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Olympics decisive in ORW World Rankings

As is usually the case in an Olympic year, finishing spots at Barcelona played a key role in determining the spots in the ORW's Annual World Rankings at 10 Km (Women), 20 Km (Men), 50 Km (Men). All three Olympic gold medalists earned top spots, and Sweden's Madelein Svensson was the only non-medalist to crack the top three. The ORW has ranked the top men in the world at both distances since 1971 and the women at 10 Km since 1978. Omission of women in those earlier years was not because of any attitude on our part--we have always carried women's results, but because of insufficient activity at the 10 Km distance to justify rankings.

In a departure from our usual format, we are carrying only World rankings this month. We will make you wait until next month for U.S. rankings at the same three distances.

The rankings, as usual, are based on your editor's subjective judgment of performance throughout the year. Contributing factors are competitive record, performance in major races, and collection of times. THe rankings are followed by lists of the top 50 performers for the year, based purely on time. The lists are primarily the work of Bob Bowman, IAAF Racewalk Chairman, Track and Field News Racewalk Editor, and compiler of the annual U.S. race Walking Handbook.

1992 World 10 Km Rankings

1.Yueling Chen, China
42:56t (1) Jinan 3/15
45:27t (11) Fana 5/15
44:32 (1) Oly Games 8/3
42:47t

2. Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia
44:33 (1) Oly Games 8.3

3. Madelein Svensson, Sweden
43:27 (1) Dudince 4/26
42:14t (2) Fana 5/15
43:28 (1) La Coruna 6/8
42:59t (1) Solleftea 7/3
45:17 (6) Oly Games 8.3
45:00 (1) Solleftea 8/10

4. Chunxiu Li, China
44:08t (4) Fana 5/15
44:41 (3) Oly Games 8/3
42:48t

5. Ileana Salvaador, Italy
43:03t (10 Santhia 4/18
42:07 (1) Sesto SG 5/1
43:31 (1) Termoli 5/17
DQ Oly Games 8/3

6. Beate Anders, Germany
43:18 (1) Germ. Champ. 4/19
42:12t (1) Fana 5/15
46:31 (16) Oly Games 8/3

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7. Kerry Saxby, Australia
43:50 (1) Sydney 1/11
43:03 (1) Adelaide 3/4
42:27 (2) Sesto SG 5/1
42:24t (3) Fana 5/15
46:01 (15) Oly Games 8/3

8. Sari Essayah, Finland
45:22 (2) Dudince 4/26
43:37 (4) Sesto DSG 5/1
44:16t (5) Fana 5/15
45:08 (4) Oly Games 8/3

9. Alina Ivanova, Russia
42:48 (1) Sochi 2/22
45:24 (1) Monterrey 4/12
DQ Oly Games 8/3

10. Yingzi Cui, China
42:56 (1) Jinan 3/15
45:15t (7) Fana 5/15
45:15 (5) Oly Games 8/3
42:47t

Chen had two fast races in China and a very poor race on the track in Norway, but proved herself in the Olympics, with the help of DQs to Ivanova and Salvador (the latter, very richly deserved according to all reports). . .We know nothing of Nikolaeva for the year, except that she just missed the gold medal, and that gets her second. . .Svensson faltered a bit in Barcelona, but had a very impressive record otherwise, including a decisive win over Li in the Norwegian track race. . .Li's third in the Olympics gets her the nod for fourth over Salvador, who was very impressive in Italy, but DQ'd in her only race outside her country. . .Anders and Saxby both had poor Olympic races, but Anders had a very impressive in the track race at Fana, beating Saxby and Essayah in the process, and Saxby had two decisive wins over fourth-place Olympic finisher, Essayah. . .Ivanova was on her way to number one until she hit the tunnel entering the Olympic Stadium. She doesn't have enough of a record otherwise to rank her any higher. . .Cui's fast times and fifth at Baracelona earn her the tenth spot.

1992 World 10 Km List

42:07 Ileana Salvador, Italy
42:12t Beate Anders, Germany
42:14t Madelein Svensson, Sweden
42:23 Yelena Nikolaeva, Russia
42:24t Kerry Saxby, Australia
42:47t Yeling Chen, China
42:47t Yingxi Cui, CHina
42:48 ALina Ivanova, Russia
42:48t Chungciu Li, China
42:49t Hongmao Gao, China
42:52 Klena Arshinseva, Russia
42:58 Olga Kardopoltseva, Belorussia
43:00t Ping Guan, China
43:02 Anne Judkins, New Zealand
43:03 Anna Rita Sidoti, Italy
43:06 Lidia Fessenko, Russia
43:13 Yelena Saiko, Belorussia
43:22 Uevginia Guryeva, Russia
43:30 Katarzyna Radtke, Poland
43:37 Sari Essayah, Finland
43:41 Andrea Alfoldi, Hungary
43:53 Maria Alfoldi, Hungary
43:55 Tatyana Ragozina, Ukraine
44:06 Larisa Ramazanova, Russia

44:07 Kathrin Born, Germany
44:10 Nina Sliusen, Russia
44:18 Victoria Lina, Romania
44:18 Olga Leonenko, Russia
44:19 Elisabetta Perrone, Italy
44:19 Olga Volkova, Russin
44:21 Gabrielle Blythe, Australia
44:22 RImma Makarova, Russia
44:30 Beata Kasmarska, Poland
44:31t Alison Baker, Canada
44:36 Ildiko Ilyes, Hungary
44:37 Tamara Kovalenko, Russia
44:42 Debbi Lawrence, USA
44:49 Katerina Samolenko, Ukraine
44:51 Encarna Grabados, Spain
44:52t Sinalda Sviridenko, Russia
44:54 Zuzana Zemkova, Czech.
45:07 Janice McCaffrey, Canada

