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LEWIS, TORELLAS WIN AS EXPECTED AT TAC T&F CHAMPIONSHIPS

San Jose, Cal., June 26-27--Maryanne Torrellas broke her own meet record overcome a strong challenge from Lynn Weik and win the National Athletics Congress 10 Km walk. Torrellas finished in 47:23.8, bettering the mark of 48:38.16 she set in Indianapolis two years ago. Weik, who had the lea with 1 Km to go, finished in a personal record 47:36.5. Debbi Lawrence, winner in 1984 and 1986, was third, but also bettered the old record. Torrellas winning time is also a new American record.

In the men's 20 Km, Tim Lewis won his third straight title, walking unchallenged all the way. His 1:24:12 was better than a minute under his own meet record. It was his fifth fastest 20 and also the fifth fastest even by a U.S. walker--Tim would appear to be a dominant force at this time. Carl Schueler slipped easily away from Ray Sharp over the last 5 K to take second for the second straight year. Gary Morgan bettered his personal record by more than 2 minutes to take fourth, and the third spot on the U.S. team for the World Championships, where Schueler will walk 50 Km.

In the women's race, Torrellas, Teresa Vaill, Lawrence and Weik broke from the pack during the second kilometer. Lawrence took the lead after 4000 meters, as Vaill dropped off the pace. At 7700 meters, Weik moved in fromt with Torrellas right behind her, while Lawrence dropped back. Torrellas moved back in front at 9100 meters and broke away for a decisive win. Biggest surprise of the race was 20-year-old Sara Standley who finished a strong fifth in a personal best.

The first four all bettered the former American record (track) of 49:16.4, which Torrellas set in 1985. After the race, Torrellas said: "I Thought the record would go in this race. I though whoever won the race waould get the record. I just had a baby last year and am just starting to get into training. Over the next 2 to 3 yeaas, with good solid training, I think I can reach my potential."

Results: 1. Maryanne Torrellas, Reebok RT 47:23.8 2. Lynn Weik, un. 47:36.5 3. Debbi Lawrence, un. 48:30.3 4. Teresa Vaill, un. 48:57.2 5. Sara Standley, Southern Cal. Roadrunners 50:53.3 6. Mary Howell, un. 51:39.8 7. Karen Rezach, Shore AC 52:34.3 8. Viisha Sedlak, un. 52:47.9 9. Sue Klappa, un. 54:03.1 10. Dorit Attias, Shore AC 54:40.4 11. Chris Sakelarios, SCRR 55;01 12. Meg Mangan, Robert Morris College 55:12.4 13. Valerie Smith, U. of Wis.-Parkside 55;52 14. Avra Jain, East Side Racewalk Team 57:24.8 15. Carol Romano, U. of Wisconsin 58:38.9.
Disqaulified: Carol Brown, un., Julie Wunrow, UW-Parkside, Lisa Vaill, un. Did not finish--Kim Wilkinson, Monterey WWW Club

ABOVE: China's Yan Hong was disqualified in the World Cup 10 Km after blitzing the field and shattering the world's best mark. Many thought it was abad call. This picture seems to vindicate the judges. (Race Walking Record photo.) BELOW: A girl to watch. Naomi Sepulveda, Los Angeles, on her way to a win in the National 11-12 year 3 Km (see results last month). She walked 15:49. (Photo courtesy Bari Garner-Holman).

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Splits: 1 Km (4:38.6) Torrellas, T. Vaill, Lawrence, Weik
2 Km (9:23.8) Torrellas, Vaill, Lawrence, Weik
3 Km (14:14.3) Torrellas, Vaill, Lawrence, Weik
4 Km (18:51.8) Torrellas, Vaill, Lawrence, Weik
5 Km (23;37.1) Lawrence, Torrellas, Weik, Vaill
6 Km (28;30.1) Lawrence, Torrellas, Weik, Vaill
7 Km (33;20.0) Lawrence, Torrellas, Weik, Vaill
8 Km (38:04.8 Weik, Torrellas, Lawrence
9 Km (42:49.0) Weik, Torrellas, Lawrence

In the men's 20, Lewis had things very much his way, opening a 38 second lead on the first 5 Km and opening that to more than 2 minutes by 15 Km. Marco Evoniuk was second after 5 Km, but a strong move by the tandem of Carl Schueler and Ray Sharp had them in a dual for second place by the 10 Km mark. Paul Wick had also edged ahead of Evoniuk at that point. Morgan was locked in a battle for sixth with Curtis Fisher an Mike Stauch.

Sharp stayed on even terms with Schueler through 15 Km, but Carl's strenght proved decisive and he moved easily away from there, even closing a little ground on the distant Lewis. Evoniuk was still a solid fourth at the 15 Km mark, but was pulled by the judges in the final stages. Stauch was three seconds ahead of Morgan as they started the last 5, but Gary dug in for a very strong finish, covering that segment even faster than Schueler. Stauch finished an isolated fifth as Wick faded badly the second half.

In post-race comments, Lewis said: "I was fairly happy with the race. I went out a little faster than I though I would, but I felt pretty good. I just kept plugging away and tried to stay as relaxed as possible. That' as fast as I've ever raced at the Nationals, but my second half is still a little slow. I still have to work on that, and will be between now and the World Championships."

