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SCHUELER DEFENDS TITLE: HEIRING WINS

Overcoming the effects of a very warm day and a challenging hilly course, Carl Schueler successfully defended his National Athletics Congress 50 Km race walking title in New York City on May 12. Carl's time of 4:18:07 may look a little pedestrian in relation to his Olympic performance of last summer, but it was good enough to leave Marco Evoniuk better than 7 minutes back and the rest of the field nearly 2 miles in his wake. Randy Mimm and Dan O'Connor captured third and fourth to fill out the U.S. team for this fall's Lugano Cup competition. Sitting in alternates positions are Dan Pierce and a newcomer (at least to us) Bob Davidson. If any of the first four also qualify at 20 Km and opt for that race the alternates would move up.

Two weeks later, the scene shifted to Denver for the National 5 Km. In this one, Jim Heiring captured the title Tim Lewis had won last year, with Lewis finishing behind Dave Cummings in third. Against the speed merchants, Schueler could manage only seventh. In the women's title race, Mary Anne Torrellas was an easy winner in 23:52, with defending titlist Teresa Vaill third behind Ester Lopez. The following day, Lewis won a 20 Km in a sparkling 1:28:26 and Vaill won at 10 Km in 50:10.

Results of the national races.

National 50 Km, New York City, May 12--1. Carl Schueler, East Side TC 4:18:07 2. Marco Evoniuk, Bud Lite Track 4:25:27 3. Randy Mimm, Shore AC 4:37:37 4. Dan O"Connor, East Side TC 4:40:43 5. Dan Pierce, Seattle TC 4:42:58 6. Bob Davidson, Etonic TC 4:43:14 (from Honolulu, assuming he is the same Bob Davidson that is on my subscription list.) 7. Marc Bagan, East Side TC 4:52:05 8. John Slavonic, East Side TC 4:52:10 9. Alan Price, Potomac Valley Sr. 4:53:47 10. Gary Morgan, New York AC 4:57:27 11. John Alfonso, N.J. Striders 5:04:53 12. Paul Malek, un. 5:08:08 13. Tom Wimmer U.S.M.M.A. 5:08:40 14. John Knifton, NYAC 5:10:00 15. Sal Corrallo, Pot. Val. Sr 5:16:15 16. Ed Bouldin, Bauchet St. Walkers 5:23:07 17. John Shilling, Island TC 5:42.16 18. Cervin Robinson, East Side TC 5:49:00 19. Bob Mimm, Shore AC 5:57:31 20. Paul Robertson, PVS 5:59:09 21. Steven Sparrow, Dixie RW 6:11:47 22. Lo-An Flettreich, East Side TC 6:15:48. First Master--Knifton Team: 1. East Side TC

National 5 Km, Denver, May 25 (Men)--1. Jim Heiring 20:21 2. Dave Cummings 20:40 3. Tim Lewis 20:56 4. Marco Evoniuk 21:25 5. Gary Morgan 21:29 6. Todd Scully 21.55 7. Carl Schueler 22.09 8. Ray Funkhouser 22:22 9. Leonard Jansen 22:54 10. Don Lawrence 23:01
Women--1. Mary Anne Torrellas 23:52 2. Ester Lopez 24:25 3. Teresa Vaill 24:50 4. Debbie Lawrence 25:07 5. Susan Liers 25:53 6. Kathy Owens 27:11 7. Visha Sedlak 27:26 8. Cybil Perez 27:52 9. Paula Kash 27:57 10. Norma Arnesen 28:17

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National Athletics Congress 25 Km, Washington, D.C., April 22 (reported partially last month)--1. Tim Lewis 1:53:00 (21:50, 43:30, 1:05:44, 1:28:54) 2. David Cummings 1:59:22 (21:19, 43:28, 1:05:40, 1:29:41) 3. Gary Morgan 2:01:29 (22:41, 46:24, 1:11:17, 1:36:03) 4. Ray Funkhouser 2:01:41 (24:57, 44:58--the 24:57 should probably be 21:57--1:08:51, 1:34:34) 5. Ed O'Rourke 2:07:22 (23:29, 45:57, 1:11:00, 1:38:02) 6. Marc Bagan 2:08:23 (23:39, 48:09, 1:13:36, 1:40:39) 7. Juan Santana 2:11:59 8. Bill Norton 2:12:31 (25:50, 52:16, 1:18:31, 1:45:47) 9. Leon Jasionowski 2:14:01 (25:57, 52:51, 1:19:59, 1:46:55) 10. Tom Wimmer 2:17:46 (26:36, 53:24, 1:20:19, 1:48:17) 11. Dave McGovern 2:19:03 12. Alan Price 2:19:21 13. Tim Good 2:21:17 14. Sal Corrallo 2:22:28 15. Guy Ott 2:23:15 16. Bob Whitney 2:23:27 17. Bob Mimm 2:25:16 18. John Alfonso 2:25:42 19. Bob Ryan 2:29:46 20. Howard Jacobson 2:30:42 21. Levi Ross 2:32:47 22. George Lattarulo 2:33:34 23. Keith Luoma 2:34:47 24. David Romansky 2:40:31 (been some time since we've seen that name in the results) 25. Paul Robertson 2:40:38 26. Steve Baca 2:47:11 27. Don Johnson 2:48:06 28. Ralph Cardarilli 3:06:29
Juniors: 1. Daniel Freed 2:13:52 (26:54, 53:23, 1:20:18, 1:47:01)
Masters: 1. Jasionowski 2. Carrallo (1st over 50) 3. Ott 4. Mimm (1st over 60) 5. Jacobson 6. Robert Jennings 2:37:36 7. Romansky 8. Robertson 9. James Lemert 2:43:57 (these last three were one, two, three in the 45-49 class) 10. Johnson (1st over 65) 11. Joel Holman 2:50:08 (2nd over 50) 12. Bill Omeltchenko 2:54:52 (1st 55-59) 13. Cardarilli (3rd over 50) 14. William Dawson 3:08:01 15. Edward Seeger 3:12:17 (2nd over 65) 16. Paul Fairbank 3:13:34 (1st over 75) 17. Richard Lukes 3:23:50 (3rd over 65) 18. Harry Drazid 3:28:46 (1st 70-74) 19. Mil Wood 3:32:19 (2nd 70-74) 20. Earl Bailey 4:33:54 (1st over 85
Women: 1. Patricia Willis 3:13:54 2. Helen Hillman 3:28:48 3. Marsha Hartz 3:34:54 (all in over 40 class)
DQ: Jim Heiring 1:50:42 (21:20, 43:27, 1:05:48, 1:28:02) Frank Soby 2:17:42 at 27.5, Sam Meerkreebs 1:08:28 at 10
DNF: John Slavonic 1:30:29 at 17.5, David King 60:05 at 10.

