Annual ORW Rankings

In 1970, the Ohio Racewalker first ranked the world’s best walkers (male) at 20 and 50 Km based on their season-long efforts. We have continued these rankings since, so this marks the 35th year of our venture into the rankings game. It was also in 1970 that Track & Field News added the walks to their annual rankings of track and field athletes. Bob Bowman had taken on the assignment of compiling the RW rankings and asked Colin Young, an Englishman steeped in the lore of the sport, and me to assist him. (Ireland’s Pierce O’Callaghan took Colin’s place on the team in 2002). Back in 1970, since I had gone through the exercise, I decided to publish the rankings I had sent to Bob in my own newsletter, then in its sixth year, and, in the process, scoop T&F News. But, of course, there was not full agreement between my rankings and the consensus of Bob Colin, and me. That remains true today, but now T&F News beats me onto the street with the rankings. Perhaps, I should move up a month to get back in front.

In 1972, I added U.S. rankings and 1979 women’s rankings. (Their absence had not bee because of any sexism on my part, but sexism in the racewalking world—there wasn’t enough activity up to that time to justify any rankings.) The first women’s rankings were at 5 and 10 km, the primary competitive distances for many years, and after 1985, just at 10 as international competition at that distance proliferated and significant activity at 5 waned. In 1999, the women’s rankings shifted to the 20 when that became the distance for international competitions.

The ORW rankings are based on the consensus opinion of your editor—arbitrary, but based on the year’s performance. All gripes are accepted, but once in type, the rankings are most unlikely to change.

2004 World 20 Km Rankings—Women

1. Athanasia Tsoumelekas, Greece
   1:29:51 (14) World Cup 5/2
   1:29:12 (1) Olympic Games 8/23

2. Olimpiada Ivanova, Russia
   1:26:54 (1) Cheboksary 6/12
   1:29:16 (2) Olympic Games 8/23

3. Jane Saville, Australia
   1:42:53 (10) Canberra 1/31
   1:32:06 (1) Aust. Champ. 4/20

4. Elisa Rigaudo, Italy
   1:31:52 (6) Tijuana 3/21
   1:31:07 (3) Rio Maior 4/3
   1:27:44 (4) World Cup 5/2
   1:32:04 (1) Dublin 6/27
   1:29:25 (3) Olympic Games 8/23

   4. Elisa Rigaudo, Italy
   1:28:51 (1) Tijuana 3/20
   1:29:58 (1) Rio Maior 4/3
   1:27:49 (5) World Cup 5/2
   1:31:13 (1) Italian Champ. 5/29
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2004 Top 40 Performers, Women’s 20 Km

1. Hongjuan Son, China 1:26:46
2. Olimpiada Ivanova, Russia 1:26:54
3. Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia 1:27:24
4. Jing Jiang, China 1:27:34
5. Margarita Turova, Belarus 1:27:35
6. Maria Vasco, Spain 1:27:36
7. Yelena Nikolayeva, Russia 1:27:36
8. Melanie Seeger, Germany 1:27:39
9. Liping Wang, China 1:28:17
10. Jane Saville, Australia 1:28:24

There were two major races—the World Cup and the Olympics—that should be decisive in determining the rankings, but when the top finishers in the World Cup faltered badly in Athens, it made choices more difficult. Thus, the Olympics, the biggest race of the year, became decisive and Tsoumeleka’s stirring victory earned her the top spot, despite her much poorer finish in the World Cup. Ivanov, like Tsoumeleka, didn’t compete much, but had the year’s second fastest time and second in the Olympics. Saville’s third in Athens and fourth in the World Cup gave her third. Rigaudo won three IAAF Challenge races and the overall Challenge title, which with her consistent, if not medal-winning performances in the two big ones merits a fourth place ranking, nosing out Turova, who was fourth in Athens and had two other fast times, but no other major races. Vasco is close behind with her third and seventh in the World Cup and Olympics, but although she beat Rigaudo in Athens, she lost to the Italian in their other three clashes. Nikolayeva won the World Cup, but faded to oblivion the rest of the year. But, that World Cup win puts her ahead of the much more consistent Seeger.
Brugnetti, converting from a 50 Km career, showed great promise at Tijuana in the World Cup and then fulfilled it with a brilliant race in Athens that wins him the number one ranking. Perez faltered in Athens, but his decisive World Cup victory and win over Brugnetti and Korzeniowski in Tijuana are good for the second slot. Fernandez raced Brugnetti to the wire in Athens, and had a strong win over Korzeniowski at La Coruña but did not contest the World Cup and rates slightly behind Perez. With thirds in both the World Cup and Olympics, third would seem the logical spot for Deakes, but off the overall records, it’s difficult to put him ahead of either Perez or Fernandez. It’s hard to rate Korzeniowski as low as fifth with three seconds in races against strong opposition, including in the World Cup, but there are good reasons the other four are ahead of him. Too bad he didn’t choose to double again in the Olympics. Molina with eight and fifth place finishes in the two big races easily ranks ahead of anyone else, the others either not contesting both races or having one good race and one bad race.

