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Since 1970, the ORW has ranked the World's racewalkers at the Olympic distances of 20 and 50 Km based on their overall performance during the year. The rankings are based on competitive record, with major races weighted more heavily, head-to-head competition, and collection of times. I added U.S. rankings and women's rankings in 1979 at women's competition finally began to profilerate. The first women's rankings were at 5 and 10 km originally. In 1985, we dropped the 5 after the 10 had become established as the primary racing distance in international meets. In 1999, the women's rankings shifted to the 20 Km, for the same reason. The rankings are followed by lists of the top times for the year.

2001 World 20 Km Rankings--Women

1. Olimpiada Ivanova, Russia
1:24:50 (1) Adler 3/4
1:26:48 (1) European Cup 5/19
1:31:22 (1) La Coruna 6/9
1:27:48 (1) World Champ. 8/9
1:26:53t (1) Goodwill Games 9/6

2. Elisabetta Perrone, Italy
1:35:47 (4) Mexico City 4/21
1:27:09 (3) Eruopean Cup 5/19
1:33:38 (1) Molfetta 6/24
1:28:56 (3) World Champ. 8/9
1:36:47 (1) Med. Games 9/15

3. Valentina Tsybulskaya, Belarus
1:30:27 (8) European Cup 5/19
1:28:49 (2) World Champ. 8/9
1:33:26t (4) Goodwill Games 9/6

4. Erica Alfridi, Italy
1:35:46 (3) Mexico City 4/21
1:27:19 (4) European Cup 5/19
1:33:38 (2) Molfetta 6/24
1:29:48 (4) World Champ. 8/9
1:36:47 (1) Med. Games 9/15

5. Norica Cimpean, Romania
1:35:57 (5) Mexico City 4/21
1:29:25 (6) European Cup 5/19
1:30:39 (6) World Champ. 8/9

6. Maria Vasco, Spain
1:30:09 (1) Prat de Llobregat 2/18
1:37:31 (6) Mexico City 4/21
1:30:11 (7) European Cup 5/19
DNF La Coruna 6/9
1:30:19 (5) World Champ. 8/9

7. Natalya Fedoskina, Russia
1:27:30 (3) Adler 3/4
1:26:50 (2) European Cup 5/19
DQ World Champ. 8/9

8. Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia
1:28:20 (5) European Cup 5/19
1:28:11 (1) Tscheboksary 6/16
DQ World Champ. 8/9
1:27:50t (2) Goodwill Games 9/6

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9. Melanie Seeger, Germany
1:30:52 (1) Naumburg 4/8
1:32:57 (15) European Cup 5/19
1:32:15 (2) Eisenhuttenstadt 6/9
1:30:41 (7) World Champ. 8/9

10. Annarita Sidoti, Italy
1:33:07 Rio Maior 4/7
1:31:43 (11) European Cup 5/19
1:31:40 (8) World Champ. 8/9

You couldn't ask more of a Number 1--undefeated, fastest time in the world, world record, European Cup winner, World Champion. . .Tsybulskaya edged Perrone in the World Championships, but the Italian was well clear of her in the Euro Cup race. Alfridi nearly gets the nod for third, with two wins over Perrone and solid performances in both of the big races, but we settled for the Belarussian. . .And Vasco finished one spot up on Cimpean in the Worlds, but the Romanian won the other two head-to-head matches in more decisive fashion and takes the fifth spot. . .Fedoskina and Nikolayeva were both DQd in the World Championships, but were impressive enough in their other outings to rate the seventh and eighth spots. . .Seeger and Sidoti both had poor Euro Cup races, but rebounded for good performances at the Worlds and take the final two spots.

2001 World 20 Km Rankings--Men

1. Roman Rasskazov, Russia
1:20:35 (1) Tschboksary 6/16
1:20:31 (1) World Championships 8/4
1:21:09t(3) Goodwill Games 9/4

2. Viktor Burayev, Russia
1:18:06 (1) Adler 3/4
1:19:30 (1) European Cup 5/19
1:20:36 (3) World Champ. 8/4
1:21:30t(4) Goodwill Games 9/4

3. Ilya Markov, Russia
1:19:38 (1) Barcelona 4/22
1:20:33 (2) World Champ. 8/4
1:22:10t(5) Goodwill Games 9/4

4. Nathan Deakes, Australia
1:21:02 (1) Aust. Champ. 3/23
1:18:14 (1) Dublin 6/16
1:20:55 (4) World Champ. 8/4
1:19:49t(1) Goodwill Games 9/4

5. Robert Korseniowski, Poland
1:21:53 (1) L'Hospitalet 4/8
1:19:52t(2) Goodwill Games 9/4
1:20:31 (1) Romia 10/7

6. Francisco Fernandez, Spain
1:22:11 (2) L'Hospitalet 4/8
1:19:47 (2) Barcelona 4/22
1:20:02 (4) European Cup 5/19
1:22:27 (1) Spanish Champ. 7/21
DNF World Champ. 8/4

7. David Marquez, Spain
1:24:18 (10)Barcelona 4/22
1:24:43 (20) European Cup 5/19
1:22:54 (1) LaCoruna 6/9
1:24:50 (2) Spanish Champ. 7/21
1:21:09 (5) World Champ. 8/4

8. Joel Sanchez, Mexico
1:23:05 (3) Mexican Champ. 7/8
1:22:05 (6) World Champ. 8/4

9. Satoshi Yanagisawa, Japan
1:21:20 (1) Kobe 1/28
1:24:26 (2) E. Asian Games 5/24
1:22:11 (7) World Champ. 8/4

10. Andreas Erm, Germany
1:21:40 (1) German Champ. 4/8
1:19:51 (3) European Cup 5/19
1:19:32 (1) Eisenhuttenstadt 6/9
DNF World Champ. 8/4

The Russians swept the World Championships and sweep the first three spots. But Burayev and Markov switch places from their World finish. Burayev's European Cup win and win over Markov at the Goodwill Games earn him the second spot. . .Deakes is an awfully good fourth. He raced the Russians nearly to the line in the World Championship before succumbing and then beat them decisively in the Goodwill Games. . . Korzeniowski didn't compete at the Worlds (he was busy winning the 50), but beat the three medalists and took Deakes to the line at the Goodwill Games. And, he had two other good races. . .Fernandez was DQd in the World Championships, but he had an impressive fourth in the European Cup and beat Marquez decisively in the Spanish Championship and two other times. . .Marquez had two poor races at the start of the season, but came on strong and, with his fifth in the Worlds, earns the seventh spot. . .Sanchez and Yanagisawa took sixth and seventh in the Worlds, and that is good enough for the eighth and ninth here. . .Erm was a DNF at the Worlds, but his third in the Euro Cup and fast time at Eisenhuttenstadt earn him the final spot over Jefferson Perez, who was eighth at the World Championships.