OTHER RESULTS

5 Km, Bangor, Maine, May 5 (as part of Terry Fox Memorial Run)--1. Kim Malcolm 27:19.9 (18-year-old girl from New Brunswick, Can.) 2. Larry Pelletier 27:19.9 3. Dr. Moshe Myerowitz 34.07 (age 55) 10 Km, Sterling, Mass., May 26--1. Brian Savilonis 46:22 2. Bob Keating 46:24 3. Steve Vaitones 51:20 4. Tom Knatt 54.20 5. Fred Looft 54:33 6. Don Drewniak 55:20 7. Wil DesRosiers 56.54 8. Bob Whitney 57:12 9. Nerb Beall 58:04 10. George Lattarulo 65:53 Women's 10 Km, Cambridge, Mass., May 4 (track)--1. Maryanne Torrellas 49:16.4 (new U.S. record--24:17 at 5 km) 2. Carol Brown 53.56 3. Kathy Owens 54:10 4. Chris Anderson 54:18 5. Arlette Hoch 62:05 20 Km, same place--1. Paul Schwartzberg 1:38:55 (47:42 at 10 Km; Schwartzberg is a freshman at Amherst College) 2. Brian Savilonis 1:39:11 3. Bob Keating 1:46:40 4. Bob Whitney 1:52:15 5. George Lattarulo 1:55:19 6. Tom Knatt 1:59:51 7. Nerb Beall 2:03:55 DNF: Adam Saravay 51:55 at 10

lo Km, Stonybrook, N.Y., April 27--1. Maryanne Torrellas 50:18.4 (Also an American record at that time, but not allowed because track did not have raised curb) 2. Lynn Weik 52:14.7 3. Kathy Owens 55.54 4. Arlette Hoch 64:23 5 Km, Trenton, N.J., May 11--1. Ray Funkhouser 22;01.4 2. Bob Ryan 23;48 3. Lee Bogart 26.35 4. Tim Chelius 27:07 5. Cynthia Costa 29:12 6. Walter Morse 29:45 7. Don Johnson 30:35 8. Noreen Mimm 30:46 9. Ted Parks 35:08 10. Donna Funkhouser 36:31 (31 finishers)
5 Km, New York City, May 12--1. Ray Funkhouser 21:38 2. Susan Liers 25;25 3. Carol Brown 26;07 4. Cathy Owens 27:11 5. Dorothy Kelly (age 49) 28:43 6. Noreen Mimm 29:24 7. Walter Morse (58) 29:38 8. Deirdre Collier (15) 29:58 9. Bob Fine 30:01 10. Lori Seidel (15) 30:02 (49 finishers)
10 Km, Stonybrook, April 27 (track)--1. Pat Maroney, Fordham U. 45:17.7 2. Pat Flannery, Stony Brook 46;19.2 3. Curtis Fisher, Stony Brook (age 18) 46:20.2 4. Tom Mann, Union Col. 48:01.2 5. Tom Mahnke, Stony Brook 48:17 6. Harding, Island TC 50:15.7 7. Marshall, un. 50:19.3 Indoor 3 Km, Syracuse N.Y., March 17--1. Dave McGovern 13:08.7 2. David Talcott 14:35.3 3. Dave Lawrence 14;56.1 4. Shawn Johnson 15:41.5 5. Dan Stanek 15;44.8 6. Dan Talcott 15;47 7. A. Wilson 16:42.5 W men: 1. Janice Mooney 16:47.5 2. Terri Herbst 17:39.1 3. Venita Carlo 19:10.1 Southeastern Masters Meet, Raleigh, N.C., May 3,4,5: Women's 20 Km--1. Kathy Donley (31) 1:58:32 2. Anna Rush (56) 2:30:30 3. Wendy Cotton (28) 2:43:45 Men's 20 Km--1. Eric Bigham (38) 1:44;58 2. Ray McKinnis (45) 1:47:14 3. Steve Sparrow (34) 1:58:25 4. Andy Briggs (53) 2;03:50 5. Don Johnson (68) 2;09:44 6. W. Tallmadge (69) 2;20:59. . . 10. Harry Drazin (71) 2;43:45 Women's 5 Km--1. Kathy Donley 27:32 2. Anna Rush 31:55 3. Marie Henry (61) 34:00 Men's 5 Km--1. Ray McKinnis 24;02 2. Eric Bigham 24;52 3. John MacLachlan (54) 27:36 4. V. Linit (64) 29:09 5. Don Johnson 29:10 6. R. Howell (49) 30:12 7. Bob Mimm (60) 30:23 8. W. Tallmadge 32;20 (15 finishers)
50 Mile, Columbia, Mo., April 27--1. Don Williams 10:20:23 2. Rob Spier 10:34:10 5 Km, Monterey, Cal., April 27--1. Gary West 25;12 2. Karl Krueger (54) 27:37 3. Steve Pendley 29.02 4. Robert Matulac 29:12 5. Giulio dePetra (74) 30:41 (14 finishers) 5 Km, San Francisco, April 20--1. Rob Robinson 24:42 2. Jack Bray (52) 25:12 3. Fred Dunn (56) 26:37 4. Jim Kaatz 28:50 5. Cindy Paffumi 30:54 (17 finishers) 5 Km, Cupertino, Cal., April 27--1. Robert Edwards 25:50 Julie Partridge 10 Km, San Francisco, May 4--1. John Ratto 49:52 2. Fred Dunn 54:32 3. Jack Bray 54:52 4. Karl Krueger 56:18 5. Brad Jacobs 58:15 6. Keith McConnell 61:33 7. Giulio dePetra 62.09 Women: 1. Jeannie Mendelson 65:30 2. Cindy Paffumi 62:30 3. Linda Cruzman 62:55 5 Km, San Jose, May 19--1. John Ratto 24:16 2. Bary West 25:06 3. Jack Bray 26:10 4. Karl Krueger 26:31 5. Michael Pinto 27:55 6. Giulio dePetra 30:11 7. Gordon Wallace (75) 31:17--12 finishers Women: 1. Kerry Bratton (17) 26:47 2. Jeannie Mendelson 28.49 3. Allison Kravetz 29:50 4. Cindy Paffumi 30:05 5. Earlene Moran 30:31--10 finishers 5 Km, San Francisco, May 12--1. Jack Bray 25:47 2. Keith McConnell 28:45 3. Jim Scileny 29:05 4. Diane Mendoza 29:23--13 finishers
NAIA District 1 10 Km, Burnaby, B.C., May 11--1. Allen James, West. Washington 47:18.9 2. Tony Englehardt, W.W. 51;52.9 3. Alan Bridges, U. of Puget Sound 59:09.8--6 finishers NAIA District 2 10 Km, Newberg, Ore., May 11--1. Trent Jones, Lewis& Clark 51:19.6 2. Brad Jacobs, Willamette 51:21.2 3. Jeff Kilday, Will. 58:11.9 4. Dan Price, George Fox 59:40.8--8 finishers 2.8 Miles, Seattle, April 4--1. Steve DiBernardo 21:54 (for 5 Km) 2. Guy Ott 22;42 3. Susan Miller 23;33 4. Mary Howell 23;58 5. Bob Novak 26.59 6. Larry Smith 29:01--11 finishers 5 Km, Bellingham, Wash., May 13--1. Steve DiBernardo 22:24 2. Allen James 22;48 3. Tony Englehardt 23:34 10 Km, Seattle, April 25 (track)--1. Sam Shick 44;25.8 2. Dan Pierce 46.15 3. Allen James 48:54 4. Tony Englehardt 49:05 5. Trent Jones 50:14 6. Gwen Robertson 52:44 7. Mary Howell 66:12

IN OTHER LANDS:

30 Km, Sesto S. Giovanni, Italy, May 1--1. Jorge Llopart, Spain 2:13:12 2. Erling Andersen, Norway 2;13:36 3. Sandro Bellucci, Italy 2:14:01 3. Sergio Spagnulo, It. 2;15:48 5. Jose Marin, Spain 2;16:25 6. Alessandro Pezzatini, It. 2:16:37 7. Reima Salonen, Finland 2.17:30 8. Boguslaw Duda, Poland 2;18:04 9. Phil Vesty, UK 2:19:02 10. Pavel Szikora, Czech 2:20:06 10 Km, Alushta, USSR, Feb. 23 (WInter Champ.)--1. Frantz Kostyukevits 39:44.5 2. A. Beryarsinov 39:47.2 3. V. Mostovik 39:56 4. S. Abiralo 40:00 Indoor 10 Km, Jablonec, Czech., Feb. 20--1. Roman Mrazek 40:11 2. Ivo Pitak 40:15 Indoor 10 Km, Potsdam, E.G., Feb. 7--1. Roland Weisser 39:56 East German Indoor 10 Km Champ., Senftenberg, Feb. 16--1. Hartwig Gauder 41:24 2. Andrei Rubarth 41:52 Indoor 3 Km, Turku, Fin., Feb. 10--1. Reima Salonen 11;54.5 5 Km (track), Canberra, Aust., Feb. 15--1. David Smith 19:07.3 20 Km, Havana, Jan. 20--1. David Castro 1:26:01 2. Jesus Flores 1:28;49 3. Ramon Garcia 1:30:40 5 Km, Karlsruhe, W.G. (Indoor), Feb. 3--1. Alfons Schwarz 19:27.6 20 Km, Olomouc, Czech., April 14--1. Ivo Pitak 1:23:39 50 Km, Dudince, Czech., April 6--1. Pavol Jati 3'57:38 2. Ivo Pitak 4:01:58 3. Jaroslav Makovec 4;02:36 50 Km, Amposta, Spain, March 17--1. Jorge Llopart 3;52'28 (1:53:51 at 25 Km) 2. Lars Moen, Norway 3'52:54 (1:55:22) Junior 20 Km, same place--1. Daniel Plaza 1:28:42 2. Steve Partington, UK 1:31:03 10 Km, Leningrad, Feb. 2--1. Mikhail Golubnichiy (age 16) 46:42.8--a son of the great one? 25 Km, Rome, March 3--1. Carlo Mattioli 1:47:13 2. Dicceschi 1'48;11 3. Sandro Bellucci 1:48:26 4. Querciconi 1:48:43 5. Cannone 1'49'06 6. Boccone 1:50:13 7. Ghedina 1'50:14 8. Villa 1:50:14 9. Alessandro Pezzatini 1;50:40 10. Arena 1:51:42 Italian 50 Km,Championship, March 17--1. Maurizio Damilano 3;53;39 2. Ducceschi 3'56:12 3. Sandro Bellucci 3'59:46 4. Carlo Mattioli 4;01:22 5. Giorgio Damilano 4'02:21 6. Zuiricone 4:02;49 7. Walter Arena 4;05;34 20 Km, Shanghai, March 16--1. David Smith, Australia 1'19:52 (19:17, 39:14, 59:25) 2/ Jianli Liu 1;21:39 (20:55, 41:25, 61'27) 3. Yange Zhang 1:22;33 (20:56, 41:25, 61:54) 4. Fuxin Zhang 1:23:19 5. Xiaoguang Sun 1:23'34 6. Shao Hong Jiang 1;24;05 7. Zhimin Hang 1:25;06 8. Baozin Li 1:25;57 9. Yuzhong Wang 1:26:00 10. Jianping Zhao 1:26:17 50 Km, Shangai, March 18--1. Xiaograngi Sun 3:54'59 (National record) (47:55, 1:34:11, 2;18:52, 3.06:14) 2. Fuxin Zhang 3;58:14 3. Baojin Li 4;02:07 4. Xianzhong Zhao 4'03:39 5. Yanlung Zhang 4;12:26 6. Lizheng Wang 4;13:00 20 Km, Jalapa, Mex., April 7--1. Martin Bermudez, 1:23.50 2. Victor Sanchez 1:24:45 3. Querebin Moreno, Col. 1:25'16 4. Simon Baker, Australia 1;25:22 5. Hector Moreno, Col. 1;25:33 6. Pedro Aroche 1:26;07 7. Francisco Vargas, Col. 1:26:55 8. Carlos Mercenario 1:27;38 9. Jaime Lopez 1:27;39 10. Ove Moen, Nor. 1'28:12 11. Alfredo Landeros 1;29:27 12. Angel Flores 1.29;43 13. Biliulfo Andablo 1:29:43 14. Luis Chavarria 1:29;47 DNF: David Smith, Australia 62:59 at 15 km; Ernesto Canto 41:55 at 10 Km 1 Hour, Mexico, April 10--1. Querebin Moreno, Col. 14,278 meters 2. Francisco Vargas, Col. 14,2 77 3. Biliulfo Andablo 14,267 4. Erling Andersen, Nor. 14,220 5. Hector Moreno, Col. 14,103 6. Maurizio Damilano, Italy 14,067 7. David Smith, Aust. 13,884 50 Km, Chapultepec, Mex., April 14--1. Erling Andersen, Nor. 3'59:34 (47:09, 1:34:01, 2222:13, 3.09:20) 2. Pedro Aroche 4;02'06 3. Jorge Llopart, Spain 4;06;47 4. Edel Olivia, Cuba 4.08:00 5. Martin Bermudez 4;09:09 6. Victor Sanchez 4'14'34 DNF. Ove Moen, Nor. 2:01:53 at 25 Km 50 Km, Basildon, Eng., April 20--1. Barry Graham 4;06:14 (49:24, 49:40, 49:41, 49;48, and 48:54 for successive 10 km) British National 10 Mile, York, March 23--1. Ian McCombie 1:06:32 2. Phil Vesty 1:09:04 3. Roger Mills 1:11:37 20 Km, Bournemath, Eng., April 14--1. Chris Maddocks 1'27:37 2. Roger Mills 1:30:11 3. J. Ball 1:30:16

Women:

5 Km, York, March 23--1. Susan Ashforth 24.49 2. V. O'Connell 25;37

10 Km,Sesto S. Giovanni, May 1--1. Ann Jansson, Swed. 46:59 2. Monica Gunnarson, Swed. 47:08 3. Teresa Vaill, US 49:32 4. Maria Grazia Cogoli, It. 50:08 5. Antonella Marangoni, It. 50:28 6. Virginia Birch, UK 50:45 7. Jana Zarubova, Czech. 51;21 8. Helen Elleker, UK 51:43 9. Marta Bianchi, It. 51:56 10. P. Carola Pagani, It 52;06 11. Nadia Forestan, It. 52;29 12. Susan Liers, US 52'35 Indoor 5 Km, Minsk, USSR, Feb. 2--1. Regina Losseva-Balskoskaya 23;30 2. Irina Tolstik 23'38 Indoor 5 Km, Zaporosye, USSR, Feb. 10--1. N. Dmitrosenke 23;53 USSR Winter 5 Km Champ., Alushta, Feb. 23--1. A. Griforyeva 22.14.7 2. N. Serbinko 22;15.2 3. Olga Kristop 22:19 Indoor 5 Km, Gomel, USSR, March 2--1. Polina Bisnya 22;25.9 10 Km, Nanking, China, March 16--1. Hong.Yan 44:14--World best performance bettering Olga Kristop's 44;52 in 1984 Indoor 5 Km, Torino, Italy, Feb. 20--1. Giuliana Salce 21:44.52--World Best Performance 3 Km Indoor, Florence, Feb. 6--1. Giuliana Salce 12.31.57--World Best 1 Mile Indoor, Genova, Feb. 16--1. Salce 6:28.46 World Best 5 Km, Sydney, Aust., Feb. 23--1. Kerry Saxby 22:56 2. Rachel Thompson 22;59 3. Anne Ryan 24:13 5 Km, Melbourne, March 2--1. Sally Pierson 22.57.4 2. Lorraine Jachno 24;07--both races on the track 5 Km, London, March 2--1. Virginia Birch 23'56 10 Km, Amposta, Spain, March 17--1. Reyes Sobrino 49:03 2. Cruz Diaz 49:36 3. Teresa Palacio 49:59 4. Emilia Cano 50:07 5. Rosa Sierra 50:24 6. Yolanda Fernandez 51;15 Indoor 5 Km, Zabrze, Pol., Feb. 16--1. Kazimiera Mroz 23'59.13 10 Km (road), Shanghai, March 16--1. Hong Yan 44:14 (22:05 at 5, obviously this is the same race reported above as being in Nanking) 2. Ping Guan 44;28 (22'05) 3. Yongjiu Xu 44:45 (22:00) 4. Sujie Li 45;17 (22:10) 5. Bingjie Jin 45;49 (22:10) 6. Haifen Hu 46;06 (22.50) 7. Yan Wang 46;09 (22.50) 8. Ziaoyong Qiao 46.31 (22;50) 9. Xiaoloing Shi 46.40 10. Yan Xung 46'52 11. Ylian Yan 46.57 12. Qingyun Sung 47:10 13. Linzhen Wu 47;30 14. Huafen Quu 47:31 15. ? 16. Fenyun Sung 48:05 17. Zhimin Chen 48'24 18. Ligin Fu 48:28 19. Shuhuan Li 48:51 20. Hong Xian 49:11 21. Zuoling Wang 49;39 22. Lingmei Wang 50:27 23. Yanzia Li 50;29 24. Shuzie Zhao 50;30 25. He Piaogin 50:31 26. Liying Lao 50:33 5 Km, Shanghai, March 18--1. Yungjiu 21'42 (track) 2. Hong Yan 21:42.8 3. Ping Guan 21;47.8 4. Suzie Li 21'56 5. Yan Wang 22;05 6. Yan Xung 22;06.6 7. Bingjie Jin 22;16.5 8. Xiaoling Shi 22;36 9. Yulian Yan 22.50.3 10. Fengyung Sung 22:51.7 11. Haifen Hu 22:52.4 12. Xioyun Sun 22.52.7 13. Huanfen Qiao 23;02.8 14. Shuhuan Li 23;08.4 15. Hong Xiao 23;37.4 16. Shuzie Zhao 23:41.9 17. Xiaorong Qiao 23:44.2 18. Wu Linzhen 23.49.7 19. Zhimino Chen 23'53 20. Ligin Fu 23'53.8 21. Mingfen Yen 23'56 22. Piogin Fu 23;57.5 23. Zuolin Wang 24:106 20 Km, Jalapa, Mex., April 7--1. Ann Jansson, Swed. 1:36:37 (24;07, 47:35, 1:11:55)--third best all-time performance behind Sally Pierson's 1:36:19 and Sue Cook's 1:36:23 10 Km (track), Mexico, April 13--1. Ann Jansson, Swed. 48.03 2. Monica Gunnarsson, Swed. 48'27 3. Maria de la Luz 51:08 4. Sue Cook, Aust. 52;19 5. Ester Lopez, US 52.25

A FEW EVENTS FOR THOSE WHO LIKE TO PERAMBULATE IN A COMPETITIVE MANNER

Mon. Jun 10--5 Km, West Long Branch, N.J., 6:30 pm (B)--and each Monday evening through Aug. 26
Tue. Jun 11--1 Mile, Atlanta, 6:30 pm (B)--also on July 11, 18, 25, and Aug. 9, 16, 23
Sat. Jun 15--Masters 1500 meters, Cambridge, Mass. (O)
Jr. 3 Km, Providence, R.I. (O)
10 Km, Colorado Springs, 9 am (K)
NATIONAL AC 20 KM MEN, 10KM WOMEN, INDIANAPOLIS (CC)
10 Km, Seattle (P)
10 Km, Olympia, Wash. (P)
5 Miles, Redmond, Wash. (P)
Sun. Jun 16--5 Km, New York City, 10 am (X)

Sat. Jun 22--10 Km, Washington, D.C., 8 am (Q)
1 Mile, North Easton, Mass., 7 pm (O)
Sun. Jun23--1500 and 3000 meters, Arlington, Va., 10 am (Q)
3000 meters, Boston (O)
Sat. Jun 29--10 Km, Seattle (P)
Sun. June 30--5 to 50 Km races, New York City, 9 am (X)
20 Km, San Francisco, 8 am (Z)
Wed. Jul 3---5 Km, Seattle (P)
Thu. Jul 4--5 and 10 Km, Washington, D.C., 8 am (Q)
Sat. Jul 6---1 Mile, Rutgers, N.J. (E)
7 Miles, Seattle (P)
Sun. Jul 7---1500 and 3000 meters, Arlington, Va., 10 am (Q)
Women's 5 Mile, San Francisco (Z)
Tue. Jul 9---1 Mile, Houston (N)
Sat. Jul 13--5 Km, Cambridge, Mass, 8:30 am (O)
10 Km, Denver, 8 am (K)
NATIONAL ATHLETICS CONGRESS 10 KM, NIAGARA FALLS (Y)
5 Km, Detroit, 5 pm (J)
10 Km, Women's 5 Km, Junior 2 Km, Orono, Maine, 4 pm (U)
Sun. Jul 14--7 Mile, Seattle (P)
5 Km, San Francisco (Z)
Wed. Jul 17--Garden State Games 10 Km, Monmouth Col., 6:30 pm (E)
Sat. Jul 20--3 Mile, Columbia, Mo., 8 am (C)
5 Km, Detroit, 9 am (J)
Sun. Jul 21--1500 and 3000 meters, Arlington, Va., 10 am (Q)
Marathon, San Francisco (Z)
Sat. Jul 27--10 Km, Mount Verson, Va., 8 am (Q)
Garden State Games 5 Km, Rutgers (E)
Sat. Aug. 3---24 Hour Relay, 50 and 100 miles, Ft. Meade, Md., 12 noon (Q)
5 Km, Women's 3 Km, Brunswick, Maine, 1 pm (U)
10 Km, Columbia, Mo, 7:30 am (C)
Sun. Aug 4---1 Mile, Maplewood, N.J. (E)