1. Tim Lewis, Reebok RT 1:24:12 (20:31, 41:03, 1:02:01) 2. Carl Schueler, Reebok RT 1:26:10 (21:25, 42:38, 1:04:10) 3. Ray Sharp, Mazola Racewalk Team 1:27:00 (21:25, 42:38, 1:04:10) 4. Gary Morgan, New York AC 1:27:31 (21:44, 43:44, 1:05:39) 5. Mike Stauch, U. of Wis.-Parkside 1:28:15 (21:44, 43:44, 1:05:36) 6. Paul Wick, New York AC 1:30:06 (21:25, 43:16, 1:05:56) 7. Curtis Fisher, un. 1:30:42 (21:44, 43:47, 1:06:56) 8. Jim Heiring, U. of Chicago TC 1:31:34 (21:57, ?, 1:08:30) 9. Adny Kaestner, UWP 1:31:58 10. Ray Funkhouser, Shore AC 1:32:42 11. Allen James, Athlet in Action 1:34:23 12. Larry Walker, Cal. Walkers (1st and only master) 1:34;49 13. Mark Manning, un. 1:35;20 14. Mike DeWitt, UWP 1:35;30 15. Doug Fournier, UWP 1:37:40 16. Don Lawrence, un. 1:40:00 DQ: Paul Schwartzberg, Eastside Racewalk Team; Will Preischel, U. of Chic. TC; Marco Evoniuk, un. (21:09, 43:17, 1:04:26) DNF: Randy Mimm, un.; Dave McGovern, Eastside; Steve Pecinovsky, Eastside; and Bradley Knutson, un.

Junior Nationals, Tucson, Ariz., June 20: Men's 10 Km--1. Reggie Davenport 48:53.3 2. Jon Jorgenson 49:06.5 3. Lennie Becker 49:57.8 Women's 5 Km--1. Cindy Perez 25,23.5 2. Sybil Perez 25:30.6 3. Norma Commans 25;46 4. Dierdre Collier 26:26 5. M. Pagon 27:27 6. Carolyn

Holguin 27:45 7. Yvonne Warner 28:40 8. Christine Izzo 28:56 9. Lorie Seidel 29:13. 10. Jeanine Swift 29:48 11. Jennifer Fisher 30:05

U.S. National Senior Olympics, St. Louis, June 30: Men's 1500 meter walk--Age 55-59--1. Jim Spitzer, Baltimore, Ohio 7:33.95 (Jim has been walking for about a year and a half. This is about a 15 second improvement over what he did in the Ohio indoor championships in March, a result we never had because we never did run down the complete results. Nothing like good reporting on the local scene.) 2. James Bryan, S. Colby, Wash. 8:08.92 3. Jack Ozment, Philmont, Va. 8:08.98 Age 60-64--1. Klaus Timmerhaus, Boulder, Col. 8:09.11 2. Allan Jackson, Akron, Ohio 8:34.87 3. Karl Muller Naperville, Ill. 8:37.91 65-69--1. Howard Channell, Englewood, Col. 8:30.67 2. Harvey Geller, Greenbelt, Md., 8:31.40 3. Pete Colbertson, Los Cruces, N.M. 9:02.46 70-74--1. Edward Seeger, Falls Church, Va. 9:07.96 2. Harold Muenzer, Mich. 9:08.70 3. Phillip Lawrence, Sunlakes, Ariz. 9:13.41 75-79--1. Byron Fikes, Tallmadge, Ohio 10:09.58 2. Millard Mabis, Leesburg, Fla. 10:22.57 3. Sam Monastero, Norristown, Pa. 10:32.82 (The only name among all of these I recognize from days of long ago.) Women's 1500--55-59--1. Nikki Ryan, Vancouver, Va. 10:08.67 2. Pat Barrar, Butten, S.D. 10:20 60-64--1. Ruth Leff, Milwaukee 9:21.35 2. Tjiske Hartoog, Phoenix, Ariz. 9:29.26 65-69--1. Margareta Lambert, Dillon, Col. 9:04.08 2. Millie Bolton, Dayton, Ohio 19:18.34 70-74--1. Valma Jacobs, Greeley, Col. 9:42.56 2. Mildred Crews, Lancaster, Wis. 10:18.97 3. Helen Sutter, Largo, Fla. 10:27.34 75-79--1. Larua Payne, Victoria, Tex. 11:04.81 80 and up--1. Anna Ward 12:21.67 (More than 200 competed)

World University Games 20 Km, Zagreb, Yug. , July 13--1. Rafaello Ducceschi, Italy 1:25:02 2. Ciacono Poggi, Italy 1:25:17 3. Pierluigi Fiorella, Italy 1:26:58 4. Andrew Jachno, Australia 1:27:39. . .8. Paul Wick, U.S. 1:31:18

OTHER RESULTS

5 Km (track), Cambridge, Mass., June 13--1. Maryanne Torrellas 24:44.1 2. Karen Rezach 25:42 20 Km (track), same place--1. Mark Fenton 1:41:23 2. Brian Savilonis 1:49:52 3. Phil McGaw 1:52:54 3. Will Demrosiers 1:57:13 5. Bob Keating 1:59:10 6. Fred Looft 1:59:32 7. Mryna Finn 2:01:44 10 Km (road), Dedham, Mass., July 4--1. Steve Vaitones 51:27 2. Phil McGaw 53:07 3. Dick Ruquist 53.17 4. Tom Knatt 54:34 5. George Lattarulo 59:42 6. Bob Lowrey 60:06 7. Justin Kuo 61:09 8. Joe Kay 61:27 (13 finished) Bay State Games 5 Km, Cambridge, Mass., July 11--1. Brian Savilonis 24:42 2. George Lattarulo 25:55 3. Robert Lowery 27:52 4. Janice Ash 30:15. (Dick Ruquist 26:10 unofficial)

Eastern Masters 5 Km, Mitcehll Field, Long Island, June 7: Men 45--1. G. Patrick 25:27 2. R. Jennings 27:35 3. G. Davis 29:21 Men 55--1. Bill Omeltchenko 28:39

