Clausen, Others Do Well in Post-Cup Races

Following the World Cup races on April 19-20 in Prague, U.S. walkers Curt Clausen, Tim Seaman, Philip Dunn, and Dana Yarbrough, moved on to Warsaw with their coach, Bohdan Bulakowski. They stayed there for training until the Grand Prix race in Eisenhuttenstadt, Germany on May 10. While in Poland, they competed in a 10 Km race, and were even able to spend a training day in Spata, Poland with some members of the Mexican team a few days before that race.

Curt Clausen, who led U.S. walkers with his 1:24:41 in the World Cup 20 Km, continued to do well. He won the 10 Km race in a personal best 40:47, with Tim Seaman second in 41:14, also a personal best, perhaps soothing some of his disappointment with an off-day at the World Cup. The Polish walker in fourth had been seven places and 40 seconds ahead of Curt in the World Cup race and asked why the U.S. walkers were so much faster on this day. Curt says, "Excellent training no doubt is to blame." The Pole in third has a 20 Km best of 1:23+, although he did not compete in Prague, so it was a good win for the U.S. duo. Dana Yarbrough won the women’s race with her fastest 10 Km time of the year.

In the Grand Prix 20 Km, Clausen again led the U.S. contingent with a 1:25:32 for 16th place, completing a fine three weeks of training and competing in Europe. The warm, humid weather didn’t help the walkers, but nonetheless, Mexico’s World Cup silver medalist, Daniel Garcia, won in a swift 1:18:59. Revelation of the race was Tunisia’s Hatem Ghoula in second, just 3 seconds behind and challenging Garcia all the way. He pulled easily away from Yevgeniy Misyula, sixth in the World Cup, in the final 5 Km. World Cup bronze medalist, Ilya Markov, could manage only fifth in this race. Ghoula had a best of 1:21:45 last year. For the U.S., Dunn had a 1:28:22 and Seaman, suffering from a flu bug, had to call it a day at 15 Km (1:05:44).

It was cooler for the women’s 10 Km, conducted earlier, but training heavily for the first 15 minutes of the race, creating a lot of puddles on the course. Victoria Herazo joined Yarbrough for this race, and the pair had a race-long duel with Canada’s Tina Poitras, who finally pulled away from the other two at the end, as they finished 17th, 18th, and 19th, all under 46 minutes. The race was won by Larisa Khmelnytskaya who improved her seventh place World Cup performance by 50 seconds with a 41:56.

Victoria returned to Europe for a third time in just over a month to compete in the Naumburg, Germany 10 Km on May 25. Between the two German races, she flew from Atlanta to Elk Grove, Illinois for the National 15 Km (see below). Lots of frequent flyer miles for Victoria. In Naumburg, on another warm, humid day, she finished 27th in a very strong field with a 46:37. Results of races at the three sites.


Women’s 10 Km, same place--1. Dana Yarbrough, U.S. 46:24 2. Andula Agnieszka 49:10
Heppner to Morgan more than once, with Herazo dropping off the pace. The race was contested with a slight cross wind and a temperature in the high 70s. After Rohl dropped back, an exciting finish saw Heppner winning in 1:08:07 with Morgan just 5 seconds back. Morgan, however, was DQ'd and Rohl moved up to second in 1:09:58. The rest of the field was primarily masters, with Mike DeWitt winning that division in 1:17:27, not far ahead of Jim Carmine, 7 years his senior. Most impressive was 65-year-old Max Green in 1:25:38, sixth overall in the master's division.

Herazo had an easy time winning the women's race in 1:15:51, as her only competitor in the senior race fell to finish. Again, most of the women were in the Master's division with Sandra DeNoon leading the way in 1:31:29, just a minute ahead of 58-year-old Elton Richardson, who was impressive as always.

Heppner captured his second title at the distance, having won in 1995 with a 1:12:07 effort. Herazo was winning her fifth 15 Km title and holds the American road record at 1:11:13.

