THE OHIO RACEWALKER ANNUAL RANKINGS

Each year since 1971, the Ohio Racewalker has ranked the top men in the world at both 20 and 50 Km, based on their performances throughout the year. We added U.S. rankings a couple of years later. As competitive opportunities for women finally blossomed, we added women's rankings in 1978, first at 5 Km, then at both 5 and 10, and ultimately just at 10 as that became the primary distance.

The rankings are based on your editor's subjective judgment of performance based on competitive record, placings in major races, and collection of times. Following the rankings, which go 10 deep, are lists of the top 50 performers on time at the distance. The lists represent a combined effort of your editor, Bob Bowman, Paul Cajka, and Steve Vaitones, and are still subject to update. So here we go, starting off with the women.

(Note: The times for races in Livorno, Italy on July 10, which you will see in athlete's rankings, are not included in the lists, since the course proved to be short.)

1993 Women's World 10 Km Rankings

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Essayah and Salvador clearly lead the field. They split four races, but Essayah was ahead of Salvador in the two most important contests and easily had the best record of anyone in the two World races. Wan lost any chance of a number one ranking with her disqualification in the World Championships. Of the rest, Saxby would have ranked much higher had she not dropped out sick in the World Championships, having beaten the leaders impressively in the Fana track race.

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42:23t Keny Junna-Saxby, Australia
42:24t Ileana Salvador, Italy
42:26 Yan Wang, China
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43:26 Elisabetta Perrone, Italy
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44:22 Iriana Tolstik, Belarus
44:26 Valentina Tsybulskaya, Russia
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44:34 Natalia Misyulya, Belarus
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44:43 Kathrin Born, Germany
44:44 Liu Caijng, China
44:46 Maria Rebello, Mexico
44:50 Vera Makolova, Russia

1993 U.S. Women's 10 Km Rankings

1. Teresa Vaill
45:27 (1) Wash. DC 3/28
46:04 (2) USA T&F 6/17
46:58 (22) World Champ. 8/14
2. Debbi Lawrence
47:06 (3) Wash. DC 3/28
45:55 (1) USA T&F 6/17
51:45 (37) World Cup 4/24
47:55 (1) Palo Alto 5/23
49:22 (6) USA T&F 6/17
49:05 (3) Oly Fest.
3. Debbie VanOrden
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Lawrence won the National title, but Vaill beat her decisively in their other two meetings and had the faster time. Although Standley beat in two out of three races, Van Orden finished her season with two outstanding races at the Olympic Festival and the Alongi Invitational and gets the nod for third. Brubaker beat Yarbrough twice, including at the Nationals and gets fifth place. The others fall in place off their records against each other and finished in major races.

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Massana with his second and first place finishes in the two biggest races is an obvious choice for first. Garcia beat Massana for the World Cup title but was DQ'd in the World Championship. He was impressive enough otherwise, though, to hold onto second place. deBenedictis pulled out the third spot with his strong race at the World Championships, just nailing out Plaza, who had beaten him by one place in the World Cup race. Schennikov, after a so-so World Cup race beat strong fields twice in fast times, but was then DQ'd in the World Championship, costing him a higher ranking. Cruz, third in the World Cup, disappeared at the end of the season and can rank no higher than sixth. Much the same story for Korzeniowski. Ihly and Kollar had good races at both of the big ones, but were well beaten by those above in one or both of those races. Segura splits them off his strong races in Prague and Eschborn.

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One and two seem quite straightforward. Though Matthews had the faster time, James beat him in two out of three races, including the National title race. After that, everyone has a spotty record and the rankings were as difficult as they have even been. I finally placed Fournier and Nelson in the next two slots off their finish in the National race. Chylinski's impressive in D.C., despite his later disqualification at the Nationals, earn him fifth. Morgan is clearly ahead of Whatley, having beaten him twice, and having wrapped up his season with a very good race at the Alongi Invitational. Whatley gets the next spot off his impressive early season races, though Clausen beat him twice later. Fisher gets ninth off a good race in D.C. and his finish at the Nationals. McGovern's strong race in D.C. puts him just ahead of Rob Cole for the final slot. Cole was well back in the D.C. race, but got eight in the National and a 10th in the World University Games.

1994 U.S. 20 Km List

1. Allen James
   1:24:56
   USA T&F 6/18
2. Jonathan Matthews
   1:26:42
   USA T&F 6/18
3. Ian Whatley
   1:28:04
   Houston 3/14
4. Andrzej Chylinski
   1:28:58
   World Cup 4/25
5. Cary Morgan
   1:29:31
   USA T&F 6/18
6. Dave McGovern
   1:30:00
   USA T&F 6/18
7. Curt Clausen
   1:30:19
   Wash. DC 3/28
8. Curtis Fisher
   1:30:47
   USA T&F 6/18
9. Dave Marchese
   1:31:42
   Wash. DC 3/28
10. Gary Morgan
    1:32:21
    Wash. DC 3/28

