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was stepped even more to reach 15 Km in 59:44. At this point the contenders were Ruzavin, Dmytrenko, China's Zelin Cai, Japan's Yusuke Suzuki, and Colombia's Eider Arevalo. Cain made a move with 4 km to go, but Dmytrenko quickly covered it as the others dropped back and both Ivanov and Arevalo picked up their third red cards. Cai had no answer when Dmytrenko made a decisive move with about 3 km to go. Covering the final 5 km in a stunning 18:47, the Ukrainian crossed the finish line in 1:18:37, 15 seconds ahead of Cai. Ruzavin hung on for third, well clear of Suzuki, who just held off Spain's Miguel Angel Lopez.

"Taicang has been a miracle for me," said the elated and slightly stunned winner. "I was very happy with my seventh place at the 2011 World Championships in Daegu and my fourth place in the Cup in Saransk two years ago, but I was not so happy with my seventh place in Moscow at the World Championships last summer. However, despite being in good shape before the race, this result was still unimaginable."

Dmytrenko not only battle his rivals on the road but also the elements, as the rain got steadily heavier during the course of the race, but he still managed to produce an outstanding negative split, walking the second half of the race almost two minutes faster than the first.

As an aside, considering the current political situation, the Ukraine's thorough thrashing of the Russian machine must have been doubly rewarding. Back in 1965, I was privileged to be part of the U.S. National T&F team for a dual meet with USSR. The meet was in Kiev and we were in that lovely city for a week. We had been told by the State Department to never refer to the people there as Russian—they were proud Ukrainians. So I rejoice with them.

The first event of the competition was the 50 Km and here the Russians were dominant, taking four of the first spots for a decisive team win. But here, too, Ukraine shone placing three in the top ten to easily take the silver team medal, well clear of the Chinese hosts.

The winner was Mikhail Ryzhov, who led from the start, steadily increasing the pace to finally drop teammate Ivan Noskov over the final Km, finishing in 3:39:05, 33 seconds clear of his teammate.. Australia's Jared Tallent hung with them for the first 30 Km, but had to yield to the quickened pace and settle for bronze, adding to his collection of medals on the world stage. (Two Olympic silvers, two World Cup bronze, and one World Championship bronze.)

Ryzhov said, "It was our plan to work together then at 47 km, I decided to surge. Completing the Russian team, the veteran two-time bronze medalist Yuriy Andronov was fourth in 3:43:52 walking a solitary race for almost 45 Km.

The first four were together in the lead almost from the gun. When they hit the first 10 Km in 44:11 the rest of the field was 27 seconds back. Tallent went into a slight lead, which was just 3 seconds as passed 20 Km 1:28:37. It already appeared the first four places were decided, the only question being the order of finish. Adronov was staring to drop away, 20 seconds back.

By 30 Km, reached in 2:12:31, Tallent was beginning to struggle and was 3 seconds back.. Adronov had dropped 31 seconds back and the rest of the field trailed by more than 2 minutes.

It soon became a two-man race and the two Russians were together at 40 Km in 2:56:29 with Tallent now struggling 39 seconds back and turning his thoughts to preserving the bronze medal. "I managed to claw back a bit of the deficit between about 41 and 42 kilometers but then it rally started to hurt and I decided just to hang on and make sure I got the bronze as

Adronov was looking strong," said Tallent.

When Ryzho made the final push after passing 47 Km, Noskov had no answer and had to settle for silver.. Ryzhov had 10 km splits of 44:26, 44:11, 43:54, 43:58, and 43:24. Tallent was more than 3 minutes back at the finish but still well clear of Adronov. A distant fifth was the fourth Russian, Oleksiy Bartzakin.. In sixth, Oleksiy Kazanin led another strong Ukraine effort with teammates coming ninth and tenth to secure the silver team medals ahead of China.

Finishing 21st was Spain's indomitable Jesus Angel Garcia. Who won silver World Cup medals in 1993 and 1995 and then the gold in 1997 with a 3:39:54. He has compeed in every World Cup since.

Patrick Stroupe was the lone U.S. entrant. He was on pace for a personal best sub 4:10 effort through 30 Km (2:29:27), but needed 53 minutes for his next 10 and then really hit the wall to finish 46th in 3:23:13, needing 60:45 for that final 10.



On the left Dmytrenko on his way to 20 Km gold, and who says your can't have double contact at high speed? On the right, Ryzhov leads Tallent in the 50.

The women's 20 km, also held the first day, saw the Russians take 1,3,4 for a second team title. Anisya Kirdyapkina scored a decisive win, walking 1:26:31 to beat China's Hong Liu by 27 seconds. In a near blanket finish, Elmira Alembekova finished just 4 seconds behind Liu with Vera Sokolova another second back and just two seconds ahead of Italy's Eleonora Giorgi.

The race started at a rather leisurely pace with a lead pack of 33 grouped between 22:26 and 22:31 at 5 Km. Over the next 5, Ukraine's Lyudmyla Olyanovskova started to edge away and by 10 Km (44:20) had a 13 second lead on a pack of 21 others. The lead eventually swelled to 20 seconds, but at 13 km Kirdyapkina started to close the gap on a flagging Olyanovska and open up on the rest of the field.

By 15 Km, Kirdyapkina had a 10 second lead as she crossed the line in 1:05:48.. The lead grew to 24 seconds by the start of the final 2 Km lap. She held her rhythm all the way to finish to joining her husband Sergey as a World Cup winner. He won the 50 Km at Saransk in 2012. "I planned to go earlier in the race but the unpredictable early lead from the Ukranian girl lead me to change my plans. At 13 km, my coach told me to go," revealed Kirdyapkina. Fortunately, I could accelerate more and more, because I was very strong."

Behind the Russian, there was drama over the final two kilometers with briefly a

head-to-head battle for the silver medal between Liu and Sokolova, the former World record holder coming through strongly on the ninth lap and overtaking Liu 1500 meters from home. But Liu got her second wind and took back second place. Alembakova got the bronze in the final few meters from Sokolova, who perhaps had mistimed her effort.

Behind the leading quartet, Giorgi came through strongly on the last lap to set an Italian record of 1:27:05. The long-time leader Olyeskova was beaten for sixth by China's Xuizhi Lu but got a reward for her bravery with a national record of 1:27:27.

Also getting national records were Maria Michta for the U.S. and Rachel Seaman for Canada, making their coach Tim Seaman proud. Maria was 30th in 1:30:49, one place and 25 seconds ahead of Rachel. Portugal's Susanna Feitor 39, walking in her 10th Cup finished 17th in 1:28:51 joining Ana Cabecinha (8th) and Vera Santos (11th) to capture a team bronze for Portugal.



Kirdyapkina finishes her impressive effort. (Getty Image)

The Junior Men's 10 Km on the first day was a triumph for the host nation as they took both individual and team gold. The final 2 Km lap saw four walkers in contention with Wenkui Gao emerging as the winner. The 18-year-old Chinese walker, after failing in an attempt seal the race over the first half, had enough in reserve to launch an attack on the final lap and set a Cup record of 39:40.