2001 World 50 Km Rankings

1. Robert Korzeniowski, Poland
3:42:08 (1) World Champ. 8/11

2. Jesus Garcia, Spain
3:47:09 (2) Spanish Champ. 3/18
3:44:26 (1) European Cup 5/19
3:43:07 (2) World Champ. 8/11

3. Edgar Hernandez, Mexico
3:59:58 (3) Mexico City 4/22
3:46:12 (3) World Champ. 8/11
4:05:24 (1) Pan Am Cup 10/28

4. Aigars Fadejevs, Latvia
3:46:20 (4) World Champ. 8/11

5. Vladimir Potemin, Russia
3:46:12 (3) European Cup 5/19
3:46:53 (5) World Champ. 8/11

6. Valentin Massana, Spain
3:48:28 (6) World Champ. 8/11

7. Curt Clausen, USA
4:06:14 (2) USA Champ. 3/31
3:50:46 (7) World Champ. 8/ll
DQ Pan Am Cup 10/28

8. Marco Giungi, Italy
3:54:16 (1) Termoli 3/18
3:51:09 (8) World Champ. 8/11

9. Tomasz Lipiec, Poland
3:48:51 (2) Naumburg 4/8
3:53:06 (9) World Champ. 8/11

10. Denis Langlois, France
3:48:06 (5) European Cup 5/19
3:53:42 (11) World Champ. 8/11

There seemed to be no reason to deviate from the World Championships finish order until the final spot. Langlois finished 17 seconds behind Germany's Mike Trautmann in the Worlds, but Trautmann had been only 22nd in the Euro Cup, where Langlois finished fifth. Consideration for the final spot also had to be given to Russia's Nikolay Matyukhin, second at the Euro Cup but DQ'd at the Worlds, and Spain's Santiago Perez, fourth at the Euro Cup, but with no other races. Some may holler nationalism at our leaving Clausen in the seventh spot despite his DQ at the Pan

Am Cup. But, we had to consider the controversy that surrounded that DQ and the fact Curt was within about 3 km of beating Hernandez, which might have moved him up a spot or two.

2001 Top 50 Performers

(compiled by Emmerich Gotze, Berlin)

Women's 20 Km

1:24:50 Olimpiada Ivanova, Russia
1:26:22 Yan Wang, China
1:26:23 Liping Wang, China
1:26:35 Hongyu Liu, China
1:26:50 Natalya Fedoskina, Russia
1:27:09 Elisabetta Perrone, Italy
1:27:29 Erica Alfridi, Italy
1:27:33 Tatyana Sibileva, Russia
1:27:50tElena Nikolayeva, Russia
1:27:55 Susanna Feitor, Portugal
1:28:45 Hongmiao Gao, China
1:28:49 Valentina Tsybulskaya, Belarus
1:28:56 Valentina Savtschuk, Ukraine
1:29:08 Olga Lukyantschuk, Ukraine
1:29:25 Norica Cimpean, Romania
1:29:31 Xingli Jian, China
1:29:35 Kelian Gao, China
1:29:36 Maja Sosonova, Kasakhstan
1:29:43 Hong Li, China
1:29:44 Qingqing, China
1:29:47 Hailian Pan, China
1:29:54 Elisa Rigaudo, Italy
1:29:55 Kjersti Platzer, Norway
1:29:57 Gillian O'Sullivan, Ireland
1:30:00 Aihui Xu, CHina
1:30:09 Maria Vasco, Spain
1:30:12 Tatyana Gudkova, Russia
1:30:13 Qiuyan Jian, China
1:30:15 Margarita Turova, Belarus
1:30:31 Dongmei Guo, CHina
1:30:41 Melanie Seeger, Germany
1:30:48 Chunfang Sun, China
1:30:49 Larissa Safronova, Russia
1:30:51 Tatyana Korotkova, Russia
1:30:52 Kun Jian, China
1:30:56 Min Han, CHina
1:31:12 Antonina Petrova, Russia
1:31:18 Jingxue Li, China
1:31:20 Jane Saville, Australia
1:31:21 Natalya Misyulya, Belarus
1:31:28 Ludmila Dedekina, Russia
1:31:30 Vira Sosulya, Ukraine
1:31:31 Kathrin Boyde, Germany
1:31:40 Annarita Sidoti, Italy
1:31:47 Jolanta Dukure, Latvia
1:3148 Yuxin Li, China
1:31:49, Svetland Tolstya, Kazakhstan
1:31:55 Guangkun Hu, China
1:32:11 Nevena Mineva, Bulgaria
1:32:12 Ana Maria Groza, Romania

Men's 20 Km

1:18:05 Dmitir Episptschuk, Russia
1:18:06 Viktor Burayev, Russia
1:18:14 Nathan Deakes, Australia
1:18:20 Danis Nishegorodov, Russia
1:19:14 Vladimir Stankin, Russia
1:19:32 Andreas Erm, Germany
1:19:36 Ilya Makrov, Russia
1:19:45 Yevgeniy Misyulya, Belarus
1:19:47 Francisco Fernandex, Spain
1:19:42tRobert Korzeniowski, Poland
1:19:53 Aigars Fadeyevs, Latvia
1:20:14 Vladimir Andreyev, Russia
1:20:21 Jiri Malysa, Czech Republic
1:20:31 Roman Rasskasov, Russia
1:20:45 Aleksei Kronin, Russia
1:20:49 Alejandro Lopez, Mexico
1:20:49 Zewen Li, China
1:20:58 Chuang Pei, China
1:21:04 Chaohong Yu, China
1:21:09 David Marquez, Spain
1:21:11 Robert Heffernan, Ireland
1:21:15 Xialdong He, China
1:21:20 Satoshi Yanagisawa, Japan
1:21:20 David Berdeja, Mexico
1:21:24 Daisuke Ikershima, Japan
1:21:31 Michele Didoni, Italy
1:21:33 Stepan Judin, Russia
1:21:41 Hatem Ghoula, Tunisia
1:21:42 Alessandro Gandellini, Italy
1:21:43 Ivan Trotzki, Belarus