1994 World 50 Km Rankings

1. Jesus Garcia
   3:48:06
   World Cup 2/14
2. Valentin Kononen
   3:52:44
   World Cup 4/25
3. Carlos Mercenario
   3:52:55
   World Cup 4/25
4. Valentin Massana
   3:53:23
   World Cup 4/25
5. Tim Berrett
   3:54:01
   World Cup 4/25
6. German Sanchez, Mexico
3:54:15 (3) World Cup 4/25
4:01:06 (2) Podebrady 6/5
3:54:07 (12) World Champ. 8/21

7. Valeriy Spitsin, Russia
4:08:53 (23) World Cup 4/25
3:59:12 (4) Rus. Champ. 6/5
3:42:50 (3) World Champ. 6/5

8. Rene Piller, France
4:02:33 (12) World Cup 4/25
3:48:57 (6) World Champ. 8/21
3:52:44 (3) French Champ. 9/24

9. Miguel Rodriquez, Mexico
3:54:22 (4) World Cup 4/25
4:06:10 (3) Podebrady 6/5
DQ World Champ. 8/21

10. Basilio Labrador, Spain
3:52:44 (4) Span. Champ. 2/14
4:04:35 (15) World Cup 4/25
3:46:46 (5) World Champ. 8/21

Garcia clinched the number one ranking with his impressive win in the World Championships, following a second in the World Cup and a win in the Russian championship race. Kononen, with a brilliant race at the World Championships, ranks ahead of World Cup winner Mercenario, who faltered badly in the second big one. Massana had only one race, concentrating on 20 Km, but he convincingly beat Garcia in that one and earns the fourth spot. Of the rest, Berrett was the only to place high in the two World races. Sanchez and Spitsin traded thirds in the two races, but the Mexican had a much higher finish in the other. Piller's 6th in the World Championship earns him the eighth spot ahead of Rodriquez, fourth in the World Cup but then DQ'd in the World Championship. Labrador beat Piller in the World Championship, but was further back in the Cup. Strong contenders for a spot were Jean-Claude Corre, France, ninth and tenth in the two World races; Axel Noack, Germany, who was fourth in the World Championship, but only 25th in the Cup; Simon Baker, Australia, who finished 7th and 14th in the two big races; and Thierry Toutain who won the French Championship in 3:47:38 in his only race.

1994 World 50 Km List

3:41:41 Jesus Carcia, Spain
3:42:02 Valentin Kononen, Finland
3:42:50 Valery Spitsin, Russia
3:46:11 Valeriy Spitsin, Russia
3:46:46 Basilio Labrador, Spain
3:47:38 Thierry Toutain, France
3:48:57 Rene Piller, France
3:49:17 Li Mingcal, China
3:50:23 Tim Berrett, Canada
3:50:28 Carlo Mercenario, Mexico
3:51:44 Vitaliy Popovich, Ukraine
3:51:51 Jean-Claude Corre, France
3:51:54 Giuseppe DeGaetano, Italy

3:52:33 Daniel Plaza, Spain
3:52:46 Hartwig Gauder, Germany
3:52:48 Andres Marin, Spain
3:52:50 Sergey Korepanov, Kaz.
3:53:41 Vikor Chinko, Belarus
3:54:07 German Sanchez, Mexico
3:54:22 Miguel Rodriguez, Mexico
3:54:30 Giovanni Perricelli, Italy
3:55:08 Jin Guoqiong, China
3:55:15 Massimo Quincioni, Italy
3:55:27 Bruno Penicchio, Italy
3:55:58 Vladimir Sojka, Ukraine
3:56:06 Volkmar Scholz, Germany
3:56:17 Fumio Imamura, Japan

1994 U.S. 50 Km Rankings

1. Jonathan Matthews
4:01:36 (1) USA T&F 2/14
4:02:52 (19) World Champ. 8/21

2. Herman Nelson
4:09:49 (2) USA T&F 2/14
27:44 (51) World Cup 4/24

3. Andrzej Chyliński
4:14:13 (3) USA T&F 2/14
4:17:36 (38) World Cup 4/24
4:19:48 (1) Oly Fest.
4:21:08 (31) World Champ. 8/21

4. Paul Wick
4:16:48 (4) USA T&F 2/14

5. Dave Marchese
4:22:21 (5) USA T&F 2/14
4:31:43 (57) World Cup 4/24
4:33:41 (3) Oly Fest.

6. Dan O’Connor
4:27:02 (2) USA T&F 2/14
4:37:19 (66) World Cup 4/24
4:45:40 (4) Oly Fest.

7. Mark Manning
4:28:34 (7) USA T&F 2/14

8. Rob Cole
4:30:48 (8) USA T&F 2/14
4:45:40 (4) Oly Fest.

9. Cliff Mimm
4:31:57 (9) USA T&F 2/14

10. Steve Vaitones
4:46:18 (10) USA T&F 2/14

The rankings are based purely on finishes in the national title race. Nothing that happened later gave reason to do anything else.