Gao and Japan's Datsuke Matsunaga did all the hard work over the first half of the race as they darted into the lead from the gun. They passed 3 Km in 11:44 with a 14 second lead, but that gap gradually diminished. At 5 Km, reached in 19:53, the lead over a six-strong chasing pack had dropped to just nine seconds. By 7 km, all of that lead was gone. The chasing pack was reduced by three as they swung into the final lap.

Another Gao surge tore the chasing group apart. At the finish Gao was five seconds ahead of Matsunaga's late challenge. Russia's Nikolay Markov was third another 10 seconds back. With Jinzhu Jie taking fifth the Chinese were winners in the team battle with 6 points to 1 for runner-up Spain. Both of Russia's other two walkers were disqualified, leaving them out of the team picture. (The junior races have three-person teams, with the first two scoring.)

For the U.S., Anthony Peters finished 29th in a personal best 45:54

The Junior Women's 10 on the second day was another Chinese triumph with a one-two finish and, obviously, another team gold. The Chinese duo of Duan Dandan and Jiayu Yang surprised race favorite Anexka Drahotova of the Czech Republic, with Dandan winning in 43:05, the best junior time in the world this year. Yang was 32 seconds back at the finish, but three seconds ahead of Drahotova. Drahotova had won an IAAF Challenge race at 20 Km earlier this year in 1:29:43 and finished third behind Liu and Giorgi in Lugano with a 1:28:13, just 38 seconds behind the winner. Here she chose to bypass the 20 and take a shot at a gold medal in the junior 10. It didn't work out.

Spurred on by the home crowd, the two Chinese girls both clocked significant personal bests. It didn't look to be in the cards early in the race.

Drahotova and Oxana Golyatikina of Russia, who won gold and silver in last year's European Junior Championship, immediately tore away from the field and went through the first km in 8:57. But Duan and Yang were just six seconds back. With an 8:30 effort on the second 2 Km the leading pair increased the lead to eight seconds.

The pace slowed slightly as the leaders reached 6 km in 26:02, but Duan was on the prowl, moving fast, and was on even terms with the European pair. Pushing hard, Duan opened a 6 second gap on Drahotova as she reached 8 km in 34:38, six seconds ahead. Golyatikina had left the course in tears following her third red card.

Liu's final lap of 7:27 left no doubt of the outcome and Yang pushed hard to catch Drahotova near the finish. After her, it was nearly two minutes back to the fourth finisher, Spain's Laura Garcia-Caro. The Spaniard's finish helped her team capture the silver medal with 20 points. Nine of the top ten finishers set personal bests in the race. For the U.S. Katherine Newhoff and Brenda McCollum finished 41st and 42nd.

Results of all the events:

Women's 20 Km: 1.. Anisya Kirdyapkina, Russia 1:26:31 2. Hong Liu, China 1:26:58 3. Elmira Alembekova, Russia 1:27:02 4. Vera Sokolova, Russia 1:27:03 5. Eleonora Giorgi, Italy 1:27:05 6. Xuizhi Lu, China 1:27:15 7. Lyudmyuhla Olyanovaka, Ukraine 1:27:27 8. Ana Cabecinha, Portugal 1:27:49 9. Antonella Palmisano, Italy 1:27:51 10. Marina Pandakova, Russia 1:27:54 11. Vera Santos, Portugal 1:28:02 12. Lina Bikulova, Russia 1:28:12 13. Raquel Gonzalez, Spain 1:28:36 14. Jingjing Nie, China 1:28:43 15. Maria Jose Poves, Spain 1:28:46 16. Guadalupe Gonzalez, Mexico 1:28:48 17. Susan Feitor, Portugal 1:28:51 18. Agnieszka Dygacz, Poland 1:28:58 19. Huigin Ding, China 1:29:17 20. Huanhuan Sun, China 1:29:20 21. Beatriz Pascual, Spain 1:29:22 22. Ines Henriques, Portugal 1:29:33 23. Neringa Aidityte, Lithuania 1:29:37 24. Kimberly Garcia, Peru 1:29:44 25. Sandra Arenas, Colombia 1:30:18 26. Mirna Ortiz, Guatemala 1:30:18 27. Hanna Drabenia, Belarus 1:30:32 28. Mayra Perez, Guatemala 1:30:41 29. Julia Takacs, Spain 1:30:43 30. Maria Michta, US 1:30:49 31. Rachel Seaman, Canada 1:31:14 32. Lina Mataveyuk, Belarus 1:31:14 33. Ina Kashyna, Ukraine 1:31:21 34. Brigita Virbalyte, Lithuania 1:31:24 35. Khushibir Kaur, India 1:31:40 36. Sandra Galvis, Colombia 1:31:57 37. Laura Reynolds, Ireland 1:32:25 38. Erica de Sena, Brazil 1:32:27 39. Tanya Holliday, Australia 1:32:36 40. Yanelli Caballero, Mexico 1:32:51 41. Miranda Melville, US 1:36:18 42. Nicola Evangelista, Canada 1:43:25 78. Katie Burnett, US 1:44:00 79. Susan Randall, US 1:45:01 80. Erin Talcott, US 1:45:25 82. Katelynn Ramage, Can. 1:49:30 (84 finishers, 1 DQ, 3 DNF)

Teams: 1. Russia 8 2. China 12 3. Portugal 36 4. Spain 49 5. Italy 70 6. Ukraine 80 7. Lithuania 100 8. Guatemala 104 9. Poland 109 10. Belarus 121 11. Japan 160 12. USA 167 13. Ecuador 186 14. France 189 15. Canada 190 16. Switzerland 228

Men's 20 Km: 1. Ruslan Dmytrenko, Ukraine 1:18:37 2. Zelin Cai, China 1:18:52 3. Andrey Ruzavin, Russia 1:18:59 4. Yusuke Suzuki, Japan 1:19:19 5. Miguel Angel Lopez, Spain

