

Millrose Crown To Clausen

New York City, Feb. 2 --The Indoor racewalking circuit aint what it was in days past (and some are thankful for that). But the venerable Millrose Games in Madison Square Garden carries on the tradition of 1 Mile racewalks on the boards. Most of the great names in racewalking competed here (or at the old MSG) at some time.

In this year's edition, two-time Olympic 50 Km competitor Curt Clausen showed the speedy side of his technique to recapture a crown he won three years ago. He even went a second faster this time, winning in 5:53.05, two seconds ahead of Al Heppner. However, fast as that time may seem to some of us, there was no threat on this night to Tim Lewis' American record of 5:33.53 set 13 years ago.

Clausen led the 11-lap race from the start, but was challenged by Mike Rohl, Sean Albert, and Heppner over the first four laps. Clausen then began to pull away and Heppner sprinted past Albert and Rohl to try and close the gap Clausen had already opened. It took him four laps, but Al pulled right behind Curt with three laps to go. Then another burst by Clausen put him 2 seconds clear, which he was able to hold through the tape, despite Heppner's best efforts. Albert passed a fading Rohl for third, as both he and Heppner walked personal bests.

"My goal was to break 6 minutes. I had to work a little harder than I envisioned, but I'm happy with my performance," Clausen said. Enthused by the Madison Square Garden crown and history, he continued, "You walk down the hall and you see pictures of Paul Simon, the Knicks, and so many others. This stadium is filled with tradition and there's nothing like it. It's an honor to be here." (Thanks to Al Heppner for some of the copy in this report.) Results:

1. Curt Clausen, New York AC 5:53:05 2. Al Heppner, US Army 5:55:18 3. Sean Albert, New Jersey Striders 6:03:63 4. Mike Rohl, New Balance 6:18:73 5. Ben Shorey (17), Ellsworth, Maine H.S. 6:26:21 6. Greg Dawson, Walk USA 6:32:67 DQ--Robert Williams, Farmingdale, Maine

And more results

3.8 Miles, Brockton, Mass., Feb. 19--1. Joe Light (53) 30:57 2. Steve Vaitones (45) 34:35 3. Bob Ullman (52) 35:54 4. Ken Mattsson 36:04 5. Charlie Mansbach (56) 37:21 6. Tom Knatt (60) 38:39 7. Paul Schell (63) 39:51 8. Justin Kuo (46) 40:31 **Mall Odyssey 3 Km, Milford Conn., Feb. 18**--1. Lee Chase (40+) 15:34.09 2. Joe Light 15:34.33 3. David Baldwin (50+) 16:03 4. Dave Romansky (60+) 16:26 5. Bob Barrett (60+) 16:29 6. Stan Sosnowsky (50+) 16:36 7. Sherry Brosnahan (40+) 16:36 8. Jean Tenan 16:37 9. Andy Cable 16:56 10. Dana Vered (under 14) 17:05 11. Ann Favolise (14-19) 17:21 12. Larry Titus (50+) 17:24 13. Allison Snochowski (under 14) 17:32 14. Peter Noble 17:50 15. Ginger Armstrong 17:51 16. Bob Beauden (60+) 18:10 (32 finishers) **Indoor 3 KM, Uniondale, Long Island, Feb. 4**--1. Sean Albert 12:02.3 2. Curt Clausen 12:28 (paced Albert through the first half of the race and then

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coasted in) DQ—Al Heppner (finished first in 11:58.1 and was then informed of his DQ) **1 Mile same place**—1. Dave Romansky (60-64) 8:13.0 2. Joseph Trapani 8:30.9 3. Bob Barrett (65-59) 8:33.4 4. Seth Kaminsky (60-64) 8:36.5 5. Bob Campbell (55-59) 8:37.5 6. John Shilling (60-64) 8:42.0 7. Robert Hylton (65-59) 9:42.3 8. Marques Stanley 8:42.9 9. Christopher Stuart **Women's Mile (same place)**—1. Anine Stanley 8:19.5 2. Sherry Brosnahan (45-49) 8:31.0 3. Shani Brown 8:32.8 4. Talathia Weekes 8:39.9 5. Meissa Villaume 8:41.6 6. Quadia Manuel 8:43.4 7. Dana Vered 8:43.7 8. Allison Snoehowski 8:51.5 9. Katie Fileccio 8:53.8 43.2 **Indoor Girl's 1500 meters, Long Island, Feb. 15**—1. Alessandra Vavas 7:06.80 2. Theresa Chiarella 7:26.90 3. Maria Michta 7:28.70 4. Cara Borrelli 7:35.0 5. Dierdre Connolly 8:09.50 6. Mallory Delaney 8:13.90 **New Jersey Masters Indoor Championships 1500 meters, Feb. 11**—1. Bob Barrett (67) 7:55.47 2. Bruce Logan (36) 7:59.42 3. Manny Eisner (60) 8:05.39 4. Bob Mimm (76) 9:28.39 5. Jo LaBruno (69) 10:10.02 6. John Nervetti (76) 10:11.27 11. John Orr (66) 11:26.56 8. Tim Dyas (80) 11:28.68 **Women**—1. Sherry Brosnahan (49) 7:53.64 **Men's Mile, Indoor 3 Km, Alexandria, Vir., Jan. 14**—1. Mark Adams (62) 16:33.1 2. Virginia Inglese (40) 18:32.0 3. John Gersh (53) 18:43.2 4. Victor Litwinski (57) 18:53.8 **Mardi Gras Marathon, New Orleans, Feb. 11**: **Women**—1. Monetta Roberts (41), Ala. 4:48:21 2. Jeanne Dorton (45), W.V. 4:59:57 3. Sherry Watts (47), Canada 4:58:53 4. Edna Ramsey (47), Fla. 5:08:08 5. Sue Williams (38), Col. 5:14:46 6. Carolyn Balling, Cal. 5:14:43 **Men**—1. Steve Rojas (38), Louisiana 4:42:48 2. Steve Attaya (52), La. 4:43:50 3. Pat Bivona (59), N.J. 5:00:37 4. Deo Jaravata (35), Cal. 5:16:04 **Half-Marathon, same place**: **Women**—1. Angel Wofford (37), La. 2:15:30 2. Connie McCloskey (37), La. 2:17:38 3. Denise Surratt (51), La. 2:22:50 **Men**—1. Phil Gura, (41) Georgia 1:53:00 2. Kirby Hendrix (53), La. 2:15:30 3. Randy Surratt (51), La. 2:22:50 **5 Km, same place**—1. Tim Nicholls (41), Fla. 22:17 **Indoor 3 Km, Findlay, Ohio, Jan. 26**—1. Sara Stevenson, Olivet Nazarene 13:09.11 2. Jill Zenner, Miami Valley TC 13:19.15 3. Samantha Cohen, Parkside AC 14:08.75 4. Del Huberty, Parkside AC 14:21.95 5. Ali Bahr, Parkside AC 14:45.04 6. Gayle Johnson, un. 15:25:44 (American age 50-54 all-time best) 7. Nicole Olson, U. of Wis.-Parkside 15:56.85 8. Traei Bridges, Ol. Naz. 17:23.75 9. Tina Peters, MVTC 17:24.54 **Men**—1. Jim Heys, UWP 12:34.65 2. Lachlan McDonald, UWP 12:46.38 3. Matt DeWitt, UWP 12:59.72 4. Steve Quirke, UWP 13:40.42 5. T.C. DeWitt, Parkside AC 13:45.50 6. Mike Stanton, UWP 13:45.68 7. Vince Peters, Miami Valley TC 15:09.02 8. Ed Fitch, MVTC 15:56.32 9. Tim Nickel, UWP 16:17.13 10. Spence Findley, Taylor Un. 16:41.52 11. Bobby Kemp, Lindsay Wilson U. 17:26.35 **USATF Youth Athletics Indoor Nationals 3 Km, Chicago, Feb. 10**—1. Keelin Yenney 16:35.91 2. Kelli Johnson 18:40.78 3. Amanda Johnson 18:42.11 **Boys**—1. Paul Regul 16:16.22 2. Eric Regul 20:19.97 **UW Parkside Ranger Track Indoor Classic, Kenosha, Wis., Feb. 10**: **RWI Scholastic Girls 1 Mile**—1. Amanda Bergeron, Maine 8:22.26 2. Linda Beckett, Maine 8:22.29 3. Allison Snowcowski, N.J. (11) 8:32.30 4. Tina Peters, Ohio (13) 8:34.60 5. Anne Favolise, Maine 8:52.62 **RWI Scholastic Boys 1 Mile**—1. Owen Shoppe, Maine 7:02.02 2. Adam Staier, Maine 7:04.86 3. Jeff Sprague, Maine 7:31.40 4. John Chasse, Maine 7:48.82 **RWI Women's 3 Km**—1. Sara Stevenson 13:04.69 2. Amber Antonia, UWP 13:39.67 3. Deb Huberty 14:12.33 4. Ali Bahr 14:16.27 5. Laurie Starr, Hastings Col. 14:41.99 6. Gayle Johnson 15:04.35 (shatters her own record set 2