1992 World 20 Km Rankings

1. Daniel Plaza, Spain
1:22:13 (1) S. Celoni 1/26
1:20:42 (5) LaCoruna 6/6
1:21:45 (1) Oly Games 7/31

2. Guillaume Leblanc, Canada
1:24:00 (5) L'Hospitalet 5/10
1:22:25 (2) Olympic Games

3. Giovanni DiBenedictis, Italy
1:24:14 (2) Barcelona 4/6
1:22:17t(1) Rome 4/18
1:23:11 (3) Oly Games 7/31

4. Maurizio Damilano, Italy
DQ Barcelona 4/6
1:22:02 (3) L'Hospitalet 5/10
1L18:54 (1) LaCoruna 6/6
1:23:39 (4) Oly Games 7/31

5. Valentin Massana, Spain
1:22:30 (2) S. Celoni 1/26
1:23:46 (1) Barcelona 4/6
1:21:53 (2) L'Hospitalet 5/10
1:19:25 (2) LaCoruna 6/6
DQ Oly Games 7/31

6. Mikhail Schennikov, Russia
1:19:53 (1) L'Hospitalet 4/6
1:23:08 (3) Monterrey 4/12
1:27:17 (12) Oly Games 7/31

7. Stefan Johansson, Sweden
1:24:49 (4) Barcelona 4/6
1:21:11 (1) Vallensbaek 5/9
1:18:36t(1) Fana 5/15
1:20:35 (4) LaCoruna 6/6
1:28:37 (15) Loy Games 7/31

8. Shaoguo Chen, China
1:20:32 (3) Chin. Champ. 3/15
1:24:06 (5) Oly Games 7/31

9. Igor Kollar, Cxech.
1:22:57 (1) Monterrey 4/12
1:23:14 (5) L'Hospitalet 4/6
1:22:40 (1) Dubinca 5/23
1:21:05 (1) Czech. Champ. 6/13
1:29:38 (19) Oly Games 7/31
1:21:33 (3) Hildesheim 8/23

10. Daniel Garcia, Mexico
1:24:00 (7) Monterrey 4/12
1:23:17 (6) L'Hospitalet 5/10
1:22:17t(6) Fana 5/15
1:25:35 (7) Oly Games 7/31

The first four won their places in the Olympic Games and were good enought in their other races that no one can logically be moved ahead of them. . .Massana was very impressive before his Olympic disqualification and merits the fifth spot. . .Schennikov was

way off form in Barcelona, but beat an impressive field at L'Hospitalet. . .Johansson was very inconsistent, with a world record at Fana and only fifteenth in the Olympics, but was good enough overall to earn seventh. . .Chen's fifth in Barcelona earns him the eighth slot and Kollar's impressive performances other than at the Olympics are good for ninth. . .Garcia was a consistent performer and earns the tenth spot over Ireland's Jimmy McDonald, who was sixth in Barcelona, but had no other reported races.

1992 World 20 Km List

1:18:36t Stefan Johansson, Sweden
1:18:54 Maurisio Damilano, Italy
1:19:03 Yevgeniy Misyulya, Russia
1:19:14 Robert Korzenowski, Poland
1:19:25 Valentin Massana, Spain
1:19:53 Mikhail Schennikov, Russia
1:19:53 Vladimir Andreyev, Russia
1:19:59 Robert Ihly, Germany
1:20:21 Congxian Xu, China
1:20:25 Mingcai Li, China
1:20:32 Shaoguo Chen, China
1:20:36 Xinyuan Mao, China
1:20:42 Daniel Plaza, Spain
1:20:50 Yougshen Shou, China
1:20:55 Sandor Urbanik, Hungary
1:20:57 Roman Mrazek, Cxech.
1:21:05 Igor Kollar, Czech.
1:21:08t Joel Sanchez, Mexico
1:21:11 Vyacheslav Tscherspanov, Russia
1:21:12 Oleg Troshin, Russin
1:21:15t Thierry Toutain, France
1:21:16t Ernesto Canto, Mexico
1:21:17 Vladimir Druchik, Ukraine
1:21:19 Niantong Tian, China
1:21:25 Axel Noack, Germany
1:21:26 MIguel Prieto, Spain
1:21:29 Dmitriy Dolnikov, Russia
1:21:35t Andrew Jachno, Australia
1:21:42 Jose Urbano, Portugal
1:21:41 Jan Zahoncik, Czech.
1:21:42 Valeriy Borisov, Kazakistan
1:21:47 Artur Shumak, Belorussia
1:21:48 Igor Lyubomirov, Russia
1:21:49 Yuriy Kuko, Belorussia
1:21:51 Gyula Dudas, Hungary
1:21:56t Pavol Blazek, Czech.
1:22:00 Anatoilly Koslov, Ukraine
1:22:02 Andrey Makarov, Russia
1:22:06 Nick A'Hern, Australia
1:22:12 Yevgeniy Aaikin, Russia
1:22:12 Chris Maddocks, Great Britain
1:22:15t Rene Piller, France
1:22:16 SImon Baker, Australia
1:22:17t Giovanni DiBenedictis, Italy
1:27:17t Daniel Garcia, Mexico
1:22:21 Yriy Gordeyev, Russia
1:22:21t Hector Mereno, Columbia
1:22:22 Nikolay Kalitka, Ukraine
1:22:25 Gu8illaume Leblanc, Canada
1:22:26 Nikolay Matyukhin, Russia

1992 WORLD 50 KM RANKINGS

1. Andrei Perlov, Russia
3:59:21 (6) Mexico City 4/5
3:50:13 (1) Oly Games 8/7

2. Carlos Mercenario, Mexico
3:50:09 (1) Mexico City 4/5
3:48:06t (1) Fana 5/15
3:52:09 (2) Oly Games 8/7
4:06:21 (3) PanAm Cup 10/18