1:19:21 6. Zhen Wang, China 1:19:40 . Igor Glavan, Ukraine 1:19:59 8. Omar Segura, Mexico 1:20:03 9. Eiki Takahashi, Japan 1:20:04 10. Nazar Kovalenko, Ukraine 1:20:11 11. Evan Dunfee, Canada 1:20:13 12. Inaki Gomez, Canada 1:20:18 13. Benjamin Thorne, Canada 1:20:19 14. Dane Bird-Smith, Australia 1:20:27 15. Ding Chen, China 1:20:28 16. Caio Bonfim, Brazil 1:20:28 17. Per Trofimiou, Russia 1:20:33 18. Hyunsub Kim, Korea 1:20:39 19. Alvaro Martin, Spain 1:20:39 20. Giorgio Rubino, Italy 1:20:44 21. Wei Yu, China 1:20:47 22. Takumi Saito, Japan 1:20:51 23. Robert Heffernan, Ireland 1:21:00 24. Kevin Campion, France 1:21:07 15. Isamu Fujisawa, Japan 1:21:07 26. Iran Kolothum Thodi, India 1:21:09 26. Gurmeet Singh, India 1:21:20 28. Matej Toth, Slovak Rep. 1:21:33 29. Maaricio Arteaga, Ecuador 1:21:46 30. Denis Strolkov, Russia 1:21:58 31. Julio Cesar Salazar, Mexico 1:21:58 32. Jose Leonardo Montana, Colombia 1:22:03 33. Singh Devender, India 1:22:07 34. Marius Ziukas, Lithuania 1:22:09 35. Anton Kucmin, Slovak Rep. 1:22:12 36. Jesus Tadeo Vega, Mexico 1:22:13 37. Alberto Amezcus, Spain 1:22:19 38. Koichiro Morioka, Japan 1:22:21 39. Antonin Boyez, France 1:22:21 40. Ian Trotski, Belarus 1:22:24 41. K. Ganapathi, India 1:22:41 42. Marc Tur, Spain 1:22:46 43. Tom Bosworth, Great Britain 1:22:53 44. Pavel Parshin, Russia 1:22:59 45. Tongda Bian, China 1:23:00 . . 89. Alejandro Chavez, US 1:29:47 . . 91. Nick Christie, US 1:32:19 . . 96. Michael Mannozi, US 1:35:36 (100 finishers; 9 DQ including Erick Barrondo, Guatemala, and Eider Arevalo of Colombia; 6 DQ including Erik Tysse, Norway, Teams: 1. Ukraine 19 2. China 21 3. Japan 35 4. Canada 36 5. Russia 58 6. Spain 61 7. Mexico 75 8. India 86 9. Italy 117 10. France 128 11. Australia 185 12. Slovak Republic 136 13. Belarus 150 14. Poland 164 15. Ireland 180 16. Turkey 257 17. USA 276

Men's 50 Km: 1. Mikhail Ryzhov, Russia 3:39:05 2. Ivan Noskov, Russia 3:39:38 3. Jared Tallent, Australia 3:42:48 4. Yuriy Andronov, Russia 3:43:51 5. Aleksey Bartsaykin, Russia 3:45:34 6. Oleksiy Kazanin, Ukraine 3:47:01 7. Omar Zepeda, Mexico 3:47:35 8. Lin Zhang, China 3:48:49 9. Ivan Banzeruk, Ukraine 3:49:00 10. Serhiy Budza, Ukraine 3:49:25 11. Chris Erickson 3:49:33 12. Rolando Saquipay, Ecuador 3:50:19 13. Quentin Rew, New Zealand 3:50:22 14. Ihor Saharuk, Ukraine 3:50:49 15. Qianlong Wu, China 3:50:51 16. Jonathan Caceres, Ecuador 3:50:52 17. Qi Zhao, China 3:51:47 18. Andriy Hrechkovskiy, Ukraine 3:51:48 19. Jose Leyver Ojeda, Mexico 3:52:20 20. Jean-Jaques Nkouloukidi, Italy 3:53:44 21. Jesus Angel Garcia, Spain 3:55:38 22. Pedro Isidro, Portugal 3:56:15 23. Sandeep Kumar, India 3:56:22 24. Pavel Chihuan, Peru 3:56:35 25. Chilsung Park, Korea 3:56:39 26. Francisco Arcilla, Spain 3:58:00 27. Teodorico Caporaso, Italy 3:58:44 28. Jorge Armando Ruiz, Colombia 3:58:58 29. Mikel Odriozola, Spain 3:59:03 30. Omar Daniel Sierra, Colombia 3:59:08 31. Yongqiang He, China 4:01:54 32. Manish Singh, India 4:02:08 33. Marc Mundell, South Africa 4:02:19 34. Luis Fernando Lopez, Colombia 4:05:14 35. Lukas Gdula, Czech Rep. 4:05:19 . . 46. Patrick Stroupe, USA 4:23:13 (50 finishers, 8 DQ, 4 DNF) Teams: 1. Russia 7 2. Ukraine 25 3. China 40 4. Spain 76 5. Italy 85 6. Colombia 92 7. India 92 8. Guatemala 139

Jr. Women's 10 Km: 1. Dandan Duan, China 43:05 2. Jiayu Yang, China 43:37 3. Anezka Drahotova, Czech Rep. 43:40 4. Laura Garcia-Caro, Spain 45:29 5. Hailu Cun, China 45:52 6. Klavdiia Afanaseva, Russia 45:59 7. Viktoriya Rrashchupkina, Belarus 46:21 8. Clara Smith, Australia 46:33 9. Maria Perez, Spain 46:41 10. Chainz Nasri, Tunisia 46:43 11. Mildred Raya, Mexico 47:13 12. Jemina Montag, Australia 47:34 13. Eleonora Dominici, Italy 47:37 14. Valeria Ortuno, Mexico 47:44 15. Lidia Sanchez-Puebla, Spain 48:07 16. Nicole Colombi, Italy 48:22 17. Karla Jaramillo, Ecuador 48:26 18. Jessica Hanco, Peru 48:29 19. Zivile Vaiciukeviciute, Lithuania 48:37 20. Daniela Pastrana, Colombia 48:54 21. Anel Ooshuizen, South Africa 48:59 22. Monika Vaiciukeviciute, Lithuania 49:01 23. Anastasia Chernova,

Russia 49:11 24. Ganna Suslyk, Ukraine 49:20 25. Elizabeth Hosking, Australia . . 41. Katherine Newhoff, USA 52:52 42. Brenda McCollum, USA 53:24 (44 finishers, 4 DQ, including Katie Michta, USA Teams: 1. China 3 2. Spain 13 3. Australia 20 4. Mexico 25 5. Italy 29 6. Russia 29 7. Czech Rep. 38 8. Lithuania 41 8. Tunisia 53 9. Portugal 56 10. Kazakhstan 59 11. Ukraine 60 12. USA 83

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Stroupe, Cobb Win 10 Km Titles

Dayton, Ohio, May 11 (Reported by Vince Peters) Fresh from a week of competition in China at the IAAF World Cup of Race Walking Armstong, Missouri, resident Patrick Stroupe added the USA title at the 10 kilometer distance to his outstanding resume. Stroupe, a three (3) time collegiate national track & field champion broke away from the field early on for the win. The 29 year old had a 22 second gap over second at the halfway point that continued to widen to the finish. Stroupe went home with the gold medal presented to the National Champ by USA Track & Field plus \$500 in prize money and performance bonuses. The total prize & performance money pool was worth \$2,700 to these profession pedestrians.

Following Stroupe across the finish line was the lanky Jonathan Hallman, a Greer, South Carolina, resident. Hallman, with collegiate eligibility, but still unsigned by any college, nailed down a solid qualifying time for the USA Track Nationals in Sacramento in June with his 46:54 clocking. Third in this year's race went to the 2014 collegiate indoor track & field champion in the race walk, Cody Risch. Risch, a recent Cornerstone University graduate (Grand Rapids, Michigan) turned pro on the warm (65 degrees at race start) and humid morning. His final time after a quick opening 5k in 22:28 was 48:30.