Results:
- **Men's 15 Km**:
  - 1st: Gary Morgan
  - 2nd: Michael Rohl
  - 3rd: Douglass Johnson
- **Women's 15 Km**: 1st: Sandra DeNoon

Other Results:
- **5K**: New York City, March 16:
  - 1st: Sean Albert
  - 2nd: Elliott Taub
  - 3rd: Gary Null

Heppner, Herazo Win 15 Km Titles

Elk Grove, Illinois, May 18—At 8 on this Sunday morning at Northwest Point Park, a group of senior, and master's walkers, both male and female, toed the line for the start of the 1997 USAT&F National 15 Km Championships. A shrill blast of a whistle sent the large contingent "off and walking." Gary Morgan, Mike Rohl, Al Heppner, and Victoria Herazo broke out to dominate the first mile and form the leading pack. During the first 2 kilometer loop, on a paved course with slight hills, complete with ponds, fountains, and geese, the lead changed from Rohl to

**Women's 10 Km, Eisenhuttenstadt, Germany, May 10**
- 1st: Larisa Kmelnitskaya, Belarus (41:56)
  - 2nd: Elena Gruzynova, Russia (42:15)
  - 3rd: Valentina Tsibilyakova, Belarus (42:21)

**Men's 10 Km, Eisenhuttenstadt, Germany, May 10**
- 1st: DJ Rohl, USA (42:40)
  - 2nd: Gabriele Herold, Germany (42:46)
  - 3rd: Szymon Chmiel, Poland (42:47)

**Women's 5 Km, Naumburg, Germany, May 25**
- 1st: Anna Wang, China (26:52)
  - 2nd: Yelena Saiko, Belarus (26:55)
  - 3rd: Susan D'Onofrio, USA (26:59)

**Men's 5 Km, Naumburg, Germany, May 25**
- 1st: John Nunn, USA (26:11)
  - 2nd: Scott McQuire, USA (26:24)
  - 3rd: Dave Michelli, USA (26:53)

**Penn Relays 10 Km, Philadelphia, April 19**
- 1st: Al Heppner, U.W. Parkside (23:05)
  - 2nd: John Soudack, SUNY Albany (23:28)
  - 3rd: Michael Bird, University of Wisconsin (23:30)

**Penn Relays Women's 5 Km**: 1st: Victoria Herazo, Walking Club of Georgia (22:49)
  - 2nd: Danielle Kirk, U.W. Parkside (23:18)
  - 3rd: Margaret Ditchburn, U.W. Parkside (24:00)

**Masters's Men**: 40-44-1. Bill Reed (44)
  - 2nd: Jonathan Udesky (41)
  - 3rd: Steve Vaitones (51)

**Masters's Women**: 40-44-1. Sandra DeNoon (41)
  - 2nd: Dorothy Johnson (40)
  - 3rd: Margaret Ditchburn (40)

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**USATF National Women's 10 Km**
- 8 am (DD)
- 5 km, Hetheron, Ill. (S)
- 5 km, Atlanta (D)
- 5 km, Denver, 8:30 am (H)
- 10 km, Longmont, Col., 8 am (H)
- Masters 5 km, Los Alamos, N.M. (R)

**USATF National Men's 20 KM**
- 7:30 am (DD)
- 5 and 10 km, Dearborn, Mich. (Z)
- New Mexico 5 Km Champ., Albuquerque (W)

**Mon. June 9**
- 1500 meters, St. Louis (CC)
- 5 km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)

**Fri. June 13**
- 5 km, Fremont, Wash., 7 pm (C)

**Sat. June 14**
- USATF National Women's 10 Km, Indianapolis, 8 am (DD)
- 5 km, Hetheron, Ill. (S)
- 5 km, Atlanta (D)
- 5 km, Denver, 8:30 am (H)
- 10 km, Longmont, Col., 8 am (H)
- Masters 5 km, Los Alamos, N.M. (R)

**Sun. June 15**
- USATF National Men's 20 KM, Indianapolis, 7:30 am (DD)
- 5 and 10 km, Dearborn, Mich. (Z)
- New Mexico 5 Km Champ., Albuquerque (W)

**Mon. June 16**
- 5 km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
- 3 km, St. Louis (CC)

**Wed. June 18**
- Women's 1 Mile, Holmden, N.J. (A)

**Sat. June 21**
- USATF National Junior 5 Km and 10 Km, Dayton, Ohio (DD)
- Empire Games 5 and 10 Km Qualifiers, Kings Point, Long Island (F)
- 10 km, Chicago (S)
- 5 and 10 km, Pasadena, 5:30 pm (B)
- 1 hour, Marin, Cal., 7:30 am (P)

