Athens—Spaniard Jose Marin stamped himself as one of the world's premier walkers with a stunning double in the European Track and Field Championships here. On Tuesday, September 7, he dominated a strong 20 km field, overcoming oppressive heat and a tough, hilly course, to win in 1:23:45. That left him better than 2 minutes ahead of runner-up, Jozef Pribilince. Three days later, he returned in the 50 km and beat everyone but Finland's Reima Salonen while bettering 4 hours in the demanding conditions.

Although a strong walker over the past few years, Marin has never before been quite ready to contest for titles in major championships. He also doubled at the Moscow Olympics, finishing 5th and 6th. Last year, he repeated the 20 km 5th place in the Lugano Cup meet. The ORW had him ranked 10th in the world in 1980 and 7th in 1981 at 20 km. At 50, he ranked 10th in 1979 and 6th in 1980.

Salonen's win in the 50 was probably more a surprise than Marin's at 20. The Finn first came into prominence in the event at the 1976 World Championships with a third place finish. Known only for stunning times at shorter distances, primarily on friendly soil, he turned more than a few heads on that occasion. But, while walking a few isolated 50's in very fast time since, he had not again figured prominently in a major race at the distance until these championships.

In the 20 km, Sweden's Bo Gustafsson took command early, but never looked really comfortable or very stable, and was pulled by the judges at about 12 km, after relinquishing the lead to Olympic gold medalist, Maurizio Da Milano. At that point, Da Milano was pulling quickly away from everyone but Marin, and it quickly became a two-man race.

As the two started the final 3.5 km lap, the Italian's form started to go and he was finally pulled with about 2 km to go. Marin, walking solidly throughout, was about 15 meters down at that time and was able to go on to an easy, unpressed win. Pribilince, who has always been tough in everything but the important races, came through very well this time and held off his surprising countryman, Pavel Blazek, to take the silver. With Da Milano disqualified, Alessandro Paszatini and Carlo Mattioli salvaged something for defending Lugano Cup champion Italy taking fifth and sixth behind France's great veteran, Gerard Lelievre.

The real surprise was the complete absence of Soviet and East German walkers among the leaders. Yevgeniy Yevseyukov, probably the favorite for the title, was left in Moscow for some reason and the best the Soviets could do was 7th and 10th. East Germany's Roland Weber, the defending champion, who was third in the Moscow Olympics and second in the 1981 Lugano Cup, was never in contention here and managed only ninth. Because of injuries, he was East Germany's only entry. Thus, a very sad showing for the two nations that have been so dominant for so many years. And things were little better for them in the longer race.
Also well below par in the race were West Germany's Franz-Josef Weber, who walked such a strong race against the U.S., and Great Britian's Steve Barry.

Dietmar Meisch, trying to recapture a little glory for the East Germans, was near the lead in the first half, but by 15 km, he was dropping back to uncharted territory. He led in 1:35, with Olympic champion, Hartwig Gauder in second. Gauder was looking better than in the 20 and had a solid lead at the halfway mark, which he passed in 1:58:34. At that point, Marcin and Gauder were together in 1:59:26, Salonen was biding his time 5 seconds behind, and Sandro Bellucci (2:00:11) led Meisch (2:00:36), and a struggling defending titleist, Jorge Lopes (2:02:10).

By 35 km, Gustafsson was still on his own in 2:44:13. Salonen was leaving most of the field, but had a little ground to make up, coming through in 2:44:52. Marcin was now a solid third in 2:47:09, with Bellucci (2:47:46), Gauder (2:50:14), and Lopes (2:51:45) following.

Salonen made a big move over the next 5 km and at the 40 km mark was 3 seconds in the lead with a 3:03:39. Marcin was now 5 minutes clear of Gauder with 3:11:13. Salonen easily pulled away over the finish 10 km, finishing in 3:15:29 and covering the second half about 39 minutes faster than the first. Once he was passed, Gustafsson continued to fade and easily coaxed his timing at the start of the next lap. Gauder, however, made little headway on the second leg and the East Germans were shut out of any walk medals for the first time in their history. The USSR had also garnered a walk medal every time they had appeared at these Championships since 1954. The USSR had also garnered a walk medal every time they had appeared at these Championships since 1954. The USSR had also garnered a walk medal every time they had appeared at these Championships since 1954. The USSR had also garnered a walk medal every time they had appeared at these Championships since 1954. The USSR had also garnered a walk medal every time they had appeared at these Championships since 1954. The USSR had also garnered a walk medal every time they had appeared at these Championships since 1954.
contact, especially those cursed with long feet, as their back knee bends sooner, and more, than average. I'm amazed at the number of references to the relaxed back knee as a sign of lifting—may only indicate that the poor guy is not getting the final push that the straight-legged walker, and runner, gets. . . Bob Bowman, in attendance at the European Championships (and provided some of the detail in our report). His general observation is: "Although the technical form of the walkers was quite good (legal), the performance standard of the Europeans certainly has slipped. There doesn't seem to be reliable walkers of the caliber of Golubnichiy, Frenkel, Reiman, Sanga, etc. around. Maybe Marin is in this category. I would have certainly given our guys a great chance in this one and even better in L.A. as they mature more in the next 2 years."

