Indianapolis, Indiana, July 16—Detroit's Gary Morgan, walking for the New York Athletic Club, overcame the rigors of extremely high heat and humidity to capture the U.S. Olympic Trials in the 20 Km race walk. A 9 am start didn't help much, as temperatures were already in the 90s with the air very damp. As a result, Morgan's winning time of 1:34:12 was not even close to the 1:32 needed just to get into these trials, yet he won the race by more than 2 minutes. After looking strong most of the way, Morgan became unsteady over the last 800 meters and collapsed after crossing the line in a highly dehydrated condition.

Heavily favored Tim Lewis, after sharing the early lead, appeared to be in real trouble midway through the race, but recovered to capture second, passing Paul Schwartzberg in the final 200 meters. Schwartzberg was also overhauled by Carl Schueler with about 20 meters to go, but Carl was already on the team at 50 and had no intent of doubling, so he paused to let Paul cross the line in third and apparently the third spot on the team. Then it was learned that Paul, with two red cards earlier in the race, had gotten the third in the latter stages, but too late for the Chief Judge to show it to him before the finish. That disqualification moved fifth place (fourth with Schwartzberg's DQ) Jim Heiring, about 100 meters back, onto the team, his third Olympic team.

Schwartzberg was the only walker disqualified in the race. He suffered the same fate as did Rudy Haluza in 1972. Rudy learned of his disqualification after passing Goetz Klopfer for second place near the finish. However, Rudy had the consolation of already having been in two Olympics.

Heiring took the lead in the race as the walkers moved onto the 2.5 km road loop following three laps on the track, with Tim Lewis right on his heels. At the 2 1/2 Km mark, it was apparent that everyone was taking a conservative approach in light of the conditions. Heiring and Lewis, now joined by Marco Evoniuk and Mike Stauch led in 11:08, about 1:29 pace. Another group of five (Dan O'Connor, Morgan, Ray Sharp, Schwartzberg, and Schueler) was 7 seconds back. The rest of the field was already stringing out.

By 5 Km, Heiring and Lewis were alone in 22:36, the pace having slowed even further. Morgan had now separated himself from the rest of the field, but not by much. He went through in 22:43, with Schwartzberg and Sharp together in 22:46, Stauch further back in 22:50, and Evoniuk recording 22:55. Then there was a big gap back to O'Connor in 23:15. Schueler, Richard Quinn, Dave McGovern, and Andy Keastner were strung out behind Dan.

Things stayed pretty much the same for another lap, but then the drama started to unfold. Lewis began to struggle and Morgan was suddenly on his
own. (I heard from one person along the course that Tim had been sick and was anemic, but was never able to verify that with anyone else, or to see Tim after the race. In any case, he was definitely looking not himself, and at his level of fitness should not have been that badly affected by the heat so early in the race.) At about the same time, Schwartzberg made a strong move out of the pack and established himself in second place.

Thus at 10 Km, Morgan led in 45:52, Schwartzberg was second in 46:10, Lewis fading with 46:20, and Heiring looking very threatening just 6 seconds in back of Tim. Sharp was next, but now nearly a minute in back of Heiring with a 47:22. Stauch, expected to be a strong contender was fading fast (47:42), and veterans Schueler (47:52) and O'Connor (47:55) were looking comfortable, but seemingly too far back to be factors.

From there, Morgan was in command all the way, gradually stretching his lead. When he hit 15 km in 1:02:11, he had nearly a minute and a half on Schwartzberg, and just had to avoid utter collapse. Schwartzberg (1:10:38) likewise was still opening the gap between himself and Lewis and was looking more and more like a member of the team. Lewis (1:11:13), still not looking at all comfortable, nonetheless had managed to open a little ground on Heiring (1:11:29). Schueler was a full minute back of Jim at this point, but pulling easily away from O'Connor and looking so much smoother than those struggling in front of him, that one by now thought he might be second before it was ever.

With just 2 1/2 km to go, Morgan's lead had grown to nearly 2 minutes. Schwartzberg was maintaining well, and although Lewis had gained slightly on him, he took fourth place Heiring by 77 seconds. Schueler, coming on strong, had sliced Heiring's fourth place margin to just 13 seconds. O'Connor was now an isolated sixth. Schueler's strong finish eventually carried him to within 5 seconds of Lewis at the end. He covered the last 5 km in 24:06, compared to 25:01 for winner Morgan and 25:18 for Lewis. The only other contestant to manage a sub 25 for that final 5 was another man already on the 50 team, Andy Kaestner. His 24:57 at the end carried him to sixth at the finish. He had been 12th at the halfway mark.

It's interesting to note the tremendous affect the weather conditions had on the times. Morgan not only won the race, he came the closest to matching his qualifying time—even though he was 6:41 slower. Second on that basis, was Dan O'Connor in fifth (the old, experienced hands really shone in these conditions) with a 7:07 differential. Herr Nelson, with an eighth place finish in which he came through the field the second half, had an 8:32 and Heiring an 8:33. Of the 28 starters, two did not finish and 13 finished more than 15 minutes slower than their qualifying mark.