weeks earlier) 7. Nicole Olson 15:26.04 8. Heather Geroge, Hastings Col. 15:44.19 9. Kathleen Stuper, UWP 16:08.10 10. Tata Shea, Alabama AM&N 16:30.64 DQ—Sam Cohen **RWI Men's 5 Km**—1. Lachlan McDonald 21:07.01 2. Jim Heys 21:09.37 3. Mike Rohlf 21:15.23 4. Matt DeWitt 22:44.77 5. Steve Wuirke 23:03 6. Mike Stanton 23:20 7. T.C. DeWitt 23:23 8. Will Preischel (40) 24:41.20 9. Rich McGuire (51) 25:24.04 **3 Km**—1. Jim Robinson, Rio Grande U. 15:20.8 2. Tim Nickel 15:40.2 3. Mike Rose 15:49.2 4. Matt Boiles, Rio Grande 16:12 5. Bobby Kemp 17:12 6. Al DuBois (69) 17:22 8. Nikki Meyer 18:12 **1 Mile**—1. Lynn Tracy (47) 8:35 **Indoor 3 Km, Carbondale, Ill., Jan. 27**—1. Rich Friedlander (50+) 13:36.69 2. Don DeNoon (50+) 13:45:37 3. Drew Swonder 13:57.02 4. Doug Johnson (40+) 14:25.97 5. Bob Head (40+) 16:43.36 6. Randy Stiles (50+) 17:37 **Women**—1. Sandy DeNoon (40+) 16:57.24 2. Linda Swonder (40+) 17:14.92 3. Kelli Johnson (14) 18:59.93 **Women's 3 Km, Columbia, Missouri, Feb. 17**—1. Emma Carter, Baker U. 14:56.2 2. Robyn Lee (14) 17:09.8 (1st pre-high school) 3. Debbie Carpenter 18:12.6 (1st master) (After her two record-setting races, Gayle Johnson could not compete in her hometown because of a stress fracture of the heel.) **Men's 3 Km, same place**—1. Rich Friedlander 13:45.1 (1st master) 2. Michael Lee 17:05.3 (1st pre-high school) 3. Aaron Smith, Baker U. 18:03.5 4. Scott Skinner, Central Methodist U. 18:17.8 **5 Km, Denver, Jan. 14**—1. Mike Blanchard 27:37 **5 Km, Denver, Jan. 21**—1. Jose Pantoja 24:45 2. Steve Gardner (46) 28:56 3. Daryl Meyers (58) 29:54 **5 Km, Denver, Feb. 4**—1. Jose Pantoja 24:41 **Las Vegas Half-Marathon, Feb. 4**: **Women**—1. Victoria Herazo 1:50:31 2. Kelly Murphey 2:01:18 3. Sloan Zsiros 2:09:31 4. Brodie Whitlock 2:11:59 5. Susan Martinovich 2:19:14 6. Adrienna Holland 2:19:15 7. Mary Baglin 2:20:37 8. Susan Fassett 2:20:44 9. Julie Anselme 2:20:56 10. Ginger Armstrong 2:21:36 11. Donna Lafayette 2:22:07 12. Anne Garrett 2:22:58 (89 finishers) **Men**—1. Mike Rohlf 1:43:26 2. Richard Hoft 1:50:22 3. Michael Blanchard 1:55:03 4. Chris Dreher 1:57:49 5. David Crabb 2:04:22 6. Bill Penner 2:05:16 7. George Opsahl 2:05:51 8. Michael Bird 2:11:18 9. John Backlund 2:12:45 10. Dave Schumacher 2:15:45 11. Arvid Rolle 2:17:57 12. Michael Kroll 2:18:54 **Indoor 1500 meters, Portland, Ore., Jan. 28**—1. Rob Frank (48) 7:27.45 2. George Opsahl (59) 8:20 3. Ed Kousky (60) 8:25 4. Barbara Thiele (47) 9:33 5. Dick Vaughan (68) 10:09 **Indoor 5 Km, Toronto, Jan. 28**—1. Thomas Jenkins 26:32.50 2. Sitanshu Singh 28:25 3. Don Ramsden 28:55 4. Stuart Summerhayes 29:41 5. Guy Paquin 30:17 **Women**—1. Rebecca Lavallee 15:29.70 2. Christine Fina, USA 15:38 3. Nanci Sweazy 16:27 4. Sherry Watts 17:58.10 5. Kitty Cashman 18:18 **Ontario Indoor Championships, Toronto, Feb. 18**: **Jr. Women**—1. Rebecca Lavallee 16:06.97 2. Laura Meyer 17:48 3. Lisa Eisenhardt 17:59.23 4. Christy Finke 17:59.57 **Sr. Women**—1. Sherry Watts 18:09.92 DQ—Nance Sweazey Exhibition—Christine Fina 15:49 **Sr. Men**—1. Paul Tucknott 28:28.42 Exhibition—Dan O'Brien, USA 24:59.98 **From Down Under** (Do they call us the land up over?): **10 Km, Canberra, Aust, Feb. 18**—1. Nathan Deakes 38:53.82 2. Luke Adams 42:27.78 3. Liam Murphy 42:35.61 4. Troy Sundstrom 43:13.34 5. Darren Brown 43:19.85 6. Kerry Saxby-Junna 44:49.56 7. Jane Saville 47:09.23 8. Cheryl Webb 47:47.82 **Vets 3 Km, Auckland, N.Z., Feb. 18**—1. Gary Little (59) 14:01.19 2. Kevin Taylor (50+) 14:47.41 **1 Mile, same place**—1. Gary Little 7:24.86 **From Europe: Indoor 3 Km, Norwich, Eng., Jan. 28**—1. Robert Heffernan, Ireland 11:19.27 2. Andy Drake 12:02.24 3. Jamie Costin, Ireland 17:07.05 **Women**—1. Gillian O'Sullivan, Ireland 12:23.45 2. S. Tonks 14:02.55 3. N. Menendez 14:04.49 **Irish National Indoor Championships: Men's 5 Km**—1. Robert Heffernan 19:12.31 2. Jamie Costin 20:28.67 3. Colin Griffin 21:01.41 **Women's 3 Km**—1. Gillian O'Sullivan 12:20.62 **Portuguese 50 Km, Championship, Viseu, Feb. 17**—1. Pedro Martins 3:55:54 (47:50, 1:35:08, 2:22:08, 3:08:45) 2. Jorge Costa 3:56:14 (47:50, 1:35:08, 2:22:08, 3:08:56) 3. Jacob Sorensen, Denmark 3:59:31 (47:30, 1:34:08, 2:20:54, 3:09:13) 4. Luis Gil 4:17:30 **Portuguese Under 23 35 Km, same**