3. Ronald Weigel, Germany
4:02:00 (8) Mexico City 4/5
3:51:37 (1) German Champ. 4/19
3:53:45 (3) Oly Games 8/7

4. Valeriy Spitsin, Russia
3:33:22 (1) Moscow 4?25 (Short)
3:54:39 (4) Oly Games 8/7

5. Robert Korzenowski, Poland
3:46:42 (1) Dudince 4/26
DQ Oly Games 8/7

6. Roman Mrazek, Czech.
3:55:02 (6) Dudince 5/26
3:55:21 (5) Oly Games 8/7

7. Hartwig Gauder, Germany
3:57:31 (2) German Champ. 4/19
3:56:47 (6) Oly Games 8/7

8. Valentin Kononen, Finland
3:52:27 (3) Dudince 4/26
3:55:21 (7) Oly Games 8/7

9. Miguel Rodriquez, Mexico
3:50:55 (2) Mexico City 4/5
3:58:26 (8) Oly Games 8/7
4:06:21 (2) Pan Am Cup 10/18

10. Jose Marin, Spain
3:49:06 (3) Spanish Champ. 3/23
3:58:41 (9) Oly Games 8/7

The only change from the Olympic finish is Korzenowski, disqualified while in third place in the final couple of kilometers in the Olympics. But earlier, he had beaten a strong field, which included Mrazek and Konenen, in the year's fastest time. Mercenairo's third place in the Pan American Cup was a Mexican attempt at a three-way tie that the judges wouldn't have. . .Marin just gets the nod for tenth over Jesus Garcia, who beat him in the Spanish Championships and was just 2 second behind him in Barcelona.

1992 World 50 Km List

3:46:42 Robert Korzenowski, Poland
3:48:06t Carlos Mercenario, Mexico
3:48:08 Jaime Barroso, Spain
3:48:24 Jesus Garcia, Spain
3:49:06 Jose Marin, Spain
3:49:24t Martial Fesselier, France
3:49:31 Jorge Llopart, Spain
3:49:31 Daniel Plaza, Spain
3:50:01t Alain Lemercier, France
3:50:13 Andrei Perlov, Russia
3:50:55 Tim Berrett, Canada
3:50:55 Miguel Rodriquez, Mexico
3:51:02 German Sanchez, Mexico
3:51:37 Ronald Weigel, Germany
3:52:27 Valentin Konenon, Finland
3:52:48t Jean=Claude Corre, France
3:52:53t Jacek Bednarek, Poland
3:53:03 Slawomir Clelica, Poland
3:53:58 Jaroslav Makovec, Czech.
3:54:13 Milos Holuza, Czech.
3:54:31 Jan Klos, Poland
3:54:39 Valeriy Spitsin, Russia
3:55:01 Giovanni Perricelli, Italy
3:55:02 Roman Mrazek, Czech.
3:55:42 Massimo Quiriconi, Italy
3:56:36 Sergei Pershin, Russia
3:56:46 Guillaume Leblanc, Canada
3:56:47 Hartwig Gauder, Germany
3:56:56 Takehiro Sonohara, Japan
3:57:19 Pavol Blazek, Czech.
3:57:37 Edel Oliva, Cuba
3:57:38 Daniel Garcia, Mexico
3:58:01 Kirszt Karoly, Hungary
3:58:21 Harold van Beek, Holland
3:58:30 Dariusz Wojcik, Australia
3:58:39 Giuseppe DeGaetano, Italy
3:58:41 Godfried DeJoncheere, Belgium
3:58:41 Kari Ahonan, Finland
3:58:49 Andres Marin, Spain
3:58:56 Stefan Johansson, Sweden
3:59:16 Kestutis Jezepchikas, Lithuania
3:59:33 Jose Urbano, Portugal
3:59:42t German Skurigin, Russia
3:59:43 Bolan Costel, Romania
4:00:21 Craig Brill, Australia
4:00:46 Veijo Savikko, Finland
4:00:47 Arturo DiMezza, Italy
4:00:56t Bo Gustafsson, Sweden
4:01:40 Tadehiro Kasake, Japan
4:01:52 Carl Schueler, USA