Metropolitan AC 5 Km Championship, June 14, New York City--1. Ed O'Rourke 21:47 2. Nick Bdera 22.22 3. Jeff Salvage 23:14 4. Reggie Davenport 23:19 (1st Junior) 5. Roberto Gottlieb 23:28 6. Mike Battle 24:01 7. Alan Jacobson 24:23 8. Carol Brown 24:37 (1st woman) 9. Mike Heitczan 24:51 10. Garry Null 25.20 (1st 40-49) 11. Richard Harper 25:34 12. Franco Pantoni 26:36 (2nd 40-49) 13. Dorit Attias 26:49 (2nd woman) 14. Monserate Velez 27:06 15. Tor Gustafson 27:12 (3rd 40-49) 16. Juan Crespo 27:31 17. Jack McDougal 27:48 18. Midgalia Pagan 28:05 (1st Jr. woman) 19. Lori Seidel 28:28 (4th woman) 20. Bruce Logan 28:40 21. Mort Malkin 28:45 (1st 50-59) 22. Frank LaMorte 28:58 (1st over 60) 23. Richard Shoup 29:04 24. Susan Travellin 29:10 25. Barb Cence 29:29 26. Melody Rivera 29:30 27. Ingrid Jacobson 29:44 28. Andrew Crane 30:14 29. Cervin Robinson 20:18 30. Richard Lann 20:22 31. Mark Avrin 30:37 32. George Heller 30:40 33. Gail Lichter 30:42 34. Susan Henricks 30:44 35. Bernard Kaufman 30:46 36. Elliott Denman 30:50 (161 finishers)

8 Km, Washington, D.C., July 4--1. Richard Quinn 38:15 2. Keith Luoma 38:20 3. Bobby Briggs 40:04 4. Alan Price 40:45 5. Jim Wass 44:33 6. Ned Stone 45.00 7. Lisa Sheridan 45:13 8. James Lemert 46:37 9. Scott Bentley 48:37 10. Richard Ralston 48:55 11. Joyce Joyce 49:08 12. Marie Himel 49:52 13. Lois Dicker 49:52 14. Brian Schexnayder 51:39 15. Roger Watson 51:51 16. Paul Robertson 52:01 (35 finishers)

5 Mile, Morgantown, Ky., July 4 (very hilly)--1. Troy Givens 55;40 2. C.B. Embry, Jr. 55;43 3. Charlie Boswell 59:35 Women: 1. Janis Conner 56;36 2. Carmenza Byrne 59:41 10 Km, Raleigh, N.C., June 20 (track): Women--1. Kathy Donley 54:42 2. Taylor Hyman 72;02 Men--1. Ray McKinnis 50:49 10 Mile, Stone Mountain, Ga., May 30--1. Shaul Ladany 1:40:02 (Shaul, incidentally, is returning to Israel in mid-August. His address there will be: Dr. Shaul Ladany, P.O. Box 112, Omer 84965 Israel) 2. Tal Oz-ari 2;03:40 3. Bill Farrell 2:03:40 5 Mile, same place--1. Roger Norman 54:22 2. Mary Anne Ingram 57:16 1500 meters, Atlanta, June 2--1. David Waddle 6:24 2. Bill Farell 8:20 3. Ronald McCrary 8:54 1500, Atlanta, June 9--1. Dave Waddle 6;38 2. Shaul Ladany 7:54 3. Alpha Bennett 9:33 1500, Atlanta, June 16--1. David Waddle 6.33 2. Bill Farell 8:15 3. Ronald McCrary 8:52 Florida State Games 5 Km, Clearwater, July 11--1. Katie Warren 28:48 2. Bob Fine 29:31 3. Donald Hardin 30:36 Fla. State Games Masters 5 Km, July 12--1. Tom White (55-59) 27:35 2. Bob Fine (55-59) 29;47 3. Frank Harrison (44-44) 29:47 4. Emily Williams (40-44) 30:06 10 Km, Dearborn, Mich., July 2--1. Max Green 50:55 2. Victor Sipes 51:21 3. Norm Browne 53;56 3. John Elwarner 54;38 5. Wa Wally Lubzik 56;26 6. Pat Dugan 56;27 7. Frank Soby 57:31 (10 finishers) Women's 3 Km, same place--1. Jeanne Bocci 16;37 2. Roberta Boyle 18:08 3. Valerie Stowe 19:53 4. Jan Bow 20:02 (13 finishers) 5 Km, Dearborn, July 18--1. Steve Pecinovsky 22;29 2. Dan O'Brien 22;59 3. John Elwarner 24;40 4. Victor Sipes 24;40 5. Max Green 24;43 6. Norman Browne 26:17 7. Wally Lubzik 27:52 8. Gerry Bocci 28.30 9. Bob Campbell 30:11 (14 finishers) Women's 3 Km, same place--1. Jeanne Bocci 16:43 2. Jennifer Green 17:25 3. Deborah Kurpas 18:30 4. Roberta Boyle 18:35 5. Valerie Stowe 18:50 6. Jean Bow 19:12 Sooner State Games 5 Km, Oklahoma, June 26-1. Jim McFadden 23.16 (1st 40-49) 2. Ron Marlett 26;20 (35-39) 3. Ken Cofer 25:36 (30-34) 4. Bob Baller 27.37 (50-59) Masters 5 Km, Los Angeles, July 11--1. Richard Oliver 26;38 2. Bob Meador 27:06 3. Bob Brewer 27:58 4. Maynard Mickelson 30:36 Women: 1. Espe Lassanyi 30:23

15 Km, Pasadena, Cal., July 19--1. Juan Izaguirre 1:14:44 2. Richard Oliver 1:24:11 3. Carl Acosta 1:33;47 5 Km, same place--1. Keith Ward 23;38 2. Jay Byers 27:14 3. Jesus Orendain Jr. 28:36 10 Km, Pasadena, June 6--1. A. Cortez 47:42 2. Juan Isaguirre 47:49 3. Keith Ward 47:58 4. Richard Oliver 55.20 5. Robert Meador 59:16 5 Km, Same place--1. Enrique Flores 22:43 2. R. Granados 28:15 3. R. Brown 29:06