place--1. Acacio Diogo 2:56:35 2. Gonçalo Fdonseca 2:57:37 **Portuguese Women's 20 Km, same place**--1. Susana Feitor 1:32:40 2. Sofia Avoila 1:38:32 3. Ines Henriques 1:38:33 4. Isilda Goncalves 1:41:29 5. Vera Santos 1:41:57 **Indoor 3 Km, Halle, Germany, Feb. 4**--1. Andreas Erm 10:31.42 (New World Record for the seldom contested event. Former record 10:54.61 by Italy's Carlo Mattioli in 1980. That's 3:30.5 per kilometer or about 5:37 per mile. So he was going almost as fast as Tim Lewis in his mile record noted on page 1. There is no official world record for either event.) **Indoor 5 Km, Ostrobothnian, Finland, Feb. 3**--1. Jaakko Kinnunen (16) 23:31.1 2. Kalevi Jaaskelainen (16) 23:44.4 **Indoor Women's 3 Km, Helsinki, Feb. 4**--1. Tiina Muinonen 13:13.8 2. Heidi Lindewall 13:40.9 **Indoor Men's 5 Km, same place**--1. Jani Lehtinen 19:46.1 **Finnish Indoor Championships, Oulu, Feb. 17: Women's 3 Km**--1. Tiina Muinonen 13:06.86 2. Outi Sillanpaa 13:32.88 3. Heidi Lindewall 13:57.67 **Men's 5 Km**--1. Jani Lehtinen 20:04.8 2. Antti Kempas 21:20.80

Tally Ho! Give it a go! Get in the flow from feel to toe.

Sat. March 3 **USATF Indoor Nationals, Atlanta**
Indoor 1 Mile, Boulder, Col. (H)
Ontario Indoor Masters 3 Km, Totonto (Z)
5 Km, Santa Cruz, Cal. (R)

Sun. March 4 1/2 Marathon, Chico, Cal. (E)
5 Km, Napa, Cal. (P)
Indoor 3 Km, New York City (G)

Sat. March 10 2.8 Miles, Seattle, 9 am (C)

Sun. March 11 Elite Men's 30 Km, 5 and 10 Km, Youth 5 Km, Chula Vista, Cal. (K)
3 and 5 Km, Kentfield, Cal., 8 am (P)

Sat. March 17 Eastern Masters 3 Km, Landover, Maryland (J)
5 Km, Middletown, Ohio, 10 am (M)

Sun. March 18 5 Km (50 and over), Stanford, Cal., 9 am (P)
5 Km, New York City (F)

Sun. March 25 **National USATF Masters Indoor 3 Km, Boston, Mass. (N)**
5 Km, Denver, 9:30 am (H)
5 and 20 Km, Huntington Beach, Cal. (Y)
10, 20, and 50(?) Km, Vancouver, B.C. (C)

Sat. March 31 5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
5 Km (track), Cedarville, Ohio (M)

Sat. March 31 **National USATF 50 Km, Manassas, Virginia (O)**

Sun. April 1 National Invitational 20 Km, 10 Km, 5 Km, Manassas, Vir. (O)

Sat. April 7 Half Marathon, Xenia, Ohio (M)
10 Km, Aspire, N.Y. (F)
5 Km, Santa Anita, Cal. (Y)

Sun. April 8 Pac. Assn. 15 Km, Sacramento, Cal. (X)
Mt. SAC Relays 5 and 10 Km, Walnut, Cal. (Y)
5 Km, Cambridge, Mass., 9:30 am (AA)
South Regional 10 Km, Orlando, Florida (L)
4 Mile, Denver, 9 am (H)
Metropolitan 10 Km Championship, New York City, 9 am (F)

Sat. Apr. 14 2.8 Miles, Seattle, 9 am (C)
8 Km, Alexandria, Virginia, 7:30 am (O)
15 Km, Long Island, 9 am (F)