**Mon. June 22**
- 5 km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)

**Sun. June 22**
- USATF National Junior and Women's 20 Km, Men's 30 Km, Albany, N.Y. (EE)
- Colorado State Games 5 km, Denver, 7:30 am (H)
- 1 hour, Marin, Cal., 7:30 am (P)
- 5 km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
- 5 km, St. Louis (CC)

**Sat. June 28**
- Michigan 5 Km Championship, Charlevaux (Z)
- 3 km, Medford, Mass., 5 pm (N)
- 5 km, Eugene, Ore. (C)
- 5 km, Lakewood, Col., 8 am (H)
- 5 km, Chicago (S)
- 5 and 10 km, Dearborn, Mich. (Z)
- West Regional Master's 1 Mile Champ., Sacramento, Cal. (E)

**Mon. June 30**
- 5 km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
- 5 km, St. Louis (S)

**July 2-6**
- USATF National Youth Championships, Orlando, Fla. (DD)
- 5 km, Champaign, Ill. (S)
- 3 mile, Redwood City, Cal. (AA)
- 5 km, Evergreen, Col., 8 am (H)
- 8 km, Denver, Col., 8:30 am (H)

**Sun. July 6**
- 5 km, Marin, Cal., 8 am (P)
- 1500 Meters, Fitchburg, Mass., 11 am (N)

**Mon. July 7**
- 5 km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
- 1600 Meters, St. Louis (CC)

**Sat. July 12**
- Eastern Regional Masters 5 km, Orono, Maine (N)
- USATF National 10 Km (Road), Niagara Falls, N.Y. (G)
- 3.3 miles, Seattle, 8:15 am (C)
- 5 km, Denver, 8 am (H)

**Sun. July 13**
- 8 km, Shakamak State Park, Indiana (V)
- 5 and 10 km, Dearborn, Michigan (Z)

**Mon. July 14**
- 5 km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
- 1500 meters, St. Louis (CC)

**Wed. July 16**
- 3 km, Hammond Highland, Indiana (V)
- 1500 meters, Cedarville, Ohio (M)

**Sat. July 19**
- 5 km, Seattle (C)
- 3 km, Cambridge, Mass., 9 am (N)
- 5 km, Denver (H)

**Sun. July 20**
- 5 km, Marin, Cal. (P)
- 5 km, Ft. Collins, Col., 8 am (H)

**Mon. July 21**
- 5 km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)

**Thu. July 24**
- 5 km, Denver, 6 pm (H)

**Sat. July 26**
- 5 km, Atlanta (D)
- 5 km, Indianapolis, Indiana (V)
- 15 Mile Endurance Walk, 5 mile fitness walk, 50 Mile Walk Relay, Portland, Ore. (C)