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FROM HEEL TO TOE

Ron Laird is one of 11 candidates for the National Track & Field Hall of Fame. Three or four persons will be elected by approximately 600 T&F writers, TAC officials, current American track and field, road racing, and race walking champions, and all living Hall of Fame members. (There are now 110 athletes, coaches, and contributors in the Hall.) Laird had 65 career national titles, the first in 1958, the last in 1976. He won at least one a year for 13 consecutive years beginning in 1958, and hit a high of

nine in 1969. His other best years were 8 in 1967 and 7 in 1965. He claimed seven titles at both 15 Km and 1 Hour. He was on the 1960, 1964, 1968, and 1976 Olympic teams and twice won bronze medals in Lugano Cup 20 competition (1967 and 1973). . .Martin Rudow of Seattle and Gary Westerfield of Smithtown, N.Y. have been named national coaches for the U.S. race walking teams for this year. This is the first time the race walk committee has chosen coaches to work throughout the year with the U.S. walk teams that will compete internationally. Rudow will handle the men's team and Westerfield the women's. Westerfield has also been named Assistant Manager for the men's T&F team to compete in the World University Games in Kobe, Japan from Aug. 29 to Sept. 5. . .The regional finals for the Elderly Nutrition Program Recipe Contest will be held Wednesday May 29 from 10 am until 2 pm (or I should say was held) in Marina Dining Hall 374 University Ave. at the University of Bridgeport. The contest will feature celebrity judges sampling 64 entrees, soups, breads, and desserts in order to pick finalists for the statewide competition that will be held on Governor's Day, O t. 15 at the New Haven Coliseum. (I keep getting news releases from the University of Bridgeport, usually related to some sort of track competition. But this one, I couldn't leave out.). . .The WalkWays Center, a new nonprofit membership organization, has been organized to promote walking and to provide information and assistance to walkers. The Center's nonprofit status and Washington, D.C. location will enable it to work closely with governmental and private environmental and health organization who have an important voice in policies affecting walking. They will publish 8 issues of a newsletter each year and will work to ensure the availability and quality of walk ways in cities and suburbs and in parks and recreational areas. Write Walk Ways Center, Suite 427, 733 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20005. (Note that their thing is walking for fun and recreation, not race walking.). . .Larry Larson still has a few USA Race Walker patches left. These are very nice patches, which he first offered a few years back. The limited supply is available on a first-come first-served basis at $4.00 each from Larry Larson, 909 Ostergaard, Racine, WI 53406. . .Larry recently presented a paper at the North American Society for Sport History entitled (The First-Ever High School State Track and Field Championship Meet." That meet took place at the University of Wisconsin on June 8, 1895. In researching the paper, he found evidence of high school walking in that day. For example, in the Madison Field Day on May 24, 1895, Norton of the Class of '97 won the 1 mile walk in 7:24 2/5, a record. Zinn of the Class of '98 was second. . . .Another very good friend of racewalking died in early May. Ted Haydon was the long time track coach at the University of Chicago and founder of the University of Chicago Track Club. Ted would always put walks in his UCTC meets and for several years during the '60s hosted the National 10 Km on the Stagg Field track. He was highly respected throughout the track and field world and member of the sport's Hall of Fame. Ted will be missed by all of us who knew, respected, and admired him and his firm, but soft-spoken, manner. . . I noted in the April issue that Teresa Vaill had broken her own U.S. 20 Km road best of 1:45:20. It should be added that Sue Brodock shared that record, having done the same time in San Diego in 1980. . .Another correction to our 1984 lists: In the U.S. women's 5 Km, Chris Anderson had a best of 25:33.1, which she did at the New England Championships on May 30. . . Wanted: one Jewish femal race walker interested in traveling to Israel in July for the Maccabiah Games (held every four years). They need one additional participant in order to have a female section in the 20 Km walk. If interested, contact: The U.S. Committee for the Maccabiah Games (unfortunately no address is given, and I don't have one, but if you can't find it quickly through local sources, I would suggest you try Elliot Denman, 28 N. Locust,

West Long Branch, NJ 07764, or Henry Laskau, 3232 Carambola Circle South, Coconut Creek, FL 33066). Copies of any letter should also go to Edna Buckstein, Mitzpekalzir, Mobile Post Menaske, Israel 37105 (Tel. 063-52708), Ari Cocks, Sports Federation of Israel, 6 Marmorek, Tel Aviv, Israel, and Kfer Maccabiah, 52105 Ramat ban, Israel. . .

COMMENTARY. . .on the great "flight phase" proposal

From Giulio de Petra, Monterey, California:

"I read what Ron Laird in the ORW and Julian Hopkins in R.W. Record wrote about "lack of contact". Because he couldn't accept the disqualification of race walkers for lack of contact, J. Hopkins resigned from his position as British National Event Coach last October. I read also the comments to Laird's proposals reported in your publication.

I belong to the old guard of race walkers and since 1925 I've been competing with race walkers like Frigerio, Pavesi, Green, Schwab, Valente, and Altimani, all face and correct race walkers. The judges were always strict and there was no way of loosing contact with the ground without being disqualified.

If we really want to save race walking as an Olympic sport and avoid what already happened at Amsterdam in 1928 when race walking was cancelled from the Games, let's go back to real honest race walking.

For that, all we need is to go back to what Dr. John Blackburn wrote in the late '60s in your publication, and which has ben reprinted by the R.W. Record as an answer to Julian Hopkins unbeleivable writing. John Blackburn wrote "let me make a plea for us to leave off the dramatics. . .anc concentrate on decent walking form." Good trained judges will take care of all problems we have today in the race walking world. It is up to us.

And to finish, I think that all real race walkers should be, as I am, happy for Julian Hopkins resignation and be ready to start a new "era" in race walking by scratching out all the race walking records established after the Second World War. Because it seems that all international known race walkers are loosing contact with the ground as inevitable consequence of extending walking to racing speed, the scratching of post war race walking records should be inevitable."

From Bill Tallmadge, Berea, Kentucky:

". . . I though Bob Kitchen's reply was both comprehensive and to the point. He observed that the crisis was one of judging, and recommended professional training for, and certification of, judges as a solution to the crisis (assuming that there is one). But Laird indicated that no matter how well judges are trained, they will not be able to see a loss of contact at the fastest race walking speeds--the "foot is quicker than the eye", so to speak. Bob Kitchen agreed with Laird that there was a"grey area" where the human could not detect lifting. Julian Hopkins in his essay indicated that while the eye can't see it, the camera can and has. He mentioned the 1983 Czech study of warld championship races in which photos and films showed that "not one walker maintained contact in either the 20 or 50 km event."

We seem to be back at that grey area again. But isn't the crisis still one of judging? And hasn't Hopkins indirectly suggested the solution to the crisis?--photos and films!

SOme time ago, there were no such things as photo finishes of races. Judges argued over the results, and, I suppose, there was a crisis of a kind

in the sport. But today the camera settles the issue, and everyone is satisfied. We argue and worry about the integrity of race walking because photos show that the judges are sometimes wrong in their calls and non-calls. But is that any different than football, where hardly a game goes by but that the TV camera focuses on an obvious wrong call of a referee? Perhaps both the sports of football and race walking might profit from the use of available technical equipment that can see what the human cannot.

No track coach or race walker objected when I appeared on the college track with a pair of binoculars to help me keep a better eye on the walkers when judging them. Let judges carry binoculars, instamatic cameras, walkie-talkies (to check quickly with each other over distances), and video tapes. Let them roam about the course so that walkers never know where or when they are being observed. Let the judges warnings when they either suspect or see a violation. Then,at the time the warning is issued, the other judges are immediately alerted, and that particular walker is given careful attention with cameras, video tapes, and binoculats.

Obvious violators will be disqualified with the red flag in the usual m manner. But those who have been warned and whose form is in that grey area will be permitted to finish the race. But like photo-finish races, the results will not be known until judges confer and photos and films studied.