1:21:45tAndrei Stadnitschuk, Russia
1:21:51 Juan Manuel Molina, Spain
1:21:52 Yevgeniy Yakovlev, Russia
1:21:58 Hongjun Zhou, China
1:22:04 Ping Wu, China
1:22:05 Yongjian Yang, China
1:22:05 Yongshent Zhou, China
1:22:05 Liansheng Bai, China
1:22:05 Guoping Yu, China
1:22:05 Joel Sanchez, Mexico
1:22:06 Mingcai Li, China
1:22:06 Shigang Wang, China
1:22:10 Lorenzo Ciballero, Italy
1:22:12 Sandor Urbanik, Hungary
1:22:13 Nikolai Matyukhin, Russia
1:22:15 Yu Wang, China
1:22:15 Anthony Gillet, France
1:22:16 Denis Langlois, France
1:22:19 Georgi Sergeyev, Russia
1:22:20 Wei Chang, China

Men's 50 Km

3:42:08 Robert Korzeniowski, Poland
3:43:07 Jesus Garcia, Spain
3:43:43 Nathan Deakes, Australia
3:44:28 Yinhang, China
3:44:32 Aleksei Voyevodin, Russia
3:44:50 German Sanchez, Mexico
3:45:22 Mikel Odriozola, Spain
3:45:46 Guoping Yu, China
3:45:48 Nikolai Matyukhin, Russia
3:46:12 Vladimir Potemin, Russia
3:46:12 Edgar Hernandez, Mexico
3:46:20 Aigars Fadejevs, Latvia
3:46:52 Santiago Perez, Spain
3:47:04 Chaohong Yu, China
3:47:34 Guohui Yu, China
3:48:05 Craig Barrett, New Zealand
3;48:06 Denis Langlois, France
3:48:28 Valentin Masana, Spain
3:48:41 Sandor Urbanik, Hungary
3:48:51 Tomasz Lipiec, Poland
3:50:28 Viktor Ginko, Belarus
3:50:29 Mario Avellaneda, Spain
3:50:32 Andrei Plotnikov, Russia
3:50:46 Curt Clausen, USA
3:51:09 Marco Giungi, Italy
3:51:22 Mordis Liepins, Latvia
3:51:36 David Boulanger, France
3:51:38 Mike Trautmann, Germany
3:51:43 Yongjiam Yang, China
3:51:52 Liansheng Bai, China
3:51:58 Stefan Malik, Slovak Rep.
3:52:16 Denis Trautmann, Germany
3:52:18 Rene Piller, France
3:52:37 Qiang Han, China
3:52:57 Juri Andronov, Russia
3:53:01 Francesco Galdenzi, Italy
3:53:18 Zoltan Czukor, Hungary
3:53:20 Shengtang Wang, China
3:53:37 Mingcai Li, China
3:53:45 Semen Lovkin, Russia
3:54:12 Giovanni DeBenedictis, Italy
3:54:24 Matej Spisiak, Slovak Rep.
3:54:31 Francisco Pinardo, Spain
3:54:37 Liam Murphy, Australia
3:54:44 Fumio Imamura, Japan
3:55:00 Shigang Wang, China
3:55:05 Darren Brown, Australia
3:55:15 Jiawei Zhang, China
3:55:21 Aleksandr Nadeshin, Russia
3:55:44 Miguel Angel Rodriquez, Mexico

2001 U.S. 20 Km Rankings--Women

1. Michelle Rohl
1:32:49 (1) Nat. Champ. 6/24
DQ World Champ. 8/9
1:42:43 (25) World Champ. 8/9
1:43:24 (6) Goodwill Games 9/6
1:48:24 (9) Pan Am Cup 10/27

2. Amber Antonia
1:36:37 (2) Nat. Champ. 6/24

3. Jill Zenner
1:37:38 (1) Kenosha 5/12
1:37:10 (3) Nat. Champ. 6/24

4. Debbi Lawrence
1:38:41 (4) Nat. Champ. 6/24
1:37:57 (19) World Champ. 8/9

5. Teresa Vaill
1:33:23 (1) National Invit. 4/1
DQ Nat. Champ. 6/24

6. Joanne Dow
1:38:52 (5) Nat. Champ. 6/24

7. Sam Cohen
1:42:47 (2) Kenosha 5/12
1:48:32 (7) Nat. Champ. 6/24

8. Deb Huberty
1:47:25 (6) Nat. Champ. 6/24

9. Heidi Hauch
1:52:03 (3) National Invit. 4/1
1:48:41 (8) Nat. Champ. 6/24

10. Ali Bahr
1:45:06 (3) Kenosha 5/12
1:49:41 (9) Nat. Champ. 6/24

There was really just one major domestic race since the National Invitational was not well attended this year. So, the National Championship race was a key deciding factor. . .Teresa Vaill had a terrific race at the National Invitational despite the lack of competition and ranks fifth, although DQ'd at the National Championship. . .And, Sam Cohen, off a good race in Kenosha, moves in front of Deb Huberty who finished just ahead of her at the National.

2001 U.S. Women's 20 Km List

1:32:49 Michelle Rohl
1:33:23 Teresa Vaill
1:36:37 Amber Antonia
1:37:10 Jill Zenner
1:37:57 Debbi Lawrence
1:38:52 Joanne Dow
1:42:47 Sam Cohen
1:45:06 ALi Bahr
1:47:25 Deb Huberty
1:48:41 Heide Hauch
1:50:12 Gayle Johnson
1:51:22 Cheryl Rellinger
1:51:52 Victoria Herazo
1:55:53 Emma Carter

2001 U.S. 20 Km Rankings--Men

1. Curt Clausen
1:29:46 (1) Palo Alto 5/6
1:29:52 (1) Chula Vista 6/5
1:24:50 (1) Nat. Champ. 6/5
1:29:04 (6) Goodwill Games 9/4

2. Tim Seaman
1:33:22 (3) Palo Alto 5/6
1:29:52 (1) Chula Vista 6.5 (Tie w/Clausen)
1:26:15 (2) Nat. Champ. 6/24
DQ World Champ. 8/4

3. Sean Albert
1:26:55 (2) National Invit. 4/1
1:26:24 (1) Palo Alto 5/6
1:35:25 (3) Chula Vista 6/9
1:26:34 (3) Nat. Champ. 6/24
1:32:11 (17) World Univ. Games 8/29
1:33:22 (7) Pan Am Cup 10/29