RESULTS

10 Km, Concord, Mass., Nov. 22--1. Bob Keataing (45) 46:56 2. Steve Vaitones (37) 49:36 3. Brian Savilonis (42) 50:50 4. Joe Light (45) 51:17 5. Phil McGaw (42) 53:16 6. Bob Ullman (44) 53:34 7. Dick Ruquist (55) 53:58 8. TOm Knatt (52) 59:30 9. Charlie Mansbach (48) 59:30 10. William Murphy (48) 61:18. . .12. John Gray (68) 62:22 WOmen: 1. Meg Ferguson (42) 62:07 **5 Km, New York City, Nov. 15**--1. Dave Mcgovern 21:49 2. Michael Korol 22:55 3. Rafael Marin 23:21 4. Henry Goitig 24:01 5. Jorge Torrealba 24:44 6. Roberto Gottlieb 25:52 7. John Clifford 26;06 8. Khang Vo 26:25 9. Robert Barrett (58) 27:25 10. Herbert Zeydek (53) 27:52 11. Luis Canepa (45) 28:53 12. MEg Ferguson (42) 30:06 13. Kirit Shah (46) 30:21 14. Gale Lichter (40) 31:12 **5 Km, New York City, Nov. 29**--1. Marc Varsano 21:22 2. Michael Korol 22:47 3. Henry Goitig 23:04 4. Rafael Marin 23:20 5. Jorge Torrealba 24:02 6. Jack Clifford 24:45 7. Norm Frable (47) 25:10 8. Khang Vo 25:59 9. Roberto Gottlieb 25:52 10. Kaisa Ajaye 26:09 (1st female) 11. Herbert Zeydek (53) 27:13 12. Elton Richardson (54) 28:55 (2nd female) 13. Luis Canepa 28:56 14. Kathy Frable (47) 28:59 15. Meg Ferguson (42) 30:22 . . .22 Frank Lamorte (71) 33:15 **5 Mile, Manaplan, N.J., Nov. 8**--1. Ray Funkhouser 35:02 2. Cliff Mimm 39:18 3. TOny Noerpel 41:14 4. Marc Bagan 41:49 5. Dr. Patrick BIvona 44:32 6. Bob Mimm 44:47 7. Manny Eisner 44:59 8. Ben Ottmer 45:01 9. Ralph Garfield 46:01 10. Ralph Edwards 46:27 Women: 1. Phyllis Hansen 44:36 2. Paf Welf 45:11 2. Donna Cetrulo 48:12 **1 HOur, Long Branch, N.J., Nov. 15**--1. CLiff Mimm, 12,607 meters 2. TOny Noerpel, 11,296 3. Bob mimm 10,291 4. Ralph Edwards 10,129 5. Ben Ottmer 10,087 Women: 1. Phyllis Hansen 10,623 2. Donna Cetrulo 9,768 **1 Hour, Long Branch, Nov. 22**--1. Ray Funkhouser 13,025 meters 2. Cliff Mimm 12,039 3. TOny Noerpel 11,652 4. Bob Mimm 10,435 5. Dr. Patrick BIvona 10,279 6. Manny Eisner 10,147 7. Ralph Edwards 9842 8. Robert Lynch 9720 WOmen: 1. Phyllis Hansen 10,739 2. Donna Cetrulo 9825 **5 Mile, Freehold, N.J., Nov. 27**--1. Ray Funkhouser 35:40 2. Cliff Mimm 40:17 3. Tony Noerpel 41:15 4. Norm Frable 41:26 5. Dr. Patrick Bovona WOmen: 1. Phyllis Hansen 44:00 2. Pat Weir 44:55 3. Kathy Frable 49:28 **1 Mile, Virginia Beach, Dec. 12**--1. Dennis Hughes 8:04 2. Harry Watson (50-59) 8:30 3. Joseph Verdirame 9:11 4. Paul Moss (60 and over) 9:15 Women: 1. Joni Lindsey 10:33 **10 Mile, Clarksville, Tenn., Nov. 21**--1. Cecil Vaughn (55) 1:49:17 2. Jim Cole 1:53:21 3. Dave Broad (46) 1:54:02 4. TOm Hughers (47) 1:54:02 WOmen: 1. Susan Bryant (46) 1:49:18 2. Susan Layne (41) 1:56:51 **TAC Convention Delegates 5 Km Race, Louisville, Dec. 5**--1. Allen James 21:51 2. Curt Clausen 21:59 3. Ian Whatley 22:41 4. Ray Funkhouser 22:58 5. Herm Nelson 22:59 6. Mike Blanchard 26:36 7. Paul Cajka 27:42 8. Justin Kuo 27:56 9. Cheryl rellinger 29:21 10. Steve Vaitones 29:22 11. Bob Carlson 30:47 **1 Hour, Durham, N.C., Dec. 12**--1. Curt Clausen 12,638 meters 2. Jerry Parrish 10,469 (1st Master) 3. Alvia Gaskill 9850 4. Malissa Williams 9845 (1st under 19) 5. Andy Briggs 9660 (1st over 60) 6. Mike Michael 9852 (2nd over 60) **5 Km, Atlanta, Nov. 14**--1. Dan Strohl 30:11 2. Karl Doyle 30:31 Women: 1. BOnnie Stein 31:51 **10 Km, same place**--1. Gary Langley 57:27 2. Mark Danford 57:43 WOmen: 1. Patti Henderson 60:32 **5 Km, Miami, Dec. 6**--1. Darryl Morrison 30:40 2. Roy Vargas (43) 31:10 WOmen: 1. April Conaghan 29:17 **5 Km, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Dec. 1**--1. Eric Schmook 23:34 2. Darryl Morrison 29:16 3. Gerald Gomes 29:23 Women: 1. Elizabaeth Nelson 29:04 2. Carla Wahlstrom 30:44 **10 Km, Miami, Dec. 19**--1. Eric Schmook 49:06 2. Gene Opheim (46) 55:13 3. Bob Cella (55) 59:43 4. Stanford Blake (44) 60:09 5. Roy Vargas (43) 61:08 6. Gerald Gomes (60) 61:29 Women: 1. Alba Campbell (45) 57:28 2. Linda Stein (45) 57:33 3. Sheila Reed (48) 62:42 4. Sara O'Bannon 62:55 **1 Hour, Kansas City, Oct. 10**--1. Lennie Becker 11111111,235 meters 2. Adrienne Corker **5 Km, Austin, Texas, Dec. 5**--1. Bohdan Bulakowski, Poland 22:36 (The 42-year-old Polish international--7th in 1980 Olympic 20 Km--was visiting in Austin) 2. Adam Pawlik 24:35 3. Richard Letsinger 25:52 4. Wayne Meeks 27:21 **1 Hour, Santa Monica, Cal. Dec. 5**--1. Richard Lenhart 11,898 m 2. Richard Oliver (55-59) 10,699 3. Carl Acosta (55-59) 10,529 4. Hap Chandler (55-59) 9215 **1 Hour, Santa Monica, Dec. 5**--1. Victoria Herazo 13,194 meters (22:15 at 5 Km, 45:14 personal best at 10. The distance betters her own unofficial world best of 12,771 set in October of last year.) **1 Hour, Foothill College, Cal., Nov. 22**--1. Jonathan Matthews 8 miles 1098 yards (betters U.S. record of 8 miles 1020 by Neal Pyke in 1978) 2. Dave Marchese 8 mi 423 3. Joe Sheppard 6 mi 1418 Women: 1. Cindy March 7 miles 980 2. Therese Iknoian 6 miles 1191 3. Laura Cribbins 6 mi 541 **5 Km, San Francisco, Nov. 15**--1. Joann Nedelco 27:11 2. Laura Cribbins 29:05 3. Stephanie Matthews 30:48 **1 Hour, Kentfield, Cal., Nov. 1**--1. Jack Bray (60) 6 milies 1759 **5 Km, Clarksburg, Cal., Nov. 22**--1. Kathy Keller 28:12 2. D. DeGroot 28:48 3. Wim Verhoef 30:03 **30 Km, same place**--1. Dave Marchese 2:19 **1 Hour, Sacramento, Dec. 6**--1. Sally Focacci 6 mi 888 **5 Km, Folsom, Cal., Dec. 12**--1. Karen Stoyanowski 23:31 2. Sally Focacci 26:28 3. Charles Woods 31:16 **2 Mile, Salem, Ore., Nov.**--1. Judy Heller 18:03.2 2. Sue Laks 18:46 3. Carlyn Kortge 18:49 4. Carmen Jakinsky 19:04 5. Georgia Cutler 19:53 **1 Hour, Portland, Ore., Aug. 30**--1. Steve Renard 11,726 meters 2. Andy Liles 11,126 3. Bob Brewer 1,265 (505-54) Women: 1. judy Heller 10,080 (45-49) **5 Km, Seattle, Dec. 12**--1. Bob Novak 25:07 2. Bev LaVeck 27:46 **Portland, Ore. Marathon, Sept.**--1. Mark Hansen 3:51:43 2. Bob Brewer (51) 4;48:34 3. Joe Curry (48) 5;09:22 4. Marc Hansen (65) 5:23:44 Women: 1. Judy Heller (46) 4:50:01 2. Colene Caisse (42) 4:57:04 3. Honoe Lundie 4. Robin Helm 5:15:01 **3 Km, Seattle, Dec. 19**--1. Stan Chraminski 15:35 2. Bob Novak 15:37 3. Demetrius Bryant 17:33 4. Bev LaVeck 17:42