It seems to me that the idea of the U.S. unilaterally changing the rules of race walking or trying to persuade the rest of the world to do so is quixotic to say the least. But what is to prevent the U.S. from unilaterally tightening up on its judging procedures for race walking and setting an example for others to follow?

(He adds: My qualifications for saying anything about race walking are not great. I'm a latecomer to the sport having won my first two silver medals in the 65-69 classification at the Southeastern Masters ar Raleigh May 3-4, 1985. I have read everything I could get my hands on about race walking and writtena pamphlet, which i Will mail to anyone for $1.00. I have judged a couple of college walks. I can't see in the grey area either.)--To get Bill's 8-page pamphlet "Racewalking: An Aerobic Activity for Over-Sixties" write Bill Tallmadge, 111 Phillips St., Berea, KY 40403. He is a part time professor of music at Berea College, having retired from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

From Chip Cooper, Paoli, Pa.

"Along with my subscription renewal, I'd like to include just a few comments on the proposal that lifting be permitted. ALthough I'm a novice (I've been race walking for about a year) and middle-aged--well, 33, I've enjoyed the sport despite the hoots and hollers of my friends and probably will continue to do so regardless of the fate of the contact rule.

Since Ron Laird's arguments have been discussed, I just have a point or two to make about Julian Hopkin's remarks in distinguishing walking from running. He said that when walking, the leg is fully extended and forward contact is made well in front of the body. He seems to imply that these two points can be used, at least in part, as a basis for disqualification. However, neither of these are currently part of the difinition and to my mind are not necessarily a unique characteristic of walking. A cursory examination of the photographs in one of the many books on running (I prefer "The Complete Runner", copyright 1974, Runnerss World magazine, since it has a chapter by Anatoiliy Fruktov covering race walking technique) will show that many runners will in fact land on the heel, with the leg essentially straight, and at least to my untrained eye, "well in front of the body." I have

also seen a series of photographs of a walker where the leading leg was slightly flexed at contact, but which was straightening by mid-stride. This is quite lega by the current standards. So, if lifting is to be permitted, judging will then have to be restricted to disqualifying participants who fail to straighten the leg.

On the other hand, if only "excessive" or "Significant" lifting is to be prohibited, and some semblance of objectivity is to remain, this in turn would have to be defined as "detectable" lifting, which from a jduging standpoint is what we've had all along. I get the impression, though, that those who want to change the rule feel that even this would be too restrictive and that they want to permit observable lifting as long as it still looks like walking. However, ~~that~~ the most likely reason that it still looks like walking even if loss of contact occurs is that the athlete is trying not to lift, or at least trying not te be detected. So despite the problems, I don't see how walking can be objectively defined without some form of contact rule.

However, I do feel that the subject needs to be discussed seriously and with as little rancor as possible. Certainly, many of the points made by Ron Laird and Julian Hopkins are well taken, and I agree that the sport is not helped by photographs showing that lifting is more the rule than the exdeption. Rule infractions ins ports should be detectable by human judges during the event. I hope we never reach the point where judging will be done by videotape replays or other electronic means. (Ed. Interesting that the two newcomers to the sport, with their fresh views, should take completely opposite stands on this point, long a point of divergence among those closely involved in the sport. Long-time readers will know that Jim Hanley has been a strong advocate of technology-based judging for many years, while your reactionary editor has remained in the Cooper camp.) But above all, let's hope the sport does not degenerate to the point where disqualifications are made by a panel of judges assigning points based upon style. This has its place in figure skating, deving, and (ugh) rhythmic gymnastics, but not here."

And from John Hedgethorne in a letter to the Race Walking Record (John edited the RW Record for several years, but has just been replaced by a board of editors, including Julian Hopkins as Features Editor. John's letter appeared in the May issue, the first issue prepared by the new staff. Race Walking Record is published by the British Race Walking Association):

"Heresy comes in various disguises, but is nearly always respectably dressed in logical clothes. Hopkins' is the fate of all who swim against the tide.

I am not certain, however, that his argument goes along logical lines. He finds it soul destroying to see 'fast technically proficient walkers' disqualified. But their technique is only partly proficient, since the rule as it stands (and not as he would like it to be) requires them to maintain contact.

I must accept his 'undeniable' facts for their very undeniability, though it is only he who says they are so, a view with which the IAAF seminar did not seem to agree. But his conclusion is faulty.

With the rule as it is, walkers may break contact only while pretending to maintain it. Sweep away the necessity to make the effort, and they will bound along like nobody's business, adding, not 16 cm to a stride as he estimates, but twice or three times this. (Ed. Egad! The second person in the last two letters to make this point. And a good point it is.) Never mind about it being harder, they'll get fitter.

And where do you stop? It's all very well to talk of a loss of contact of only this or that number of milliseconds, but freed of the need to pretend, the gap will widen to the point where it is clearly visible to the human eye.

And what of the TV cameras then? Now they concentrate on the rule breakers, and quite right too, because it is news. But what news value will there be in a bunch of athletes imitating the gait of an ostrich around the track. TV moguls don't understand biomechanics any more than I do nnr does Joe Boggs in the stand, and when the Biomech Mile comes on, they'll all go and get their hot dogs.

Hopkins' first undeniable fact is in any case open to question where it relates to the Czech film. They filmed, he states, "most of the field in both races". Now just what does this mean? How many is most? More than half? Or does he mean 90 percent? "Not a single walker maintained contact" he continues. What he must mean is that none of those filmed maintained contact. And for how long was contact broken? For miles at a time? For just one stride now and then? Or for just one stride, the film having been closely examined frame by frame to make it provide the answer someone wanted to see?

It is undeniable from what he tells us that contact was broken, but the conclusion that it is widespread is certainly not inescapble on the evidence his article presented.

And even he finally argues it is more efficient to maintain contact anyway, at least this is what his calculations on the rise and fall of the trunk seems to say. If contact is more efficient, why change the rule?

"After all", he concludes, "it is not basically a spectator sport." The addition of basically is telling. Race walking falls into or out of the category of spectator sports, not because of the rule, but because of the work of its publicists.

While British spectators don't like cheats, they hold in derision an event where the rules have been changed to cater for this minority. They would make great meeriment at hurdle events with no barriers because competitors find it easier to achieve technical proficiency if there is no risk of tapping the ankle bone, or high jump and ople vault with no bar to distract the competitor beautiful movements, and a panel of nine judges to estimate technical merit (or would he have got over if a real bar had been there) and the artistry of the performance. In each case, records would improve, but the events would have been elevated to the egg and spoon class—square eggs, of course.

Race walking must have unbroken contact.

I believe he is crying in the wilderness in this campaign of this, though I agree that he was right to resign. Not because of his inability to persuade anyone to listen to his heretical opinions, but because, holding the views he does with the rule as it is, it was the only honorable thing to do.

LOOKING BACK

20 Years Ago (From the May 1985 ORW)--The news was mostlylocal, the ORW in only its third issue still being a rather provincial publication. One week, Blackburn beat Mortland in a 2 miler, 14:05 to 14:08; the next week it was Mortland better than 2 minutes ahead in a 1:17:36 10 miler. Finally, Mortland overcame high heat and humidity, and Blackburn, to take a 10 Km in 47:51--Blackburn 49:19. In the hinterlands, Ron Daniel won the Asbury Park 10 miler in 1:20:04, 10 seconds ahead of Art Mark. Henry Laskau, in a rare

appearance after his 'retirement' nearly a decade earlier, walked a very creditable 1:22:04 in fifth. In that another 10 miler, Paul Nihill took the British title in 1:14:55, with R n Wallwork less than a half-minute behind.