**Sun. July 27**
- 5 and 10 km, Dearborn, Mich. (Z)
- Doc Trip 5 and 10 km, Bloomfield, Col., 8 am (H)

**Mon. July 28**
- 5 km, Long Branch, N.J. (A)
A--Elliott Denman, 28 N. Locust, West Long Branch, NY 07764
B--Elaine Ward, 1000 San Pasqual #35, Pasadena, CA 91106
C--Bev LaVeeck, 6633 N.E. Windemere Road, Seattle, WA 98115
D--Walking Club of Georgia, 4920 Roswell Rd., Box 118, Atlanta, GA 30342
E--Sierra Race Walkers, P.O. Box 13203, Sacramento, CA 95813
F--Park Racewalkers, 320 East 83rd St., Box 18, New York, NY 10028
G--Dave Lawrence, 94 Harding Avenue, Kenmore, NY 13217
H--Bob Carlson, 2261 Glencoe St., Denver, CO 80207
I--Steve Hans, 99 Almaden Blvd., Suite 975, San Jose, CA 95113
J--Sal Corrallo, 3515 State Mills Road, Sperryville, VA 22740
K--Rosalba, 6633 N.E. Windemere Road, Seattle, WA 98115
L--Steve Vaitones, USATF-NE, P.O. Box 1905, Brookline, MA 02146
M--Frank Soby, 3907 Bishop, Detroit, MI 48843
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O--Frank Soby, 3907 Bishop, Detroit, MI 48824
P--Jack Hay, Marin Racewalkers, P.O. Box 21, Kentfield, CA 94907
Q--Florida Athletic Club, 3250 Lakeview Blvd., Delray Beach, FL 33445
R--Ron Daniel, 1289 Balboa Court, Apt. 149, Sunnyvale, CA 94086
S--Dieter Wohlfahrt, Initials B. Wohlfahrt, Chicago, IL 60614
T--Columbia, T.C. P.O. Box 1872, Columbia, MO 65205
V--Pat Walker, 3537 State Rd. 135, Greenwood, IN 46143
W--New Mexico Racewalker, P.O. Box 6301, Albuquerque, NM 87197
X--New Orleans TC, P.O. Box 52003, New Orleans, LA 70152
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Z--Ross Harr COUNT, 3235 Musson Road, Howell, MI 48843
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BB--Peggy Plonka, 1000 Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101
CC--Virginia Mullane, 11975 Gist Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044
DD--USAAT&F, P.O. Box 120, Indianapolis, IN 46206
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FF--Suzanne Rous, 3534 Yonge Street, Unit 104, North York, Ont. M2N 6V1, Can.