2004 Top 40 Performers, Men’s 20 Km

Tim Seaman, John Nunn, and Kevin Eastler were 55th, 72nd, and 76th on the list.
2004 U.S. Women’s 20 Km List

1. Teresa Vaill
   1:32:54 (2) World Cup Trial 4/4
   1:36:49 (2) World Cup Trial 4/4
   1:35:13 (1) Hauppauge 5/30
   1:34:44 (1) Kenosha 6/25
   1:35:37 (1) Olympic Trials 7/17
   1:37:13 (1) Kenosha 6/25
   1:38:17 (1) Olympic Games 8/23

2. Joanne Dow
   1:32:54 (1) Chula Vista 1/11
   1:34:44 (1) World Cup Trials 4/4
   1:38:42 (2) Olympic Trials 7/17

3. Michelle Rohl
   1:37:37 (3) World Cup Trials 4/4
   1:34:24 (1) Kenosha 5/9
   1:41:00 (2) Olympic Trials 7/17

4. Bobbi Jo Chapman
   1:39:31 (3) Olympic Trials 7/17
   1:42:35 (5) World Cup Trials 4/4
   1:43;54 (7) World Cup 5/1
   1:45:15 (1) Kenosha 6/19
   1:42:44 (5) Olympic Trials 7/17

5. Susan Armenta
   1:47:46 (24) Tijuana 3/20
   1:44:39 (6) World Cup Trials 4/4
   1:47:51 (1) Augusta 3/6
   1:47:11 (9) Olympic Trials 7/17
   1:47:71 (9) Olympic Trials 7/17

6. Sam Cohen
   1:42:35 (5) World Cup Trials 4/4
   1:43:54 (7) World Cup 5/1

7. Margaret Ditchburn
   1:50:53 (30) Tijuana 3/20
   1:46:37 (8) World Cup Trials 4/4

8. Margaret Ditchburn
   1:44:07 (4) Olympic Trials 7/17
   1:40:47 (6) Olympic Trials 7/17

9. Carolyn Kealty
   1:47:51 (1) Augusta 3/6
   1:47:11 (9) Olympic Trials 7/17
   1:51:23 (9) Olympic Trials 7/17

10. Sam Cohen
    1:42:35 (5) World Cup Trials 4/4
    1:43:54 (7) World Cup 5/1

2004 U.S. Women’s 20 Km Rankings—Men

1. Tim Seaman
   1:26:09 (1) World Cup Trials 4/4
   1:25:21 (39) World Cup 5/1
   1:22:02 (1) Copenhagen 5/23
   1:25:40 (1) Olympic Trials 7/18
   1:25:17 (20) Olympic Games 8/20

2. Kevin Eastler
   1:28:42 (3) World Cup Trials 4/4
   1:22:51 (26) World Cup 5/1
   1:25:40 (1) Olympic Trials 7/18
   1:25:20 (21) Olympic Games 8/20

3. John Nunn
   1:32:04 (31) Tijuana 3/20
   1:29:39 (5) World Cup Trials 4/4
   1:26:19 (50) World Cup 5/1
   1:22:39 (1) Lithuania 5/8
   1:26:23 (2) Olympic Trials 7/18
   1:27:38 (26) Olympic Games 8/20

4. Curt Clausen
   1:29:04 (26) Tijuana 3/20
   1:27:30 (2) World Cup Trials 4/4
   1:25:39 (46) World Cup 5/1
   1:24:18 (2) Lithuania 5/8
   1:30:26 (4) Olympic Trials 7/18