STARTING THE NEW YEAR, PROMOTERS OFFER FOR YOUR RAACING PLEASURE:

Fri. Jan 8	Indoor 3 Km and Women's 1 Mile, Hanover, N.H. (I)
Sat. Jan. 9	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 11 am (A)
	3 and 5 Km, Seattle, 9 am (C)
Sun. Jan 10	Indoor 2 Mile, Arlington, Virginia, 8:30 am (F)
	Indoor 1 Mile, New York City (G)
Sat. Jan. 16	Indoor 1 Mile (30 and over), Providence, R.I. (I)
	Frostbite 1 Mile, Seattle, 1:25 pm (C)
Sun. Jan 17	Rose Bowl 10 Mile Handicap, Pasadena, 8 am (B)
Sat. Jan. 23	5 Km, Miami (Q)
	5 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 11 am (A)
Sun. Jan 24	Indoor 2 Mile, Arlington, Virginia, 8:30 am (F)
	Indoor 1 Mile, Stonybrook, Long Island (G)
Sat. Jan. 30	3 and 5 Km, Seattle, 9 am (C)
Sun. Jan. 31	Indoor 2 Mile, Arlington, Virginia, 8:30 am (F)

	Indoor 1500 meters, Stonybrook, Long Island (G)
	Indoor 3 Km, Boston (I)
	5 Km, Coconut Creek, Fl. (Q)
Fri. Feb. 5	Millrose Games 1 Mile, New York City (G) (Invitation only)
Sat. Feb. 6	5 Km, Seattle, 9 am (C)
	5 Km, Miami (Q)
	10 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 11 am (A)
Sun. Feb. 7	Indoor 3 Km, Providence, Rhode Island (I)
Sat. Feb. 13	10 Km, Long Branch, N.J., 11 am (A)
	Frostbite 3 Km, Seattle, 1:35 pm (C)
Sun. Feb. 14	**U.S. 50 Km Championships and World Cup Trials, Palo Alto, Cal.**
	(P)
	Indoor 1 Mile, New York City (G)
	3 Km, Bridgeport, Conn., 10 am (S)
Mon. Feb. 15	3.7ish Mile, Brockton, Mass. (I)
Sat. Feb. 20	Indoor 3 Km and 1 Mile, West Point, New York (G)
Sun. Feb. 21	5 Km, El Paso, Texas (S)
	Indoor 2 Mile, Arlington, Virginia, 8:30 am (F)
Fri. Feb. 26	**USA Mobil Indoor Championships Men's 5 Km, Women's 3 Km,**
	New York City (R)
Sun. Feb. 28	Indoor 1500 meters, Brooklyn, N.Y. (G)
Sun. Mar. 7	Indoor 1500 meters or 1 Mile, West Point, N.Y. (G)

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CONVENTION BITS

First off, this was the last TAC Convention--the organization's name was officially changed to USA Track & Field. The new president, succeeding Frank Greenberg is Larry Ellis, retired Princeton track coach. Ollan Cassell remains executive director. Sewattle's Darlene Hickman, from the racewalking camp, is one of the three new vice-presidents. In the racewalking arena, Bruce Douglass was reelected chairman by a narrow margin following a rather heated campaign among four candidates. Ron Zinn Awards for the year's outstanding walkers went to Debbi Lawrence in the women's 10 Km, Allen James in the 20 Km, and Carl Schueler in the 50 Km. Sal Corrallo got the Zinn Award as the outstanding contributor and the Southern Association as the outstanding association. Masters Awards winners were: Female--Elton Richardson, 53, New York City, Male--Ray Funkhouser, 41, TOms River, N.J. Masters awards in separate race categories went to RIchardson and Dan O'Connor (40) for 30 to 50 Km; Jaye Hanaley (51) and Funkhouser for 15 to 20 Km; Viisha Sedlak (43) and Don DeNoon (49) for 8 to 10 Km; Sedlak and Funkhouser for 5 Km; and Sedlak and Larry Walker (49) for 3 Km and under. National Championship sites and dates for 1993 were selected and are given in the schedule of major races later in this issue. Those are convention highlights for the racewalking community. The following summary of racewalk committee meetings was submitted to the ORW by Paul Cajka.

