Nelson joins Schueler, Evoniuk on Olympic team

New Orleans, April 26—Herm Nelson, needing to accelerate on the final 2 1/2 Km lap of the U.S. 50 Km Racewalking Olympic Trials race, blocked out any pain, concentrated on his style, and completed the task in brilliant fashion to join Carl Schueler and Marco Evoniuk on the 1992 team. Nelson finished behind Schueler and ahead of Evoniuk, but most importantly, did 4:04:38 to better the 4:05 qualifying standard.

Schueler and Evoniuk both made their fourth team, matching the feat of Ron Laird (1960, 1964, 1968, and 1976). Both made it in this same event in 1980, 1984, and 1988, with Marco also competing at 20 in 1984. Laird made it at 50 in 1960 and at 20 the other three times.

Today’s race was not as straightforward as previous Trials have been, where the first three would automatically be on the team. The qualifying standard of 4:05 introduced for the 1992 Games, complicated the picture. Both Schueler and Evoniuk had already made the standard. No one else had. This meant that unless someone else made the standard (either in this race or at some subsequent time before the Olympics) all Carl and Marco had to do was finish to be on the team. (See the From Heel To Toe column, which clarifies the criteria for making the team at both 20 and 50 in light of the qualifying standards.) Anyone else wanting to make the team had to better the standard, even if winning the Trials race.

Schueler dominated today’s race leading all the way and finishing in 4:02:10. Evoniuk struggled and had a sub-par performance for him, but it was good enough on this day as he finished third in 4:09:44. Andrzej Chylinski and Jonathan Matthews both had marked improvements on their personal bests in fourth and fifth, but were not a threat to Evoniuk, or, of more importance, that tough standard. The ever-consistent Dan O’Connor, less than a month past his 40th birthday, took sixth and bettered Eugene Kitts U.S. masters record.

At the start, Nelson went off with Schueler and they covered the first lap in 12:08, with Evoniuk and O’Connor not far back. The temperature at the start was just 63 F and the relative humidity was a not too uncomfortable 51 percent. A steady breeze of about 4 mph, gusting to 16, kept everyone cool. With these comfortable conditions (opposed to a humid 80 plus two days before), Schueler found himself feeling very good and abandoned the conservative he had planned. Accelerating on each lap, he hit 5 Km in 23:59, 10 in 47:42, 15 in 1:11:14, 20 in 1:34:09, and 25 in 1:56:57 (22:48 on that 5). At that time, he had dropped the field, and was able to coast in, taking about 54 minutes for his final 10 Km.

Nelson chose to let Schueler go and walked a very even pace. After dropping Evoniuk, he came to the final 3 laps some 26 seconds (Continued on p. 3)
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behind, and it seemed doubtful he could recover sufficiently to get the 12:25 he needed. But Herm bore down and accelerated to 12:03, 5 seconds faster than his first lap, to make the standard, and the team, with 22 seconds to spare. He was just 15 seconds off his personal best, dating to 1989 and nearly a minute ahead of what he had done in December when he just missed the standard in San Francisco. (The race in which Evoniuk made it.)

Evoniuk found he was not having a good day and at 35 Km, surprising Dave Marchese moved passed him into third. Marco responded to the challenge and moved back into third by the 40 Km mark. Marchese dropped out just past 40 and Evoniuk was able to cruise into third in 4:09:44.

After the race Schueler admitted he was not in shape for what he had attempted to do over the first half of the race, but said he had got a little mixed up in his strategy with the change in weather from what was expected. He hopes to be more fit in Barcelona, but realizes the conditions there will probably be not conducive to fast times. Nelson was just really happy with what he says is the culmination of a 4-year project. At age 30, he says he has creamed of an Olympic team since he was 12, although his goal then was the marathon.