If you ever get a note from Neal Picken, a.k.a. The Grimm Reaper, it may come in a little card that looks like this on the outside:

And, on the inside:
There once was a young man from Houston
Who thought it easier to walk than run
He changed his style
And quickened his pace

Beware The Grimm Reaper in your race.

September 1982

Olympic History (Continued from July 1992 issue)

1920 Olympic Games at Antwerp

10 km Races, August 15


### 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam

**3000 Meter Heats, Aug. 19**

**Heat 1:**
1. Donato Pavesi, Italy (4:56.4)
2. George Parker, Australia (4:58.6)
3. Thomas Margin, USA (5:01.8)
4. William Hehir, GB (5:03.0)
5. William Van Duren, Den. (5:04.2)

**Heat 2:**
1. Ugo Frigerio, Italy (4:57.2)
2. Cecil McMaster, S. Afr. (4:59.0)
3. Giuseppe Dordoni, Italy (5:01.0)
4. Paul Clarke, GB (5:03.0)
5. Arthur Tell Schwab, Switzerland (5:04.2)

**3000 Meter Final, August 20**

1. Ugo Frigerio, Italy (4:56.6)
2. Charles DeCardina, GB (4:59.4)
3. Richard Omero, USA (5:01.2)
4. William Hehir, GB (5:03.0)
5. Charles Gunn, GB (5:04.2)

### 1924 Olympic Games at Paris

**10 Km Heats, July 9**

**Heat 1:**
1. John Mikaelsson, Sweden (44:30.0)
2. Donato Pavesi, Italy (44:32.4)
3. Harry Churcher, GB (44:34.8)
4. Luigi Bosatra, Italy (44:37.2)
5. Luigi Borsa, Italy (44:39.6)

**Heat 2:**
1. Ugo Frigerio, Italy (44:38.0)
2. Cecil McMaster, S. Afr. (44:40.4)
3. Arthur Tell Schwab, Switzerland (44:42.8)
4. Armando Valente, Italy (44:45.2)
5. Paul Clarke, GB (44:47.6)

**FINAL, July 13**

1. Ugo Frigerio, Italy (44:40.0)
2. George Godwin, USA (44:42.4)
3. Cecil McMaster, S. Afr. (44:44.8)
4. Donato Pavesi, Italy (44:47.2)
5. Arthur Tell Schwab, Switzerland (44:49.6)

### 1932 Olympic Games at Los Angeles

**50 Km Final, August 5**

1. Ugo Frigerio, Italy (4:52.0)
2. Charles Morris, GB (4:54.4)
3. Emilie Maggi, France (4:56.8)
4. Guiseppe Dordoni, Italy (4:58.0)
5. Paul Clarke, GB (4:59.4)

**FINAL, August 7**

1. Ugo Frigerio, Italy (4:53.2)
2. Emilie Maggi, France (4:55.0)
3. Giselle Dordoni, Italy (4:57.0)
4. Charles Morris, GB (4:59.0)
5. Harry Churcher, GB (4:59.4)

### 1948 Olympic Games at London

**10 Km Heats, August 3**

**Heat 1:**
1. John Mikaelsson, Sweden (45:03.0)
2. Emilie Maggi, France (45:05.0)
3. Emilie Maggi, France (45:07.4)
4. Charles Morris, GB (45:09.0)
5. Harry Churcher, GB (45:11.0)

**FINAL, August 7**

1. John Mikaelsson, Sweden (45:13.9)
2. Emilie Maggi, France (45:16.0)
3. Frits Schwab, Switzerland (45:18.0)
4. Charles Morris, GB (45:20.0)
5. Harry Churcher, GB (45:22.0)

### 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki

**50 Km Final, August 5**

1. Paul Chekurrart, GB (4:51.0)
2. Charles Morris, GB (4:53.0)
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| 10. | Giuseppe Kressich, It. | 4:34:30.2 | 25. | Hayward, Canada | 5:04:40.0 |
| 12. | Sandor Laszlo, Hun. | 4:35:55.8 | 27. | Gerhard Retterer, Nor. | 5:11:40.0 |
| 13. | Rudolf Lutte, Ger. | 4:39:23.6 | 28. | Ake Soderlund, Swed. | 5:30:57.0 |
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**You should try race walking. It's better for you than running. It's good for your cardiovascular system, and at the end of fifteen minutes your glands secrete a juice that will make you happy.**

**Our Bronze Medalists.** Larry Young and wife Candy recently visited the Olympic Training Camp and posed for this picture with Ron Laird. Ron, on the left, was a bronze medalist in the 1967 and 1973 Lugano Cup 20 km races and Larry captured Olympic 50 km bronze in 1968 and 1972. That's Candy on the right. (SPORTSPOR by John Allen)