4. Al Heppner
1:27:48 (1) Kenosha 5/12
1:46:20 (6) Chula Vista 6/9
1:31:24 (4) Nat. Champ. 6/24
DQ World Univ. Games 8/29

5. Philip Dunn
1:35:47 (4) CHula Vista 6/9
1:32:22 (5) Nat. Champ. 6/24
1:38:20 (11) Pan Am Cup 10/27

6. Theron Kissinger
1:34:01 (6) Nat. Champ. 6/24

7. John Nunn
1:36:13 (7) Nat. Champ. 6/24
1:36:36 (8) Pan Am Cup 10/29

8. Allen James
1:34:59 (1) East Meadow 6/9

9. Steve Quirke
1:35:37 (4) Kenosha 5/12
1:38:15 (9) Nat. Champ. 6/24

10. Dave McGovern
1:38:02 (8) Nat. Champ. 6/24

Clausen's decisive win at the Nationals and consistent, if not brilliant, performance in other races give him the top spot. . .Second is a very close call. Albert appears to have the better overall record, but Seaman beat him two of three, including at the premier domestic race of the year. . .The next four places follow the finish at the Nationals (as did the first three). . .The "retired" allen james was impressive in one of his rare races and earns the eighth spot. . .McGovern edged Quirke at the Nationals, but Steve had an impressive outing at Kenosha to edge into the ninth spot.

2001 U.S. Men's 20 Km List

1:24:50 Curt Clausen
1:26:15 Tim Seaman
1:26:24 Sean Albert
1:27:48 Al Heppner
1:32:22 Philip Dunn
1:34:01 Theron Kissinger
1:34:59 Allen James
1:35:37 Steve Quirke
1:36:13 John Nunn
1:38:02 Dave McGovern
1:42:29 Dave Doherty
1:44:02 Rod Craig
1:44:02 Gary Morgan
1:44:42 John Soucheck
1:44:45 Mark Green
1:44:47 Greg Dawson

2001 U.S. 50 Km Rankings--Men

1. Curt Clausen
See World Rankings

2. Philip Dunn
3:57:18 (1) Nat. Champ. 3/31
3:56:33 (14) World Champ. 8/11

3. Tim Seaman
4:14:12 (3) Nat. Champ. 3/31

4. Al Heppner
4:22:03 (4) Nat. Champ.

5. Theron Kissinger
4:23:24 (5) Nat. Champ.
DQ Pan Am Cup

6. Dave McGovern
4:29:26 (6) Nat. Champ. 3/31
4:54;07 (5) Pan Am CUp 10/21

7. John Soucheck
4:43:36 (7) Nat. Champ.
4:55:06 (6) Pan Am Cup 10/28

8. Dan O'Brien
5:02:29 (8) Nat. Champ. 3/31

9. Max Walker
5:04:40 (9) Nat. Champ. 3/31

10. Rod Craig
5:14:44 (10) Nat. Champ. 3/31

Others: 5:23:43 BIll Vayo
5:46:06 Mike Bartholomew

Results (Of walking races, no less)

New England 10 Km, Concord, Mass., Dec. 9--1. Joe Light (54) 58:44 2. Bob Ullman (53) 63:03 3. Dick Ruquist (64) 63:24 4. Tom Knatt (61) 66:46 5. Charlie Mansbach (57) 66:47 6. Justin Kuo (47) 66:49 (9 finishers) **Boy's Indoor 3 Km, Waltham, Mass., Dec. 15**--1. Adam Staier 18:18.85 2. Jon Chasse 14:39 3. Jeremy Martin 15:26 4. Marak Dennett 16:33 (All from

