As the end of each year rolls around, the entire world holds its breath in eager anticipation of the Ohio Racewalker's Annual rankings. Who will this prestigious publication select as the top walkers in the world and in the U.S., both male and female? Relax, world, they are here. The ORW's staff of experts has dug into its head (alas, it's a one-man staff) to rate walkers off their 1982 performances. The rankings are a purely subjective judgement based on times, titles won, and head-to-head competition with other leading contenders. Lists of the best times for the year follow the rankings for each event.

This effort marks the 12th Annual World Rankings at 20 and 50 Kilometres for men, the 10th Annual Rankings for U.S. men at the same two distances, and the Fifth Annual Rankings for women at both 5 and 10 kilometers, both world and U.S.

### 1982 World 20 Kilometre Rankings

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For the first time since 1974, a Mexican is not atop the 20 K rankings. Daniel Bautista led for 6 years (despite the fact we credited him only four at this time last year) and Ernesto Canto led last year. The European Championships were a decisive factor this year and Marin's great win there gives him the top spot over runner-up, Pribil. Iamilano was headed for 1.0. Raul Gonzales, Mex.

Yevsyukov, Yevgeniy Yevsyukov was not at the European meet, which may have cost him a much higher ranking. Canto beat a good field at Jalapa, before losing decisively to Canto before his disqualification late in the European race. Bliedek

The real surprise in the rankings is no East Germans, and no Mexicans or Soviets in the first seven.
1982 WORLD 50 KM RANKING

1. Raul Gonzales, Mexico
2. Felix Gomez, Mexico
3. Dietmar Meisch, EG
4. Raul Gonzales, Mexico
5. Ronald

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1982 WORLD WOMEN'S 5 KM RANKING

1. Alexandra Starshenko, USSR
2. Elena Tretyakova, USSR
3. Tamara Kovalyova, USSR
4. Valentina Kiseleva, USSR
5. Olga Savlyuk
2. Sue Cook, Australia
24:21.5 (1) Melbourne 2/6
24:22.1 (2) Canberra 3/9
23:59.6 (2) Brisbane 3/20
23:45.6 (1) Adelaide 4/24
22:16.1 (1) Canberra 5/2
22:01.0 (1) Boothill 6/22
21:42.1 (1) Brisbane 7/24
21:30.5 (1) London 7/30
23:09.2 (1) World Champ. 8/7
3. Sally Pierson, Australia
22:15 (1) Melbourne 1/27
23:03.6 (1) Melbourne 2/6
23:14.6 (1) Brisbane 3/20
22:47.4 (1) Bothhill 5/22
22:05 (1) Melbourne 4/24
21:55.8 (1) Melbourne 7/3
22:20 (2) Melbourne 7/17
4. Ann Jansson, Sweden
24:16 (1) Italy 5/1
27:09.2 (1) Belgen 5/15
23:19 (1) Crebro 5/25
23:38 (1) Bergen 5/31
29:01 (1) Varnamo 5/31
23:44 (1) Prague 5/12
21:39 (1) Malung 5/25
21:37 (1) Apelbo 5/27
23:44 (1) Hagarne 7/8
23:44.5 (1) Boras 8/1
23:45 (1) Trondheim 8/28
24:01 (1) Boras 11/2
5. Ludmila Crustycsua, USSR
23:10 (1) Moscow 6/19
23:14.6 (1) Crebro 6/25
23:15 (1) Novosvotovo 7/11
23:44 (1) Ottawa 7/31
23:12 (1) Essentuki 9/7
23:12 (1) V. Antonova, USSR
23:44.5 (1) Kiev 6/26
23:42.5 (1) World Champ. 8/7
6. Natalia Sharapova, USSR
23:05.3 (2) Quebec 6/19
23:09.8 (2) Kiev 6/26
23:22.4 (2) World Champ. 8/7
7. Froydis Hilsen, Norway
24:51 (1) Stromstad 5/9
23:45 (1) Moss 6/8
23:40.5 (1) Moss 6/8
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23:46 (1) Fredrikstad 9/7
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23:44.5 (1) Kiev 6/26
23:42.5 (1) World Champ. 8/7
10. Olga Yarutkina, USSR
23:41.6 (3) TJerkassy 5/22
23:12 (1) Stylenko 3/28
23:21.9 (5) Kiev 6/26
Very close for first, with the nod to Deverinskaya's world record. Her poor finish in the World Championship is discounted by the fact that she won the 10 Km earlier in the day. Cook and Pierson both have a tremendous series of fast times and split four races, but Sue has the World title (a meet Pierson could not attend) and a slightly better slate. Jansson, who walked the 10 at the World meet, lost only to Deverinskaya and has an impressive set of times, though not matching the Australian girls. Sue beat Crustycsua in Bergen. Crustycsua had been an early season win over Deverinskaya and was second to Cook at the World meet for a solid fifth. Sharapova has three good races, losing only to Cook and Crustycsua. The next three are rated primarily off their finishes in the World Championship race and generally impressive records. Last place is again a tossup. Susan Liers-Westfield and Norway's Mia Kjolberg are close. Vera Osipova finishes ahead of Yarutkina at Tjerkassy in a very fast 22:57.6, but that is the only race we have record for her.
Liers-Westerfield with an undefeated slate and a best time nearly a minute ahead of second leaves little doubt about first. Newcomer Vaill takes second over Susan Brodock, who was well off form in the National meet.

