1990 Rankings A Difficult Task

The ORW World Racewalking Rankings celebrate their 20th year by presenting some very difficult choices. But your editor came through, weighing the many factors, with what we hope is a fair assessment of how the top men and women walkers in the world rank in the major events—20 and 50 Km for men, 10 Km for women. As was the case last year, there is a much greater turn over in names from one year to the next than has been the norm. As usual, the rankings are a subjective judgment of your editor based on each competitor’s overall record for the year—competitive record, performance in major races, and collection of times. Also included here are our 18th annual U.S. Men’s rankings and 12th annual U.S. Women’s rankings. All of the rankings are accompanied by lists of the year’s best times for the distance. Thanks to Bob Bowman and Steve Vaitones for help on the lists.

1990 World 10 Km Rankings—Women

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4. Serbinenko, USSR
5. Ryashikina, USSR
6. Ivanova, USSR
7. Makolova, USSR
8. Ling, China
9. Kovalenko, USSR
10. Yan, China

In the world rankings, Saxby is at the top for the third time in the last five years. Lawrence supplants Weik, who was injured much of this year, and repeats her 1988 number 1 ranking. She has been in the top three for the last seven years. For comparison, a review of last year’s rankings:

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1. Pavol Blazek, Czechoslovakia
2. Daniel Plaza, Spain

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1.18:13 Pavol Blazek, Czechoslovakia
1.18:20 Andrei Perlov, USSR
1.18:37 Aleksandr Pershin, USSR
1.18:51 Frants Kotyukovich, USSR
1.18:56 Gregory Kornev, USSR
1.19:07 Mikhail Schennikov, USSR
1.19:19 Ronald Weigel, Germany
1.19:21 Vladimir Andreyev, USSR
1.19:25 Walter Arena, Italy
1.19:32 Robert Korzenlowski, Poland
1.19:39 Aleksy Porsch, USSR
1.19:50 Carlos Mercenario, Mexico
1.19:58 Oleg Trochin, USSR
1.20:07 Mikhail Orlov, USSR
1.20:15 Yevgeniy Misyulja, USSR
1.20:19 Nick Ahern, Australia
1.20:21 Roman Mracek, Czechoslovakia
1.20:28 Robert Ihly, Germany
1.20:31 Ernesto Canto, Mexico
1.20:37 Igor Kellar, Czechoslovakia
1.20:43 Andrew Jachno, Australia
1.20:45 Igor Plotnikov, USSR
1.20:50 Anatoly Grigoryev, USSR
1.20:52 Vladimir Druchik, USSR
1.20:52 Yevgeniy Zalkin, USSR

4. Thierry Toutain, France
5. Robert Korzenlowski, Poland
6. Walter Arena, Italy
7. Andrei Perlov, USSR
8. Mikhail Schennikov, USSR
9. Ronald Weigel, Germany
10. Valentin Massana, Spain

1.21:25 (1) Montreux 4/21
1.21:27 (2) Grassau 6/16
1.23:22 (3) Euro. Champ. 8/28
1.22:19 (1) Bekeszieb 9/5
1.23:47 (4) Euro. Champ. 8/28
1.19:32 (2) Hildegem 9/16
1.21:25 (2) Monterrey 4/1
1.18:20 (1) USSR Champ. 5/26
1.25:52t (8) Goodwill Games 7/22

1.21:56 (4) Grassau 6/16
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1.21:20 (2) L’Hospitalet 5/6
1.21:14(1) Goodwill Games 7/22
1.21:46 (1) Pan Am Cup 10/27