The recently concluded USA Track & Field Convention (December 1-5, 1992) saw incumbent Chairman Burce Douglass of Connecticut maintain his hold on the leadership of the sport for another 2 years. He narrowly beat Bari Garner-Holman of Kansas by one vote. Douglass retains the position for an unprecedented third term after challenges by Garner-Holman, Barb Waddle of Georgia, and Alvia Gaskill of North Carolina.

In the first meeting of the racewalk committee on Dec. 1, Douglass presented his report for 1992. He stressed the work done for the Olympic Trials, PanAm Cup, and the general administration of the sport. He was supported in this effort by Executive Committee members Harwood Benton (Southern California), Darlene Hickman (Pacific Northwest), Rich Torrellas (Connecticut), and National Office staffers James Perkins and Dale Neuberger. Officals Committee Chairman Lawrie Robertson presented the long-awaited Judging Handbook and Officials Certification Program. Junior Team Coach Bob Ryan and Junior Coordinator Steve Vaitones covered the Youth/Junior program progress in 1992 and the new Intermediated (19-23) Age Group. The

Intermediates have been set up to ease the transition between Junior and Senior distances for Junior racewalkers. The topic of the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) providing adaditional funding from 1993 to 1996 was also discussed in view of the fact that TAC had done so well despite being the upstart of the National Governing bodies. Jimmy Carnes of USOC also explained the Olympic Training Camp program for the future.

December 2 saw another long meeting. Olympian Allen James kicked it off with a report on his experiences at the Games. His presentation was followed by reports from Ginger Mullinax (Youth Road Championships), Bob Ryan (Junior/Youth Camps), Steve Vaitones (Junior team), Rob Cole (Swedish Walk Week/Intermediate Team), and Rich Torrellas (Senior Coordinator). All of these reports brought forth good news and ideas, while exposing existing problems. Our Youth Road Championships went well, and we now have a solid Youth and Junior program.

The camps have helped to form a stronger, smarter team. We have great potential for improvement due to our depth in the Womens 10 Km and Mens 20 Km. Incentives for outstanding performances based on challenging time standards (46:00, 1:24, and 4:00) were suggested. Bad news concerns the 50 Km, where we are really thin in international level walkers. The final speaker, Gary Morgan (National Team) brought up a solution to the 50 Km talent pool problem and raised other concerns of the National Team members. Morgan suggested a minimizing of requirements for National Championships and a campaign to bring regional level marathoners (2:22 to 2:40) into racewalking. The minimal requirements suggested were a certified course, six medals, and three walking judges. Advertising in running magazines was suggested as a way to bring former marathoners into racewalking with an introductory camp for the top candidates. Other topics that concerned the elite athletes were the PanAm Cup (too late in the season) and the need for an information source for international competition. Gary ended by emphasizing that we need motivation from the heart to make racewalking a better sport.

Concerning the elections for chairman, many of the delegates sensed a change in the mood of the sport with the organization of a loyal opposition group and the negative campagn of Gaskill. The oppost=ition gained a foothold in the Executive Committee with the election of Sal Corrallo (Board of Directors Representataive) and Dave Gwyn (Olympic Festival Representative). A much more complete slate of National Championships than in recent years.was unveiled by Lori Maynard.

After the climax of the elections, the Race Walking Committee meetings wound down with information meetings, the delagates race (see results inthis issue), and regional chairman meetings. Ian Whatley (South Carolina) and Troy Engle (Mid Atlantic) led a very informative meeting on training techniques and maximization of training sessions on the 4th. They were followed by a brief workshop on judging presented by Bob Bowman, the

IAAF (International Amateur Athletic Federation) racewalk chairman. All of the regional chairpersons discussed regional championships and other items of importance. This was followed by the second General Session of the Convention where the name change was formalized and all other actions were affirmed by mass votes.

FROM HEEL TO TOE

A note from the Associated Press wire via Cuneo, Italy, but I'm not sure of the date: Former Olympic champion Maurizio Damilano set a world record of 2:01:44 in the 30 Km walk yesterday in what he said was his farewell to competition. Damilano, who announced his retirement before the record attempt at a track in this north Italian city, cut 2:12 off the mark set by Frenchman Thierry Toutain in March 1991. The 35-year-old Italian was fourth in the Barcelona Olympics. . .To put the time in perspective, he did a 40:35 for 10 Km and then repeated it twice with no rest and somewhere even picked up a second on that pace. . .In a special dinner at the club on December 2, Ron Laird, four-time Olympian and 65-time National racewalking champion, was inducted into the New York Athletic Club Hall of Fame. . .Laird is already a member of the National Track and Field Hall of Fame as the only racewalker. But also deserving is Henry Laskau, three-time Olympian and winner of 42 National titles. He has been nominated for the last 3 or 4 years but always been passed over in the balloting, often by lesser atahletes. 1993 is the year.to see that Henry gets in. The friends of Henry Laskau Committee says, "He walked out of Hitler's Germany to become an All-American athlete and a world record breaker. If you have a vote, we urge your consideration of the great athlete." Contact Elliott Denman at (908) 222-9213 for further information. . .Samuel Meerkreebs in Chevy Chase, Maryland, waxed poetic when he sent me his renewal:

Thank you for the reminder,
Your gentle threat couldn't be kinder.
Just slipped my mind; and that's a fact,
Guess that's why I'm always in the pack of the pack?
This last edition did the trick,
The type you used is mighty slick!
All that is needed now with your notice surprise,
Ability to focus and youthful eyes.
A topic you might like to discuss,
Is unjudged racealks which make me fuss.
How can anyone expect to meet the norm,
If they are permitted to compete without form?
So that's 'bout all you'll hear from here,
But by the way "Happy New Year!"

And now, commentary on Casey Meyers' proposal concerning the contact rule in racewalking, which we published last month.

