:39:56) in fourth) was to be joined by Sam Cohen, Susan Armenta, Deborah Huberty, and Margaret Ditchburn on the U.S. team. Junior races went to Canada's Megan Huzzey (50:23) and Zachary Pollinger (45:52). Maria Michta led the U.S. women with 50:46 in second with Katy Hayes and Erica Adams also making the team. Troy Clark (48:25) and Joe Trapani (48:43) were the other junior men to qualify along with Pollinger. . .In Bergen, Norway, Tysse won a 10 Km race in 39:22 with Seaman (39:23) and Kevin Eastler (39:320 s)cond and third, both under the American record. . .IAAF Challenge race in Rio Maior, Portugal went to Italy's Elisa Rigauda (1:29:57) and Alessandro Gandellini (1:22:49). . .At the Penn Relays the women's 5 Km went to Amber Antonia in 23:14.66 and the men's 10 Km to Matt Boyles in 43:48.88.

5 Years Ago (From the April 2009 ORW)—Maria Michta and Patrick Stroupe won qualifying races for the America Championships in 1:27:34 and 1:46:03, respectively. . .At Rio Maior, IAAF Challenge races went to Kjersti Platzer, Norway in 1:30:25 and Hao Wong, China in 1:19:27. . .And in Challenge races in Wuxi China Russia's Valeriy Borchin and Olga Kaniskina won agt 20 km in 1:19:31 and 1:28:00 and China's Chengliang Zhao at 50 Km in 3:45:16.

Early history of the World Cup

With the World Cup coming up the weekend after this issue goes in the mail, here's some ancient history on the event. Originally known as the Lugano Cup because the first edition was held in Lugano' Switzerland in 1961, it has been held mostly at two-year intervals since, although for a short period in the 1970s there were three-year intervals. The first three competitions involved only European nations, not because of exclusion, but because no one else chose to enter. The U.S. was the first nation from outside Europe to compete, entering the fourth edition in 1967. In the early days, there were regional competitions in Europe with just a few teams qualifying for the final. Hree are results of the first six competitions:

1961, Lugano, Switz.

20 Km: 1. Ken Matthews, GB 1:30:54 2. Lennart Back, Swed. 1:32:12
3. G. Williams, GB 1:34:02 4. John Ljunngren, Swed. 1:34:51
5. E. Soderlund, Swed. 1:35:16 6. T. Balazsoza, Hung. 1:36:16
Points: Great Britain 29, Sweden 28, Hungary 14, Italy 7.

50 Km: 1. Abdon Pamich, Italy 4:25:38 2. Don Thompson, GB 4:30:35 3.
A. Soderlund, Swed. 4:36:48 4. Ray Middleton, GB 4:39:24 5. I.
Green, Sweden 4:41:37 6. E. Leonardson, Swed. 4:42:25
Points: Sweden 25, Great Britain 24, Italy 21, Hungary 9
Total Points: 1. Great Britain 53 2. Sweden 53 3. Italy 28
4. Hungary 23 (Great Britain wins by virtue of first
in the 50.)

1963, Varese, Italy

20 Km: 1. Ken Matthews, GB 1:30:10.1 2. Paul Nihill, GB 1:33:18 3. Antal Kiss, Hung. 1:33:37 4. Istvan Gori, Hung. 1:34:33 5. E. Soderlund, Swed. 1:35:15 6. John Edginton, GB 1:35:27 7. John Ljunggren, Swed. 1:35:53 8. A. Serchinic, Italy 1:36:22. Points: Great Britain 49, Hungary 34, Sweden 32, Italy 22, Czechoslovakia 19, West Germany 16

50 Km: 1. Istvan Havasi, Hung. 4:14:24.2 2. Ray Middleton, GB 4:17:15 3. I. Petersson, Swed. 4:19:10 4. L. Moc, Czech. 4:23:11 5. Ron Wallwork, GB 4:24:46 6. Charlie Fogg, GB 4:30:15 7. A. DeGaetano, Italy 4:32:00 8. R. Syversson, Swed. 4:33:08 Points: Great Britain 44, Sweden 31, Hungary 30, Italy 29, Czechoslovakia 25, West Germany 10

Final Result: 1. Great Britain 93 2. Hungary 64 3. Sweden 63 4. Italy 51 5. Czechoslovakia 44 6. West Germany 26.

1965,

20 Km: 1. Dieter Lindner, E.G. 1:28:09 2. Antal Kiss, Hung. 1:29:08 3. Gerhard Sperling, E.G. 1:31:29 4. Peter Fullager, G.B. 1:31:51 5. Hans Pathus, E.G. 1:32:13 6. Ron Wallwork, G.B. 1:32:41 7. Lennart Back, Swed. 1:33:32 8. Karl Pape, W.G. 1:34:28

50 Km: 1. Christoph Hohne, E.G. 4:03:14 2. Burkhard Leuschke, E.G. 4:06:01 3. Abdon Pamich, Italy 4:06:40 4. Don Thompson, G.B. 4:09:14 5. Kurt Sakowski, E.G. 4:12:36 6. I. Petersson, Swed. 4:16:56

7. Ray Middleton, G.B. 4:19:14 8. G. Belin, France 4:20:11

Final Result: 1. East Germany 117 2. Great Britain 87 3. Hungary 64 4. Sweden 59 5. Italy 54 6. West Germany 43 7. France 39.