Sun. Apr. 22 Masters Regional 10 Km, Seattle, 10 am (C)
Ohio 15 Km, Middletown, 1 pm (M)
Ron Zinn Memorial and East Regional 10 Km, Wall Twp., N.J., 11 am (A)
5 Km, Westerley, R.I. (AA)
Mt. SAC Relays Invitational 1 Mile, Walnut, Cal. (Y)
5 Km, Littleton, Col., 9 am (H)

Sat. April 28 Penn Relays 10 Km and Women's 5 Km, Philadelphia (S)

Sun. April 29 5 Km, Denver (H)
3 Km, Alexandria, Virginia (O)
5 Miles, Long Island (F)
5 Km, Auburn, Cal. (P)

Sat. May 5 National Christian College Championships 3 Km, Cedarville, Ohio (M)
Howard Wood Dakota Relays 5 Km (track), Sioux Falls, N.D., 7 am (BB)

Sat. May 6 Jack Mortland 5, 10, and 20 Km (Ohio and North Region Championship, Yellow Springs, Ohio (M)
15 and 30 Km, Foster, R.I. (AA)
Long Island Half-Marathon, 8 am (F)
20 Km, Palo Alto, Cal. (R)

Sat. May 12 2.8 Miles, Seattle, 9 am (C)
Collegiate and Masters 20 Km, Kenosha, Wis. (B)
5 Km, Long Island 9 am (F)

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From Heel to Toe

Red-faced again. Publishing lists is always dangerous for careless people, and our annual lists seem often to turn up with mistakes or omissions. This year was no different. It's most embarrassing when the corrections come with reference to the issue in which we published the missing result. Or when a loyal long-time subscriber is omitted completely and another credited with only his second-best time. But, we gamely face the music and let you know we omitted Allen James and Dan O'Brien altogether and didn't credit John Soucheck with his best time. So, dump the men's 20 Km list for 2000 that we published last month and try the one below. . . **It's another Jake book.** Nineteen years ago Howard "Jake" Jacobson published one of the better tomes on racewalking to hit the streets—*Racewalk to Fitness*. Now he has written a second book—*Healthwalk to Fitness*. The new book is aimed at the fitness walker, but racewalkers can learn proper technique; strength training; sensible nutrition; stretching routines; and paths to faster walking. I can't really recommend the book, not having seen it yet, but I can say that Jake's first book was very well done and highly inspirational. *Healthwalk to Fitness* is available for \$15 plus \$4 for shipping from HeartFit Books, Box 640, Levittown, NY 11756. . . **Walk through history.** Would you like to combine your competitive desires with your historical interests? Get on down to Virginia in October for the Civil War Relay. They offer both a 114 mile run for 11 person teams and a 61 mile walk for 7 person teams. Join your teammates to walk through scenic, rolling countryside and through Civil War battlefields. If you are interested, the contact, for whatever reason, is in the state of Washington: PO Box 17086, Seattle, WA 98107, Phone 206-782-6547, Fax 206-783-5285. Direct questions by e-mail to lorenj@local.net. Or visit the website at <http://www.ontherun.com/ewrelay>. . . **Mortland walks.** Vince Peters has scheduled this year's Jack Mortland Walks in Yellow Springs, Ohio for May 6. The events are both the USATF North Region and Ohio 20 Km Championships, with \$500 in prize money, and 5 and 10 km races with age group awards, both male and female. The Christian College Nationals, with a 3 Km walk, will be held in Yellow Springs the day before. Contact Vince at mv_te@erinet.com or at 937-767-7424 or at the address shown on with the schedule of races on pages 4 and 5. . . **More retirements.** We recently announced the retirement of Ecuador's great Olympic gold medalist Jefferson Perez. Here are a couple of more prominent retirees. Pablo Gomez, a former Mexican racewalker, now living in Chicago, has passed on a report from a Mexican paper that Carlos Mercenario is retiring at age 33. Mercenario won the 1987 World Cup 20 Km at age 19, the youngest ever World Cup gold medalist. Four years later, he won the World Cup 50 Km and repeated that victory two years later. He is the only walker with World Cup gold medals at both events and joined his countryman Raul Gonzales and East Germany's Christoph Hohne as the only three-time World Cup gold medalists. The other two won all of theirs at 50 Km. Carlos also won the silver medal at 50 at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992. Mercenario will work with the Institute of Sports of the State of Mexico. "I end a cycle in my athletic career to start another one, where I will try my best as I always did with the tank top on in each of the races," he said. Also retiring, or at least taking a sabbatical, is 2000 U.S. Olympian Andrew Hermann. Andrew, with a B.A. in Spanish and Political Science, is pursuing graduate studies in finance. But, reportedly, he is not throwing his shoes away yet. Besides his Olympic appearance, he competed in the 1997 World Championships and on was on three World Cup teams. He has personal bests of 1:25:52 and 3:58:52. While not competing, at least for now, he is scheduled to help coach at the 6th Annual Northwest Regional Racewalk Retreat May 18-20. Contact www.crofit.com for further details on that. . . **Intermediate racewalk Grand Prix.** Mike DeWitt and Ray Kuhles, co-directors of the USATF Intermediate (ages 19-25) racewalk program have announced a 2001 Grand Prix for this age group encompassing previously scheduled events. DeWitt and Kuhles took the reins of the intermediate program in November and are trying to bridge the gap between the junior and senior