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1. Tim Lewis, Reebok RT
   1:28:05 (1) Wash. DC 3/18
   1:27:18 (1) US Champ 6/16
   DNF Goodwill Games 7/24
   1:26:52 (3) Dearborn 9/30
2. Doug Fournier, Parkside AC
   1:28:27 (2) US Champ. 6/16
   DNF Goodwill Games 7/24
   1:27:47 (4) Dearborn 9/30
   1:36:54 (1) Bethesda 3/4
   1:31:46 (5) Wash. DC 3/18
   1:34:12 (2) Columbus 4/8
   1:28:01 (1) Wash. DC 5/20
   1:29:02 (3) US Champ. 6/16
   DQ US Oly. Fest. 7/15
4. Carl Schueler, Reebok RT
   1:29:43 (6) US Champ. 6/16
   1:18:48 (1) US Oly. Fest. 7/24 (short)
   1:29:15 (7) Dearborn 9/30
   1:28:21 (7) Pan Am Cup 10/27
5. Allen James, Athletes In Action
   1:28:57 (2) Long Beach 3/11
   1:30:38 (7) US Champ. 6/16
   1:19:18 (2) US Oly. Fest. 7/15
   1:28:49 (6) Dearborn 9/30

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1:26:52 Tim Lewis, Reebok RT
1:27:47 Doug Fournier, Parkside AC
1:28:01 Steve Pecinovsky, Pot. Val. Srs.
1:28:21 Carl Schueler, Reebok RT
1:28:36 Curtis Fisher, NYAC
1:29:09 Allen James, Athletes In Action
1:29:08 Don Lawrence, Parkside AC
1:29:09 Dave McGovern, CN Nat. Living
1:30:14 Gary Morgan, NYAC

Blazek advances from 8th last year and was never higher than 7th before. Lewis leads the U.S. rankings for the fifth time in the last six years. (He was second to Gary Morgan in 1988.) And, for comparison:

1989 World Rankings
1. Frants Kostyukevitch, USSR
2. Yevgeniy Misyulya, USSR
3. Mikhail Schennikov, USSR
4. Roman Mrazek, Czech.
5. Viktor Mostovik, USSR
6. Maurizio Damilano, Italy
7. Walter Arena, Italy
8. Pavol Blazek, Czech.
9. Thierry Toutain, France
10. Jean Claude Corre, France

1990 World 50 KM Rankings
1. Andrei Perlov, USSR
   3:51:48 (1) Mexico City 4/8
   3:54:36 (1) Euro. Champ. 8/31
2. Bernd Gummelt, Germany
   DNF Naumburg 5/1
   3:46:43 (2) Berlin 5/20
   3:56:33 (2) Euro. Champ. 8/31
3. Simon Baker, Australia
   DNF Naujumsk 5/1
   3:43:50 (1) Melbourne 9/9
   3:44:36 (1) Ogre 6/10
4. Hartwig Gauder, Germany
   DNF Berlin 5/20
   3:47:08 (1) Prague 6/16
   4:00:48 (3) Euro. Champ. 8/31
5. Carlos Mercenario, Mexico
   3:52:18 (2) Mexico City 4/8
   3:50:10 (2) Prague 6/16

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5. Doug Fournier
6. Curtis Fisher
7. Richard Quinn
8. Reggie Davenport
9. Herm Nelson
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3:47:12 Vitaliy Popovitch, USSR
3:47:08 Hartwig Gauder, Germany
3:46:51 Maurizio Damilano, Italy
3:46:43 Bernd Gummelt, Germany
3:44:50 Ronald Weigel, Germany
3:44:45 Aleksey Volgin, USSR
3:43:50 Simon Baker, Australia
3:42:00 Stanislav Vezhel, USSR
3:40:07 Andrei Plotnikov, USSR
3:40:02 Aleksandr Potasov, USSR

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3:51:55 Jose Marin, Spain
3:51:30 Martin Bermudez, Mexico
3:51:04 Laszlo Sabor, Hungary
3:50:26 Shai Wanbo, China
3:50:10 Carlos Mercadillo, Mexico
3:50:05 Jorge Llopart, Spain

1990 U.S. 50 KM Rankings

4:17:11 (1) US Oly. Fest. 7/15
4:16:28 (2) US CHamp. 3/8
4:19:27 (5) Pan Am Cup 10/27

1. Tim Lewis, Reebok RT
2. Marco Evonik, un., Cal.
3. Eugene Kitts, Team Hawaii
4. Martin Bermudez, Mexico
5. Vitaliy Popovitch, USSR
6. Vitaliy Maksyv, USSR
7. Vitaliy Matkov, USSR
8. Vyacheslav Smirnov, USSR
9. Valeriy SPitsin, USSR
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4:51:35 (11) Pan Am Cup 10/27
10. Steve Vaitones, Nike Boston
4:35:47 (10) US Champ. 3/8
4:41:15 (8) US Oly. Fest. 7/15