The results:

National records to McCaffrey, Vaill at National Invitational

Washington, D.C., March 29--Janice McCaffrey of Calgary overtook Teresa Vaill in the final stages to win the National Invitational Women's 10 Km walk today. McCaffrey's winning time of 45:06, in windy conditions, tied the Canadian record. Vaill, the defending champion, broke Debbi's Lawrence's American road record with a solid 45:16. Debbi had 45:32 in the World Cup race last year, and holds the track record of 45:28, which she did at the Olympic Festival last year. The pace was fast all the way and Janice accelerated sharply in the final 2 Km lap to overcome a 10 second lead Teresa had established early in the race. In a very competitive race, Lynn Weik was only 6 seconds off Debbi's old road record in third place and five others went under 50 minutes.

In the men's 20 Km, the first 8 went under the Olympic Trials qualifying standard of 1:30, led by Tim Lewis in 1:28:57. Ian Whatley, second in 1:29:12, led five athletes into the trials (the other three--Lewis, Dave McGovern, and Carl Schueler--already had qualifying times). Ray Funkhouser in fourth not only made the trials, but, at age 41, shattered the American master's record. Another impressive master was 48-year-old Don Denoon in 12th place at 1:36:09. The former world-class walker has reappeared after many years of running and coaching.
## Women's 10 Km

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## Other Results

- **5.8 Mile, Marlborough, Mass., March 22**:
  - 1st Place: Brian Savilloni 4:42:28
  - 2nd Place: Steve Vaitones 4:47:22
  - 3rd Place: Brian Savilloni 4:50:44

- **8 Mile, Washington, DC, Dec. 28, 1991**:
  - 1st Place: Michael Quin 2:09:36
  - 2nd Place: James Ashton 2:11:58
  - 3rd Place: Brian Savilloni 2:14:34

GO HEEL TO TOE IN SOME OF THESE EVENTS

Sat. May 9 5 Km, Sacramento, Calif. (U) 1 Mile, Boston, Mass., 5 pm (I)

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Sun. May 10 2 Mile, Denver (H) 5 Km, Davenport, Iowa (CC) 20 Km and Women's 10 Km, New York City, 8 and 9 am (G) 1 Mile, Alexandria, Virginia (J) 50 Km, Houston (BB) 2 Mile and 5 Mile, Denver (H) 5 and 10 Km, Shawnee, Kansas (R) 5 and 10 Km, Independence, Missouri (R) 5 Km, Somer set, Pennsylvania, 9 am (M) 5 Km, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 9:30 am (AA) 5, 10, and 20 Km, Kenosha, WI, 6 pm (T) 5 Km, Denver (F)

Sat. May 16 50 Mile, West Long Branch, N.J., 7 am (A) (Revival of an old event) 20 Km, Womens 10, Youth 5 Washington, DC (J) 5 Km, Queens, N.Y., 10 am (G)

Mon. May 25 National TAC Youth Roadwalk, St. Louis (F) 5 Km, Needham, Mass, noon (Z)

Wed. May 27 12 Km, San Francisco (N) 1500 meters, Houston (BB)

Sat. May 23 5 Km, Miami (Q) Sanford Kalb 9 Mile, Lakewood, N.J., 9 am (A) 1 Mile, Alexandria, Virginia (J)

Mon. May 25 15 Km, Fairmount, Calif., 8 am (B) 5 Km, Honesdale, Pa., 10 am (K) 5 Km, Atlanta, 8:15 am (D)

Wed. June 3 10 Km, Kentfield, Cal. (N) 1 Mile, Seattle, 6:15 pm (C) 5 Km, Sacramento, Cal. (N)

Thu. June 4 5 Km, Queens, N.Y., 9 am (G) 10 Km and Women's 5 Km, Dearborn, Michigan, 10 am (E) Women's 10 Km, 20 Km, Palo Alto, Calif. (N)

Fri. June 12 1 Mile, Seattle, 6:15 pm (C) 2.8 Mile, Seattle, 6 pm (C) 62.5 Km, Vancouver Island (C) 5 Km, Winthrop, Mass., 8:30 am (I)

Sat. June 13 Pac. Assn. 5 Km, San Francisco (N) 5 Km, Denver (H)