walkers. Athletes will earn points based on finishes at each meet. The athlete with the most points will be declared Grand Prix Champion. Events on the Intermediate Grand Prix are: 10 Km men and women at RWT's Racewalking Extravaganza in Chula Vista on March 11; 10 and 20 Km men and women at the National Invitational in Manassas, Virginia April 1; 5 km women and 10 men at the Penn Relays April 28; 10 and 20 Km men and women at the UW-Parkside Challenge in Kenosha, Wis. May 12; 15 km men and women at the USATF National in Newburgh, Ind. June 3; 10 Km men and women in conjunction with the the National 30 Km in Kenosha, Wis. July 22; 10 km men and women at the Sallie Mac 10 Km in Wilkes Barre, Penn. Aug. 19; and 1 Hour women and 2-Hour men at the USATF Nationals in Worcester, Mass. Oct. . . **Hey guys, it's tougher than you think.** This note was posted on the internet by Kelsey Smith-Keller: My small master's group had our all-comer's meet this past weekend coinciding with my university's indoor track meet (NAIA schools enter the 3 km walk we put on.) A couple of guys from Mt. Marty College in Yankton, S. D. were teasing a female teammate who had just taken up racewalking and was planning on entering our event. Their coach told them that racewalking was harder than it looked and that, perhaps, they needed to find out how hard it was. He then entered them in the walk. I gave them a few quick tips and then we were off. Well, they both finished dead last and both complained about how sore their shins were. They did admit that racewalking is much harder than it looks. . . their walking days aren't over, however. Their coach asked if I would work with them a couple of times this week; their team comes over to use South Dakota's track facility twice a week at 6 am. . . **Michelle on the run.** We reported last month that three-time U.S. Olympic racewalker Michelle Rohl was going to compete in both running and walking races this year. She came to walking from a running career in the first place. Here is husband Mike's report on her progress and plans: This is a transition year for her and her single goal is to qualify for the outdoor 10 km run at the Eugene Nationals, thus becoming the first racewalker to compete in a running event and walking event at the same National meet. (She already competed in the U.S. Championships in the 1500 in 1988.) If all goes well, she will run the 10 km Saturday night and walk the 20 the next morning. Tom Jordan called it a "dubious double." "I think it might be the most difficult double ever attempted. (Ed. Probably so, especially considering how quickly she has to come back. The most unusual double at a national meet I remember, if I remember correctly, was by Willie Atterbury. A world-class 400 meter hurdler, he doubled in the 3000 m steeplechase. At the State Championship level, I did the mile walk-400 m hurdle double, the mile walk-3 mile run double twice, and the mile walk-mile relay double. And before turning to walking, I ran the 400 m hurdles twice and the 15 km run at the national level, as well as the National All-Around and the National pentathlon (no longer championship events). But that was way back in the ancient days when all you had to do was enter; no qualifying performance needed. So, definitely, Michelle's double will be a landmark if she pulls it off. And a well-placed finish in the run would certainly be great PR for our branch of the sport.) Michelle will run her first track 10k at Mt. SAC in April and, thanks to the progressive open-mindedness of Scott Davis, she will get a chance to try for the American-World bests for the Mile walk as well. She might try a 5Km run/5Km walk at the Penn Relays as well, where another far-thinking individual, Dave Johnson, includes the walk. So far, Michelle's progress has been steady and she is on track to meet her goals. In January, she ran her first indoor race in 2 years, opening up with a 5:08 mile and a 13:31 3 km walk. (Ed. See January ORW.) In February, she ran her first 5 km road race in 2 years, winning the El Paso Race for the Cure in 16:57. Last weekend, she ran a solo 9:50 for 3 km at Wisconsin Parkside. She will just walk at the U.S. indoor meet. She will then make her 10 km road debut at the Azalia Trail run March 24. Most of all though, she is having a blast running. Her walking is as good as ever and she has had less injuries doing both than she ever had doing just one. . . **RWI selects Board.** Racewalking International Chief Executive John MacLachlan has announced five charter members of its Board of Directors; four of them well-known to the racewalking public. These four bring more than a century of racewalking experience as competitors, coaches, and administrators to

the burgeoning organization. The five are Mark T. Schweikert, Dallas; Mike DeWitt, Kenosha, Wisconsin; Frank Alongi, Detroit; Elliott Denman, Long Branch, N.J.; and Sal Corrallo, Millsboro, Del. DeWitt has built the strong program at U.W. Parkside and the Parkside A.C. that has produced so many U.S. internationals and was a national level competitor himself. Corrallo has chaired the Racewalk Committee, has organized many events; is a long-time National Class Masters competitor, and brings strong organizational skills to the organization. Alongi has strongly influenced many athletes and coaches through the years through his clinics and produced the Alongi Memorial races in Michigan that brought stiff international competition to the U.S. for many years. Denman is 1956 racewalking Olympian, sports writer and author, and the driving force behind the Shore AC and its strong walking program. He has promoted the National 40 km race in New Jersey for many years. Schweikert brings strong financial experience that will assist RWI as it grows in producing racing events, builds a solid national coaching base, develops the Western States High Altitude Training Camp, and develops a youth program that will help build a deeper competitive pool. MacLachlan notes that "We now have coaching knowledge, media expertise, organizational skills, and just plain, well-qualified, professional people to lead RWI in the next decade. RWI has also named Ray Kuhles as Assistant National Coach to help Enrique Pena. Kuhles, already the track and field coach at the Chula Vista Olympic Training Center has obtained considerable racewalking experience with the country's youth and intermediate competitors and has trained Sara Stevenson, fifth in last year's Olympic Trials. He has also served as USA T&F Racewalking Youth Development Director for the intermediate aged participants and has coached the U.S. Junior Racewalk Team at several meets. . . **Olympic videos:** Tom Dooley, 1968 and 1972 Olympian and racewalking archivist, is looking for videos of the Sydney Olympics. If you can help him, please contact him at 2817 San Simeon Way, San Carlos, CA 94070. . . **Great plans in Evansville.** The National 15 km is in Evansville, Indiana on June 3 and they are planning a bang-up event. Through RWI, they have added a non-championship class for juniors and under and are working on a 5 km event for younger walkers. The purse for the race now stands at \$1500, but they hope to boost that to \$5000 by race time. The Red Roof Inn of Evansville is offering reduced rates of \$40-50 a night for racewalkers. A coaching clinic will feature Enrique Pena or one of his associates. They are planning a race guide for spectators and the press and are lining up outstanding race coverage that might include ESPN-2.

U.S. Men's Top Performances for 2000 (corrected from the list published in January)

1:23:40 Tim Seaman	1:32:41 Matt DeWitt
1:23:56 Curt Clausen	1:35:38 Dave McGovern
1:25:05 Andrew Hermann	1:35:42 Allen James
1:26:09 Kevin Eastler	1:36:32 Jonathan Matthews
1:28:08 Sean Albert	1:37:05 Andrzej Chyliński
1:29:25 John Nunn	1:39:22 John Soucheck
1:30:55 Philip Dunn	1:41:07 Ioan Fropman
1:32:36 Ian Whatley	1:41:12 Dan O'Brien
1:32:34 Mike Rohf	1:43:36 Greg Dawson

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Well, how about this. Some people actually think, even cogitate, while they pound the pavement. Or at least one—Coach Mike DeWitt at U. of Wisconsin-Parkside and Parkside A.S.—does. And here is an interesting concept he cogitated out of one recent workout. I lifted this from the *Parkside A.C. News*, January 2001 edition:

A Darn Good Walkin' Idea

by Coach DeWitt

Sometimes when I am out running or racewalking a solo effort (which doesn't happen very often), I like to come up with different ideas. Here is something that popped into my mind on my first run of the new year, which happened to be my 8,803rd consecutive day of training. (Just finished up my numbers for the end of the year. I don't check very often, only when it gets close to a specific number. My mileage is at 91,623 miles since September of 1966, for those that might be asking)

The USPRWA

Creating the United States Professional Racewalk Association (USPRWA) is an idea to deal with many of the challenges facing the racewalking sport in this country: publicity, sponsorship, schedules for competition, having enough competitions, and prize and expense money.