FROM HEEL TO TOE

Harry Siitonen translated the following from the April 30, 1997 issue of the Finnish-American weekly newspaper Raivaja (Pioneer): "Leo Sjögren was born in Helsinki, Finland on April 3, 1914. He died in Los Angeles on February 21, 1997. Sjögren was a merchant seaman with many interests, with athletics above everything else. Many Finnish track and field athletes remember Sjögren fondly. His home in California was always open to Finnish athletes and he kept in touch with many American athletes. As a seaman on a Finnish merchant ship, he was interned in New York. (Finland was a World War II military ally of Germany)--HS) But, because of his work skills, he was released and thus became an American. Leo Sjögren also had a good friend. He kept in touch with Paavo Saira in Finland, also a racewalker and an artist who created colorful paintings. (The late Paavo Saira of Helsinki was Finland.'s top mid-twentieth racewalker, a predecessor to Reima Salonen, and, now, Valentin Kononen.--HS) Paavo Nurmi was also a good friend. In May 1997, Paavo Nurmi was also a good friend. On two occasions, Leo Sjögren represented the USA in the Olympics at 50 Km--at Helsinki in 1952 and at Melbourne in 1956. (Ed. Leo won nine national titles during his career--all at an age when he should have passed his peak. He won the 50 for four years in a row, starting in 1952 when he was 35. He also won three titles at 35 Km (1954, 1955, and 1956) and two at 50 (1954 and 1955). His final 50 Km title in 1955 was in 4:30.57, a time not exceeded in a national until Larry Young did 4:12.12 in 1968, but the course was suspect and that time was never accepted for inclusion on all-time lists. Leo opened his home not only to Finnish athletes, but to U.S. racewalkers. I traveled to L.A. in 1962 for the National 30 Km and accepted Leo's gracious hospitality, as did Ron Laid and John Allen, who had traveled across the country, all of us looking for an easy ride. That was my first exposure to a sauna, naturally a part of Leo's dwelling. I hadn't heard anything of Leo for some time until this notice of his death and don't know if he still had any contact with the racewalking community in Los Angeles. If not, it was his loss, for here was a fine man.).. Speaking of 50 Km titles, a distinct honor has come to 1970 winner John Knifkin. John was voted the 1998 Paul Rylander Award of the Organic Reaction Catalysis Society for his many contributions in synthesis gas chemistry as well as in the synthesis of organic chemicals via homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis" (with) "many scientific publications, patents, and commercialized processes." The official presentation is in March, 1998 in New Orleans. John who competed for the New York AC, has lived in Austin, Texas for many years and still competes successfully in local races on occasion. He was on U.S. World Cup teams in 1970, 1973, and 1975 (the latter at 20 Km), finishing 14th in 1975 with his best-ever 50 of 4:16.49. He won a total of 14 national titles at distances from 10 to 50 Km... A note from IAAF Chairman Bob Bowman informs us that the team scores for the World Cup races have been further corrected. Bob explains: "The scorers neglected to ignore those finishe rs whose team did not start. Three walkers. They gave them points (e.g., Perez of Ecuador), but then ignored them as a team. That is why I originally tallied the missing teams' points. However, we now feel that, according to the World Cup Regulations, only teams that start at least three in a race can count in the team results. This is the first time individuals were allowed to enter and the computer system wasn't fully adjusted accordingly. It didn't affect the final standings much--only the points per team." With that in mind, we won't bother to print the latest and official team standings. We will just tell that you have in last month's issue is somewhat correct... Here is a nice kudo for our parent sport, track and field, from the May 12 edition of Soccer America. If you are familiar with soccer, you will know the name Johan Cruyff, legendary Dutch star of the '70s and early '80s, now a highly respected coach. In describing how a player must show something special beyond being just good to raise his goosebumps, Cruyff notes: "Edwin Moses is a great example. To win more than a hundred consecutive races is a real achievement. Because when you win that many, it probably becomes a bit of a habit. What made Moses special, though, was not just winning, but setting a world record on a Wednesday and then breaking it the following Sunday." It's always nice to see the superstars of one sport recognizing, and even more, truly respecting, the accomplishments of athletes in other sports. Do you suppose Edwin Moses knows who Johan Cruyff is? Maybe I should ask how many of our readers know who Edwin Moses is. I guess walkers aren't always attuned to other athletes either... In his New Chairman's Report USATF Racewalk Committee Chairman Rich Torres revealed in his concluding remarks: "It will be the philosophy of this administration to raise the level of knowledge of the personal coach of the athlete and that athlete will rise in ability. It is a proven philosophy that may generate the coaches we need to expand the event throughout the nation... It is time to put our best foot forward and send our best teams and the next in line." Our past qualifying system was a holdover from a time when nations sent full teams regardless of the quality of the competitor. We had been one of the few nations without qualifying standards. Time has proven to be a motivator in the past and will be so once again if a full team is to be fielded. With international competitions a continued interest among our athletes, we will continue in the role of meet contact. It not only follows proper protocol but also...
facilitates athlete entry, pick-up and housing of our athletes. Both the meet director and athlete have found this process successful and, thus, will be the one followed. Any elite athletes who intend to compete abroad should contact me at least four to eight weeks prior to the competition. The more time the meet director has, the better." ... From a report by Tom Eastler, updating a Maine high school racewalk demonstration program: "In the first two years of this program, the 1600 meter racewalk was contested only at the local and regional levels as a demonstration event; in this, the final year of the demonstration, the event will be contested at all levels, including the state meets. During the first two years of the non-scoring event, videotapes of racewalk events were delivered or mailed to nearly all of the high schools in the state. Clinics were held around the state to demonstrate how to coach the event, and how to officiate. It was found that combining both boys and girls in the same race, and contesting that event as the first event of the meet (while hurdles were set up) added almost no time to the meet, thereby bypassing the common complaint that new events add more time to an already overloaded schedule of events. The judges for each race were taken from the finish line timers, who, in general, appreciated the additional responsibility, and who turned out to be excellent judges. The timers, who usually represent each of the schools competing, looked for blatant infractions, and gave the benefit of any doubt as to legality to the athlete. In March, Michelle and Mike Goetz were brought to Maine, with assistance from both the National and State Racewalk committees, to address the annual meeting of the Maine Track and Cross-Country Coaches Association. The three-day meeting centered around clinics in running, jumping, throwing, and racewalking. Michelle and Mike met informally with the coaches on Friday night, and presented a fabulous clinic on Saturday afternoon. About 45 coaches attended the clinic and were captivated for an hour while the two traded speaking and demonstrating back and forth in a most effective way. They had prepared themselves with knowledge of the Maine high school track and field program, related what they were doing to running and to field events, explained what type of athlete makes a great walker, and generally won the audience in a most favorable way. What a team!!! I was deeply moved by how well they did, and how well they were received. Compliments still keep coming about that clinic, as well as requests for mini-clinics to be held in several parts of the state. An additional 40 videotapes and books were given out at the clinic." Tom reports that a subsequent poll of coaches regard addition of the walk to the program got over 100 replies from 380 letters sent out, with a 72 percent yes vote. An actual vote of the association is to be held in June. ... Apologies for being a few days late with this, but you were warned. Also note that I am four pages short of the usual size, but you were warned.