Dillon had a good race at the title meet to take fourth and Arnesen walked very well in both the World meet and the warmup for it to clinch fifth. Neither Jones or Robertson got to the National meet, but both beat Dillon earlier and had good supporting races... Spino, though not as fast as Bocci, competed well in the U.S. meet, and then improved her performance earlier and had good supporting races... 

### 1982 U.S. WOMEN'S 5 KM LIST

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As in the 5, the winner of the World title does not emerge on top. Cook, who competed in the 5 there, had two world record performances on the track and then a super-fast road time... Pierson had just one race, but it was nearly as fast as Cook... Deverinskaya and Janssen clearly got the next two spots with their 1-2 World finish and good supporting races... Three ladies the Soviets didn't send to the World meet take the next three spots off the list. Good arguments could be made for about any order among the next three, but we give Liers-Westerfield the nod off her 3rd in the World Championships, although the other two, who competed in the 5 there, were faster.

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*Not true. Two of them competed at 5km.*
**WORLD WOMEN'S 20 KM LIST**

1:57:16 Vicki Jones, USA
1:57:18 Janelle Stewert, USA
1:59:24 Paula Kass, USA
1:59:48 Bev LaVeck, USA
2:01:36 Beth Sibley, USA
2:02:38 Dorothy Kelly, USA

**RESULTS:**

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FROM HEEL TO TOE

Rob Campbell, one of our promising junior walkers and now a senior in high school, is in the process of applying to colleges for next fall. He is interested in schools that have race walking in their track and field programs, particularly any that offer athletic scholarships for walking. If you have any information that can help Rob, please write him at 705 Brookfield Drive, Reno, Nevada 89503. The Sun State Striders are selling race walking buttons for $1.00 a piece. They have seven different styles available, two of which are shown below. Themes of the other five are: "Heel and Toe and Away We Go" "Racewalkers A Step Ahead" "Walkers Cover the Globe" "Racewalking Bullish on Going For It" and "Racewalkers Master the Gait". For a flyer showing all the buttons and including an order form, send a stamp self-addressed envelope to: Don Sobanko, Sun State Striders, 1613 W. Grant Ave., Orlando, FL 32803.

Howie Palamarchuk, a walker of some note a few years back, now Dr. Howard Palamarchuk, specializing in podiatry and sports medicine, is now Chairman of Sports Medicine on the TAC race walking committee. In commenting on his approach to the position, Howie says, "...more work must be done in all areas of sports medicine—treatment, prevention, nutrition, biomechanics, exercise physiology, psychology, etc. And overall, we have the manpower and talent to do it within our own ranks. I think we've all dabbled in sports medicine to one degree or another. So what I would like to do... is put out a call for all papers, research articles pertaining to locomotion, racewalking, style, physiology, etc. Anything! I'm interested in homemade cures and remedies, modifications made to shoes to make better walking shoes. Who knows walking better than walkers? A lot of walking research comes second hand from running research." So, send anything you have to: Dr. Howard J. Palamarchuk, Bucks Sports-Podiatry Center, 1864 W. Grant Ave., Orlando, FL 32803...

LOOKING BACK

20 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1962 Race Walker of C. McCarthy)—Ron Laird was given the Mike Gilmore trophy as the Outstanding US Race Walker for 1962. Second in the national voting was Ron Zinn... Laird also turned in a 6:49.3 mile in Chicago, his home at that time and recorded the fast time in an icy 10 Mile Handicap with 6:49.7, followed by McCarthy's 6:51 and Zinn's 6:54... Martin Rudow won a Portland 10 Km in 32:21... Fastest mile of the early season was 6:45 by Alan Blakeslee in New York... Ron Kulik won a rare 3500 walk in the New York Armory in 3:19 with Elliot D Cohen and Terry Anderson 8 seconds behind.