The 28-year-old Morgan has been climbing the ladder in the 20 for the past few years and last year had moved to a four-place ranking in the U.S. with a personal record of 1:27:31. Lewis, at age 25, has been ranked number one in the country for the past 3 years. He failed to finish the 1984 Olympic Trials race when he was thought to have a shot at the team. The 32-year-old Heiring has been among the elite U.S. 20 Km walkers since 1976 and was on both the 1980 and 1984 Olympic teams.

So here are the results:


DNF-Ed O'Rourke and Paul Wick, both NYAC DO-Paul Schwartzberg, East Side TC 1:36:36 (22:46, 46:10, 1:10:38)

**LAWRENCE TREMENDOUS IN 10 KM WIN**

Indianapolis, July 15—Debbie Lawrence, seemingly oblivious to the stifling heat, dominated the field in the women's Invitational 10 Km walk at the U.S. Olympic T&F Trials. Moving away from Teresa Vaill after 4 miles, Debbie went on to win in 47:52.15, a fantastic performance in the conditions. Vaill finished just over a minute back and no one else was able to break 50 minutes.

American record holder, Maryanne Torrellas, was relegated to fifth spot.

The race was scheduled to go off at 4:55 pm, and the women were on the starting line when it was decided to postpone proceedings because of the temperature-humidity index. It was over 100 degrees and a brief shower during the hour preceding the race had done nothing to cool things—just raised the humidity. Guidelines had been set earlier and the index at race time was well in excess of the limit. Readings on the heat-stress monitor, which measures sun power/humidity/temperature were in the upper 80s, with 82 the highest acceptable. So the race was rescheduled for 9:45, following heats of the men's 10 km run. It didn't feel a lot cooler by that time, and, indeed, the temperature was still about 80 with humidity rising to 87 percent during the race. The monitor was right at 82 at the start, but may have risen before the race ended. The troubles some of the 10 km runners experienced suggested it wasn't to be an easy race for the women.
McGovern, Klappa win at Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls, July 9—Dave McGovern walked away from the field after the first 4 km to score an easy win in the Athletics Congress National 10 km walk today. Overcoming an early challenge from Curt Clausen, McGovern won a minute in 44:04. Sue Klappa, from Hopkins, Minnesota, won the women's race by more than 2 minutes in 57:27.


PARKSIDERS WIN JUNIOR TITLES

Tallahassee, Florida, June 24—John Marter and Deirdre Collier, both of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, the mecca of collegiate walking, won Junior national titles here today. Marter took the 10 km race in 47:24.4 and Collier the 5 in 25:30.

In the 10, Tom Nutter of Carlinville, Illinois, led through the mile in 7:21 with Lennie Becker and David Doherty in hot pursuit. Becker pulled away in lap seven, passing 5 km in 23:47. Marter moved up from fourth position to second behind Becker, with Nutter in third feeling the effects of the huge humidity. Nutter easily passed Becker and pushed the pace and Becker could not respond, finishing nearly a minute behind.

Jennifer Zalewski was the early women's leader but Collier and Sybil Perez easily moved ahead of her. Collier took command by 2 miles, where she had about a 100 meter lead. Both Collier and Perez sold the 27:00 qualifying standard for the World Junior Championships.