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30 Years Ago (From the May 1967 ORW)--Ignoring the relentless sun and boiling blacktop of the McKeep, Pa. Eastland Shopping Plaza, Ron Laird scored an easy National 20 Km win in 1:38:41. Fast-improving Larry Young was a distant second in 1:42:10, but still 3 minutes ahead of Tom Dooley and Larry Walker, and 6 ahead of one Jack Mortland, who edged Steve Hayden for third. ... Three days later, Laird found cooler weather in Chicago and captured the Zinn Memorial 10 Km, a track race, in 44:49. Dooley (47:32) and Mortland (47:50) followed. ... Laird also picked up the National title at 35 Km, a very productive month. ... Shaul Ladany set his annual American record at 50 miles with an 8:11:41 in New Jersey. Race director Elliott Danner was second in 9:11:05. ... Jack Blackburn toyed with Jack Mortland for three laps of the Ohio AAU 2 Mile, and then scored an easy win, 14:26 to 14:47.

25 Years Ago (From the May 1972 ORW)--Larry Young topped the news with an American record 20 Km on the track in Columbus, Missouri and a win in the Western Hemisphere 20 Km In Sharron, Pa. Young had 1:30:10 in the Columbus race. At Sharon six days later, he had no trouble winning in 1:31:39 on a tough, and maybe slightly long course. Ron Daniel was second in 1:37:18, followed by Floyd Godwin, and Canadians Marcel Jobin and Pat Farrelly. Steve Hayden covered the same course in 1:41:22 to win a preliminary race from Karl Messchert (Can.), Jack Mortland, and Alex Lackey (Can.). ... Daniel won the Seaside Heights 10 mile in 1:14:51, nearly 3 minutes ahead of Dave Romansky, but Dave turned the tables in the Martin Luther King Games 1 mile to win in 6:20.5. ... Dooley did 2:29:34 for 30 Km on the track and Todd Scully had a 4:32:25 for 50 Km. ... Dooley and Bob Kitchen finished together in 1:31:52 for a track 20 Km and Goetz Klopfer had 4:27:28 for 50 Km on the track.

15 Years Ago (From the May 1982 ORW)--Jim Heiring and Marco Enovnik finished fourth and fifth in an International 20 Km in Bergen, Norway, just inches apart, and were given the same time, an American record 1:25:59. Soviet Yevgeniy Yseykov won the track race in 1:23:20. ... Dan O'Connor won the National 50 Km in 4:22:22, with Vincent O'Sullivan second and the Ohio Track Club's Chris Knotts third in 4:35. ... Sue Cook walked a World record 5 Km of 22:45:6 in Australia and also had a world best for 10 Km--47:13, but that was not acceptable since it was done in a men's race.

10 Years Ago (From the May 1987 ORW)--The World Cup of Racewalking came to the U.S. for the first time and the Soviets dominated the Central Park, New York City races, taking both the men's and women's titles. At 50 Km, East Germany's Ronald Weigel blitzed the final 5 km in 20:56 to drop teammate Hartwig Gauder and win in 3:42:26. Gauder was 26 seconds back and the third German, Dietmar Meisch, just 22 seconds behind him. The Soviets took the next four spots, not far behind, to stay in contention for the team title. Mexico's Carlos Mercenario, just 20 years old, was a surprise at 20 in 1:19:24, coming from 17 seconds behind teammate Ernesto Canto on the final 5. Canto faded to fifth, and a 3-3-9 finish by the Soviets, with no Germans in sight, sewed up the team title, with Italy taking second. The U.S. was ninth, led by Tim Lewis, who finished 13th in the 20 with a 1:22:27. The Soviet women took 1-2-3 for an easy team title at 10 Km, but only with the help of three DQs on the Chinese team. Olga Kristop was the winner in 43:22, 13 seconds ahead of Irina Strakhova. Maryanne Torrellas finished 16th in 46:28, and Teresa Veil 20th in 46:50 as the U.S. women came in sixth in the team race.

LOOKING BACK

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