Sun. June 14 Metropolitan 1 Hour Championship, New York City, 9 am (G) Maine State 5 Km, Bangor, 11 am (Y) North American Masters 10 Km, Van Nuys, Calif. (B) 2 Mile, Lakewood, COI. (H) Masters 5 Km, Los Gatos, Cal. (N) 10 km, Long Island, 5 pm (W) 7.1 Mile, Mill Valley, Cal. (N) Met. AC 10 Km, New York City, 8 am (G) 10 Km, Women's 5 Km, Dearborn, Michigan, 9 am (E)
Thu. June 18
1 Mile, Alexandria, Virginia (J)
1 Mile, Seattle, 6:15 pm (C) (And every Thursday through 8/5
Sat. June 20
5 Km, Denver, 7 pm (H)
8 Km, Sunnyvale, Cal. (N)
10 Km, Oak Grove, Missouri (R)
5 Km, Virginia Beach, Virginia (AA)
5 Km, Denver (H)
Masters 5 Km, Los Angeles (B)
Sun. June 21
San Francisco Marathon (N)
5 Km, Chicago (V)
Empire State Games 5 Km Qualifier, New York City (G)
Sat. June 27
13.7 Miles, Stinson Beach, Cal. (N)
5 Km, Rock Island, Illinois (D)
2 Mile, Littletown, Col. (H)
5 Km, Bellingham, Washo. (C)
Sun. June 28
10 Km, Women's 5 Km, Dearborn, Michigan, 9 am (E)
1 Mile, Alexandria, Virginia (J)
3000 meters, Lisle, Illinois (EE)
Sat. July 2
2.8 Miles, Seattle, Wash., 6 pm (C)
Sat. July 4
10 Km, Milipitas, Cal. (N)
5 Km, Bethpage, Long Island, 9 am (G)
5 Km, Evergreen, COl. (H)
Sun. July 5
Junior National 5 and 10 Km, Columbus, Ohio (X)
1500 meters, Fitchburg, Mass., 11 am (I)

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FROM HEEL TO TOE

I've goofed! I have a note from Elizabeth Longton that reads: “I've enclosed a flyer for Clarksville’s first annual Spring Jubilee, which includes a competitive 5 Km race walk. Would you please list this event in the next Ohio Racewalker Schedule of Events?” Well, I certainly would have, but I seem to have misplaced the flyer. So I don't know when the race is. If you want to find out, write Elizabeth at 211 Chelsea Court, Clarksville, TN 37043. ...An oversight in a result back in the October 1991 issue. In the Art Keay Memorial 10 Km in Toronto, Max Gould won his age category (70 and up) in 62:44, and was the overall winner on age-graded basis. . . .Eastend Racewalkers in New York City are hosting a program every Saturday from May 16 through September 26 at 8 am. The 55-minute sessions include flexibility stretching and deep breathing coaching in the racewalking method for a complete cardiovascular workout. Call 369-WALK (I don't have the area code). . . From Bob Fine, North American Masters Race Walking Chairperson: "In 1990 and 1991, the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) accepted the membership of the Florida Walkers Club (FW). The club was advised that the club's membership would no longer be accepted as the FW was not a road running club. The position advanced by the RRCA leadership is that their constitution limits membership to the road running clubs. Issue was taken on this ruling on the grounds that the RRCA Constitution could be interpreted to permit inclusion of walking clubs; that various RRCA clubs engage in sponsorship of activities beyond road running (track meets, biathlons, triathlons, wheelchair, walking); and, that the FW have administered road races, as well as walking events. A proposed modification of the RRCA Constitution was proposed to substitute the word “athletics” for “road running” in the purposes. However, this proposal was not timely filed. The RRCA will present this for discussion at their convention in May. Walkers are becoming a major factor in road races. Sometimes as many as 1/3 of the overall competitors are walkers. The walkers provide income, sponsorship and workers. It is not the desire of the walkers to “take over” the RRCA. Rather, the walking community is seeking better coordination with the RRCA. All walkers are urges to contact their local RRCA club and have their club support the membership of walking clubs within the RRCA." . . .Viisha Sedlak and the American Racewalk Association have
scheduled another Racewalk Training Camp, this one in Boulder, Colorado from May 21 through May 25. The cost is $485. Contact the ARA at P.O. Box 18323, Boulder, CO 80308-8323. From the Golden Gate Racewalkers Newsletter: "During the past semester, a 5-4 husky 60-year-old man was seen racewalking every day around the Emory University campus in Atlanta. It turns out he was South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Nobel laureate or apartheid, according to the Los Angeles Times. He was on a sabbatical teaching at the school of theology at Emory. Bishop Tutu's walks were only broken up when someone stopped to ask for an autograph or a blessing in the form of a hug." ... Qualifying for the Olympic team: The following scenarios for making the Olympic team were clarified at the ICC meeting in New York on Thursday, Feb. 27. While this isn't a change, it does end the confusion that has ensued since the Seattle convention relating to protection of the champion.