Jill Cobb, the 4th place individual at the 2012 Olympic Trials, took the women's title in 50:02. Like many of the competitors Cobb, 39, was able to go out quickly covering the first 5k in 24:24, but as the sun got brighter times slowed over the second half of the 8 lap race. The Beavercreek mother of two was happy with her Mother's Day victory. Samantha Cohen, a 36 year old mother of three (3) from Wisconsin grabbed second in 52:16. And even though she was suffering the ill effects from a head cold picked up on her return trip from competing in the World Cup a week earlier in China, Erin Taylor-Talcott held on for 3rd.

Today's race was also the USATF Junior National Championships for the 10k Road Walk. And Cameron Haught, just a 15 year old freshman at Yellow Springs HS, had the most impressive performance of the day. With a personal best of 53:30, Haught chased Puerto Rican junior Luis Cruz the first half of the race. Trailing by just 6 seconds after walking a personal record (PR) 24:09 split through 5k, Haught was able to maintain his momentum. After several

back-n-forth lead changes Haught was able to close strongly over the final lap for an impressive triumph in 48:36. This moves him to #2 Under-20 performer at that distance in the USA this in 51:21.

Beavercreek high school junior Ashleigh Resch continued her winning streak. The 17 year old USA New Balance National High School Indoor 1 Mile T&F Champ back in March won today's much longer 10k (6.214 miles) race in 56:05. Texas high school champ Fiona Dunleavy was a very close 2nd. She finished in 56:18. Third place went to Chicago's Anali Cisneros. The Elgin Shark athlete was timed in 57:24.

Other local athletes who performed well in this walking competition were Xenia's Joel Pfahler. He finished 7th overall in 49:58 and combined with Yellow Springs' Jacob Gunderkline (9th overall) and Haught to win the team title and points in the year-long USATF Race Walk Grand Prix circuit.

The women's team made it a sweep for the Yellow Springs's based Miami Valley Track Club over runner-up Pegasus Athletics Club from Michigan. Jill Cobb, Ashleigh Resch and Yellow Springs' Christina Peters (6th overall in the women's open division) dominated in their win.



Pat Stroupe on his way to victory; Jill Cobb accepts first place award from race impresario Vince Peters.

The competition also doubled as the 27th Annual Jack Mortland Race Walks. Jack, a 1964 Olympian in the walks, was on hand signing autographs for the kids and promoting the most newsworthy print publication in race walking – The Ohio Race Walker. Local TV stations 2 and 45 had cameramen at the event hosted by the Dayton area's Miami Valley Track Club. Local sponsors of the event include: Ohio USATF; Comfort Suites (Riverside); Graphics II (Enon); Creative Trophy Designs; Buckeye Striders (Columbus) and the hosting organization – the Miami Valley Track Club (Yellow Springs).

Big thanks to the Judges: Ginger Mulanax, Les Chih, David Harriman, Carolee Stephens, Bruce McKinstry, Frank Soby with Brian Stephens on DQ board. The results: Men: 1. Patrick Stroupe, un. 44:29.9 2. Jonathan Hallman, Shore AC 46:54 3. John Cody

Risch, Q Team 48:30 4. Cameron Haught (15) Miami Valley TC 48:36 5. Luis Cruz (17), Puerto Rico 48:57 6. David Swarts (49), Pegasus AC 49:11 7. Joel Pfahler, Miami Valley TC 49:58 8. Jacob Gunderkline, Miami Valley TC 51:16 9. Alex Peters (18), Elgin Sharks TC 51:21 10. Dave Talcott (54), Shore AC 51:42 11. Pablo Gomez (42) Chicago Walkers 54:57 12. Omar Nash (40), Miami Valley TC 56:26 13. Ed Fitch (53), Miami Valley TC 59:36 14. Damen Clements, (57), un. 59:56 15. Thomas Dunleavy (15), Rockwall Mustangs 61:25 16. Max Walker (67), Pegasus 61:27 17. Jerry Muskal (56), Miami Valley TC 62:55 18. Angelo Peters (13), Elgin Sharks 64:08 19. Mike DeWitt, Parkside AC 64:43 20. Byron Kaelin (54), World Class RW 68:34 21. Tom Belford (65), Pegasus 71:09 22. Lou Kaelin (53), World Class RW 75:07 (1 DNF, 2 DQ)

Women: 1. Jill Cobb, Miami Valley TC 50:02 2. Sam Cohen, Wisconsin Runner RT 52:16 3. Erin Taylor, Shore AC 55:11 4. Chelsea Conway (17), Miami Valley TC 56:05 5. Ashleigh Resch (17), Miami Valley TC 56:05 6. Fiona Dunleavy (17), Rockwell Mustangs 56:18 7. Anali Cisneros (16), Elgin Sharks 57:24 8. Jennifer Lopez (18), Elgin Sharks 58:32 9. Katie Malinowski, Pegasus AC 59:29 10. Christina Peters, Miami Valley TC 59:47 11. Debbie Topham (61), Pegasus 62:37 12. Stephanie Edwards, Miami Valley TC 62:39 13. Becky Benjamin (48) Pegasus 63:01 14. Cathy Mayfield (62), Pegasus 66:07 15. Joyce Prohaska (63), Springbok TC 69:21 16. Donna Sarkuy (54), un. 70:11 17. Nicole Worsham (19), Rio Grande U. 75:56 18. Danielle Worsham (15), Miami Valley TV 76:19 19. Barbara Hensley (70), Miami Valley TC 83:50 (1 DQ)

NAIA 5000 meters, May 23, Geneva, Ohio: Men

1. Nick Christie, Missouri Baptist 21:22.72 2. Alejandro Chavez, Miss. Bap. 21:49.50 3. Doug Hutcherson, Central Methodist 25:21.49 4. James Hafner, Evangeline 25:42.93 5. Mitchell Brickson, Goshen 26:15.20 6. Kolton Nay, Goshen 27:28.27 7. Bernard Graham, Lindsey Wilson 29:28.96
Women—1. Mereth Zelba, Miss. Bap. 26:36.86 2. Molly Josephs, Miss. Bap. 26:43.26 3. Brianna Griffiths, Cornerstone 27:23.79 4. Monica Lawrence, Cornerstone 27:52.12 5. Kauyla Ovokaitys, Cornerstone 27:51.96 6. Baileyu Brogan, Cornerstone 28:08.40 7. Abby Dunn, Goshen 28:11.68 8. Nicole Court-Menendez, Dakota Wesleyan 28:30.48 9. Reine Brickson, Lindsey Wilson 28:37.89 10. Kaitlin Loeffler, Central Methodist 29:23.33 11. Natalia Alfonso, Miss. Bap. 30:00.70 12. Ioulia Barakou, Miss. Bap. 31:12.28 (3 DNF)