1967, Bad Saarow, E.G.

20 Km: 1. Nikolai Smaga, USSR 1:28:38.4 2. Vladimir Golubnitskiy, USSR 1:28:58 3. Ron Laird, USA 1:30:12.6 4. Gerhard Sperling, E.G. 1:30:14.4 5. Peter Frenkel, E.G. 1:30:29.6 6. Peter Fullager, G.B. 1:31:14.4 7. Hans Pathus, E.G. 1:33:06.4 8. John Webb, G.B. 1:33:55.6 9. Ron Wallwork, G.B. 1:34:53.2 10. Julius Miller, W.G. 1:34:59.8...16. Tom Dooley, USA 1:37:21...22. Jack Mortland, USA Score: East Germany 59, Great Britain 52, USSR 50, West Germany 41, USA 34, Hungary 26, Sweden 23, Italy 15.

50 Km: 1. Chris Hohne, E.G. 4:09:08 2. Peter Selzer, E.G. 4:11:39.6 3. Alexander Tscherbina, USSR 4:13:07.0 4. Kurt Sakowski, EG 4:13:51.8 5. Sergie Bondarenko, USSR 4:21:51.8 6. Don Thompson, G.B. 4:25:21 7. Stig Lindberg, Swed. 4:28:52.8 8. Ray Middleton, G.B. 4:29:23 9. Shaun Lightman, G.B. 4:31:23.8 10. Igor DellaRossa, USSR 4:31:27.4...20. Jim Clinton, USA...22. Larry Young, USA. Points: East Germany 69, US R 57, G.B. 52, W.G. 32, Sweden 29, Italy 25, Hungary 20, USA 16 (left out Goetz Klopfer in 17th) Final Result: 1. East Germany 128 2. USSR 107 3. Great Britain 104 4. West Germany 73 5. Sweden 52 6. USA 50 7. Hungary 46 8. Italy 40

1970, Eschborn, W.G.

20 Km: 1. Hans-Georg Reimann, E.G. 1:26:54.6 2. Vladimir Golubnitskiy, USSR 1:27:21.4 3. Peter Frenkel, E.G. 1:27:32.8 4. Nikolai Smaga, USSR 1:28:08.6 5. Gennadiy Agapov, USSR 1:28:24.8 6. Gerhard Sperling, E.G. 1:28:47.6 7. Wilf Wesch, WG 1:30:16 8. Dave Romansky, USA 1:30:46.6 9. Tom Dooley, USA 1:30:50...23. Ron Daniel, USA 1:27:01.2 24. Ron Kulik, USA 1:37:37.8

50 Km: 1. Chris Hohne, E.G. 4:04:3.52 2. Benjamin Soldatenko, USSR 4:09:52 3. Burkhard Leuschke, EG 4:11:10 4. Peter Selzer, EG 4:11:47.4 5. Winfried Skotnicki, EG 4:13:32.8 6. Yevgeniy Lungin, USSR 4:13:32.8 7. Hubert Meire, WG 4:15:52 8. Otto Bartsch, USSR 4:16:46.8...16. John Knifton, USA 4:28:41.6...19. Goetz Klopfer, USA 4:33:23.6...22. Bob Kitchen, USA 4:37:53.6...Jim Lopes, USA dnf. Final Result: 1. East Germany 134 2. USSR 125 3. West Germany 40 8. Hungary 31.

1973, Lugano, Swita.

20 Km: 1. Hans-Georg Reimann, EG 1:29:31 2. Karl-Heinz Stadtmüller, EG 1:29:36 3. Ron Laird, USA 1:30:45 4. Nikolai Smaga, USSR 1:30:46.6 5. Yevgeniy Ivchenko, USSR 1:31:33 6. Armando Zambaldo, It. 1:31:42 7. Todd Scully, USA 1:32:23.6 8. Roger Mills, GB 1:32:44...14. Jerry Brown, USA 1:34:05...27. Bill Ranney, USA 1:39:11 (The USA was third, just 3 points back of the USSR after the 20)

50 Km: 1. Bernd Kannenberg, WG 3:56:50.7 2. Otto Bartsch, USSR 3:57:10 3. Chris Hohne, EG 3:57:25 4. Ben Soldatenko, USSR 4:01:33 5. Gerhard Weidner, EG 4:01:58 6. Peter Selzer, EG 4:03:10 7. Sergiy Bondarenko, USSR 4:07:51 8. W. Skotnicki, EG 4:08:29.4...14. John Knifton, USA 4:16:48...20. Floyd Godwin, USA 4:23:48...24. Bill Weigle, USA 4:28:40 25. Bob Kitchen, USA 4:29:38. Result: 1. East Germany 138 2. USSR 134 3. Italy 104 4. West Germany 95 5. USA 95 6. Great Britain 81 7. Finland 8. Sweden 9. Canada



Early Lugano Cup Action.. Ken Matthews, who won the first Lugano Cup 20 Km in 1961, is seen here in a Cup Preliminary in London on August 12, 1961. Matthews won in 1:32:12.4 as his team qualified for the Final in Lugano. Germans Karl Heinz Pape and Dieter Lindner are in second and third in this picture from Athletics Weekly.