From Leonard Jansen, perhaps the leading expert on the biomechanics of racewalking in this country, formerly with the USOC Biomechanics Lab:

I feel compelled to take the time to comment on Casey Meyers' letter advocating the elimination of the loss of contact rule from the sport. Briefly put, such an action would be a mistake.

Several points:

1. Casey's biomechanical analysis is correct, as far as it goes, but there are other factors that come into play in distinguishing racewalking from running. Other issues to be considered would be braking force differences (Ed..See Martin Smith comment last month), frictive force differences, and the use of the knee/hip as an energy storage mechanism. Without going into detail, let's say that there are important distinctons between the two motions vis-a-vis loss of contact. Also, and maybe more importantly, is the use of kinetic vs. potential energy cyclical patterns to distinguish the two motions--elimination of the contact rule would basically kill that distinction. (If anyone wants the gory details on this, call me and talk.)
2. The"straight leg on contact" rule has been proposed before and would reduce the walks to the Track and Field equivalent of the Equestrian Dressage event. Dressage may be interesting to watch (NOT!), but it's no horse race.
3. The historical roots of the sport have been based on the idea (correctly) of continuous contact as being "fair heel and toe walking". Note too that at it's inception, the straight leg rule was really nothing more than an adjunct rule to enforce contact. It has since taken a life of its own.
4. There is nothing sacred about keeping the contact rule in--after all, the sport should be defined by the participants. However, if the walks are hard to explain/sell to the public and to Track officials now, I can't imagine what it would bve like without the contact rule. At least it keeps the intent to look like you are walking within the scope of the event.
5. Having the phrase "as judged by the human eye" in the rules pretty well takes care of the eye/photo discrepancies.
6. Knowing Casey as I do, I can't help but feel that he has thrown this out to cause a bit of a stir. (Ed. He has, but having talked with him about it, I can also say that he very sincerely believes that this is the way the sport needs to go if it is to thrive.)

And, briefly, from Ron Daniel, also very well qualified on biomechanic matters:

Enclosed is my letter to Bob Carlson (it was in his newsletter that I first read Casey Meyers' letter) in response to Casey's ideas on lifting and the couble contaact rule.

The main point behind my response is that the technical reference that Meyers uses is not appropriate as a biomechanical study to make any conclusions about race walking. The work described by Alexander in his paper is painfully simplistic and not very original in the recognition that pedestrian walking and race walking is less efficient than running aboue certain speeds. As a mathematical model, it falls short of being rigorous and is merely a mathematical expression that reproduces imperical results.

None of the Casey/Alexander writings provide any insight into the biomechanics of loss of contact. Other studies that looked at the energy efficiencies of race walkers

at various speeds noted the speeds that their Olympic racewalkers would loose contact. That is not the same as conducting a study to emperically determine the maximum speed that they can walk before loosing contact. Top speed will obviously vary among individuals based on their physical attributes.

As for straight leffed race walking being less efficient that running, because of the elastic recoil considerations, it is already well known as stated above. But we all know that races are measured in elapsed time, not in energy expended.

Possibly the most significant paper dealing with the energy efficiency issue is "The Relation of Oxygen Intake and Velocity of Walking and Running in Competition Walkers", by Menier and Pugh, *Journal of Physiology*, 1968. The paper on energy and speed of racewalkers is "Mechanics of COmpetition Walking, by Cavagna and Franzetti, *Journal of Physiology*, 1981.
(Ron's detailed letter is quite lengthy and we don't have room in this issue. However, it is well worth putting on the table and we should have room for it next month.)

LOOKING BACK

25 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1967 ORW)--Charlie Newell ignored the 15 degree temperature and 10 to 15 mph winds to win the Fourth Annual New Year's Eve Handicap in Columbus. Charlie made his 5 minute start in the 6-miler stand up for a 45 second win over Jack Blackburn who had 47:59 actual time. . .In a lesser race, Goetz Klopfer set a new American record for 50 Km with a 4:30:29 on the Sonoma State College track. On the way, he picked up records at 35 km, 25 miles, and 40 National 35 Km in Kansas City, Dan Totheroh easily beat Gerry Bocci and Bryon Overton with a 3:13:04. . .Some familar names in a New Jersey 10 miler, with Dave Romansky winning in 1;19:12, followed by Steve Hayden, John Knifton, Ron Daniel, Ron Kulik, and Shaul Ladany--all international competitors at some time.

15 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1977 ORW)--The ORW World Rankings sas Mexico's Daniel Bautista and Raul Gonzalez on top at 20 and 50 Km, respectively, with their countrymen dominating other positions. At 20, Domingo Colin was second and Gonzales fourth, sandwiching East Germany's Karl-Heinz Stadtmuller. Maurizio Damilano of Italy was fifth. At 50, Pedro Aroche and Enrique Vera made it a 1-2-3 sweep for the Mexicans, with Italy's Paol Grecucci and Soviet Veniamin Soldatenko taking the next two spots. The U.S. rankings saw Neal Pyke on top at 20 and Larry Young at 50. Todd Scully, Dan O'Connor, Tom Dooley followed at 20, and Augie Hirt, O'Connor, Tom Dooley, Bob Rosencrantz at 50. . .John Knifton won the National Postal 1 HOur, covering 8 mi 181 yards, just 24 yards ahead of Tom Dooley. Wayne Glusker also surpassed 8 miles and Larry Walker finished fourth. Ron Kulik won the Masters title with 7 mi 760 and Marco Evoniuk the Junior with 7 miles 399.