With a sponsorship of \$250,000, we could start up a viable Racewalking League that would sponsor four teams. Four coaches would be selected by a committee or commission and one "coach" would organize each team. They would not really "coach" each athlete on their team, but rather be the coordinator of their team of walkers; these would not be full-time positions.

Each team would have a roster of 10 racewalkers, so the top 40 walkers in the country would be involved. A roster would be composed of five men and five women, including, in each case, three Open Athletes (those walkers who meet the US National Championship mark at 20 Km) and two Masters Athletes who have achieved three or more age-graded marks above 80 percent in the previous year.

Roster changes could be made with trades or waiver moves in the event of injuries or other circumstances that would create a need for a change.

The teams would not be regional, but would have a requirement to have a week-long "camp" before the first of four events each year. The team camps, directed by the Coach who drafted the team, would organize a plan for the coming schedule of events and see what specific races would fit into an annual plan.

The four events would be held at four separate sites during the year, perhaps each Coach organizing a "home" event, if possible. The best times to hold the events would be the end of March, end of April, end of July, and end of September. These dates would not interfere with the US Nationals in June, Masters in August, and International events usually in August and May.

The format would be:

March: Men's 30 Km, Women's 30 Km, Masters Men and Women 15 Km
 April: Men's 20, Women's 10, Masters 5
 July: Men's 10, Women's 10, Masters 5
 September: Men's 20, Women's 20, Masters 20

As long as the 50 Km National was held in February, this would take care of all the important key races for the year. Some years, adjustments may be required because of timing of World Championships, World Cup, and Pan Am Cup.

The \$250,000 would be divided between the four teams, \$50,000 to each team for their budget and \$50,000 into the Championship money fund.

Team members would have expenses covered for the four races and the training camps. Prize money would be awarded for each event and for the team overall championship final standings. Money would be distributed by final performance standings. With 40 athletes and \$50,000 in the Championship fund, the average winnings per athlete would be \$1250, not much on average, but everyone would get a part of the whole.

The scoring for each event would be head-to-head competition for the open athletes. Each team would score their three open men and women. The masters would be scored strictly on age-graded results. DQs and DNFs would be recorded exactly, to rank each athlete from first to last in each race for scoring purposes.

The events would be closed to other competitors and held in conjunction with other races on a given weekend. It might be possible to hold one race a year as an open event to help coaches make roster changes, perhaps the first race of the season.

There are a lot of ways to promote this. It could be put into a little package and ESPN or FOX Sports could get a series out of the season! Racewalking might not be TV-friendly, but putting four races into a 1/2-hour show would be a great way to generate interest. There are all kinds of sports out there that have TV airtime! Done right, race walking could do the same!

Got any other ideas? I can't wait for my next solo workout!

I have to comment on Mike's introductory paragraph and his 8803 consecutive days of training. That's more than 24 years without missing a day. I was proud of doing 60 consecutive days a couple of times back in the dim, dark past. I would guess the only one who might come close to Mike's mark would be England's Colin Young. Any challengers out there? And Mike's 91,623 miles in less than 35 years comes out to more than 2600 miles a year, or about 7 miles a day. I have done something more than 60,000 miles since I started college in September of 1953. So, even with a 13-year headstart, I am at less than 2/3 of Mike's mileage. At age 48 I decided I would do one 2000 mile year, and made it with 4 1/2 miles to spare. The next best was 1952 miles way back in '64, which would have been quite a bit higher if I hadn't stuffed off the last 2 1/2 months following the Olympics, but still well short of Mike's 2600 plus average. I've averaged about 1400 a year since 1960. But then, though I train 12 months a year, I never pushed to be out there every day. The average is less than 300 days a year over that same period. That's why 60 consecutive days seemed a lot to me. Interestingly, over the last 6 years, when I rarely compete, I have averaged more than 330 days a year and nearly 1600 miles. Keeps me healthy, but I sure do plod along. Well, I could go into a lot more statistics on my training, but this started out about Mike and hats off to him!

Shoe Alarms

A few years ago, a Canadian, Dennis Furlong, announced an electronic shoe device that would detect loss of contact. He was trying to push it as a judging device. It created a great deal of interest in some circles as the panacea to all of our judging problems. It also proved completely unreliable and impractical in trials. (A conclusion that some diehards were unwilling to accept at that time or now.) Recently, Mr. Furlong has reemerged, reportedly with an improved version, and, once again, there are some folks ready to jump on the bandwagon and who are not willing to accept its impracticality. While, what follows may seem to be biased and one-sided, I personally think it is the definitive opinion and, as the boss of this publication, that's what I choose to present. If you disagree, write me and may or may choose to air your comments. So, rather than a pro and con discussion, I'll skip all the pros that have been presented in other places, and go right to the con. This is provided by Bob Bowman, Chairman of the IAAF Racewalking Committee when Dennis Furlong first came forward and still a member of that committee. Bob has also made his living as a reliability engineer in the space program, which makes him a particularly astute

commentator on this subject. I could give you at least three pages of things Bob has written over the past 3 months, but will settle for the following, written on Feb. 5:

The IAAF Racewalking Committee is apparently being asked again to review the electronic shoe device, which had been developed some years ago by Dr. Dennis Furlong, a medical doctor. I say "some years ago" because the list of design features are the same as presented eight years ago. This is hardly a new design or approach. Despite the many design deficiencies, insurmountable reliability and security issues, and impracticality of implementation. IAAF Council member Cesar Moreno continues to believe this approach has merit and that it deserves another look by the Committee.

This is, in fact, a complete waste of time and money. This is time and money that should be spent on real solutions to real problems within racewalking, such as a better electronic communication system for recording judges cautions and warnings. Even if you could somehow ignore the many technical and practicality problems associated with this device (*Ed: Bob has discussed reliability issues at length and has been supported by others, including Ian Whately, and the arguments are convincing.*), it is important to note that such a device does not and never will conform to the Rules of Racewalking! For example:

1. It is not possible to factor in bent knee warnings in a timely manner; if you can do it at all, to insure a fair competition. The rules say any combination of three warnings for loss of contact or bent knees equals a disqualification.

2. You will not know when a walker has only one or two warnings for loss of contact until it is too late, if at all. There is no timely way to factor in loss of contact warnings with the Recorder and the Warning Posting Board during the race, as required by the rules.