Maine, 6 finishers) **Indoor 1 Mile, Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 15**--1. Mark Fenton 7:37.42 2. Steve Vaitones 7:56 3. Tom Knatt 8:43 4. Bill Harriman 8:46 5. Richard Ruquist 9:21 6. Charlie Mansbach 9:36 **5 Km, New York City, Dec. 2**--1. Bill Vayo 23:42 2. Nick Bdera (53) 25:50 3. Shawn Frederick (48) 26:43 4. Erin Taylor 27:18 5. Olga Beschastnykh (17) 27:48 6. Gary Null (56) 28:36 7. Bob Bararett (67) 28:46 8. Alexis Davidson (46) 29:08 9. Alice Tan (17) 29:34 10. David Lee (46) 29:43 11. Jack Starr (73) 30:09 12. Billy Wides (14) 30:48 13. Vlado Haluska (49) 32:13 14. John Gersh (54) 32:15 (29 finishers, 1 DQ) **High School Girls 1500 meters, New York City, Nov. 25**--1. Olg Beschastnykh 7:42.99 **High School Girls 1500 meters, New York City, Dec. 8**--1. Maria Michta 7:19.7 2. Mallory Delaney 7:51 Other Heats--Emily Nyburg 8:09.9, Kristin Schmit 8:00.5 **H.S. Girl's 1500 meters, New York City, Dec. 9**--1. Olga Beschastnykh 7:52.75 2. Indian Ripoll 8:19 (10 finishers) **H.S. Sophomore Girls 1500, same place**--1. Anine Stanley 8:07 **H.S. Girls 1500, New York City, Dec. 12**--1. Louren Olivieri 8:06.6 2. Janet Lee 8:12.8 (8 finishers, 2 DQs) 2nd Heat--1. Kaileigh Reeves 7:42.4 **H.S. Girls 1500, New York City, Dec. 11**--1. Clara Sheets 7:56.1 **1500 meters, Brentwood, N.Y., Dec. 16**--1. Joe Trapani 6;59 2. Mike Bartholomew 7:05.6 3. Mallory Delaney 8:02.1 4. Lauren Ratzker 8:53 **H.S. Girls 1500, New York City, Dec. 20**--1. Maria Michta 7:41.4 Second Heat--1. Lauren Olivieri 7:53.4 2. Emily Nyburg 8:00.2 **H.S. Girls 1500, New York City, Dec. 20**--1. Maria Michta 7:26.6 2. Mallory Delaney 7:43.8 3. Emily Nyburg 8:05.5 **1 Hour, Alexandria, Vir., Sept. 23**--1. Cheryl Rellinger 10,860 2. Dave Doherty 10,679 3. Virginia Inglese (40) 9330 **1 Hour, Alexandria, Oct. 14**--1. Tim Good (41) 10,484 2. Victor Litwinski (58) 9928 3. Virginia Inglese 9523 **1 Hour, Alexandria, Nov. 4**--1. Steve Pecininovsky (46) 11,544 2. Dave Doherty 10,786 3. Virginia Inglese 9399 4. Victor Litwinski 9396 **1/2 Marathon, Orlando, Fla., Dec. 8**--1. Sandy DeNoon 2:28:01 2. Edna Ramsay 2;30:12 3. Linda Binge 2:32:24 4. Veverly Bevison 2:34:53 Men--1. Ray Jenkins 2:28:40 2. Phil Brown 2:39:28 **5 Km, Pharr, Texas, Dec. 8**--1. Sean Albert 21:30 2. Chris Diaz (15), Texas 24:16 3. Zachary Pollinger (15), New Jersey 24:21 4. Norm Frable (56) 26:39 5. Adrian Jaime (15) 41:30 6. Bob Mimm (77) 33:42 Women--1. Kathy Frable (56) 31:44 2. Delisa Guadarama (16) 33:11 (126 male and female finishers) **Youth 1500 meters, same place: Girls**--1. Ruby Perez (12) 8:45 2. Claudia Ortiz 9:09 3. Corina Ortiz (10) 9:11 Boys--1. Ricard Vergara (11) 8:48 2. Robert Vergara (11) 8:49 3. Adram Villareal (11) 8:56 (83 finishers overall) **5 Km, Denver, Nov. 17**--1. Daryl Meyers (58) 29:07 2. Lorie Rupoli (50) 29:54 3. Sherrie Gossert (49) 31:33 4. Barb Amador (52) 31:35 **4 Miles, Denver, Nov. 22**--1. Nancy Hardesty (50) 39:43 2. Louise Ness (54) 41:07 3. John Hughes (47) 41:12 **5 Km, Aurora, Col., Nov. 24**--1. Mike Blanchard (40) 28:38 2. Daryl Meyers 30:10 3. Lorie Rupoli 30:56 4. Jerry Davis 31:48 5. Sherrie Gossert 31:58 **15 Km, Portugal, Dec. 9**--1. Angusto Cardoso 1;07:38 Womens 10 Km, same place--1. Kristina Saltanovic 49:57 **10 Km, Portugal, Dec. 15**--1. Joao Vieira 41:57 2. Jorge Costa 43:24 **Women's 5 Km, same place**--1. Susana Feitor 22:30 2. Vera Santos 23:13 3. Ines Henriques 23:15 **Under 16 1500 meters, Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 6: Girls**--1. Bridgitte Burns 6:51 2. Becky Lee 6:56 3. Susan Knapton 6:56 4. Chloe Jones 7:04 (15 under 7:50) Boys--1. Ben Perski 6:21 2. Adam Rutter 6:23 3. Luke Fitzgerald 6:23 4. Josh Poulton 6:25 5. Michaael McCagh 6:26

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Sun. Jan. 6	50 Km, Houston (J)
	10 Km, Denver (H)
Fri. Jan 11	Youth Indoor 1500 meters, New York City (G)
Sat. Jan. 12	10 Km, Paramount, Cal., 8 am (Y)

	2.8 Miles, Seattle, 9a am (C)
Sun. Jan. 13	Indoor 3 Km, New York City (G)
	Indoor 3 Km, Alexandria, Va. (O)
	Indoor 1 Mile, University of Delaware (B)
	5 Km, Denver, 10 am (H)
	5 Km, Denver, 10 am (H)
Sun. Jan 20	Indoor 3 Km, New York City (G)
	Eastern Region Indoor 3 Km, Boston (X)
	10 Mile Handicap and 5 Km, Pasadena, Cal., 7:30 am)Y)
Fri. Jan. 25	North Region Indoor 3 Km, Findlay, Ohio (M)
Sun. Jan. 27	Indoor 3 Km, Alexandria, Va. (O)
Fri. Feb. 1	Millrose Games 1 Mile Invitational (D)
Sun. Feb. 3	5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
Sat. Feb. 9	2.8 Miles, Seattle, 9 am (C)
	5 Km, Loveland, Col. (H)
Sun. Feb. 10	5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
	Indoor 3 Km, Alexandria, Vir. (O)
Sat. Feb. 16	Indoor 3 Km, Columbia, Missouri (N)
	Youth National Indoor 3 Km (T)
Sun. Feb. 17	**USATF National 50 Km, Chula Vista, Cal. (V)**
	5 Km, Denver, 9 am (H)
Fri. Feb. 22	Indoor 3 Km, New York City (G)
Sat. Feb. 23	8 Km, Alexandria, Vir. (O)
Sun. Feb. 24	Ohio Indoor 3 Km, Findlay (M)
Sat. March 2	**National USATF Indoor 3 Km Women, 5 Km Men, New York City**