SC 5 Km Championships, Los Angeles, June 6--1. Enrique Flores 22;47 2. Ed Bouldin 23;50 Women: 1. Sara Standley 24:24 2. Chris Sakelarios 26;18 3. Jolene Steigerwalt 30:18 5 Km, San Diego, June 14--1. Tim Lewis 20:18 2. Ray Sharp 21:22 3. Enrique Flores 23;09 4. Dale Sutton 24:01 5. Ron Laird 25;47 6. Stephen Tabb 26;32 7. John Kelly 27.08 8. Paul Butkovich 27:40 9. John Meyers 28:37 10. Arhtur Goolsbee 28:38 11. Ed Ricci 29;40. 12. Clyde Hatfield 30:15 Women's 5 Km, same place--1. Debbi Lawrence 23.59 2. Sara Standley 26:14 3. Chris Sakelarios 28;20

5 Km, Riverside, Cal., June 14--1. Jesus Orendain 26;22 2. D. Snyder 27:07 3. Ted Greiner 27:19 4. J. Orendain, Jr. 28;02 5. Bob Brewer 28:38 6. R. O"Hara 30:23 District Masters 5 Km Championships, Los Angeles June 20--1. Ed Bouldin (35-39) 25;03 2. Ron Laird (45-49) 25;40 3. Richard Oliver (50-54) 26:41 4. Robert Meador (50-54) 28:07 5. D. Snyder (40-44) 28:17 6. A. Goolsbee (45-49) 28:27 7. Bob Brewer (45-49) 28:39

8. R. Nester (35-39) 29:02 9. Allen Havens (55-59) 30:35 (18 finishers) Women: 1. E. Lassanyi (45-49) 30:48 1500 meters, Northridge, Cal., June 2--1. Enrigue Flores 6:20.6 2. Victoria Harazo 6:48.5 3. Bob Fine 7:52.6 5 Km, same place--1. Flores 23:18.3 2. Ed Bouldin 24:48 3. Victoria Heraso 25:51 4. J. Orendain Jr. 28:04 20 Km, San Francisco, June 7--1. Mark Green 1:42:37 2. Jack Bray (age 54) 1:51:44 3. Bob Craig (55) 2:02:38 4. Fred Dunn (58) 2:04:11 5 Km, San Francisco, June 13--1. Jack Bray 25:31 2. Bob Craig 29:41 5 Km, San Francisco, June 20--1. Jack Bray 24:36 2. Denise Dunbar 29:59 10 Km, Ramona, Cal., June 20--1. Ted Greiner 60:50 2. Leonard Wos 63:00 2 Mile, Salem, Ore. June 7--1. Randy Jacobs 14:55 2. Bob Korn 16:30 3. Matt Robson 18:58 State Games of Oregon, 5 Km, July 11--1. Steve Renard 23:05.4 2. Randy Jacobs 23:25 3. Bob Korn 25:33 4. Steve Tyrer 29:20 4. John Hannan 30:09 (13 finishers) Northwest Regional Masters 2 Km, Mt. Hood, Ore., July 3--1. Bob Korn (35-39) 9:16 2. Steve Tyrer (35-39) 10:33 3. Dan Deakins (40-44) 10:43 4. Paul Kaald (50-54) 11:22 5. Dave McNayr (35-39) 11:32 6. Stewart Shannon (40-44) 11:36 5 Km, Fremont, Wash., June 12--1. Glen Tachiyama 24:15 2. Mary Howell 24:59 3. Ed Glander 27:30 4. Bob Novak 27:42 5. Bev LaVeck 28:39 10 Km, Seattle, June 27--1. Gwen Robertson 58:17 · 2.8 Miles, Seattle, June 4--1. Glen Tachiyama 22:08 2. Ed Glander 24:58 3. Bob Novak 25:11 12 Km, Seattle, June 7--1. Ed Glander 67:55 2. Bev LeVeck 70:54 3. Craig Duffy 71:05 10 Km, Redmond, Wash., June 6--1. Bob Novak 56:44 1 Mile, Seattle, June 10--1. Glen Tachiyama 7:28.4 2. Paul Kaald 8:17.9 3. Bev LaVeck 8:18.3 4. Bob Novak 8:19.6 1 Mile, Seattle, June 24--1. Glen Tachiyama 7:36.5 2. Gwen Robertson 7:41.5 3. Paul Kaald 8:03 1 Mile, Seattle, July 1--1. Alan Jacobson 7:19.3 2. Glen Tachiyama 7:35.7 3. Mary Howell 7:36.1 4. Gwen Robertson 7:36.4 5. Bev LaVeck 8:28.5 6. Evan Shull 8:28.5 20 Km, Seattle, June 11--1. Herm Nelson 1:34:55 8 Km, Honolulu, May 11--1. Eugene Kitts 37:51 2. Dan Fitzpatrick 40:13 2. Ed Gardonick 44:00 Women--1. Patricia Carroll 45:52 5 Mile, Honolulu, June 1--1. Bill Banbrock 51:44 2. Ron Baers 52:52 10 Mile, Honolulu, July 4--1. Eugene Kitts 1:17:35 Women--1. Patricia Carroll 1:35:46 2. Linda Matsueda 1:42:32 5 Km, Toronto, June 13--1. Bohdan Bulakowski 22:29 (Bulakowski has been Poland's top walker the past several years. He defected during the World Cup in New York and is now in Canada.) 2. Peter Bush 23:39 3. Paul Guimond 24:13 4. Mike Freeman 26:43 5. Dennis McGonical 28:58 6. Max Gould 29:01 7. Gord Roberts 29:16 10 Km, Derby, Eng., May 25--1. Ian McCombie 40:46 2. Chris Maddocks 41:12 3. Phil Vesty 41:18 4. A. Drake 41:52 Ladies 5 Km, same place--1. Lisa Langford 22:20 2. Beverley Allen 23:16 3. Helen Elleker 23:35 4. N. Jackson 23:36 39.5 Mile, Isle of Man, April 26--1. John Cannell 6:17:20 2. S. Partington 6:36:56

Whoops! Suddenly in my stack I uncover complete results of the National Junior Men's 10 Km (top three above). Nothing like a well-organized editor. Well, here they are: NTAC Jr. 10 Km, Tucson, June 21--1. Reginald Davenport, Bronx International 48:53.3 2. Jon Jorgenson, Selden, N.Y. 49:06.5 3. Elmer Becker, Mayview, Missouri 49:57.8 4. Thomas Nutter, Carlinville Striders 50:15.7 5. Lennie Becker, Mayview, Missouri 51:07.5 6. Paul Winke, Amherst College 52:50.7 7. Thomas Erasnoff, Salem, N.Y. 53:17.6 8. James Campoli, Union College 56:22 DQ--John Schaeffer (51:47) Judges: Frank Alongi, Frank Greenberg, Darlene Hickman, Bruce MacDonald.