3. Walkers will often not know themselves if they have any warnings for loss of contact if they cannot hear the audible signal or be able to distinguish it from the others in a group of walkers. Hard-of-hearing or deaf walkers will be at a loss.

4. Finish sprint situations. With human-eye judging, you have three judges on the final straight. Often walkers are disqualified by all three judges observing the same violation. With the shoe device, this is not possible because the device can represent only one judge seeing one violation regardless of the flight phase setting on the device. For example, you could have two walkers obviously lift for several strides passing a third walker at the finish. Only one or none may get disqualified depending on the number of past violations registered in each device. This, of course, results in a very unfair situation. Can you imagine the protests!

5. Other unfair situations. Currently, if a walker is bumped off stride, stumbles, or has to 'jump' to avoid something on the course, a judge seeing this will correctly not give a warning for loss of contact. This will likely be registered as a violation by the shoe device. Physical contact with other walkers may also register 'false' violations. What happens when a walker goes to the toilet and is off the ground? Or has to leave the course during the race for medical or any other reason when he or she is not required to be walking according to the rules? Or changes shoes during a race and is off the ground?

As you can see, this is not a possible option for judging racewalking events under any circumstances or rules. If you eliminate the bent knee rule, you still have a serious problem; and if you eliminate the contact rule, you don't need the device.

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And on the more serious side of the same subject, the following was put on the internet by one, Peter Cassidy, British we presume:

Pavement Rage

Oxford Street is the main shopping street of London and the density (in both senses) of pedestrians is a serious problem. Thus:

It is expected that all pedestrians will be required to wear electronic devices; these will emit radiations that will be detected by receivers attached to the lamp-posts. Officers of the Metropolitan Police will be empowered to warn any pedestrians moving too slowly and to caution any who appear to be in danger of slowing down excessively. After three warnings, an officer of a rank not lower than Chief Inspector will disqualify a pedestrian from further use of Oxford Street for a period dependent upon the severity of the offense. A Sin-bin will be established in the foyer at Oxford Circus Underground Railway Station and the pedestrian will serve out the penalty by trying to remain stationary near the ticket barriers.

To avoid problems with the lamp-post detection apparatus, pedestrians will be restricted to walking east-west on the north side of Oxford Street and west-east on the south side; particular care will therefore have to be exercised about leaving the Underground stations by the correct exits. Positioning the DQ board (which will be about 100 yards long and 50 feet high) will cause some difficulty; it may be possible to kill two birds with one stone by using the board to obscure some of the more unsightly shops. Special rules will need to be devised to deal with newspaper vendors, street entertainers, and dogs, the last of which clearly represent a potential threat to the lamp-post detectors.

Any pedestrian may obtain a Going slowly Permit from a Judge of the High Court upon promising to spend at least 500 pounds during any single visit to Oxford Street.

To remove one temptation to loiter with the face pointed upwards, the Christmas illuminations will be switched off during December. A practical problem with the scheme is that, at this time of year, even Queen Boadicea with scythes on her chariot wheels could not exceed 1 mph.

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In the November issue of this newsletter, we published an article from Elliott Denman's recently published *Anthology of the Olympic Games* describing Larry Young's historic bronze medal at the 1968 Olympics. As with all the articles in that collection about the Olympics and Olympic athletes, the article originally appeared in the paper for which Elliott wrote for many years, the *Asbury Park Press*. In that same Olympics, the U.S. narrowly missed a second racewalking gold medal as Rudy Haluza finished fourth at 20 Km. Here is what Elliott wrote at the time about Rudy, also taken from his anthology (available for \$25 postpaid from Elliott at P.O. Box 381, West Long Branch, NJ 07764).

Haluza Hero Even Though He Didn't Capture the Gold

Mexico City—Rudy Haluza is one of the quiet heroes of the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team. The softspoken former U.S. Air Force captain, now 37 and a commercial jet pilot with United Airlines, pulled a major breakthrough with his fourth-place finish Monday in the 20 Km walk in the games of the XIX Olympiad.

No American had finished as high as Haluza did since the 20 km walk was added to the Olympic program in 1956—the late Capt. Ronal Zinn's sixth place at Tokyo in 1964 was the prior best. Only Joe Pearman's second place in the 10 km race at Antwerp in 1920 tops Haluza's feat in

all the annals of American in Olympic racewalking. (Ed. Note that Young's bronze medal performance came later in the week.)

Typically, Haluza is taking all his success in stride: "I can hardly believe that I finished fourth in the Olympic Games," Haluza confided hours after the race. "After all these years, I finally did it."

"I put in a hard summer of training and knew I was in excellent shape, but I never expected a fourth. Maybe I'm just a good altitude man and the others aren't, he joshed.

Only Russia's Vladimir Golubnitchy, Mexico's Jose Pedraza, and Russia's Nikolai Smaga, in that order, finished ahead of Haluza here. And, for most of the race, Haluza was in an excellent spot to pick up one of the three medals. He was in front of the 41-man pack after five kilometers, and trailed only the two Russians by narrow margins at the 10 and 15 km checkpoints.

Pedraza charged past at the 17-km mark and got up to Golubnitschy's shoulder with 200 meters left before settling for the silver medal. Ron Laird was tabbed as America's top hope in the race, but he sagged to 25th place. The third American, Tom Dooley, was 17th.

"I thought a lot of things in that race. Maybe one of them was Zinn (who fell on a Vietnam battlefield July 7, 1965)," said Haluza. "I knew how strong the Russians were, but I walked my own race. I got out with the leaders and never looked back."

Haluza put in 14 years with the Air Force signing up in 1953 after an undistinguished career as a cross-country runner at Queens College, New York City. He started as a walker in AAU development meets.

Flight school and assignments throughout the country put a stop-and-go to this racewalking career, but he became a U.S. internationalist in 1959, facing Golubnitschy in the 20 km in the dual meet at Franklin Field, Philadelphia.

He represented the U.S. at Rome in 1960, finishing back in the pack and missed the 1964 Olympic team with a fifth place in the final trials at Pittsburgh.

But, by 1966, he was back on top, scoring an important victory in the U.S.-British Commonwealth dual meet at Los Angeles. Chronic leg injuries plagued his bid to round into Olympic form earlier this year.

"I pulled one hamstring muscle three times and then I pulled the other one. I didn't think I was going to make it to Mexico City."

Looking Back

35 Years Ago (From the February 1966 ORW)—Don DeNoon walked the world's fastest ever indoor mile, winning the LA Times meet in 6:10.2. Ron Laird sat back waiting for DeNoon to fold after a first 1/2 mile in 3:04, but it never happened and Laird finished some 20 seconds back. He got some revenge the next day, edging DeNoon in a 10 Km race that went in 44:47. . . Another Ron, Daniel, won a couple of East Coast Indoor 1 Mile races in 6:32.9 and 6:36.2.