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From Heel To Toe

Clausen medals at 1999 Worlds. It was a long time in coming, but Curt Clausen now has a bronze (or soon will have) a bronze medal from the 1999 World Championship 50 Km. Two years after the fact, Russia's gold medalist, German Skurygin has been suspended for two years and had his gold medal taken away. Skurygin tested positive for human chorionic gonadotropin after his win in Seville and was suspended by the Russian federation after a long investigation. The gold now goes to Italy's Ivano Brugnetti, the silver to Russia's Niakolai Matyukhin, and the bronze to Clausen. Curt should get $15,000 as the third-place finisher. He becomes the third U.S. bronze medalist at either 20 or 50 Km in a world championship type event . Larry Young won Olympic bronze at 50 in both 1968 and 1972 and Ron Laird World Cup bronze at 20 in 1967 and 1973. **International qualifying standards.** But now it gets tougher for U.S. walkers to even compete, let alone medal in such events. The IAAF has announced new qualifying standards for Olympic and World Championship track and field events, and the racewalk standards have become really difficult. To bring all readers up to speed, there are A and B standards. For any country to enter the maximum of three athletes (four if a defending champion is involved), all three must have met the A standard. A single athlete from any country must meet the B standard to be entered. The new standards for the three racealking events are: Men's 20 Km--A 1:21:20 B 1:24:00 Women's 20 Km--A 1:31:40 B 1:34:30 Men's 50 Km--A 3:53:00 B 3:58:00. How tough are these standards? Well, from the U.S. perspective, as Wayne Armbrust has summarized (with some additional data from your editor), no U.S. male has ever attained the A standard at 20 Km (Tim Lewis came closest with 1:21:48 way back in 1986). Further, no U.S. walker even met the B standard this year and only Curt Clausen and Tim Seaman, in addition to Lewis, have ever met it. At 50, Clausen is the only U.S. walker ever to meet the A standard and only he and Philip Dunn met the B standard this year. Only four others have ever met that B standard. On the women's side, only Michelle Rohl has ever met the A standard, and only she and Teresa Vaill met the B standard this year. Only three others have ever met that standard. So, getting three walkers in any Olympic or World Championship event, let alone in all three events has become a very difficult task for this nation. Wayne has commented: "Hopefully things will improve in the next year and a half, but I believe that short term improvement will likely only occur by bringing new athletes into walking. I make this comment not out of disrespect for the U.S. walkers, who have put their lives on hold for years and trained their tails off, but as a frank statement of what I think must occur if we are to move forward." From your editor's viewpoint, these standards seem to threaten even further the ever-increasing lack of depth in our program. (I have traced this diminishing depth in the past and may update those numbers in the near future. Before there were qualifying standards, the top three were going to go and that always seemed to be attainable to a lot of people who worked to improve and hoped for that one magical day. But, improving your best by 1/2 to a full minute per mile when you think you are already busting your tail can be much more intimidating. So, we have a lot fewer athletes willing to make the commitment to excellence. That's my take anyway. I could expand on this thought further, but will let it go at that for now. Now, for the bright note--these standards aren't yet cast in stone. This from Bob Bowman, former IAAF racewalk chairman and still a committee member: "Here is my e-mail to the various IAAF staff, Council and Walking Committee members regarding the new standards. Unfortunately, these standards get set by Staff and are buried in a 100+-page report to Council regarding competitions to be held over the next couple of years. The IAAF Racewalking Committee is never consulted nor do the Council members check for problems. I will try and get the standards changed, but it will not be easy. When I was Chairman, I had more success dealing with this situation." *(Following is Bob's e-mail, mentioned above.)* "Dear friends, I was just made aware of the possible change in qualification standards for the IAAF World Championships. My concern is that the A standard for both the Men's 20 and 50 will greatly reduce the entries for the World Championships. In fact, both fields will probably be under 30 athletes. For example, in 2001, there were only 24 walkers under 1:21:20 for the Men's 20 and eight of those were from Russia. In the 50 for 2001, there were only 36 walkers under 3:53, but 18 or half of them were from three countries (Russia, China, and Spain. China had eight, and they didn't even enter one walker in the 2001 World Championships. The women's standard is a little better in that there were 44 under 1:31:40. However, 25 of them were from Russia and China, who can only enter a maximum of three each. There is also the problem of accurate course measurements, especially in Russia and China. Short courses can have a big effect on the standards by unfairly lowering them. I do not believe the statistics support such drastic changes. I would suggest the following: Men's 20 Km--A 1:22:30 B 1:24:00 Men's 50 Km--A--3:58 B--4:03 Women's 20 Km--A 1:32:00 B 1:34:30." . . .**More standards.** The USATF National Indoor Track and Field Meet is in New York City on March 2. Qualifying standards for the racewalks are: Women's 3 Km--14:40.0 Men's 5 Km--22:00.0 (or 12:45.0 for 3 Km). (Question. Why can't the women walk 5 Km, too?) Qualifying marks must be made on indoor tracks between Nov. 23, 2001 and February 24, 2002. A 3 percent altitude allowance may be applied to marks made at 4000 feet or more above sea level. . .**Racewalking awards.** Racewalking awards announced at the National USATF Convention were: Captain Ron Zinn Memorial Awards: Curt Clausen (Men's 20 and 50 Km); Michelle Rohl (Women's 20 Km). Outstanding Association--Ohio (Thanks to the outstanding work of Vince Peters. Well deserved recognition for his efforts and the efforts of those that work with him.) Mike Riban Award for Outstanding Contributor to Racewalking--Ginger Mulanax whose long time contributions are certainly deserving of recognition, as well. The Captain Ron Zinn Awards are given in memory of Ron Zinn, 1960 and 1964 Olympian (sixth place in 1964 20 Km), many-time National Champion, and West Point graduate, who gave his life for his country in Vietnam in 1965. The Mike Riban Award remembers Mike, long-time director of the Green & Gold AC in Chicago, coach to such outstanding walkers as Ron Zinn and Akos Szekely, and tireless promoter of our sport over a couple of decades. . .**Hall of Fame.** At present, the U.S. Track and Field Hall of Fame includes two racewalkers--Ron Laird and Henry Laskau. Larry Young, two-time Olympic bronze medalist at 50 km, was on the ballot again this year and reportedly finished either fifth or sixth in a close vote (four were elected). Perhaps next year, when the National Convention will be in Kansas City, near his home in Columbia, Missouri. That would be nice. . .**The tireless walker.** Israel's Shaul Ladany lived in the U.S. for many years and during that time won five U.S. National Championships at 75 and 100 Km from 1974 to 1978, with bests of 7:04:48 for 75 and 10:12:53 for 100. He was on the Israeli Olympic team at 50 Km in 1972 and has won many ultra-distance in Europe through the years, including the famous London-to-Brighton. He hasn't let up, as you can see by the following excerpt from his annual holiday letter to family and friends. "In January, I finished 2nd in the walking division (18 participants) of the Tiberias Marathon; the winner was 43 years younger. In mid-March, I organized the 65 km around Lake Tiberias walk, and 2-weeks later, my birthday one-kilometer-for-each year-of-age walk in Omer. This year I should have walked 65 km, but like in the previous 5 years, I did not aaccomplish the task as planned; the brakes did not function properly and I was able to stop only at the 70 km mark. These and other walking races and marches were a reasonable preparation for the May 15 London-to-Brighton 87 km walk. This was my fifth participation, including my victories in '70, '71, and '73. I managed to finish 7th overall, despite shoes that caused awful blisters and shoe exchange at about 70 km. Next day, I was already at home, but the blisters and the flu I had caught during the race prevented me from training for 2 weeks. It was quite unfortunate, since just as I recuperated, I flew to participate in the 4-day, 300-km Paris-Tubiz (a Southern suburb of Burssels) walk. Out of the 120