USATF National 15 Km, Riverside, Cal., May 18

(Which was mostly a Master's race with a few foreign walkers thrown in.) Men: 1. Mathieu Bilodieu 1:09:26 (a 34-year-old Canadian, originally from Quebec and now living in Calgary and reportedly racewalking for only a couple of months.) 2. Emanuel Corvera, un. San Diego 1:09:39 (Not sure if he's a U.S. citizen) 3. Francisco Pantoja 1:10:04 (Mexican citizen from Colorado) 4. David Swarts (48) Pegasus AC 5. Mark Green (57), Pegasus 1:25:44 6. Adam Zamudio, Aggie AC 7. Leon Jasionowski (63), Pegasus 1:32:06 8. Norm Frable (68), So. Cal. TC 1:32:34 9. Tommy Aunan (58), High Altitude RW Team 1:34:16 10. Bill Reed (61), Pegasus 11. Joe Nieroski (52) Easy Striders 12. Byron Kaelin (54) 1:39:11 World Class RW 13. Art Morrow (49), So. Cal. TC 14. Jim Carmines (70), So. Cal. TC 15. Rick Campbell (68), So. Cal. TC 16. John Backlund (74), So. Cal. TC 17. Lou Kaelin (53), World Class RW 18. Jack Starr (85), Phil. Masters 1:55:23 19. Bill Moreman (86) 1:58:40

Women: 1. Rachel Seaman, NYAC, Canada 1:09:49 2. Miranda Melville, NYAC 1:15:27 3. Tammy Stevenson (44), Wasatau Walkers, Utah 1:36:22 4. Vicki Pritchard (55), World Class RW 1:39:05 5. Susan Mears (59), Pacific Walkers 1:42:43 6. Kimmie Burton, un., California 1:44:09 7. Wendy Clark (60), un. Cal. 1:44:41 8. Donna Green (44), RW Arizona 1:46:27 9. Karen Brown (44), RW Ariz. 1:46:45 10. Paula Rassmussen (50), So. Cal. RW 1:48:56 11. Diane Brandt (66), RW Ariz. 1:50:20 12. Kay Carmines (68) So. Cal. TC 1:50:37 13. Darlene

Backlund ((48), So. Cal. TC 1:51:07 14. Jolene Steigerwalt (70), So. Cal. TC 1:55:47 15. Kathryn Webster (43), Wasatau Walkers 1:56:21 16. Nancy Linky (67), Wasatau 1:57:57 17. Ellie Kallal (70), Ariz. RW 2:07:38 18. Jenny Dean (62), Inland Empire RW 2:17:13

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103rd Coney Island 10 Mile Handicap, April 27—1. Lynn Levy 1:42:23 2. Nancy Dunlpp 1:59:41 3. Bruce Logan 1:36:14 4. JohnMorrison 1:52:06 5. James McGrath 2:03:56 (Times do not reflect finishing place since the walkers started at staggered intervals. Actual distance estimated at 9.5 miles) **4 Mile, same place** (Estimated at actual 3.8 miles)—1. Ermiyas Harper 39:28 2. Nazima Omonillaeira 40:24 3. Jessica Lin 41:126 4. Yosef Harper 41:21 5. Sherwin Wilks 41:29 (29 finishers) **N.Y. State High school Girl's 1500 meters, Bohemia, N.Y., May 21: Division 1**—1. Katie Michta 6:47.77 2. Monika Farmer 6:52.60 3. Lauren Harris 6:53.95 4. Natalie DeQuarto 7:18.13 5. Kaitlin Martins 7:19.15 6. Jamie Fleming 7:22.71 (17 finishers, 1 DQ) Division 2: 1. Allie Bvennett 6:55.58 2. Katharine Newhoff 7:01.69 3. Katie Venier 7:18.12 15 finishers, 3 DQ) Division 3: 1. Sabrina Mason 7:02.93 2. Alexa Kluepfel 7:15.91 3. Courtney Bofinger 7:19.91 (17 finishers, 1 DQ) **5 Km, Whiting, N.J., May 3**—1. Kirsti Licursi (18) 28:12 2. Elizabeth Pasquale (61) 30:21 3. John Fredericks (66) 30:54 4. Tim Chelius (57) 32:27 5. Pat Bivona (73) 34:53 6. Ron Salvio (6537:03 (1 DQ, 1 DNF) **Penn Relays, Philadelphia, April 26: 10 Km**—1. Emerfon Hernandez, un. 42:17.56 2. Kenny Perz, Colombia 43:35.95 3. Rich Luettchau, Shore AC 46:35.61 4. Joel Pfahler, Miami Valley TC 47:44.21 **Masters Men**—1. Jianping Xu, Hamilton Hammerheads 49:40.19 **Junior Men**—1. Jose Melendez, Puerto Rico 43:43.92 2. Jonathan Lazar, Conn. RW 52:11.24 3. Geraldo Flores, South Texas WC 53:17.70 4. Steve Berry, Timpanogos 43:18.13 **Women's 5 Km**—1. Maria Michta, Walk USA 22:13.64 **Masters Women 5 Km**—1. Maryanne Daniel, Conn. RW 27:20.85 **Junior Women's 5 Km**—1. Ashleigh Resch, Miami Valley TC 24:37.59 2. Annica Penn, un. 25:11.33 3. Fiona Sunleavy, Rockwell Mustangs 26:22.98 4. Anali Cisneros, Elgin Sharks 26:58.53 5. Jennifer Lopewz, Elgin Sharks 27:32.27 6. Lauren Harris, Sachem East 28:05.14 7. Holly Lindoe, Frankli Pierce U. 28:05.93 8. Sydney Sirois, Maine RW 28:22.78 9. Kayla Allen, Maine RW 28:56.92 10. Melissa Tylock, Penfield HS 129:13.38 **H.S. Girls 5 Km**—1. Katie Michta 25:20.54 2. Monica Farmer 25:57.64 3. Katharine Newhoff 26:07.18 4. Natalie DeQuarto 26:16.70 5. Meagan Podiaski 26:20.56 6. Kaitlin Martins 26:40.88 7. Sabrina Mason 27:11.77 8. Allison McConville 28:14.65 9. Jamie Flemming 28:23.63 10. Katie Miale 29:07.69 11. Caitlin Apollo 29:20.20 (All shown as Medford, N.J.) **10 Km, Mobile, Alabama, March 22**—1. David Shaw (52) 60:30 **Women**—1. Victoria Holdeman (54), Colorado 65:44 **Wisconsin 20 Km, Kenosha, May 4**—1. Matt DeWitt, Parkside AC 1:38:47.4 2. Miriam Andablo, Chicago walkers (Mexican) 1:53:10.3 **15 Km, same place**—1. Pablo Gomez, Chicago Walkers 1:27:27.6 **10 Km, same place**—1. Sam Cohen, Wisconsin Runner 49:11.4 **5 Km, same place**—1. Will Preischel (53) 25:52.8 **Half-marathon, St. Joseph, Minn., May 18**—1. Anita Macias-Howard 2:27:50 **50 Km, same place**—1. Dave Daubert (65+) 6:58:28 **High School Girls 50 Km, Pharr, Texas, May 24**—1. Emely Autuna (13) 16:46 2. Gisela Flores (14) 17:47 3. Itzel Gonzales (18) 18:08 **Boys**—1. Christian Ross (13) 16:31 **Boys 5 Km, same place**—1. Matias Serna (17) 25:34 2. Jonathan Aquilar (14) 27:05 **Gulf Association 5000 meter, Hedwig Village, Texas, May 4**—1. Tor-Ivar Guttulrod (50) 27:44.4 2. Lily Stoneman (11) 33:55.2 3. Janet Jones (56) 37:38.6 **Mt. SAC Relays 10 Km, Walnut, Cal., April 23**—1. Joe Nieroski (52) 60:47 2. Alex Karzaryan (59) 61:31 3. Deo Jaravata (49) 67:42 4. Bill Moremen (86) 74:48 **Women**—1. Wendy Clark (60) 69:47 2. Paula Rasmussen (59) 70:41 3. Gesine Robinson (69) 74:15 (6 finishers) **5 Km, same place**—1. Deo Jaravata 32:57 2. Ray Billig (57) 34:16 3. Paul Lawson (67) 34:43 4. Michael Witner (62) 5:41 (1 DQ) **Women**—1. Kimmie Burton 34:18 2. Susan Cottey (1) 36:31 3. Lynn Lonberg (64) 37:51 (7 finishers, 1 DQ)