30 Years Ago (From the February 1971 ORW)—Laird took the National Indoor 1 Mile title in 6:26.9, just one-tenth of a second ahead of Daniel. When Dave Romansky and Ron Kulik were DQ'd, Ray Somers captured third in 6:43.6, just ahead of John Knifton and Greg Diebold. . . Romansky broke the U.S. record for 1500 meters in an earlier race, leaving Daniel 12 seconds back as he did 5:49.8. . . Tom Dooley showed his versatility, winning a 5 Km race in 21:46 and a 35 Km in 2:56:54 a week later.

25 Years Ago (From the January 1976 ORW)—Todd Scully turned in a couple of quick miles down in Virginia—6:29.2 and 6:12.2. Ron Daniel did a 2 miler in 13:35, with John Fredericks and

Dave Romansky also under 14, and Sue Brodock had a 7:11 mile on the other side of the country. . Wayne Glusker did a nice early season 20 Km in 1:36:48.

20 Years Ago (From the February 1981 ORW)—Moving away from Jim Heiring over the last two laps, Ray Sharp won the National Indoor 2 Mile in 12:37.5. Jim was 3 seconds back with Todd Scully taking third in 13:00. Tom Edwards, Al Halbur, and Tim Lewis rounded out the top six, all under 14:00. . In the women's National 1 Mile, Susan Liers-Westerfield was never challenged as she breezed to a 7:05 win. Sue Brodock was 25 seconds back in second. . In the Millrose Games, Evan Fox bested Tim Lewis by nearly 2 seconds, winning the mile in 6:13. Tom Edwards was third. . Two days later, Edwards won the Metropolitan 2 Mile in 13:48. . Liers-Westerfield preceded her National title with a world's best of 6:58.5. . Brodock was also quick, winning the LA Times Mile in 7:04. . Heiring had beaten Sharp earlier in a Madison, Wis. 2 Miler, 12:44:34 to 12:44:39, and also took took him at 5 Km in 21:01.3. . A week before the National 2 Mile, Sharp won the NAIA title in 12:56:89, with Sam Shick more than a minute back.

15 Years Ago (From the February 1986 ORW)—At the Millrose Games, Jim Heiring shattered Ray Sharp's 3-year-old 1 Mile record by nearly 5 seconds as he completed 11 circuits of the Madison Square Garden track in 5:41.25. Tim Lewis was just off the old record with his 5:46.62 in second. Tom Edwards was also under 5:50. . Heiring came back in the National Indoor 2 Mile to knock off another record, covering the distance in 12:05.94, nearly 2 seconds under the record he set a year earlier. Lewis was again second in 12:17.58 and Pat Moroney third. . Teresa Vaill won the Women's National Indoor 1 Mile in an American record 6:53.58 with Lynn Weik (6:56.27) close behind. Debbi Lawrence was third in 7:08.93. . In the LA Times meet, Gary Morgan beat Larry Walker by 5 seconds in 6:02.1.

10 Years Ago (From the February 1991 ORW)—National Indoor titles went to Doug Fournier (5 Km in 20:03.74) and Teresa Vaill (3 km in 12:49.95) Fournier was 21 seconds ahead of Tim Seaman with Dave McGovern another 10 seconds back. Sara Standley took second in the women's race in 13:09.72, just ahead of Victoria Herazo. . Debbi Lawrence, sick at the time of the Nationals, bettered the World 1500 meter record earlier with a 5:54.35 win at the Meadowlands Invitational.

5 Years Ago (From the February 1996 ORW)—Canadian Tim Berrett won a 50 Km in Palo-Alto, Cal. in 3:57:21, clinching a spot on his country's Olympic team. He walked a very well-paced race with 10 Km splits of 47:38, 47:43, 47:03, 47:02, and 47:55. Herm Nelson was second in 4:11:14 and Mark Green third in 4:17:27. Carl Schueler and Marco Evoniuk, shooting for an Olympic qualifying mark of 4:00 both dropped out, Carl after 25 Km in 2:01:58 and Marco with leg cramps after passing 30 km in 2:24:08. Ian Whatley won an accompanying 20 Km in 1:32:31. . Allen James blitzed a 3 Km indoors in Boston in 11:30.36 followed by Tim Seaman in 11:39; Curt Clausen in 11:48, and Gary Morgan in 11:54. Maryanne Torrellas won the women's race in 13:30.10, 16 seconds ahead of Sara Standley.

Really Looking Back

Olympic 3500 meter walk, London, July 14, 1908

1. George Lerner, Great Britain 14:55.0 2. Ernest Webb, Great Britain 15:07.4 3. Harry Kerr, New Zealand 15:43.4 4. George Goulding, Canada 15:49.8 5. Edward Rowland, New Zealand 16:07.0 6. Charles Vestergaard, Denmark 17:21.8 7. Einar Rothman, Sweden 17:50.0 DQ—

Richard Harrison, GB DNF—William Palmer, Great Britain. There were three qualifiers to the final from each of three heats a day earlier. The heats were won by Lerner (15:32.0), Webb (15:17.2), and Goulding (no time given). There were eight starters in each of the heats, which saw 2 DQs and two who did not finish. No U.S. walkers competed. In the final, Webb led for the first 800 meters and was then joined by Lerner. At halfway, Lerner began to pull away to win by just under 50 meters.

Olympic 10 Km Walk, Stockholm, July 11, 1912:

1. George Goulding, Canada 46:28.4 (World Record) 2. Ernest Webb, Great Britain 46:50.4 3. Fernando Altmani, Italy 47:37.6 4. Age Rasmussen, Denmark 48:00.0 Three did not finish, including Frank Kaiser USA, and there were three DQs. The ten finalists qualified from two heats held on July 11, with 15 walkers in the first and 17 in the second. (But only seven and nine finishers, respectively.) Kaiser was fifth in the second heat in 51:31.8. The other two U.S. walkers, Sam Schwatz and Edward Renz, finished sixth and seventh in the first heat, both in 53:30.8. Goulding won the first heat in 47:14.6 and William Yates, Great Britain, the second in 49:43.6. Webb had finished just 11 seconds back of Goulding in the first heat and followed him closely in the final, but had to give way in the final stages as both walked slower than three days earlier. Altmani and Rasmussen had also been third and fourth in that first heat, but in reverse order. Apparently, the seeding in the heats was not too accurate.