starters, 105 finished, including myself, but it was a long, suffering journey. At the end of the 84 km of the first day, I had a sore throat, the physician attending the walkers detected some white spots in my throat, and gave me a wide-specturm antibiotic. This weakened me tremendously. By the fourth day, I had only one blister on each foot, starting at the toes and ending at the heel. Even 2 weeks after the event, I was still under the influence of my decision not to enter this event ever again, but now I think that I will try to walk it also in 2002. From there on, the rest was routine. *(Ed. Perhaps for Shaul. But routine? Read on.)* Early in July, I flew to Europe to participate for the fifth time in the 7-day 300 km Schleswig (Germany)-Viborg (Denmark) walk. It was a piece of cake. Two days later, I met Shosh (his wife) in Nijmegen (Holland) and walked the 163 km, 4-day march for the twelfth time, doing a lot of real fast walking and enjoying the world's largest walking carnival with its 40,000 particiants. After some academic engagments, I managed to hike for 4 days on Swiss trails around Zermatt, each time back and forth from Tasch (1400 meter altitude) to Gornegrat (3100 m), from Tasch to Hornli Hutte (3260 m, the starting point for rope climbing to the Materhorn peak), and from Tasch to Tasch Hutte (2800m). Prior to returning to Israel, I managed to participate in Austria, mostly on steep mountain trails, for the fifth time in the 3-day, 120 km Knittelfeld walk; in the 4-day, 170 km Tauplitz walk; and for the tenth time in the Modling (near Vienna), 3-day, 100 km walk. Because of us, the organizers had to hoist the Israeli flag and to play the "Hatikvah"." Shaul works all of this in amongst various engineering conferences, presentations of papers, and professional committee work. Think of the walking he can do if he ever retires. . .**Millrose Games tradition continues.** This from Jake Jacobson: "Tradition survives! Now, it is the Verizon Millrose Games--to be contested on Friday evening, February 1, 2002. As for the past number of years, Jack and Susan Rudin are sponsoring the Susan M. Rudin 1 Mile Walk. Susan is an avid walker, has participated in marathons, and is a fan of the racewalk. Again, I have the task of setting up the field for Meet Director, Howard Schmertz. The requirement for invitation to participate in the 1 mile walk is a time of 6:30 or better under racing conditions with certified judges this season by Tuesday, January 8--the deadline for entry into the program. I'll also accept comparable times for 1500 meters or 3000 meters (I have on occasion been able to accommodate a couple of late entries because of outstanding performances during the two weeks previous to the Games.) Those entries are not listed in the program but are on the start list. Last year's winner, Curt Clausen, has already accepted an invitation to compete. Those interested in competing may contact Jake at 6068 Ungerer Street, Jupiter FL 33458, walkcoach@adelphia.net. . .**A fun 100.** Colorado's ultra-distance enthusiast, Ulrich Kamm, has another offering for those who like to test their endurance. This is the Cafe to Cafe 100 starting in Arvada, Colorado on April 27, 2002. The event is not a race, but offers a new concept--walking as a group on flat trails for about 20 miles, resting eating ,drinking at a little cafe, doing another 20 miles. . .and so on. In addition, they will have a "moving aid station". "But, nevertheless," Ulrich notes, "it will also be a very tough event for a group of dedicated ultra-walkers, trying to achieve something that is pretty unusual in the US. The goal for this group is to walk **together** 100 miles on the city trails in 30 hours. To get the synergy effect of the group, we will assist each other whenever we can. There will be no whining, no complaiining, etc. Make sure that you are mentally and physically prepared." He notes that the speed will be determined by a pre-defined schedule starting at about 4.7 miles per hour (about 13 minute miles). For more information contact Ulrich Kamm, P.O. Box 740 564, Arvada CO 80006, 303-425-7293, ultrawalk@mindspring.com. . .**Walkers sons.** Nothing particular to do with racewalking, but two racewalkers have sons with web sites that some of you surfers might want to check out. Many readers will recall my report on my son Derek's motorcycle racing accident, now 4 1/2 years ago, that left him a paraplegic. I have reported on his progress several times since. Now, you can check him and his music out on his site at www.derekmortland.com. You will frequently see the name of Charlie Mansback in New England results on these pages. His son, Adam, is an emerging writing talent who you can look in on at www.adammansbach.com.

The Pharr Experience

Texas has never been known as a racewalking hotbed, but A.C. Jaime down in McAllen near the Mexican border has been trying to change that the past few years. Jaime has been building a strong youth program and his recent day of racing in neighboring Pharr drew more than 200 competitors. (See results on page 8.) One of the participants was Olympian, peripatetic racewalker, and occasional ORW correspondent, Bob Mimm. Bob reports as follows on his Pharr-out experience.

I came to Pharr to compete in Texas' largest judged 5 Km racewalk. All I can say is WOW! What a weekend! Things began with a barbecue for judges and race officials on Thursday at the home of Shelly Pena, South Texas Walking Club Vice-President. A.C. Jaime, South Texas Walking Club Founder and Event Director, is the person responsible for the rapid growth of racewalking in this part of Texas.

Seminars were presented on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday under the sponsorship of the Club and John MacLachlan. It would be difficult to find more enthusiastic leaders than Tim Seaman, Sean Albert, and Amber Antonia, the seminar presenters. They were outstanding.

Everything ended on Sunday with a free meal for judges and officials provided by Pizza Hut in McAllen. These officials also enjoed a formal dinner at the Tower Club on Saturday in McAllen and lunch on Friday provided by Irma's Sweete Shop in Pharr.

Many of us believe that racewalking in this country can only grow by finding ways to get more children involved in the sport. The South Texas Walking Club has found a way. Their program demonstrates what can be accomplished. It requires time and leadership. The South Texas Walking Club officers are providing both.

Before the 5 Km on December 8, a 1500 meter race was held for girls and boys 13 and under. A decision was made to start with a lap on the track and go outside the stadium before finishing on the track. It was a wise decision because it prevented lap counting problems. With 83 finishers, such problems would have been likely.

It was so pleasant to watch the excellent styles most of the competitors displayed. There were a few runners, but the judges did an excellent job keeping them under control. Ruby Perez finished in a very speedy 8:45, beating the first boy, Ricardo Vergara by 3 seconds.

In the 5 Km, there were 126 finishers. Every age group from 13 to 80 and over had entries. This race also started and finished on the track. Sean Albert was the first finisher with 21:30, but two 15-year-old boys, Chris Diaz of McAllen and Zachary Pollinger of New Jersey, had times of 24:16 and 24:21, respectively, exhibiting very definite future Olympic team potential.