10 Km Americas Trials for 2014 Youth Olympics, Cali, Colombia—1. Cesar Rodriguez, Peru 43:57.42 2. Pablo Rodriguez, Bolivia 45:25:09 **5000 meters, Misterbianco, Italy May 5**—1. Eleonora Giorgi 20:01.80! **20 Km Naumburg, Germany, May 18**—1. Robert Heffernan, Ireland 1:21:07 2. Christopher Linke 1:21:18 3. Hagen Pohle 1:21:29 4. Carl Dohmann 1:21:42 5. Nils Christopher Gloger 1:21:49 6. Alex Wright, Ireland 1:23:52 7. Nils Brembach 1:25:42 8. Denis Simanovich 1:26:22 9. Marcel Lehmberg 1:27:19 10. Andreas Janker 1:28:09 11. Brendan Boyce, Ireland 1:28:24. . 42. Christoph Hohne 2:10:01 (Olympic gold medalist at 50 in 1968; World Cup 50 Km winner 1965, 1967, 1970.) **French 5000 meters, Dijon, May 18**—1. Johann Diniz 19:07.64 **Lithuanian 5000 meters, Kaunas, May 10**—1. Marius Savsiskis 19:5504 2. Ricardas Rakst 20:14.52 **Women's 3000, same place**—1. Brigita Virbalyte-Dimsiene 12:21.84 **30 Km, Tuusula, Finland, April 27**—1. Matias Korpela 2:25:49 2. Timo Viljanen 2:29:59 **20 Km, same place**—1. Aleks Ojala 1:27:46 **Women's 5 Km, Portugal, April 27**—1. Ana Cabincinha 21:210 2. Inis Henriques 21:42 **Men**—1. Sergio Vieira 20:24 2. Miguel Carvalho 21:36 **Sweden, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia Match, Valga, Estonia, May 17: Jr. Women's 5000**—1. Zivile Vaiciukeviciute, Lith. 23:18.2 **Women's 5000**—1. Birgita Virbalyte, Lith. 21:17.8 **Jr. Men's 10,000**—1. Tomas Pagirys, Lith. 22:08 2. Martynas Jarusvicius 45:22.6 **Men's 10,000**—1. Ato Ibne, Sweden 41:23.4 2. Arnis Rumbenieks, Lith. 43:06.3 3. Arturas Mastianica, Lith. 43:23.3 **Teams Score**: 1. Lithuania 58 2. Latvia 32 3. Sweden 31 4. Estonia 28 **Chinese Nationals, May 25: Women's 20 Km**—1. Wang Di 1:30:44 2. Hou Hongbi 1:30:53 3. Yafang Ji 1:31:06 4. Xingcai Luo 1:31:08 5. Lijuan Zie 1:31:19 (84 participants, 8 DQ) **Men's 20 Km**—1. Haijun Ma 1:22:32 2. Lin Wang 1:22:50 3. Zhonfliang Chen 1:23:06 4. Tianlei Le 1:23:24 5. Guanyu Su 1:23:33 6. Guozhou Dong 1:23:45 7. Fuqiang Men 1:23:55 (44 participants, 4 DQ) **Jr. Men 30 Km**—1. Ni Wang 1:16:43 2. Jian Liu 2:17:24 3. Wankui Gao 2:18:10 4. Ong Jin 1:18:27 5. Jinzhu Xie 2:18:51 6. Ji Li 2:22:14 42 Participants, 4 DQ) **Jr. Men's 10 Km**—1. Song Sun 41:03 2. Wanzin Zhang 41:30 3. Rui Wng 41:46 4. Cinwei Ahao 42:05 5. Zienzhang Su 42:07 6. Yingyi Yang 42:16 (83 participants, 8 DQ) **Jr. Women's 10 Km**—1. Na Wang 44:17 2. Mao La 44:37 3. Lei Yang 45:11 (63 participants, 3 DQ)

Opportunities For Pleasant (Or Cutthroat) Competition

Sat. June 7	Michigan USATF 5000, Olivet College (F)
Sun. June 8	Midwest and Ohio 1 Hour,ellow Springs, Ohio (M)
Sat. June 14	Midwest 3000, Waukesha, Wis. (I)
Sa. June 14	5000 and 10,000, San Diego
	New Jersey 5000, Lakewood (A)
	Wisconsin 3000, Waukesha, Wis. (I)
Sun. June 15	5 Km, Detroit, 8 am (F)
Sat. June 1	Eastern Regional 5000, Albany, N.Y. (A)
June 28-29	National USATF 20 Km Championships, Sacramento, Cal. (D)
Sun. June 29	Midwest Masters 5000, Waukesha, Wis. (I)
	USATF Northeast 3000, Gloucester, Weston, Mass. (X)
	1 and 2 Miles, Berkley, Mich. (F)
Fri. July 4	5 Km, Farmingdale, NY
Sat. July 12	300 meers, louceser, Mass. (X)
Sun. July 13	National USATF 1 Hour, Gloucester, Mass. (W)
Sun. Aug. 10	Bobby Crim races (5, 8, and 10 Km) Flint, Michigan (F)
Sun. Aug. 23	1 Hour, Lakewood, N.J., 8:30 am (W)
Sat. Aug. 30	

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LOOKING BACK

50 Years Ago (From the Late Spring 1964 issue of the *Midwest Race Walker*, published by Chris McCarthy in Chicago)—Ron Laird was an easy winner in the National 30 Km in Los Angeles. His 2:26:27 left Bob Bowman nearly 10 minutes back (2:36:10) in second. Rudy Haluza was third in 2:38:03. . . Two weeks later, Laird went on a record rampage. On May 15, he broke the American record for 1500 meters at the L.A. Coliseum Relays with a 5:57.0. Don DeNoon was second in 6:02.2. The next day in Walnut, Cal., Laird easily broke the American record he had set a few weeks earlier in Chicago for 1 Hour, covering 8 miles 420 yards. On the way, he took out the 10 Km record with a 44:58 and continued to records at 15 Km (1:08:17) and 10 Miles (1:13:18). . . Dean Rassmussen was dominant on the other side of the country, winning the Penn AC 12 mile in Philadelphia with 1:37:06, 2 seconds ahead of Bob Mimm. He came back in two weeks to win a 15 Mile race on Staten Island in 2:00:35. Ron Daniel was 30 seconds back in that one. . . In a close race north of the border, Alex Oakley won the Ontario 10 Mile title in 1:17:09, ahead of Felix Cappella (1:17:15), and Nick Marone (1:17:44).