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4:10:46 Tim Lewis, Reebok RT
4:16:28 Marco Evonik, un., Cal.
4:18:07 Mark Manning, Reebok RT
4:19:27 Eugene Kitts, Team Hawaii
4:19:28 Dan O’Connor, WalkUSA
4:19:57 Mark Fenton, Reebok RT
4:28:47 Dan Pierce, un., Col.
4:31:56 Ray Sharp, un., Col.
4:35:47 Steve Vaitones, Nike Boston

1989 World Rankings

4:35:47 Steve Vaitoncs, Nike Boston

1989 U.S. Rankings

1. Paul Wick
2. Herr Nelson
3. Tim Lewis
4. Dan O’Connor
5. Mike DeWitt
6. Paul Malek
7. Eugene Kitts
8. Mark Green
9. Dan Pierce
10. Steve Vaitones


Sat. Jan. 5 25 and 50 Km, Seattle, 8 am (C)
Sun. Jan. 6 Couples 5 Mi., Columbia, Missouri, 2 pm (M)

10 Km, Miami, 8 am (Q)
5 Km, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 8 am (Q)
Sat. Jan. 12 1 Hour, Atlanta, 8:30 am (H)
Sun. Jan. 13 5 Mile, Miilami, 8 am (Q)
Sat. Jan. 19 5 Km, 15 Km, Marathon, New Orleans (E)
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...Another mistake: Debbi Lawrence was on the U.S. Pan Am Cup team, but failed to
finish the race. ...Donna Gilliland only covered 18452 km in the 1 Hour at
Hayward, Cal. on Nov. 4, not 10,952 as we reported last month. Eventually, we get
things right. ...As TAC's out-of-competition drug testing program continues, we are
pleased to announce the Liz Kemp-Salvato joins the list of racewalkers who have
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and Evoniuk topped the 50. On the ladies side, Australia's Sue Cook sat atop both the 5 and 10 Km rankings. Sue Brodock of the U.S. was second at 5 and ninth at 10. Sweden's Ann Jansson ranked second in the 10. Brodock topped the U.S. rankings at both distances, ahead of Susan Liers and Jeanne Bocci, respectively.

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5 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1985 ORW)–Tom Edwards won the U.S. Indoor 5 Km at West Point on Dec. 22 in 21:18.3. Curtis Fisher and Dave McGovern followed.

20 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1970 ORW)–The Ohio Racewalker gave its 1970 Dr. John H. Blackburn award to Goetz Klopfer for his 2:34 20 Miler. The award was given for the outstanding single performance in racewalking during the year. John Knifton won the Ashbury Park 10 Miler in 1:19:12. The ORW's First Annual World Rankings were topped by East Germans Peter Frenkel at 20 and Christoph Holne at 50. Following Frenkel were East Germany's Hans-Georg Reimann and Soviet Vladimir Golubnichiy. The next two at 50 were Veniamin Soldatenko, USSR, and Vlad Blank, East Germany.

15 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1975 ORW)–In the ORW rankings, Mexico's Daniel Bautista led countryman Domingo Colin in the 20, with Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller, East Germany ranked third. West Germany's Bernd Kannenberg led Soviets Veniamin Soldatenko and Yevgeniy Lungin at 50. Top three in the U.S. rankings were Larry Young, Todd Scully, and Jerry Brown at 20, and Young, Augie Hirt, and John Knifton at 50.

10 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1980 ORW)–Bautista again led the 20 Km rankings and his compatriot Raul Goyanes topped the 50. Following Bautista were Marizio Damilano, Italy, and Pyotr Potemchench, USSR. In the 50, Dietmar Misch and Hartwig Gauder, both of East Germany, were second and third. In the U.S. rankings, Marco Evoniuk and Jim Heiring were one-two at 20 and Carl Schueler...