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4:46:18 Steve Vaitones
4:52:56 Phil Dunn
4:54:25 Andrew Hermann
4:56:43 Mike Devitt
5:00:25 Shabar Khmedallah
5:05:56 Michael Korol
5:07:21 Bob Briggs
A FEW RESULTS

2. Bob Ullman 56:22 (1st 45-49) 3. Joe Light 58:49 (1st 50-54)
7:09.52 3. Martine Rainville 8:08.70 Indoor 3 Km, West Point, N.Y., Dec. 18--1.
1 Mile, same place---1. Gary Null 7:10.2 (1st over 50) 2. Leo Rivera 9:17.3 1.
Mel Schultz (61) 1:44:20 18. Gwen Drenick (40) 1:44:25 (36 finishers, 6 DQs)
JANUARY 1994

Sat. March 26
5 Km, Ada, Michigan (Y)
National Invitational Men's 20, Women's 10 Km, Washington (S)
50 Mile, Columbus, Ohio (F)
Elite 20 Km and 10 Km, Kenosha, Wisconsin (W)

Sun. Mar. 27
Sat. April 2

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Sat. April 2

For information on Dave McGovern's April racewalking camp in Texas, which we
mentioned last month, you can call Dave at 804-295-6586 for information. The number
we gave last month is for the Healing Springs Ranch, and you're likely to get better
information by talking to Dave himself. The American Racewalk Association's annual
training camp is in Boulder Colorado from May 26 through 30. Contact the Director,
Visha Sedlink, at 303-447-0156 for more information. Well, there has been
considerably more comment on the run-alarm shoe and judging matters in general, but
we'll save it for next issue since this is filling up fast. However, you see a picture of a shoe
rigged with the alarm on page 15. Subscriber Sam Meerkreebs is the poet laureate of
looking back

25 Years Ago (From the January 1969 ORW) The Ohio Racewalker boldly predicted that
sometime before the year 2000, race walking would get more play during actual sports
programming time that In the commercials. (I guess that has probably happened.) During
1968, we had seen a lot more walking during the Winter Olympics (on various
networks) than we did In coverage of the Summer Olympics. Larry Young won an
Indoor 1 Mile in LA with a 6:41. Jim Hanley took a San Francisco race in 6:53, and Dave
Romansky turned In times of 6:31 and 6:28 in separate East Coast races

20 Years Ago (From the January 1974 ORW) John Knifton edged Ron Daniel with a
13:59.6 in the ME AAEU 2 Mile and Ron Kuhk won a 1 Mile from Dan O' Connor In 6:46.

15 Years Ago (From the January 1979 ORW) The National 1 Hour Postal Race was won by
Neal Pyke with an American record performance of 8 miles 1021 yards. Todd Scully was
not far back, covering 8 miles 807 yards. Larry Walker went beyond 8 1/4 miles In third,
and Wayne Clusker, Tom Dooley, John Knifton, Dave Romansky, Dan O'Connor,
and Bob Henderson also passed 8 miles In the hour. Chris Shea was the women's winner
with 7 mi 133 yards. Scully broke the American 1500 Meter record while winning the
Olympic Invitational in 5:40, the third year In a row he had bettered the record.

10 Years Ago (From the January 1984 ORW) Canada's Guillaume Leblanc, ranked number
10 in the world In 1983, got the new year off to a fast start with a 1:26:12 20 Km effort In
Santa Monica. Dan O'Connor was just a second behind at the finish, and Marco Evoniuk
did 1:26:59. Vincent O'Sullivan was fourth In 1:31:43.
1994 U.S. Junior Women's 5 Km List
24:05 Debbie Iden
24:16 Susan Armenta
24:20 Lisa Chumbley
24:30 Melissa Baker
25:06 Danielle Kirk
25:16 Debbie Scott
25:30 Roselle Safran
26:46 Ann Lankowicz
26:55 Margaret Ditchburn
27:07 Tara Shea
27:07 Jennifer Parlgo
27:15 Aimée Parson
27:48 Debra Carter
27:51 Bobbi Jo Kukan
27:58 Alison Zabrenski
28:02 Jen Ann Grego
28:11 Virginal Jones
28:25 Monica Rutledge
28:34 Becky Parson
28:48 Kim Lando
28:56 Valerie Chan
29:01 Erin taylor
29:14 Adrienne Corker
29:32 Laurie Starr
29:34 Jaqueline Campos
29:39 Jennifer VanAxen
29:50 Susi Coan
30:00 Corrine Colling

1993 U.S. Junior Men's 10 Km List
43:16 William VanAxen
45:34 Kevin Eastler
46:31 Justin Marrugo
48:24 Adam Mendonca
49:53 William Jesse Leggett
50:31 Mike Hersey
51:05 Joseph Sheppard
51:06 Chad Eder
51:08 Al Heppner
51:16 Wayne Meeks
52:01 Steve harvey
53:58 Ralph D'Amato
54:37 Luis Rodriguez
56:10 Sean Albert
56:12 Brian Colby
56:24 Giaccamo Meeks
57:05 Brian Rossi
58:50 Brandon Perry
62:42 Phillip Harty

Lists compiled by Papul Cajka

Here it is—the run-alarm shoe. Photo taken at the Las Vegas demonstration of the shoe and provided by Stella Cashman.

Following last fall's National 30 Km in, women's winner Lynda Brubaker (right) and runnerup Cheryl Rellinger pose for the camera. (Sportsfoto by John Allen)