45 Years Ago (From the May 1969 ORW)—This issue featured the first photos ever published in the ORW, and guess what? They showed several athletes in full flight phase as we launched the first of many series of commentaries on judging issues. The photos were graciously supplied by Jim Hanley who sent enough copies to meet our circulation needs, since we were still a mimeographed (a foreign word, perhaps, to many of today's readers) publication. . . And

here was Laird again, winning the National 10 Km in Chicago in a championship record of 45:14.2. Ron Daniel and Steve Hayden followed. . . One day later, Tom Dooley had no need to hang down his head as he set an American record for the same distance in California, recording 44:26.9. Goets Klopfer covered 15 miles in a blazing 1:54:32 at the same site. . . The Zinn Memorial 10 Km in Chicago went to your editor in a blazing 49:29. Blazing only because it was hot in Chicago that day. Passing 3 miles 4 seconds ahead of his pace of a week before (when he did 48:40 for seventh in that National 10), he then wilted, but not nearly as much as teammate Jack Blackburn, 15 seconds ahead of him the week before, but 4 ½ minutes behind on this day. . . Paul Nihill won British titles at both 10 Km (44:07) and 10 Miles (1:11:14).

40 Years Ago (From the May 1974 ORW)—John Knifton overcame a challenge from Floyd Godwin in the National 25 Km in Des Moines, Iowa, to win with a 1:56:03 effort. Floyd Godwin was just over 2 minutes back at the finish, followed by Jerry Brown and Bob Henderson. . . Larry Walker won the National 15 Km in California in 1:10:08, 5 seconds ahead of Carl Swift, who wasn't swift enough on that day. . . Ed Bouldin (1:11:43), Bill Ranney, Rudy Haluza, and Steve DiBernardo filled out the top six. . . Godwin also took the 10 Km in 45:42 with Henderson a distant second and aging Jack Mortland (39) a rather ashamed third (51:02) as few athletes showed up. I guess that was my final national medal and one not at all deserved. . . The National 20 went to Jerry Brown in 1:33:33 with Godwin taking Knifton for second. Ron Daniel and Bob Henderson followed. . . East Germany's Peter Frenkel set a World Record for 30 Km (2:14:22) in East Berlin, with Chris Hohne less than 2 minutes back. A few weeks later, Hohne walked 50 Km in 3:53:33. . . In Hamburg, West Germany, Bernd Kannenberg broke the World 20 Km record with a 1:24:35.

35 Years Ago (From the May 1979 ORW)—It was open season on the World's 20 Km record, which had been held by Mexico's Daniel Bautista at 1:23:22. On April 22, Anatoliy Solomin, USSR, did 1:23:20. One week later, Frenchman Gerard LeLievre took the record down to 1:22:20 in Espinay. Then on May 19, Bautista said "Enough!" Walking on the track in Valencia, Spain, he recaptured his record with a 1:22:15 effort. . . Jim Heiring's American record of 1:30:04 set on April 22 didn't last long either. Todd Scully turned in a 1:28:33 in Seattle on May 17. . . Chris Hansen won the U.S. 15 Km title in Kenosha, Wis., tying Canadian Marcel Jobin in the process, as both returned 1:06:58. Heiring was nearly a minute-and-a-half back with John VanDenBrandt following him. . . Scully whipped Hansen in the National 10 Km in Chicago in 43:14. Heiring beat Hansen this time, 43:55 to 44:16. VanDenBrandt was fourth. (No medal this time for your still aging editor who managed 14th in 52:51.) . . The next day, Canada's Marcel Jobin beat Scully in the Zinn Memorial 10 Km, blasting a 41:32. Todd had 42:15. . . The Women's National 15 went to Paul Kash-Mori in 1:21:21, with Jeanne Bocci second. . . Alan Price was an easy winner in the National 100 Km in 10:36:35, with Tom Hamilton 47 minutes back in second. Jack Blackburn finished third, catching Sal Corrallo in the final 20 miles to take the master's title.

30 Years Ago (From the May 1984 ORW)—Denver had a weekend festival of National walks. On Saturday, Tim Lewis (20:53) and Teresa Vaill (25:27) won titles at 5 Km. Mel McGinniss (21:27) and Vincent O'Sullivan followed Lewis and Mexico's Maria Colin was second in the women's race. On Sunday, O'Sullivan came back to win the National 30 Km in 2:22:48. Carl Schueler, better than 4 ½ minutes back, edged Tom Edwards for second. Fabian Knizacky was fourth. . . Jim Heiring was an easy winner in the National 15 Km held in New York City. Jim's impressive 1:03:07 left Tim Lewis 52 seconds back. Ray Sharp was just 5 seconds behind Tim and well clear of Marco Evoniuk. Ten athletes bettered 1:10. Teresa Vaill won the women's title in 1:17:27, 4 minutes ahead of Carol Brown. . . Marcel Jobin pulled away from Heiring

after 5 Km to win his own Invitational 20 Km in Quebec with a 1:24:59. Heiring had 1:26:16 with Guillaume Leblanc third. . In Norway, Mexico's Ernesto Canto shattered the world record for 20 Km with 1:18:39. Daniel Bautista held the old record at 1:20:03. Marco Evoniuk was tenth in the race in 1:26:20, and also turned in times of 1:25:13 and 41:13 (10 Km) in Copenhagen the next week.

25 Years Ago (From the May 1989 ORW)—National 15 Km titles went to Rene Haarpainter (1:06:06) and Victoria Herazo (1:16:30) in races held in Long Branch, N.J. Steve Pecinovsky trailed Haarpainter by just over a minute, with Richard Quinn third and Allen James fourth. Kim Wilkinson was just 5 seconds back in the women's race with Sara Standley third. . Tim Lewis won the National Invitational 20 Km in Washington, D.C. in 1:26:52, leaving Doug Fournier 2:14 back. Mark Manning, Gary Morgan, Steve Pecinovsky, and Curtis Fisher were all under 1:30 in the next four spots. . Lewis also won the Penn Relays 10 Km in 41:22, followed by Fournier (42:33) and Morgan (43:00). The women's 5 Km went to Teresa Vaill in 22:38 with Lynn Weik second in 23:03.