1. There is no "B" standard! Every country is guaranteed one competitor in each event. This "B" standard keeps surfacing but there is no substance to it. Presently, it is used in the World Championships, but not for the Olympic Games.
2. The Olympic Trials champion will make the Olympic Team if no one has made the Olympic Games standard. 3. The Olympic Trials champion will make the team even if there is a lone qualifier who does not win. (This assumes, of course, that the OT champion has not made the standard.) 4. The Olympic Trials champion is not protected against two (or more) qualifiers who finish. The team will be selected from the order of finish. DNFs and DQs are not finishers. The top three athletes who have made the Olympic Games standard will make the team as chosen from the order of finish.

LOOKING BACK

25 Years Ago (From the April 1967 ORW)--Ron Laird turned in a 1:33:23 for 20 Km in California, beating Don DeNoon by just 1 second. Earlier, DeNoon had finished 2 minutes ahead of Laird in a 2:30:00 30 Km. Jack Mortland captured the Ohio 20 Km title in 1:41:13.

20 Years Ago (From the April 1972 ORW)--Out in Seattle, Larry Young walked a great 25 Km to win the national title in 1:57:28. Goetz Klopfster stayed close until the final mile, and was only a half-minute back at the finish, only to find he had been DQ'd. That left Bill Ranney (2:03:13) in second and Todd Scully third. Shaul Ladany won an annual 50 miler in New Jersey for the fifth time in 3:03:50, after passing 50 Km in 4:30:46. Bill Walker was second, a half-hour back. Young added the National 20 Km to his laurel, winning on Long Island in 1:32:43. Ron Daniel was second in 1:34:10, followed by Floyd Godwin, John Knifton, Jerry Brown, and Todd Scully. Young also had a 44:34 for 10 Km and covered 8 miles 415 yards in an hour in races in Missouri. In East Germany, Karl-Heinz Stadtmeuller bettered the world record for 30 Km with a 2:14:16. Also in East Germany, Hans-Georg Reimann had a 1:26:13 for 20 Km. Paul Nihill did 1:26:55 in England.

15 Years Ago (From the April 1977 ORW)--Wayne Glusker and Dave Himmelberger shared the National 35 Km title, dead heating in 3:03:50 in Palo Alto. Bryan Snazelle was just 40 seconds back. The National 75 Km went, as expected, to Shaul Ladany in a record 7:04:48. Martin Kraft was second in 7:27:15, Alan Price third, and Gerry Bocci fourth. Ladany passed 50 Km in 4:35:44. In Turku, Finland, Reima Selonen did an indoor 3 Km in 11:05:1, passing 1 mile in 5:53:2.

10 Years Ago (From the April 1982 ORW)--Marco Evoniuk left Jim Heiring after 17 miles and went on to a decisive win in the National 35 Km. His 2:48:08 left Heiring nearly 3 minutes behind. Ray Sharp was just under 3 hours in third. Ralf Kowalsky had a world record of 2:06:54 for 30 Km in East Germany.