5. Ben Shorey
   1:32:43 (7) World Cup Trials 4/4
   DNF Kenosha 6/25
   1:31:58 (5) Olympic Trials 7/18

6. Matt Boyles
   1:33:59 (8) World Cup Trials 4/4
   1:32:08 (1) Yellow Springs 5/9
   1:33:17 (6) Olympic Trials 6/18
   1:34:36 (2) NACAC 8/1

7. Philip Dunn
   1:30:41 (6) World Cup Trials 4/4
   1:32:28 (82) World Cup 5/1
   1:33:12 (8) Lithuania 5/8

8. Al Heppner
   1:31:22 (1) Chula Vista 1/11

9. Jan King
   1:33:58 (7) Olympic Trials 7/18

10. Sean Albert
    1:35:21 (8) Olympic Trials 7/18

The first four had extensive competitive records for the year and sorted themselves out quite neatly through the many competitions. Shorey and Boyles are obvious choices for the next two spots, with Shorey in fifth having finished one spot ahead of Boyles in both Trials.
Dunn’s sixth place finish at the World Cup Trials places him ahead of Happner, who had one quick race before his death. The Olympic Trials decides the next two spots. Mike Tarantino is close with ninth and tenth place finishes in the two Trials and a 1:33:29 race in Kenosha.

2004 U.S. Men’s 20 Km List

1:22:02 Tim Seaman
1:22:31 John Nunn
1:22:51 Kevin Eastler
1:24:18 Curt Clausen
1:30:44 Phillip Dunn.
1:31:22 Al Heppner
1:31:58 Ben Shorey
1:32:08 Matt Boyles
1:32:29 Mike Tarantino
1:33:58 Theron Kissinger

2004 U.S. 50 Km Rankings—Men

   4:11:31 (32) Olympic Games 8/27
2. Philip Dunn 4:10:37 (3) Olympic Trials 2/15
   3:59:12 (9) Tijuana 3/21
   4:53:16 (53) World Cup 5/2
   5:03:36 (54) World Cup 5/2
   4:53:16 (53) World Cup 5/2
6. Gary Morgan 4:45:26 (9) Olympic Trials 2/15
   5:03:36 (54) World Cup 5/2
7. Steve Quirke 4:46:29 (10) Olympic Trials 2/15

2004 U.S. Men’s 50 Km List

4:45:26 Curt Clausen
4:59:12 Philip Dunn
4:08:06 Tim Seaman
4:18:37 Sean Albert
4:23:52 Al Heppner
4:27:38 Ben Shorey
4:37:30 Dave McGovern
4:41:53 Theron Kissinger
4:45:26 Gary Morgan
4:46:29 Steve Quirke
4:51:35 Dave Doherty
4:51:39 Nick Bdera
5:17:56 Vlado Halu ska
5:50 Bruce Logan

And a few results as we exit 2004

5 Km, New York City, Dec. 5–1. Nicholas Bdera (56) 25:27.2
   Vyacheslav Troshkin (56) 25:31.3
   Vlado Haluska (52) 25:56.4
   Alexi Davidson (49) 27:25.5
   Tim Davidson (17) 28:15
   Seth Kaminsky (64) 29:24.8
   Bob Barrett (70) 29:27.9
   Deborah Williams (17) 29:55.10
   Ellen O’Shaughnessy (45) 30:30.11
   David Lee (48) 31:05.12
   Luannes Pennesi (49) 31:27.13
   Pansu Guer (58) 32:20.14
   Ora Kurland (48) 33:26 (24 finishers)

1500 meters, New York City, Dec. 12–1. Michael Kasmireczak 6:44:53.2
   Tim Davidson 7:14:59.3
   Raven Pilgrim 8:11.12.4
   Denise Jones 8:33.08 (12 finishers)