5 Years Ago (From the Dec. 1987 ORW)--In the ORW Rankings, Irina Strakhova, USSR, led the women's 10 Km, followed by her copatriot, Olga Krishtop, and

Aussie Kerry Saxby. Maryanne Torrellas, Debbi Lawrence, and Lynn Weik were the top-ranked U.S. women. At 20 Km, Maruizio Damilano, Italy; Josef Pribilinec, Czech., and Jose Marin, Spain led the World rankings, with Tim Lewis, Carl Schueler, and Ray Sharp the top three in the U.S. At 50, the GDR's Hartwig Gauder and Ron Weigel were on top, followed by Vyatcheslav Ivanenko, USSR. Schueler, Marco Evoniuk, and Jim Heiring were atop the U.S. rankings. . .Bob Mimm and Viisha Sedlak were the top U.S. competitors at the World Veteran Games in Melbourne. Viisha won at both 5 (24:51) and 10 Km (52:38) in the Women's 35-39 group, and Bob Mimm won at both 5 (26:42) and 20 (1:49:09) in the 60-64 men's group.

1993 SCHEDULE OF RACE WALK CHAMPIONSHIPS
AND MAJOR INTERNATIONAL RACES

DATE	EVENT, LOCATION, DIVISIONS	RACE CONTACT
FEB 14	US 50K CHAMPIONSHIPS WORLD CUP & CHAMPS TRIALS PALO ALTO, CA SM	RON DANIEL 1289 BALBOA COURT #149 SUNNYVALE, CA 94086 408 743-7228 B/415 964-3580 H
FEB 26	USA MOBIL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS MADISON SQUARE GARDEN NEW YORK, NY SM 5000m, SW 3000m	CHAIRMAN, T & F COMMITTEE USA/MOBIL CHAMPIONSHIPS P. O. BOX 427 CRUGERS, NY 10521 914 271-4252
MAR 12-14	IAAF WORLD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS Selection by Trials	TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA
MAR 20-21	US MASTERS INDOOR T & F CHAMPS BOZEMAN, MT MM, MW 3000m	BOB SAGER 545 COULEE DR BOZEMAN, MT 59715 406 587-1141
MAR 28	NATL INVITATIONAL RACEWALKS WORLD CUP TRIALS WASHINGTON, DC M/W 20K/10K 3K	SAL CORRALLO 3466 ROBERTS LANE NORTH ARLINGTON, VA 22207 703 243-1290 H
APR 24-25	IAAF WORLD RACEWALKING CUP ***Qualifying Standards***	MONTERREY, MEXICO
MAY 16	US 50K CHAMPIONSHIPS MONMOUTH COLLEGE WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ MM, MW	ELLIOTT DENMAN 28 NORTH LOCUST AVE WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ 07764
JUN 15-19	USA/MOBIL OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS UNIV OF OREGON EUGENE, OR SM 20K, SW 10K **QUALIF. STDS**	CHAMPIONSHIPS ORGANIZING COMM P. O. BOX 10825 EUGENE, OR 97440 503 687-1989 FAX 503 687-1016
JUN 26-27	US JUNIOR T&F CHAMPIONSHIPS SPOKANE, WA JM 10K, JW 5K	VERNIE FOXLEY SPOKANE FALLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETICS MS-3070 W 3410 FT. GEORGE WRIGHT DR. SPOKANE, WA 99204-5288 509 459-3644 FAX 509 623-4128

JUL 8-19	WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES Eligibility Standards	BUFFALO, NY
JUL 10	US 10K CHAMPIONSHIPS NIAGARA FALLS, NY SM, MM	DAVID LAWRENCE 94 HARDING AVENUE KENMORE, NY 14217 716 875-6361
JUL 15-17	PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR CHAMPS Selection by Trials	WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA
JUL 23- AUG 1	US OLYMPIC FESTIVAL '93 SAN ANTONIO, TX SM 20K, 50K; SW 10K	DR. PHIL HENSON TRACK OFFICE, ASSEMBLY HALL INDIANA UNIV BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401 812 855-8584 B
AUG 11-14	US MASTERS OUTDOOR T&F CHAMPS PROVO, UT MM, MW 5K; MW 10K; MM 20K	TBA
AUG 14-22	IAAF WORLD TRACK & FIELD CHAMPS Selection by Trials	STUTTGART, GERMANY
AUG 15	US 10K/20K/25K CHAMPIONSHIPS ALBANY, NY JW 10K; SW,MW,JM 20K; SM,MM 25K	BOB RYAN 22 LAKE PLACID COMMONS LAKE PLACID, NY 12946 518 523-2240 H/518 523-3764 B
AUG 21	US 5K/3K CHAMPIONSHIPS ORONO, ME JM 5K; JW 3K	TOM EASTLER RR #1 BOX 1043 FARMINGTON, ME 04938 207 778-6703 FAX 207 778-9648
AUG 29	US 5K CHAMPIONSHIPS DENVER, CO SM, SW	CREIGH KELLEY 8400 E PRENTICE AVE ENGLEWOOD, CO 80111 303 741-3587
SEP 12	US 40K CHAMPIONSHIPS FT. MONMOUTH, NJ SM, MM, MW	ELLIOTT DENMAN 28 LOCUST AVENUE WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ 07764 908 222-9213
SEP 18	US 5K CHAMPIONSHIPS KINGSPORT, TN MM, MW	BOBBY BAKER 318 TWINHILL DR KINGSPORT, TN 37660 615 349-6406
SEP 25-26	CASIMIRO ALONGI INVITATIONAL DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI SM, SW 3K, 5K, 10K, 20K	FRANK ALONGI 26530 WOODSHIRE DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI 48127 313 277-6060
SEP 25-26	US 100K & 100 MILE CHAMPS XENIA, OH SM, MM, MW	JACK BLACKBURN 690 HOME AVENUE XENIA, OH 45385 513 376-8019 513 372-6908
OCT 3	US 1HR/2HR CHAMPIONSHIPS MIT TRACK, CAMBRIDGE, MA SW, JM, JW, MM, MW 1HR/SM 2HR	PHILIP MCGAW 156 BLUE HILL AVE MILTON, MA 02186 617 698-1806
OCT 31	US 30K CHAMPIONSHIPS ATLANTA, GA SM, MM, MW	CAROL SAMS 1513 STONELEIGH CIRCLE STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 30088 404 469-2429