SPEAKING OF JUDGES. . .

Once again, the question of judging is raising its ugly head. This time the question is not one flying walkers, but rather of having well-qualified judges on hand for national races. I have received two letters recently regarding races at different sites where the judging was not deemed competent.

Rich Torrellas writes:

"After reading the story on the TAC youth championships, I had to laugh a little. Those fine young athletes had a plethora of qualified judging. 'Six TAC certified racewalk judges monitored the competition. They were led by IAAF judges Darlene Hickman and Gary Westerfield.' Proper treatment indeed for a national championship.

"Why then was it that 6 days later at the Natinnal 5 Km in Denver there was not even one sixth the proper judging? There is no doubt in my mind that the lack of experienced judges there caused the unfortunate disqualifications of both Maryanne Torrellas and Marco Evoniuk.

"Attached is a copy of a letter that I sent to several individuals following the race. I believe that clearly explains a problem that shoul be discussed at the next convention. If we are to insist on having the number of championships that we do, the same insistence should be given to having qualified officials present."

Rich's letter, addressed to Lori Maynard, Championship Coordinator for Race Walking, follows:

In all the discussions about submitting bids on time and having properly certified courses, having the proper judges at races may have been mistakenly placed on the back burner for all these championships. Unfortunately, I have a case in point.

The National 5 K Championships took place in Denver on May 30. There was one "National" judge (you know, the read the book and take the test type), and several locals utilized as judges. Accustomed to seeing the long striding type of walker, they disqualified two people utilizing the most prominent style today: short stroke, high frequency. Those two were Maryanned Torrellas and Marco Evoniuk. In Maryanne's case, she was finished racing by 9:24 am but was not notified until 11:30 am. Many protested the decisions, including Leonard Jansen, who was standing next to the "National" judge when he made the call in the last 300 meters and could not see any infraction. Indeed, upon being questioned by the athlete who was concerned about correcting what she might have been doing wrong, the "judge" merely stated, more or les, "I can't explain what you were doing wrong, but i called it as I saw it." If you can make sense out of that explanation, please give me a call.

In discussing this matter with Elliott Denman, he stated that at a national championship, there should be three national judges with experience, one of which is an international judge. In addition, he stated that a 30-minute time limit is currently being utilized following a race. In lieu of these facts and those stated above, I am officially lodging a protest on the grounds of improper procedure.

A national championship race should not be awarded or take place without the added stipulation that the proper judging will be provided for. The sport of racewalking is delicate enough without making certain that the athletes are receiving the fairest possible scrutiny at the hands of experienced judges.

With this protest, I am not looking to have Maryanne reinstated as the champion. Teresa Vaill worked very hard in an outstanding race at altitude and should not be demoted to a runner-up slot after the fact because the judging was suspect. However, Maryanne's disqualification should be overturned. The reasons are obvious.

Hopefully, this letter and the problem it addresses will incur an additional requirement to a championship bid: the presence of proper judging. Whose responsibility is it? That question will have to be answered by the racewaling committee. Perhaps this can be discussed in San Jose.

Rich notes in a PS on his covering letter that at the Nationals in San Jose there were eight judges around the track, including at least six IAAF judges.

The other letter, form Richard Charles, in New Orleans, covers another matter as well:

"Jack, I'd appreciate some input from the walking community on the following. The racewalking event in the Senior Olympics was a 1500 meter. (Ed. See results this issue.) The racewalking track event in the Masters Track (per TAC Competition 1987-88) lists 5000 meters. I think that the Senior Regional and Senior National should change to a 5 Km racewalk. It seems to me that a 1500 is too demanding physically, requiring that walkers move out from the start at a top speed, maintain same, and not allow for the use of any race tactics other than gO-go-go. Instead of recorders at the finish line, there'll be EMTs.

"In fairness to all the participants, who spend a considerable amount of money to attend, I believe that every effort must be made at qualifying sites to have mature, qualified judges. Unfortunately, this was not the case at all qualifying sites. At the National site, the judges were not experienced, having undergone the barest of training. This was obvious to those walkers who themselves have served as judges. Perhaps tha fact that only one walker in over 200 was dq'd says something. He came to the judges attention because of pushing and shoving his way forward."

Editor: I'm not sure under whose auspices the Senior Olympics are conducted, but obviously it does our sport no good to crown national champions with no qualified judges on hand. The two letters point up a situation that has long bothered me. As we push for a much broader competitive base, seeking to place the sport on school and college programs, where are the judges going to come from? We can't even cover national champions adequately. I'm not suggesting we pull back, but certainly we have to recognize that this is a major problem. Comments from the crowd, please.

EARLIER CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS:

Since we invite comment, we had best give tham space when they arrive. In the following letter, Steve Vaitones replies to the letter from Hawaii in last month's issue:

"As the Racewalking Committee's representative to TAC'USA's Rules Committee and Records Committee, I would like to respond to Hawaii's plea for amending the Rules of Competition to allow records to be set in running races.

"First, any attempt to change this cannot be made until the 1988 TAC Convention. Competition rules are amended every 2 years in the even-numbered years. By-laws and Operating Rules are amended in odd-numbered years.