Race participants and officials were very fortunate because some very windy and wet conditions came in after the awards ceremony. By then, many participants were at Mr. Gatti's in McAllen taking advantage of the free food they offered. What a weekend! I am glad I went.

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As we enter our brief Indoor racewalking season, here are the best Indoor 5 Km times in 2001, as compiled by Emmerich Gotze

2001 Indoor 5 Km, Men

(World Record 18:07.08 Mikhail Schennikov, Russia, 1995; American Record Tim Lewis 19:18.40, 1987)

18:22.25 Andreas Erm Germany

18:42.98 Evgeniy Schmalyuk, Russia
18:55.5 Ily Markov, Russia
18:58.97 Robert Korzeniowski, Poland
18:59.1 Vladimir Andreyev, Russia
19:00.12 Ivano Brugnetti, Italy
19:12.31 Robert Heffernan, Ireland
19:19.2 Sergei Chripunov, Rusia
19:23.91 Silviu Casandra, Romania
19:25.61 Giovanni Perricelli, Italy

2001 Indoor 5 Km, Women

22:18.0 Tatyana Melnivova, Russia
22:21.2 Natalya Schivireva, Russia
22:24.88 Ludmila Egorova, Ukraine
22:29.30 Aleksandra Kubasova, Russia
23:02.0 Anna Kusina, Russia
23:03.1 Aleksandra Sorokina
23:07.95 Irina Petrova, Russia
23:34.0 Swetlana Vassilyeva, Russia
23:38.0 Elena Filimonova
23:39.3 Irina Pudovkina, Russia

Looking Back

35 Years Ago (From the December 1966 ORW)--Jack Blackburn won the annual Ft. Thomas, Kentucky to Cincinnati 6 miler (short) in 43:13, with Chuck Newell beating Wayne Yarcho for second. . . Canadian Bert Life, age 56, won the Coney Island 10 Mile Handicap (actually 10 1/2 miles--courses weren't always called what they were) in 1:39:44. Ron Daniel took fast time honors in 1:26:38. . .Annual subscription rate for the ORW was $1.20.

30 Years Ago (From the December 1971 ORW)--The Ohio Racewalker gave its annual Dr. John H. Blackburn Award to Larry Young for his 18:07:12 100 mile effort, which was achieved on a 220 yard indoor track because of torrential rains that flooded the outdoor track. The award was given for several years for the single outstanding performance in racewalking during the year, as determined solely by the editor. It was abandoned a few years later for various reasons, as were the ORW Style prizes that used to be presented at all National races. . .The second annual ORW World Rankings were topped by Soviet walkers--Nikolai Smaga at 20 and Veniamin Soldatenko at 50. Gerhard Sperling, East Germany, and Paul Nihill, Great Britain, followed at 20 and Peter Selzer and Christoph Hohne, both East Germany at, 50.

20 Years Ago (From the December 1981 ORW)--In the annual ORW World Rankings, Ernesto Canto, Mexico, Roland Weiser, East Germany, and Maurizio Damilano, Italy were ranked 1-2-3 at 20. The 50 saw Raul Gonzales, Mexico, and Hartwig Gauder and Uwe Dunkel of East Germany in the top three spots. Women's rankings were led by Siv Gustavsson, Sweden, at 5 Km and Ann Jansson, Sweden, at 10, Alexandra Deverenskaya, USSR, and Sue Cook, Australia, were second at 5 and 10, respectively. Susan Liers-Westerfield led U.S. rankings at both distances and was ranked third in the world at 10. Vicki Jones and Bonnie Dillon were second and third in the U.S. at 5, and Dillon and Jeanne Bocci second and third at 10. The U.S. men's rankings saw Todd

Scully, Jim Heiring, and Marco Evoniuk leading at 20 and Evoniuk, Vincent O'Sullivan, and Heiring at 20. There were 11 U.S. walkers under 4:40 at 50.

15 Years Ago (From the December 1986 ORW)-- The ORW rankings saw Josef Pribilinec, Czechoslavakia, Damilano, and Gauder on top at 20, and Gauder, Vyatschlav Ivanenko and Valeri Sustsov, both USSR, ranked 1-2-3 at 50. The women's 10 was topped by Kerry Saxby, Australia, Ping Guan, China, and Yougjiy Xu, China. Teresa Vaill, Debbi Lawrence, and Lynn Weik topped the U.S. rankings at 10; Tim Lewis, Carl Schueler, and Ray Sharp at 20; and Evoniuk, Dan O'Connor, and Eugene Kitts at 50. In the 20, 24 U.S. men were under 1:35.

10 Years Ago (From the December 1991 ORW)--Alina Ivanova, USSR, Irina Strakhova, USSR, and Graciela Mendoza, Mexico were atop our Women's World Rankings at 10 Km. Lawrence, Weik, and Victoria Herazo led the U.S. women. At 20, the World Rankings saw Mikhail Schennikov, USSR, Damilano, and Yevgeniy Misyula, USSR, and at 50 it was Carlos Mercenario, Mexico, Andrei Perlov, USSR, and Aleksandr Potashev, USSR. In U.S. rankings, Tim Lewis, Allen James, and Gary Morgan were 1-2-3 at 20, and Schueler, Evoniuk, and Herm Nelson at 50. Evoniuk topped his season with a 4:04:46 on Dec. 15 in San Francisco, beating both Nelson (4:05:33) and Schueler 4:06:21. . .Canada's Tim Berrett did a 3:21:30 in the New York City Marathon.

5 Years Ago (From the December 1996 ORW)--A slow arriving result had France's Thierry Toutain breaking the World Record for 50 Km back in September with a 3:40:57.9 on the track in Haricourt. He was 40.5 seconds under Raul Gonzales' old racord. . .The first three in our World rankings were: Women's 10--Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia; Elisabetta Perrone, Italy, and Yan Wang, China. Men's 20--Jefferson Perez, Ecuador; Ilya Markov, Russia; and Bernardo Segura, Mexico. Men's 50--Robert Korzeniowski, Poland; Mikhail Schennikov, Russia; and Valentin Massana, Spain. U.S. rankings were: 10 km-- Michelle Rohl, Debbi Lawrence, and Victoria Herazo. 20 Km--Curt Clausen, Tim Seaman, and Allen James. 50 Km--James, Andrzej Chylinski, and Andrew Herrman.

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