15 Years Ago (From the May 1970 ORW)--Dave Romansky won the National 35 Km in Des Moines in 3:13:14 on a 12-lap course including one hill that had no place in awalking race since it was impossible to actually walk up it. A close, and steadily closing second, was Australian Bob Steadman, then living in Winnepeg, in 3:14:19. Ron Kulik and Canadian Karl Merschenz captured the next two spots, followed by John Knifton, Goetz Klopfer, Marcel Jobin, and Ron Laird--a very classy field. . .Romansky also won the 15 Km in Nutley, N.J. in 1:14 plus (the official time was not available at press time, even though I was at the race) on a very hot day. Ron Kulik, hosting the race, beat Steve Hayden for second, with Ron Laird, Ron Daniel, and John Knifton following. . .The ORW postal 20 Km went to Laird in 1:33:35 with Tom Dooley just 21 seconds back. Goetz Klopfer, Bill Ranney, Steve Hayden, and Greg Diebold rounded out the top six. . .Romansky blitzed the course record in the Zinn Memorial 10 Mile in Asbury Park, N.J. with 1:10:54. Ron Daniel was 4½ minutes back. . .Wilf Wesch, a West German, walked a 1:29:02 for 20 Km in London. . .Gennadiy Agapov had a 1:29:09 in the USSR.

10 Years Ago (From the May 1975 ORW)--John Knifton won the National 15 Km in Chicago in 1:10:54 with Tom Dooley 42 seconds back. Bob Henderson, comebacking Larry Young, and Al Shrik completed the top six. . .Mike Young from the Colorado TC won the Junior 15 in 1:25:50. . .The Mexican revolution was just beginning and was well demonstrated in a win over Canada. Daniel Bautista won the 10 Km in 42:34 with Enrique Vera just 14 seconds back, and the 20 went to Raul Gonzalez in 1:27:50, with Pedro Aroche and Domingo Colin well ahead of Marcel Jobin.

5 Years Ago (From the May 1980 ORW)--Carl Schueler won the 50 Km Olympic Trial and, in the process, became the first U.S. walker under the 4 hour mark. Schueler caught Marco Evoniuk on the last of 20 laps and finished in 3:59:33. Evoniuk's 4:00:30 was also under Larry Young's previous U.S. best of 4:00:45. Dan O'Connor passed Jim Heiring just after 40 Km and went on to take the third spot in 4:11:03. Jim finished in 4:12:37. Vincent O'Sullivan and Wayne Glusker filled the next two spots. . .A week earlier, Marcel Jobin had become the first North American under 4 hours, winning the Canadian title in 3:54:50. . .Jobin also came first in the U.S. 10 Km title race in 41:47.3, nearly a minute ahead of Chris Hansen. O'Connor and Steve Pecinovsky were next. Jobin repeated in the Zinn Memorial 10 Km the next day with a 42:01, ahead of Ray Sharp's 42:49. Pecinovsky edged O'Connor for third this time. . .Sue Brodock won the U.S. 20 Km title in 1:48:22 as Vicki Jones finished second and Lori Maynard third. . .The men's 20 was held in Seattle with O'Connor beating a relatively weak field in an excellent 1:26:26. John Van Den Brandt, Torry Lingbloom, and Al Halbur followed. . . Finally, from that issue, we see that the issue of lifting was in the news then, too (not surprisingly, it pops up every now and again), and the following article from England's Colin Young and comments by your editor perhaps round out all that has been said above.

PERSONAL VIEW

TIME TO STOP DODGING THE ISSUE: LIFTERS MUST BE DISQUALIFIED!

By Colin Young (From Athletics Weekly, April 26, 1980)

Throughout the history of race walking, which now stretches well into its second century, there has been the recurring problem of whether participants are 'walking' fairly or not against the stated rules and the ability of the judges to administer them.

"Fair heel and toe' was a description that originated last century and applied to a competitor who walked to the satisfaction of those who witnessed his effort. The description may be considered to be misleading by some but what it endeavoured to imply, as does the present long-winded definition, is the fact that the general public define the difference between walking and running by stating that the walker maintains contact with the ground continually while the runner does not.

Recently--since 1976 to be precise--there has been a Beamon-like explosion in walks at all distances from 3 to 50 km. . .not by a few men but by literally dozens who have improved, some after many years at top level, by minutes. Some of the improvement can certainly be attributed to the relatively recent mass increase of 'professional' training involving many hours, full medical facilities, opportunities of warm weather and/or altitude training, and no work or home pressures. But any keen student or follower of the sport would only be fooling himself or others if he did not state the major reason is that contact is being disregarded. With the bodily fluent and extremely hard training Mexicans leading the way, the emphasis is now concentrated on leg straightening and so we now have both slow motion cameras and still photos showing a clear area of space between the ground and the heel or toe when many of the biggest names in the sport today are at full stride.

At the IAAF Judges Seminar at Boras in February there was talk of center of gravity, straight and vertical spinal column, triangle behind lead leg, etc. In fact, lots of talk to make rules even more complicated instead of admitting that loss of continuous contact simply means it is no longer walking. There were those who did state clearly the obvious but many more talked of more disqualification cards being required before a walker is eliminated, in other words, dodging the issue.

Eschborn Flying Circus

The president of the IAAF Walking Commission stated we have been watching a revolution rather than an evolution inside the sport and if we want to measure in results we have seen an improvement in records which is incredible. Well it must be transparently obvious to all why it is incredible and the president, in his role of chief judge at so many major events, must take responsibility for bringing the sport to the dangerous crossroads at which it now finds itself by failing to ensure that many elite walkers do not get away'with murder'--which culminated in the aptly named 'Flying Circus' at Eschborn last year.

Despite what is happening to the sport there are those, particularly those with vested interests (i.e. competitors benefitting from the 'explosion', team managers, and coaches), who are either turning a blind eye or stating that walkers are now so super-fit and strong that they cannot be expected to go so fast and maintain contact and the day of the 'lift off' has arrived.

I can well believe and, in fact, am led to understand that the same was said in the late 1870s when Venn and Webster had their duels and a little later when Curtis and Sturgess took liberties during their frantic battles urged on by their respective gangs of supporters. It is well to remember that the 2 and 7 miles times of George Larner (13:11.4 in 1904 and 50:50.8 in 1905) and Bill Sturgess (13:24.2 and 51:27 in 1895) were not beaten until Vickers/Matthews and Hardy/Allen respectively over half a century later. The reason for those long-standing records? Well, I leave you to imagine how Larner and Sturgess achieved such outstanding times. The judges of those times acted accordingly and made certain those eager to better those performances by similar methods were dissuaded by disqualification. Many will

not realize that , some 35 years ago, Vaclav Garsan and Werner Hardmo went under 42 minutes for 10,000 m in their duels and the Swede also set other unlikely records at various distances. However, both were pulled out in the 1946 European Championships while Hardom suffered a similar fate at the London Olympics.

I am utterly convinced that in order not to have the sport ridiculed, withdrawn from major international Games, and lose all credibility with other athletes and the general public, those not maintaining contact will have to be disqualified and slow down accordingly until they keep within the stated definition. As things stand at present a competitor is more likely to be disqualified if his legs are seen to be not plumb straight and yet be making perfect contact, while the competitot who is straight legged but a considerable distance off the ground at both heel and toe at full stride goes through unscathed.