5 Years Ago (From the April 1987 ORW)--Tim Lewis and Debbi Lawrence emerged victorious in the DC Invitationals. Lewis had 1:27:16 for 20 Km, 38 seconds ahead of Carl Schueler. Ray Sharp had 1:29:24, and Mike Staug and Steve Pecinovsky 1:29:59. Dave McGovern was just 3 seconds over the hour-and-a-half mark. Lawrence had a convincing win in 47:33, 63 seconds ahead of Lynn Weik, with Maryanne Torrellas third in 48:56. The Vaill sisters, Teresa and Lisa, also broke 50 minutes.

Gary Larson and the Far Side catch up to racewalking, though misnaming it "speedwalking." I had seen this cartoon in the local paper and had planned to use, but I can't neglect giving credit to Kati McIntyre for sending it to me, also.
British Women's Rankings—1991

1 Betty Sworowski 12:3:61 (6y, 2) 4km 23:50:26 89
22:02:06 89, 46:36:1 89 F0 2
3km: 13:02:9, 13:23:21; 1 Yorks
WAAA, 20 Worlds
15km: 1:12:32; 1 = RWA

2 Victoria Lupton 17.4 7.2 (2y, 5)
22:51:86: 90, 48:12:2 90
UK, 3 Ji Espoo, 1 BN J, 1 RWA, 4 Eur J, 1 E Sch, 1 RWA J
15km: 1:12:32; 1 = RWA

3 Helen Elleker 21.3:56 (8y, 4)
15km: 1:15:17; 3 RWA

4 Julie Drake 21.5:69 (6y, 3)
22:50:0 90, 45:53:9 90
5km: 22:40:0, 23:41R, 24:15+R; 1 Bexley
10km: 44:4.5, 47:41:5, 47:35:7, 48:11:9, 48:42R; 47:49R; 4 RWA, 10 Dudince, 60 W.Cup, 20 BN, 39 Worlds
15km: 1:16:27; 1 Steying

5 Viv Black 16:4:58
23:54:38: 90, 50:13R: 90
23:48R, 3 UK, 1 Mid, 3 RWA, 4 WAAA

6 Verty Larby 13.11.70 (2y, 7)
23:48:68 90, 50:51R 90
3km: 13:50:80, 13:53:33, 14:09:76i
10km: 49:27R; 5 RWA

7 Karen Smith 1.6.61 (2y, 11)
26:00:57/24:32R 89, 52:18R 89
3km: 14:03:2, 14:31:4+, 14:41:8+
5km: 24:24:45, 24:57:48, 24:10R, 25:08R; 1 Mid, 4 UK, 5 RWA, 5 WAAA
Omme, 4 Holmewood

8 Sarah Brown 28:9:64 (6y, 8)
24:05:38 89, 50:05:4 87, 49:22R 89
3km: 14:01:0, 14:08:0, 14:27:4
15km: 1:17:00, 1:17:56; 2 Steying, 4 RWA

9 Melanie Brooks 5.4.64 (2y, 9) 25:12:17 90, 25:06 R 90, 51:33R 90
3km: 14:21:7+, 14:33:97, 14:37:2+
5km: 24:28:90, 24:43:95; 24:33R, 24:47R; 5 UK, 7 RWA, 3 WAAA
10km: 50:02:0, 50:10:85; 49:55R, 51:26R, 51:55R; 11 RWA, 1 Mid, 2 WAAA, 1 Holmewood
15km: 1:20:13; 5 RWA

10 Andrea Crofts 7.9:70 (3y, 10)
24:24:31 89, 24:15R 90; 52:09R 90
3km: 14:27:79, 14:40:4+, 14:47:89
15km: 1:22:11; 6 RWA

11 Joanne Pope 17.1:71 (1y, -)
24:35:0 90, 53:11R 89
3km: 14:20:0, 14:47:5
10km: 51:07:6; 51:12R, 52:34R; 14 RWA
15km: 1:20:50; 3 Steying