"To put some order into road racing (running and walking) course measurement, event conduct, and record collecting procedures on state and national levels, TACSTATS was established by TAC/USA during 1986. The need for this is illustrated by the fact that there are currently NO recognized US walking road records due to the inability of the racewalking community in general to follow simple directions, certify courses, produce documentation, and reply to requests for information on pending national records. Allowing records in mixed running/walking races goes against international record requirements, shifts records responsibilties to running race directors, and simply complicates the record keeping procedure.

"most regions in this country have small walking programs, yet such programs still maintain an autonomous competitive racewalking environment, which can be complemented by occassional walking divisions in runs. Logistics of road walks are simplified by the rules recommendation that loops of 2500 to 5000 meters be used. This reduces the number of workers needed and provides a convenient method of ascertaining validity of performance through recorded split times during an event without additional transit needs. In contrast, runs are generally held on one loop, point-to-point, or out-and-back courses.

"As as example of how fair judging is impossible in such events, consider the following: A minimum of three judges on a 10 kilometer single loop course with a judging density of one per 400 meters, and assume a constant transit speed of 30 mph, and a range of walkers'abilities from 7 minutes per mile to 10 minutes per mile. The rearmost judge must leapfrog 1200 meters and leave the moment the final walker passes. Problem number one is determining who the final walker is. Even if that walker is easily identifiable, the judge will catch up to and meet the lead walker at increasingly longer distances from the previous judge after just 3200 meters. Four or five judges only postpones the gap several minutes, and we have only considered a tight field with optimum transit of judges. Wider ranges of ability, walkers mixed with runners, and delays in moving judges reduce the chances of a judge seeing a walker multiple times, and ultimately produces an unfairly judged race.

" I question how the Hawaii race walkigg community can conduct 'adequately judges' divisions in running races while the number of judges needed for a walkers-only 'legitimate road race' is an impossibility.

"As the number of runners increase in races, it becomes progressively more difficult for judtes, timers, and fellow athletes to pick out walkers. Race timing systems generally use select timing when numbers stream in very quickly, leading to less accurate times. Add to this the opportunity for basic cheating while buried in a crowd, and the potential for runners to pace walkers (pacing is illegal when done by racers not eligible for the same awards--men/women, runner/walker), and the validity of performances will be questioned forever.

"the third paragraph ends with a statement that is simply incorrect. Walkers from Hawaii are elegible for road records; they must simply adhere to rules of competition, which are few and simple: a minimum of three bona fide competittors; courses certified in accordance with established TAC standards; and adequate documentation of the event. This can be accomplished with a small number of competent officials.

"Every race need not be an attempt for a record. Some best serve the

athlete as a casual competition, or a chance to joing the festivities of running races conducted on a scale that walking cannot provide due to numbers and sponsorship. Far from stunting the growth of racewalking on a regional level, requiring separate walking races for record performance maintains the event's separate identity while keeping the respect of casual fans, fellow athletes, and all involved in athletics."

Editor: I very much agree with the sentiments in Steve's final paragraph. I think running has become much to record conscious and walking is following the same trend. I guess it gives statistically minded people something to keep them busy and boosts some egos, but a complete set of records for every yearly age from 5 to 105? Ridiculous. It's sort of neat to hold a record, but only if its a really meaingful one, but just knowing you gave your best is even more rewarding, and the real joy is just in being out there.

On the other hand, I have always had problems with the rules regarding "illegal pacing". So what? You still have to cover the ground on your own two feet. Obviously, artificial aids are out, such as running behind a vehicle with a huge windscreen. But having a "rabbit" in front, or a man leading a woman, or a runner leading a walker--agian, I say: "So what?" What is the difference between being paced by someone who drops out and being paced by someone you outkick at the finish? If pacing is to be illegal, then the only way to set a record should be to lead from gun to tape. Okay, just something I've always wanted to say when I read about 'pacing". Obviously, I'm not arguing with Steve, who was simply quoting the rules. And obviously, this has nothing to do with the crux of the matter, which I will leave for readers to comment on if they so desire.

BE IT HITHER OR YON--THERE SHALL BE A WALKING RACE

Sat. Aug. 8---15 Mile relay (3 person), Zuni, N.M., 8:30 am (O)
10 Km Handicap, Houston, 8 am (Z)
10 Km, Hollywood, Fla. (K)
Sun. Aug. 9---5 Km, Denver, 8 am (H)
1 and 2 mile, Deland, Fla. (K)
Mon. Aug. 10--Pan American Games Men's 20 Km, Indianapolis, 7 am
Wed. Aug. 12--Pan American Games Women's 10 Km, Indianapolis, 8 am
Sat. Aug. 15--Pan American Games Men's 50 Km, Indianapolis, 7 am
5, 10, and 15 Km, Pasadena, Cal., 8 am (G)
5, 10, 15, and 20 Km, Atlanta (A)
5 and 10 Km, Broomfield, Col., 8 am (H)
15 Km Men, 5 Km Women, Dearborn Heights, Mich., 9 am (S)
NATIONAL ATHLETICS CONGRESS MASTERS 5 KM, EUGENE, ORE. (Y)
Thu. Aug. 18--5 Km, East Meadow, N.Y., 7 pm (R)
Sun. Aug. 16--NATIONAL ATHLEEICS CONGRESS MASTERS 20 KM, EUGENE (Y)
Sat. Aug. 22--8 Km, Norwalk, Cal., 8 am (G)
Sun. Aug. 23--5 and 10 Km, Denver, (H)
25 Km, Honolulu, 6:30 am (M)
Sat. Aug. 29--5 Km, Denver (H)
5 Km, Miami (K)
Sun. Aug. 30--½ Marathon, Santa Monica, Cal., 7 am (G)
Thu. Sep. 3---2.8 Mile, Seattle, 6 pm (D)
5 Km, East Meadow, N.Y. (R)
Sun. Sep. 6---4 Mile, Seattle (D)
NATIONAL ATHLETICS CONGRESS 2 HOUR, CAMBRIDGE, MASS, 8:30 (J)
NATIONAL AC WOMEN'S 1 HOUR, CAMBRIDGE, 11 am (J)