Indoor 3 Km, Rochester, N.Y., Dec. 4–1. Laura Rickenderfer 1:13:13 Alabama 8 Km Championship, Dec. 11–1. Monetta Roberts (45) 49:52
   Nicholas Burrows (55) 52:23.2
   Jim Richey (52) 56:28.4
   Emily Schoenberg (41) 56:50 (7 finishers)
   1600 meters, Pharr, Texas, Dec. 11: Girls 10 years old–1.
   Ariana Guzman 9:24.2
   Diana Flores 9:30 (7 finishers)
   Girls 1–1. Claudia Ortiz 8:43.2
   Jessica Reybal 9:15
   Maria Villareal 9:17
   Ruby Perez 8:55
   Corina Ortiz 8:56
   Boys 9–1.
   Steven Valdez 10:21
   Oswaldo Ahmadaliaga 10:55 (6 finishers)
   Boys 1–1. Alex Chavez 9:16
   Boys 14–19–1.
   Chris Dias 6:57
   Richard Vergara 7:01
   2. Ricardo Vergara 7:02
   Ernesto Vergara 7:40
   Zac Pollinger 7:50
   Adrian Jaime 7:50
   Men 20–19–1.
   Tim Seaman 6:14
   5 Km, Pharr, Texas, Dec. 12: Women–1. Deb Huberty 23:47.2
   Corina Ortiz 30:59.3
   Elia Saldivar 33:49.4
   Marjorie Larrazita (65+) 35:07 (8
   Men–1. Tim Seaman 21:34.2
   Zac Pollinger 22:19.3
   Chris Diaz 23:14.4
   Roberto Vergara 24:08.5
   Ernesto Vergara 27:03.6
   Alberto Medina 28:27.7
   Abraham Villareal 28:28
   Bob Cella 30:41.10
   John Knifton 31:09...15.
   Boys Minum (80) 36:23 (19 finishers)(19
   Boys 100 Mile, Colorado, Dec. 27–1.
   Per Kleis Pedersen (53)
   Denmark 21:53:34
   Scott Demaree (53) 23:25:15
   5 Km, Santa Fe, N.M., Sept. 25–1.
   B. R. Aragon (42) 28:51.2
   Laura Draefo (42) 31:30 (7 finishers)
   Men–1. Peter Armstrong (59) 31:14 (3
   5 Km, Boulder, Col., Nov. 14–1.
   Dan Pierce (48) 27:37.2
   Marianne Martino (54)
   30:06.3
   Sherril Gossert 52:21.14
   Barb Amador (55) 31:38.5
   Rita Sinkovets (65) 33:06
   5 Km, Bright, Col., Nov. 19–1.
   Dan Pierce 27:34.2
   Daryl Meyers (62) 29:47.3
   Barb Amador 31:05.4
   Sherril Gossert 31:10.5
   5 Km, Aurora, Col., Nov. 1–1.
   Marianne Martino (54) 30:06
   Sherril Gossert 52:21.14
   Barb Amador (55) 31:38.5
   Rita Sinkovets (65) 33:06

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Sun Jan. 2 Marathon and Half-Marathon, Mobile, Ala., 7:30 am (J)
Sat. Jan. 8 10 Km, Los Angeles (Y)
Indoor 1 Mile, Cambridge, Mass. (X)
2.8 Miles, Seattle, 9 am (C)
Sun Jan. 9 5, 10, and 50 Km, Houston (S)-
Masters Indoor 1500 meters, Hanover, N.H. (X)
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R-Frank Mikovic, 319 Erin Way, Frankfort, KY 875-2904
S-Dave Gwyn, 6502 Briar Bayou, Houston, TX 77072
T-A.C. Jaime, 621 N. 10th St., Spt. C, McAllen, TX 78501
U-Robert Carver, 1002 Catalpa Lane, Orlando, FL 32806
V-Ontario Racewalkers, 676 Bulliit Street, Toronto, ON M8S1E7, Canada

Other 2005 National Championships
March 13 Masters Indoor 3 Km, Nampa, Idaho
April 3 Pan Am Cup Trials, 20 Km Men and Women, 10 Km Juniors
June 4 10 Km, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
June 4 Junior 3 Km, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
June 23-26 20 Km; Junior 10 Km, Carson, Cal.
June 29-July 3 Youth Nationals, Knoxville, Tenn.
July 9 Junior 5 Km, Bar Harbor, Maine
Aug. 4-7 Masters 5 and 10K men and Women, Cooke Field, Hawaii
Aug. 7 15 Km, Wateertown, Maine
Sept. 1 40 Km, Ocean Twp., N.J.
Oct. 8 5 Km, Kingsport, Tenn.
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is the older brother of Irina Stunkina, 1995 World Champion over 10K. And following the Damilano / Vaill tradition, there were two pairs of twins at the world cup: Dom and Dan King of Great Britain, Nenad and Predrag Filipovic of Serbia, while Joao Vieira of Portugal has a twin, Sergio, who has competed internationally. There were also brothers Denis and Mike Trautmann of Germany and sister/brother Kjersti Tytse Platzfer and Erik Tytse from Norway, but there was only one mother / daughter combination, Gabrielle and Amanda Gost of New Zealand.