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The Second Annual Kidney Foundation Walk, featuring the Ohio TAC 10 Km O'Championship, is scheduled for Sharon Woods Park in Columbus on Saturday, October 8. There will also be a 4-mile walk for novice and fitness walkers. A brief clinic will precede the races. ... If you hadn't noticed, we goofed up on page 1 of our last two issues. We called the May issue Number 2, but it was actually Number 3 of Volume XXIV. We also managed to print it with the date reading "198" rather than May 1989. Carrying on, we then numbered June as 3 rather than 4. Our eagle eye finally caught the error this month, so here, properly, is Number 5. ... You probably also noticed some difference in typographic this month and maybe a few less typos. I'm doing it on the PC at the office, but won't guarantee this as a standard practice, since it is much more convenient to work at home. What I need, of course, is a home computer, rather than...
recall it had rankings of the top 10 All Time at both 20 and 50, but we were uncertain how the rating points had been arrived at. A couple of readers gave us paraphrased translations, which we ran last month, that seemed to clear it up. But since Fred had a Norwegian friend translate, we may as well give you the final word: "The 75 year Jubilee (1912-1987) (of IAAF) was celebrated in 1987, and one celebrated this among other things by voting on the 10 greatest athletes through all that time (1000 international names were included in the voting) and racewalking was also included for its all time best athletes of the 20 and 50 Km distances. I also participated (apparently Editor Palle Lassen) voting) and racewalking was also included for its all time 10 best athletes of the 20 and 50 Km distances. Mexico's big name: Speedy Gonzalez dominated of course In the 50 Km and Vladimir Golubichin from the Soviet Union was able to make a fine first place in the 20 Km, but he had a hard competition with Mexico's 20 Km specialist Daniel Bautista. Here follow the official IAAF rank lists for all time through the 75 years for racewalkers. The voting points in themselves indicate the struggle that occurred when one was forced to choose among one's favorites." (See May issue for the lists). Then below the 20 Km list: "Here I had (not counting top place) Pribilne as number 2, John Mikaelsson as number 3, and as number 4, Maurizio Damilano." And below the 50 Km list: "I had Hartwig Gauder as number 2, Ronald Weigel number 3, and Bernd Kannenberg number 4."...The National 15 Km, scheduled for August 13 in Chicago, hasn't been cancelled. The sponsor's unexpected pullout left the race organizers with numerous problems. Rather than try to put on a race that might not be up to the first class expectations they were striving for, the organizers felt it would be better to cancel. We understand the sponsor was a radio station that changed its mind. In the good old days, you got a few trophies out of the entry fee, took about $25 of your own money for sandwiches and pop after the race, and had what we thought was a first class race. From Lori Maynard: "This is a reminder to all prospective bidders for 1989 National Championship race walks. Completed bid forms and any other pertinent data need to be received no later than October 3, 1988 by Lori Maynard, 2821 Kensington Road, Redwood City, CA 94063 (414-369-2801). Races will be awarded at the Annual Convention of the Athletics Congress in Phoenix, November 29-December 3, 1988. Please remember that the men's national 20 Km and the women's national 10 Km are not open to bid as they are a part of the MOBIL Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Also, anyone contemplating a bid for the national 50 Km should plan to hold the race in late February 1989, the reason being that this is also the qualifier for the Lugano Cup to be held in Barcelona in May. A later date would not allow proper recovery time. The 50 Km will be awarded in late October in order to give organizers adequate time to prepare! If you need information or have questions, please contact Lori...Sorry about the lack of photos in recent issues. We haven't had much to run. This month we do, but I'm taking up all the space with other stuff.

U.S. WALKING CLUBS AND PROMINENT PROMOTERS OF WALKING
(As of January 1988, compiled by Bob Carlson, Denver)
(Repeated from the May issue as promised. Much of it was illegible there.)

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According to the Olympic program, The International Olympic Committee Program Commission, the body that considers all revisions to the Olympic program, has recommended to the IOC Executive Committee that a women's 10km race walk be added to the 1992 Games in Barcelona. It is understood that the Executive Committee will take this up at its meeting in Seoul during the 1988 Olympics. The matter will then be presented to the whole IOC for its approval.

According to Ann Paal, of Canada, Richard Pound, a member of the IOC Executive Committee, stated that the IOC "executive board usually accepts the recommendations of the Program Commission." He went on to say, "If I were to consider 1992, with no problem. We should feel pretty confident that there will be a women's 10km race walk in the 1992 Games. It is also his understanding, that the women's walk was the only IAAF recommendation considered by the Program Commission for 1992. Other women's track events, the triple jump and 5000m, will have to wait. Members of the IOC Program Commission felt that the women's track and field program was "rich and varied" and that additional track and field events were not needed at this time.

Thousands of letters were received by U.S. representatives to the IOC. Through this process, they have become aware of our concerns and the route the proposal had taken. For many of you who received responses from the USOC in late winter, their comments seemed unaware of what had already transpired between the IAAF (International Amateur Athletic Federation) and the IOC. They would not have known a women's walk was being considered without your letters. Through the letter writing process, they have become part of our effort. It is my belief that we now have their support. While I have not heard directly from Robert Helmick, I have received a letter of support from Anita DeFranz of Los Angeles (a former Olympic rower).

Miss De Franitz writes, "As you know, I care deeply about having women's race walking on the program of the Games." While a suggestion to continue pushing the IAAF to encourage its support may not be needed at this time, she correctly suggests that we get people to write articles for local and international media, to show support. She strongly advises that we not try to make an issue of what appears to be sex discrimination. While men have had walking for many years, it was not so the expense of women. The women's walk has now evolved to the point where it will be added on its own merits, not because it has been discriminated against. Reality is that the women's walk, like many other women's events before it, was not ready to be an Olympic event. Now, as a world championship event, it appears ready to be included.

In addition to taking the media approach to publicize the women's walk, we should write polite letters of support and encouragement to the International Olympic Committee, to its president, Juan Samaranch. He also heads the IOC Executive Committee, so you'll kill two birds with the same stone.) Ask for his support, and the support of the IOC in general. His address is:

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To all of you who have taken time to write and encourage others to write in the past, let me say thank you from the women race walkers of the United States and from around the world. We should feel pretty confident, but one last step needs to be taken. Let us stop the race now! Let us insure a women's Olympic walk in 1992. Write one more letter...