Sat. Sep. 12--5 Km, Milano, Texas, (CC)
Gulf Association 15 Km, Houston, 8 am (Z)
5 Km, Dearborn Heights, Mich. (S)
Sun. Sep. 13--2 Hour, Columbus, Ohio, 8 am (Q)
Eastern Regional 10 Km, Atlantic City, 10:30 (W)
5 Km, Denver, 4 pm (H)
Sat. Sep. 19--10 Km, Columbus, Ohio, 9 am (your editor)
5 Km, Arrowhead State Park, Okla. (P)
Sun. Sep. 20--8 Km, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (K)
10 Km, Honolulu, 6:30 am (M)
NATIONAL ATHLETICS CONGRESS 40 KM, FT. MONMOUTH, NJ (E)
1 Hour, Denver, 9 am (H)
100 Mile, Columbia, Missouri (C)
Sat. Sep. 26--24 Hour, Atlanta (A)
Sun. Sep. 27--5, 10, 15 Km, Encino, Cal., 7:45 am (G)
Alongi Memorial 20 Km, Women's 5 Km, Open, Masters, and Junior 10 Km, Dearborn, Mich. (S)
Sun. Oct. 4---10 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)

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LOOKING BACK
20 Years Ago (From the July 1967 ORW)--Ron Laird scored an easy victory in the Los Angeles International meet with the British Commonwealth in 1:36:29. A promising young walker named Larry Young also beat the best of the Commonwealth with a 1:40:47 in second. The Commonwealth walkers suffered noticeably in the heat and smog, with England's Ron Wallwork thir in 1:43:47. . .Two weeks earlier, Laird had walked 1:32:24 in Santa Barbara to beat Don DeNoon (1:34:25), Young (1:35:30) and Tom Dooley (1:35:50) in the National. Another promising newcomer, Steve Hayden, won the National Junior 2 Mile in Buffalo in a record 14:55.2, with teammate Howie Jacobsen second in 15:07.

15 Hears Ago (From the July 1972 ORW)--The U.S. Olympic Trials were contested in Eugene, Oregon, and Larry Young won both the 20 and 50. In the 20 on July 1, the times were much slower than expected. With heat not a factor, some suspected a long course. Nevertheless, Larry pretty much controlled the race, leading by nearly a minute at 10 Km and winning in 1:35:56. Goetz Klopfer (1:38:03), Tom Dooley (1:39:10), and Todd Scully (1:39:25) followed. Two-time Olympican, Rudy Haluza, finished in 1:38:00, but was DQd. In the 50 on July 4, Young toyed with the field through a 2:08 first half and then accelerated the rest of the way to win

uncontested on what was a very hot day. The surprises were in second and third, with both Bill Weigle (4:20:09) and Steve Hayden (4:23:23) making massive improvements in their personal bests. A solid favorite for the team, Bob Kitchen, had to settle for fourth in 4:25:06. . . In Erfurt, E.G., Hans-Georg Reimann and Peter Frenkel broke the world's record with a 1:25:19.4 for 20 Km on the track. Gerhard Sperling also broke the old record (1:25:50) with a 1:25:37.8. . .Young also won the National 15 Km in Northglenn, Col. on July 15 in 1:10:21.8. Jerry Brown and Bill Weigle were 2 and 3 minutes back in second and third. . .Jeanne Bocci set an American women's 1 Mile record with 7:35.3. . .British walker completed a walk across the U.S. in 53 days 12 hours and 15 minutes (for 2891 miles from Venice, Cal., to New York's City Hall). The performance bettered the transcontinental record for a runner, as Lees averaged 53 miles a day. He did 73 miles on the final day, his longest trek of the journey.

10 Years Ago (From the July 1977 ORW)--Neal Pyke became the first U.S. walker ever to win the 20 Km in the US-USSR dual meet. He did a 1:28:18 in Sochi, leaving Yevgeniy Yevsyykov 2 minutes behind. (However, Tikonov of the USSR, walking as a guest, actually won the race in 1:27:50). Todd Scully was fourth in 1:34:48. . .Neal also won a 10 Km against West Germany, beating Scully 42:22.6 to 42:41.8. Against Italy, he was DQd, as Vittorio Visini won in 41:15.5 with Scully second in 42:33. . .Dan O'Connor led all the way to win the National 25 Km in Washington, D.C. in 2:05:12. Carl Schueler, Dave Romansky, and Bob Kitchen took the next three spots.

5 Years Ago (From the July 1982 ORW)--Niagara Falls, Todd Sculy won the National 30 Km in 2:28:45 and Susas Liers-Westerfield the National 15 Km in 1:18:11. Andy Liles won the National Junior 15 Km at the same site. Well back of Scully were Canada's Glenn Sweazey, Ray Somers, and Martin Kraft. June MacDonald, Norma Arnesen, and Teresa Vaill followed Westerfield. Pat Moroney was second to Liles. . .Jim Heiring finished a close second to Yevgeniy Yevsyukov in the US-USSR dual meet in Indianapolis. Yevsyukov had 1:26:42 for the 20 Km and Heiring 1:27:05. . .A week later in East Germany Jim was faster (1:26:13), but finished behind Werner Heyer (1:24:25) and Michael Boenke. Ray Sharp, after struggling in Indianapolis, had 1:29:49 in this one. . .Mexico's Ernesto Canto won the Prague-Podebrady 50 Km in 3:51:10.

