### 32nd Annual ORW Rankings

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 as women's competition finally began to proliferate. 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

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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 DQ'd 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, 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 García, 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
   3:42:08 (4) World Champ. 8/11
5. Vladimir Petelin, 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
   3:47:09 (2) European Cup 5/19
   3:50:46 (7) World Champ. 8/11
   3:51:09 (8) World Champ. 8/11
8. Marco Giungi, Italy
   3:53:42 (1) World Champ. 8/11
9. Tomasz Lipiec, Poland
   3:47:09 (2) European Cup 5/19
   3:48:51 (5) European Cup 5/19
   3:54:16 (1) Tennoli 3/18
   3:51:09 (8) World Champ. 8/11
10. Denis Langlois, France
    3:54:16 (1) Tennoli 3/18
    3:50:46 (7) World Champ. 8/11
    3:58:06 (9) 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...
### 2001 Top 50 Performers
(compiled by Emmerich Gotze, Berlin)

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### 2001 U.S. 20 Km Rankings--Women

1. Michelle Rohl
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2. Amber Antonia
   1:36:37 (2) Nat. Champ. 6/24
   1:38:41 (4) Nat. Champ. 6/24
3. Jill Zemer
   1:37:38 (1) Kenosha 5/12
   1:37:10 (3) Nat. Champ. 6/24
5. Teresa Vaill
1:33:23 (1) National Invitational 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

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

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1:33:23 Teresa Vaill
1:36:37 Amber Antonia
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1:42:47 Sam Cohen

2001 U.S. Men's 20 Km Rankings—Men

1. Curt Clausen
1:24:50 (1) Palo Alto 5/6
1:26:15 (1) Chula Vista 6/5
1:26:24 (1) Nat. Champ. 6/5
1:27:48 (1) Kenosha 5/12
1:29:04 (6) Goodwill Games 9/4

2. Tim Seaman
1:26:52 (3) Palo Alto 5/6
1:26:24 (1) Chula Vista 6/5
1:27:48 (1) Nat. Champ. 6/5
1:30:00 (3) World Univ. Games 8/29

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

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

5. Theron Kissinger

6. Dave McGovern
4:30:07 (5) Pan Am Cup 10/28

Results (Of walking races, no less)

New England 10 Km, Concord, Mass., Dec. 9—1.
**Arrive At the Line Looking Fine, Put Your Best Foot Forward, and You're Sure To Shine**

**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)

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**Other Heats**
- 1. Ruby Perez (12) 8:45
- 2. Claudia Saltanovic 8:56
- 3. Shawn Frederick (48) 9:11
- 4. Tom Knatt 9:14
- 5. Charlie Manisac 9:16
- 6. Arturo Ramirez 9:16

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**5 Km, Denver, Nov. 22**
- 1. Nancy Hardesty (50) 28:38
- 2. Louise Ness 29:07
- 3. John Malek 29:21
- 4. Tim Good 29:43
- 5. Steve Pecininovsky 30:10
- 6. Beth Foster 30:24

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**10 Km, Paramount, Cal., 8 am (Y)**
- 1. Sandy DeNoon 2:28:01
- 2. Edna Ramsay 2:30:12
- 3. Linda Binge 2:32:24
- 4. Mary Anne 2:34:26
- 5. Tamar Chazin 2:36:38
- 6. Olivia Beschastnykh 2:38:40

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**1 Hour, Alexandria, Nov. 4**
- 1. Steve Pecininovsky 11,544
- 2. Dave Hughes 11,544
- 3. Maria Michta 7:26
- 4. Emily Nyburg 8:05
- 5. Lauren Ratzker 30:09

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**25:50**
- Shawn Frederick (48) 26:43
- Erin Taylor 27:18
- Olga Beschastnykh 27:48
- Charlie Mansbach 28:18
- Steve Vaitones 28:28
- Bill Harriman 28:35

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**Indoor 1 Mile, Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 15**
- 1. Mark Fenton 7:37:42
- 2. Steve Vaitones 7:55
- 3. Tom Knatt 8:43
- 4. Bill Harriman 8:46
- 5. Richard Ruquist 9:21
- 6. Charlie Manisac 9:21

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**Indoor 3 Km, New York City (G)**
- 1. Ben Perski
- 2. John Barato
- 3. Rutger Rupoli
- 4. Sherrie Gessert
- 5. Barb Amador
- 6. John Davis

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**Youth Indoor 3 Km, New York City (G)**
- 1. Ricard Vergara
- 2. Robert Vergara
- 3. Corina Ortiz
- 4. Marla Amador
- 5. John Davis
- 6. John Davis

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**USATF National 50 Km, Chula Vista, Cal. (Y)**
- 1. Ben Perski
- 2. John Barato
- 3. Rutger Rupoli
- 4. Sherrie Gessert
- 5. Barb Amador
- 6. John Davis
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 Ivan Brugnetti, the silver to Russia's Nikolai 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 the 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 racewalking 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 Phillip 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 or a half, but I believe that short term improvement will likely only occur by bringing new athletes into walking. I make this comment out not 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 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 K-A--3:55 B-4:03 Women's 20 Km-A 1:32:00 B 1:34:30. More standards. The IAAF National Indoor Track and Field Meet is in New York City on March 2. Qualifying standards at 50 and 100 Km are on March 8. The World Masters Championships at 75 and 100 Km (Women's) and 100 Km (Men's) are on March 15 (10:12:53). An additional 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 Ribain 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 Ribain 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 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 50 Km from 1974 to 1978, with bests of 3:04:48 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 races 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 accomplish 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 Bursels) walk. Out of the 120..."
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 enjoyed 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.

As we enter our brief Indoor racing 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
19:00.12 Vladimir Andreyev, Russia
19:12.31 Robert Heffernan, Ireland
19:19.2 Sergei Chripunov, Russia
19:23.91 Silviu Casandra, Romania
19:25.61 Giovanni Perricelli, Italy

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 Newsell beating Wayne Yarcho for second... Canadian Bert Lifes, 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 Maurizio Damilano, Italy were ranked 1-2-3 at 20, and Evoniuk, Dan O'Connor, and Eugene Kitts 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

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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 Jose Priblinice, Czechoslovakia, Damilano, and Gauder on top at 20, and Gauder, Vyacheslav Ivanenko and Valeri Sustov, both USSR, ranked 1-2-3 at 50. The women's 10 was topped by Kerry Saxby, Australia, Ping Guan, China, and Yoyng Xu, China. Teresa Vaill, Debbie Lawrence, and Lynn Weik topped the U.S. rankings at 10; Tim Lewis, Karl 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 Shechennikov, USSR, Damilano, and Tchege Mityula, USSR, and at 50 it was Carlos Mercenario, Mexico, Andrei Perlov, USSR, and Aleksandr Pastushkov, USSR. In U.S. rankings, Tim Lewis, Allen James, and Gary Morgan were 1-2-3 at 20, and Schueler, Evoniuk, and Herr 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) - 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 Shechennikov, USSR, Damilano, and Tchege Mityula, USSR, and at 50 it was Carlos Mercenario, Mexico, Andrei Perlov, USSR, and Aleksandr Pastushkov, USSR. In U.S. rankings, Tim Lewis, Allen James, and Gary Morgan were 1-2-3 at 20, and Schueler, Evoniuk, and Herr 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.

Our very best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year for all our faithful subscribers.