15 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1967 ORW)... Charlie Newell ignored the 15 degree temperature and 10 to 15 mph winds to win the Fourth Annual New Year's Eve Handicap locally. Charlie made his 5 minute start in the
in the 6 mile stand up for a 45 minute win over Jack Blackburn with 47:159. Dead last in the five-man field with 51:133 was Jack Mortland. In a lesser race, Goetz Klopfer set a new American 50 Km record of 4:30:28.6 on the Sonoma State College track. On the way he picked up records at 35 km, 25 miles, and 40 km.

In the Junior 35 km in Kansas City, Dan Tateroth easily beat Gerry Bocci and Byron Overton with a 3:13:14.

Some familiar names in a New Jersey 10 mile with Dave Romanyi winning in 1:19:12, followed by Steve Hayden, John Knifton, Ron Daniel, Ron Kulik, and Shaul Ladany.

10 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1972 CW)--In the CW's 2nd Annual World Rankings, Peter Frischknecht, East Germany's Olympic gold medalist toppled the 50 km and West Germany's Bernd KaMenberg, also the winner of Olympic gold, headed the 50 km list. Frischknecht was followed by Vladimír Golubčík, countrymen Hans-Georg Reimann and Gerhard Sperring, and Raul Mihill. Larry Young grabbed the 10th spot. In the 50, Veniamin Soldatenko, Young, Otto Bartsch, and Christoph Hohne rounded out the top five. Young, of course, topped the U.S. rankings in both events. At 20, he was followed by Tom Dooley, Goetz Klopfer, Todd Scully, and Bob Rosencrantz at 20.

5 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1977 CW)--That year's World Rankings saw Mexico's Daniel Bautista and Raul Gonzales topping the two events, with the rankings dominated by their countrymen. At 20 Domingo Colin was second and Raul Gonzales fourth, following East Germany's Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller. Maurizio Danilano of Italy was fifth. At 50, Pedro Arroche and Enrique Vera made it a 1-2-3 sweep for the Mexicans, with Italy's Paolo Greucchi and Soviet Veniamin Soldatenko taking the next two spots. The U.S. rankings saw Neal Pyke on top at 20 km and Larry Young at 50. Todd Scully, Dan O'Connor, Jim Heiring, and Steve DiBernardo followed at 20 and Angie Hirt, Dan O'Connor, Tom Dooley, and Bob Rosencrantz at 50. John Knifton won the National Postal 1-mi., covering 8 mi 181 yds, just 24 yards ahead of Tom Dooley. Wayne Clusker also surpassed 8 miles and Jerry Walker finished fourth. Ron Kulik won the Masters title with 7 mi 760 yards and Marco Evoniuk the Junior with 7 miles 399.

OLYMPIC HISTORY (Cont.)

1964 Olympic Games at Tokyo

20 km, October 15
2. Dieter Lindner, East Germany 1:31:33.2 (22:12, 44:14, 1:07:48)
4. Noel Freeman, Australia 1:32:06.8 (22:20, 45:29, 1:08:46)
5. Gennadiy Solodov, USSR 1:32:13 (23:00, 46:27, 1:09:46)
6. Ron Zinn, USA 1:32:43 (22:20, 45:12, 1:09:38)
9. Gerhard Sperring, EG 1:33:15.8
10. John Paddick, GB 1:33:28.4
11. Alexander Bilek, Czech. 1:33:45
12. Hans-Georg Reimann, EG 1:34:51
13. Henri Delerue, France 1:35:58
14. Tommy Kristensen, Denmark 1:39:30
15. Iszvan Gori, Hungary 1:39:38
16. Charles Sowa, Luxembourg 1:39:16
17. Jack Mortland, USA 1:36:35
18. Ake Soderlund, Sweden 1:36:43
19. John Ljunggren, Sweden 1:37:03
20. Lennart Karlsson, Sweden 1:37:07
21. Antal Kiss, Hungary 1:38:27

22. Ron Crawford, Australia 1:38:47
23. Noboru Ishiguro, Japan 1:39:40
24. Chedli El Marghni, Tunisia 1:41:11
25. Kiyo Kuribayashi, Japan 1:43:07
26. Matt Rytyna, Poland 1:44:11

DNQ: Ronald Laird, USA 1:35:23 for 20 km
Yasu Naito, Japan 1:35:43 at 5 km

INF: Robert Gardiner, Australia 1:32:29 at 15 km (21)
Alex Oakley, Canada 1:27:26 at 10 km (17)