U.S. Sports Festival, July 25-26: 35 Km--1. Marco Evoniuk 2:51:52 (new Festival record bettering his own 2:55:08) 2. Jim Heiring 2:52:27 3. Randy Mimm 2:59:02 Women's 10 Km--1. Maryanne Torrellas 47:54.8 2. Debbi Lawrence 48:07.4 3. Lynn Weik 48:17.8 20 Km--1. Gary Morgan 1:31:11 2. Paul Schwartzberg 1:34:46 3. Andy Kaestner 1:35:08

Women's 2 Mile, Formia, Italy, July 11--1. Giuliana Salce 13:59.93 (betters previous world best of 14:18.1 by Australia's Sally Pierson in 1983) 2. Maria Grazia Orsani 14:46.09

FROM HEEL TO TOE

In the Pan-Am Games walks (see schedule on page 8 for dates) U.S. competitors are: 20 Km--Tim Lewis, Carl Schueler; 50 Km--Dan O'Connor, Randy Mimm; Women's 10 Km--Maryanne Torrellas, Lynn Weik. . .In the World Championships in Rome in September, we will be represented by: 20 Km--Tim Lewis, Gary Morgan, Ray Sharp; 50 Km--Marco Evoniuk, Jim Heiring, and Carl Schueler; 10 Km--Debbi Lawrence, Maryanne Torrellas, and Lynn Weik. . .Carl Croneberg, in Silver Spring, Maryland, classifying himself as an "almost-extinct-but-beginning-to-revive-racewalker, sends the following nugget: "Query? Those of you old-timers who swore by the now extinct Adidas TRX Marathon as your best racewalking shoe--what is your

present best replacement? Adidas or otherwise. I myself never found a better shoe, but am now pretty happy with my new Adidas Commodores. Heel is squat and firm, no flare. So far no pronation disfigurement. Fits a wide foot very well. Price around $40; on sale $25-30. . .

A reminder to those planning to bid for a 1988 Race Walk Championship: bids must be received by Lori Maynard by October 9 in order to meet TAC Operating Regulations. Application forms, if you do not have them, may be obtained from Lori at 2821 Kensington Road, Redwood City, CA 94061; or call her at (415) 368-2801. The Athletics Congress Race Walking Committee looks forward to high quality races to be conducted on certified courses.(Remember that certification number is to be included in bid.)

From the Denver Post, Saturday, July 11.

By Michael Knisley
Denver Post Sports Writer

When his Olympic dream became a nightmare in the summer of 1984, Tim Lewis walked away from it.

Literally.

He's still walking. But this time, he's walking faster than anyone in America, and he's walking straight to Seoul and the 1988 Summer Games.

Lewis, 24, holds American records in five different race-walks, from five kilometers to 25 kilometers. He's won the 20-km race-walk at the national outdoor meet three times, including last weekend at the USA-Mobil Outdoor Track and Field Championships in San Jose, Calif. Last Saturday, he bettered his own national record, walking 20 kilometers in one hour, 24:12. His previous record was 1:25:22.

But all of that success has been since 1984, when the nightmare happened.

"During the Olympic trials in 1984, I was way, way off," said Lewis, who has lived in Colorado Springs since June 1982. "In terms of potential and pre-trial rankings, I was sort of expected to make the team. But when it came right down to it, I screwed up big-time. I was entered in both the 20 km and the 50 km, and I didn't finish either race.

"Deep down, I don't think I was mentally ready. Subconsciously, I just didn't see myself making the Olympic team. It was sort of destiny. I really couldn't see myself doing it. I didn't sit there and say, 'My God, I'm not going to make this team.' But I really think I wasn't quite ready to do it, and it just led me to screw up."

A native of Clifton Park, N.Y. (near Schenectady), Lewis has been race-walking in earnest since 1979, when he took it up with his high school track team because "it looked really easy." It wasn't, of course, but Lewis had enough success with it in high school to

stay with it.

The Olympic dream began that long ago.

"It was sort of a shock," he said. "One day, my high school coach called me aside and told me I had a chance to go the Olympics. That was it."

When the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs offered a camp for race-walkers before the 1984 Games, Lewis was there. When that ended, he enrolled at the Colorado Springs campus of the University of Colorado and earned a degree in computer programming.

By now, race-walking is a habit, supported by a contract job with Digital and a promotional arrangement with Reebok out of Boston. When he isn't at work, he trains along with roommate Carl Schueler, who is America's best in the 50-kilometer race-walk. Last year, the training began to pay off.

"I sort of made major progress in 1986," Lewis said. "This is the third time I've won the national 20 km, but I really only made my progress last year. People in race-walking call it a breakthrough. I synthesized a lot of information I'd learned in the past and it sort of all came together. I think I've realized what it takes to win.

"I think I've overcome that mental problem I had in '84. I think I'm positive enough now. I know I'm in shape to do it. Now, I just want to race the best I can, and in that situation, you can't really lose."

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) doesn't recognize world records in them, but Lewis has recorded world-best times in both the indoor mile and 1,500-meter race-walks. But the outdoor races are what will get him to Seoul, and if not Seoul, then there is always Barcelona in 1992.

"I'm concentrating on 1988 right now, but I can see myself doing this until 1992, if it takes that long," he said.

OLYMPIC PROFILE

Name: Tim Lewis
Age: 24
Hometown: Clifton Park, N.Y.
Height: 6-foot
Weight: 167
Event: Race-walking
Accomplishments: Three-time national champion at 20-kilometers . . . Holder of American records in 5-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 25-km race-walks . . . Recorded world-best times in indoor mile and 1,500-meters . . . Won USA-West Germany 10-km in American record time of 40:20 . . . First athlete to win the same event in junior national championships for three straight years . . . Finished 13th at World Cup in New York in May . . . Qualified for Pan Am Games.
Quote: "I guess what's keeping me going for the 1988 Olympics is a belief in myself that I have a very good chance at winning a medal. It would be hard to finish the rest of my life if I don't at least give it a try."

ABOVE: Michael Tomasulo, Los Angeles, is on his way to victory in National 13-14 year 5 Km. Vickie Jenkins, Tucson, second from left, won the girl's race. BELOW: Race walking getting a foothold in Kentucky. Ohio County Judge C.B. Embry, Jr. leads the Bluegrass State 1500 meter in Lexington. Several races across the state the last 18 months have had field of 10 to 156.