20 Years Ago (From the May 1994 ORW)—Daniel Garcia beat Ecuador's Jefferson Perez by 3 seconds in 1:23:24 to win the Mexican Walk Week 20 Km. Bernardo Segura (1:23:30) and Hector Moreno, Colombia (1:24:03) were next. Al Heppner led a U.S. contingent with 1:32:49 in 39th. . In Durham, N.C., Dave McGovern beat Curt Clausen in a 20 Km, 1:32:06 to 1:33:21. Ian Whatley was just 3 seconds behind Clausen. In fourth was Mark Kautz, reportedly a 29-minute 10 Km runner just getting into racewalking who did 1:33:51. To my knowledge, that was his swan song as a racewalker, quickly ending a promising career.

15 Years Ago (From the May 1999 ORW)—In the World Cup, Curt Clausen made a tremendous breakthrough, taking 6 ½ minutes off his personal best (also the National best), as he finished 11th in the 50 Km in 3:48:04. Clausen moved up 10 places over the final 10 Km. The race went to Kazakhstan's Sergey Korepanov in 3:39:22 with Tomasz Lipiec, Poland and Nikolay Matyukhin, Russia, following. Russia beat Spain and Germany for the team title with the U.S. in tenth, just 1 point behind Slovakia. Philip Dunn also had a breakthrough, becoming the ninth U.S. walker to go under 4 hours with 3:59:53 in 45th. Andrew Hermann (4:08:47) in 60th completed the U.S. scoring. In the men's 20 Km, Mexico's Bernardo Segura (1:20:20) edged China's Guohui Yu and Russia's Vladimir Andreyev for the gold, with Robert Korzeniowski fourth. Russia, Mexico, and China took the first three place in the team race. The U.S. was 16th, led by Tim Seaman's 1:27:20 in 35th place. China's Hongyu Liu won the women's 20 in 1:27:32, ahead of Natalya Fedoskina, Russia, and Norice Cimpean, Romania. China, Russia, and Mexico finished in the top three spots. For the U.S., Michelle Rohl had 1:36:50 in 46th and Joanne Dow 1:38:08 in 53rd as the team finished 16th. . A week later, Grand Prix races in Eisenhuettenstadt, Germany went to Guatemala's Julio Martinez at 20 Km with 1:17:46 and China's Wany Yu at 10 Km in 41:16. Mexico's Lejandro Lopez had 1:17:56 for second in the 10 and three others went under 1:20. Tim Seaman was 15th in 1:24:33. . Another week later, Romania's Claudia Iovan won a Gran Prix 10 Km in La Coruna, Spain with 43:04, the same time as second-place Maria Vasco of Spain. The La Coruna 20 Km went to Spain's Francisco Fernandez in 1:21:55. . National 15 Km titles were won by Michelle Rohl (1:13:08) and Al Heppner (1:08:02). Teresa Vaill was just 4 seconds behind Rohl and husband Mike Rohl just 16 behind Heppner. The races were in Oak Grove, Illinois.

10 Years Ago (From the May 2004 ORW)—At the World Cup in Naumburg, Germany, Russia's Yelena Nikolayeva, competing in her sixth World Cup, beat China's Jian Jing by 10 seconds in 1:27:24 to win the women's 20. Spain's Maria Vasco was just a second behind Jing, with Australia's Jane Saville another 9 seconds back in a very close race. China beat

Russia for the team title. The U.S. place 13th, with Deb Huberty finished 65th in 1:41:45. Ecuador's Jefferson Perez pulled away in the final stages to win the men's 20 in 1:18:42, 20 seconds ahead of Poland's 50 Km ace Robert Korzeniowski. Australia's Nathan Deakes was third as China beat Ecuador for the team title. The U.S. finished ninth, led by Tim Eastler's 1:22:51 in 26th. Tim Seaman (1:24:21), Curt Clausen (1:25:39), and John Nunn (1:26:19) also had strong races. Russia's Aleksey Voyevodin won the 50 in 3:42:44, 63 seconds ahead of China's Caohong Yu, and these two countries were one-two in the team race. The U.S. did not finish a team. . A week later, John Nunn and Curt Clausen traveled to Lithuania where Nunn achieved an Olympic "A" standard for 20 with 1:22:31. Curt finished in 1:24:18. . Later in the month, walking in Copenhagen, Tim Seaman also made the "A" standard, walking 1:22:02. . U.S. titles went to Michelle Rohl in 1 Hour (12,600 meters) and Clausen in the 2 Hour (26,109 meters).

5 Years Ago (From the May 2009 ORW)—IAAF RW Challenge Races in Italy went to Norway's Kjersti Platzer in 1:28:50 and Spain's Francisco Fernandez in 1:19:57. Germany's Sabine Krantz was second in the women's race with 1:29:03 and three others finished under 1:30. In the men's race Norway's Erik Tysse was second, but nearly 2 minutes behind Fernandez. . In the European Cup races in Metz, France sweltering heat was the big winner as Giorgio Rubino led an Italian sweep of the top three spots in the 20, but he needed 1:24:06 to reach the finish. Spain's Maria Vasco won the women's 20 in 1:32:53, more than a half-minute ahead of Russia's Anisya Kirdeyhapkina. The 50 went to Denis Nizhegorodov of Russia, nearly four minutes ahead of Spanish legend Jesus Angel Garcia. . In the America's RW Championships in El Salvador, Brazil's Tanya Spindler and Colombia's Luis Lopez won at 20 km in 1:38:53 and 1:22:18. The first U.S. finishers were Solmiya Login in 1:47:16 (10th) and Patrick Stroupe with 1:31:00 in 14th. The 50 went to Mexico's Cristian Berdeja in 3:58:46. . Previewing things to come, Inaki Gomez and Evan Dunfee of the U. of British Columbia finished 1-2 in the NAIA 5000 meter race with 20:41.11 and 20:41.15

A bit of history

While we often say that the first Olympic racewalks were in Athens in 1906—a 1500 meter and a 3000 meter race, the first Olympic racewalk was actually in St. Louis in 2004. The decathlon was not yet included in the Olympics, but it was preceded in St. Louis by the All-Around Championship, an event popular in the U.S. and contested here until some time in the late '50s or early '60s. The 10 events were 100 yard dash, 120yd High Hurdles, 1 Mile Run, 880 yard Walk, High Jump, Broad Jump (now the long jump), Pole vault, shot put, hammer throw, and 56-lb weight throw, all contested in one day. (As an aside, your editor did his first racewalk at the U.S. All Around in College Park, Maryland in 1955.) That 1904 event was won by Tom Kiely of Great Britain, who upset the Americans, who were more experienced at the event. Kiely and John Holloway, also of Great Britain, both returned a time of 3:59 for the 880 walk. Thus, they became the first to cross the line in an Olympic racewalk.