If, by making sure that blatant and continuous loss of contact is punished, the 'limit' of legal walking is 40-plus minutes for 10 km and 82-plus minutes for 20 km, so be it. There are maximums in other sports, such as snooker and darts, but there is certainly no decline in their popularity because of this.

As a life-long student, follower, and exponent of the sport, I emphasize again that walking has to be seen as walking--and that means uninterrupted contact with terra firma.

Editor: Amen. Some will say this is all well and good but judging is impossible at present speeds. The fact is that at any competitive speed the human eye is not quick enough. Judging has always been a subjective thing. The judge has to look for signs that the walkers is off the ground. The photographic evidence seems to abound that in the vast majority of top level performances over the past couple of years the competitors just aren't on the gorund--they aren't walking. If on this basis, judges start to get extremely tough and in the course of so doing disqualifysome people who then come back with photographic evidence that they were indeed on the ground at that stage of the race--so what? No one is being disqualified after the fact on the obvious evidence. Judges will err in both directions, but better that they err on the side of being tough than on that of being lenient, if we are to have a fair sport that people can accept. I really don't think most people are deliberately cheating, they are going to the limit to be competitive and so long as no one calls them they will continue to press that limit. Let it be known that lifters will indeed be disqualified and they will stop lifting. And the top athletes will prevail, which may not always be the case now. .....

All-Time World Lists - Women

5.000 metres Track

				Year of birth			
Olga	Kristop		URS	57	21.36,2 (1)RC	Penza	4. 8.1984
Hong	Yan		PRC	66	40,3 (1)SGP	Fana	5. 5.1984
Hongju	Xu		PRC	64	41,o (2)SGP	Fana	5. 5.1984
Olga	Jarutkina		URS	60	42,2 (2)RC	Penza	4. 9.1984
Giuliana	Salce		ITA	55	51,85(1)	L'Auqila	1.10.1983
Natalia	Serbinenko/Sharipova		URS	59	59,o (3)SGP	Fana	5. 5.1984
Sue	Cook		AUS	58	22.04,42(1)	Melbourne	1. 4.1984
Aleksandra	Deverikskaja		URS	60	14,o1(1)	Orel	9. 7.1982
Ann	Peel		CAN	61	17,5 (4)SGP	Fana	5. 5.1984
Galina	Bildina	(10)	URS	60	18,8 (1)	Krasnodar	22. 9.1984
Vera	Ossipova		URS	57	22,o (2)	Krasnodar	8. 4.1984
Rosa	Underova		URS	57	22,o (5)SGP	Fana	5. 5.1984
Sally	Pierson		AUS	63	24,o (1)	Leicester	14. 9.1983
Ludmila	Hrustsova		URS	55	25,2 (3)RC	Penza	4. 8.1984
Guan	Ping		PRC	66	30,7 (3)	Fuxin	25. 9.1984
Vera	Ljuzanova		URS	61	38,6 (2)	Krasnodar	22. 9.1984
Ann	Jansson		SWE	58	41,1 (4)IM	Värnamo	19. 5.1984
Lorraine	Young		AUS	59	52,o (2)	Canberra	17. 2.1984
Yan	Wang		PRC	71	53,9 (4)	Fuxin	25. 9.1984
Heping	Yu	(20)	PRC	67	56,o (6)IM	Värnamo	19. 5.1984
Polina	Biznja		URS	55	56,2 ((2)	Sjelkovo	27. 3.1983
Sujie	Lie		PRC	66	58,7 (6)	Fuxin	25. 9.1984
Monica	Gunnarsson		SWE	65	23.01,1 (1)	Borås	27. 9.1984
Vera	Prudnikova		URS	53	01,7 (3)	Sjelkovo	27. 3.1983
Yulian	Yan		PRC	66	02,7 (7)	Fuxin	25. 9.1984
Galina	Jezova		URS	62	03,o (2)RC	Moscow	7. 7.1984
Olga	Tsugunova		URS	61	03,o2(3)	Leningrad	24. 7.1983
Valentina	Antonova		URS	61	03,44(4)	Leningrad	24. 7.1983
Svetlana	Vassiljeva		URS	65	06,2 (4)RC	Penza	4. 8.1984
Yong	Ju Xu	(30)	PRC	62	07,2 (2)	Shanghai	14. 3.1983
Regina	Balkovskaja		URS	61	09,4 (3)	Kislovodsk	28. 2.1983
Carol	Tyson		GBR	57	11,2 (1)	Östersund	30. 6.1979
Marina	Supilo		URS	58	12,3 (4)	Sjelkovo	27. 3.1983
Jelena	Lisnik		URS	66	13,o (3)RC	Moscow	7. 7.1984
Hong	Xiao		PRC	66	13,9 (8)	Fuxin	25. 9.1984
Rachel	Thompson		AUS	62	15,82(3)	Melbourne	1. 4.1984
Suzanne	Griesbach		FRA	45	16,o (1)	Epinay s/S	25. 4.1982
Tatjana	Kobsar		URS	54	16,o (1)	Tiraspol	24. 4.1983
Thorill	Gylder		NOR	58	17,5 (1)	Oslo	4. 8.1978
Fengyun	Song	(40)	PRC	65	17,8 (5)NC	Jiading	12. 3.1984
Sirkka	Oikarinen		FIN	59	18,1 (1)	Lahti	1. 7.1981
Siw	Gustavsson/Vera-Ybanez		SWE	57	18,6 (1)	Gothenburg	16. 6.1981
Sue	Brodock		USA	56	19,1 (1)	Walnut	13. 6.1980
Marion	Fawkes		GBR	48	19,2 (2)	Östersund	30, 6.1979
Elisabeth	Olsson		SWE	54	19,7 (2)	Fana	3. 5.1980
Natalia	Spiridonova		URS	63	20,o (1)	Leningrad	7. 7.1981
Anne	Miller		AUS	63	23,o'(2)	Melbourne	22. 3.1981
Xiaoling	Shi		PRC	60	23,8 (9)	Fuxin	25. 9.1981
Aleksandra	Grigorjeva		URS	60	25,5 (5)RC	Penza	4. 8.1981
Fröydis	Hilsen	(50)	NOR	59	25,6 (1)	Sant Celoni	3. 4.198
Galina	Zahharova		URS	61	26,9o(5)	Leningrad	24. 7.198
Mia	Kjölberg		NOR	60	27,7 (1)	Trondheim	24. 6.198
Ljudmila	Majenok		URS	60	28,o (3)	Moscow	16. 9.198
Nadezda	Krivochina		URS	56	28,4 (1)	Kharkov	10. 8.198
Valentina	Filina		URS	64	29,2 (4)	Kislovodsk	28. 2.198
Maria Cruz	Diaz Garcia		ESP	69	30,3(10)SGP	Fana	5. 5.198
Valentina	Andreitsik		URS	58	30,6 (5)	Sjelkovo	27. 3.198
Natalia	Bucharinova		URS	58	23.31,o (8)	Orel	9. 7.198
Natalia	Serputko		URS	63	32,o (1)	Tiraspol	24. 4.198
Mei	Feng	(60)	PRC	64	32,6 (6)	Shanghai	14. 3.1983