**Awards.** At the National USATF Convention, the following annual racewalking awards were announced: Ron Zinn Awards for Outstanding Athletes—Curt Clausen (50 Km), Tim Seaman (20 Km), and Teresa Vaill (20 Km); Mike Riban Award for the Outstanding Contributor—Jim Wolfe, Director of the Sallie Mae 10 Km; Outstanding Association—San Diego/Impenal; Henry Laskau Award for the Outstanding Juniors—Marina Michta and Zac Pollinger. In other convention news, Vince Peters was reelected as National Chair, Ginger Mulanax as Secretary, and Sean Albert as Treasurer. Vince Peters was also named to the USATF Board.

**Grants.** The Al Heppner Memorial Fund, administered by the North American Racewalking Institute was established as a permanent legacy to Al as an outstanding athlete, journalist, and person. The fund will award an annual grant to a dedicated young racewalker and aspiring Olympian who meets qualifications set by the Fund’s Supervisory Board. The first grant of $1000 has been made to Ann Favolise. The Institute has also made a grant from its General Fund of $1000 to the racewalking program at Mansfield College in Pennsylvania coached by Mike Rohl. The Institute also plans on assisting Diane Graham-Henry with the production of a teaching DVD for young racewalkers.

**Olympic DVD.** The North American Racewalking Foundation (a part of the Institute, or vice versa; anyway, they are both directed by Elaine Ward) has edited film of the Athens Olympic racewalks on to two DVDs. The 20 Km DVD (men’s and women’s races) runs over 2 hours and the 50 Km DVD over 3 hours (it also includes highlights of the women’s gold medal soccer match and a British summary of the Games). The DVDs are $25 each or $45 as a package, plus $4 shipping. To order, send a check payable to NARE, 358 West California Blvd., #110, Pasadena, CA 91105.

**World Championship qualifying.** Qualifying standards for the racewalking events at this year’s World Championships are: 20 Km Men: A-1:23:00, B-1:24:30; Women’s 20 Km: A-1:33:30, B-1:38:30, 50 Km: A-4:00:00, B-4:07:00. A nation can enter one athlete who has met the A standard. A nation can enter a maximum of three athletes providing all have met the A standard. **Bocci’s role.** On July 11, 1959, Jerry Bocci of Grosse Pointe, Mich. Won the first race put on by the Motor City Striders, a five-mile run on Belle Isle. He is still going strong. On Nov. 14 in Rhode Island, Bocci and his wife, Jeanne, the first Michigan woman to run the Boston Marathon in 1974, completed their goal of running or racewalking at least one marathon in each of the 50 states plus the District of Columbia. They are still going strong when it comes to putting on races, too. For the 35th year in a row, they are putting on the New Year’s Eve family first run and walk on Belle Isle. There is a one-mile kids and open run at 3:30 pm, a four-mile family run at 4 pm, and a four-mile racewalk and fitness walk at 4:05. We might add to this press release that Jeanne was one of the real pioneers in this country in women’s racewalking, getting her start in the Ohio Track Club Distance Carnival back in the ‘60s when Gerry came to run. Gerry turned to racewalking himself, with more than a little success, and we count them among our long-time subscribers. **Our elite athletes.** Elaine Ward reports that Sean Albert, Philip Dunn, John Nunn, and Dave Doherty are currently training with Coach Pena at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista. Susan Armenta and Margaret Dishburn join them from time to time. From Sean Albert, she reports that Zach Pollinger will be joining the group, possibly in January, and other young walkers want to come out after they finish school in May. Sean himself is seeking a full-time job, which means part-time training. From Curt Clausen, she heard: “I literally returned from Athens, packed everything into a trailer and started driving to Wisconsin to begin law school. I started late due to the Games and it took quite a while to catch up. It is still demanding most of my time to keep up with the reading and work load. It’s hard to believe that the first semester is almost over. I have managed only minimal training, but hope to take advantage of the long Christmas holiday. Although I have not made plans, I think I will retreat from this miserable weather to some place nice like San Diego and get a bit of training in. As of now, I am semi-retired, but hope to do a few events in 2005.” And from Philip Dunn: “I am in San Diego for the long haul. My wife and I have a nice little house in North Park. She is teaching ESL for the Community College district, and I continue to work part-time at Southwestern College. I am looking for a more rewarding job, but currently am happy with what I am doing. I am back to training with Coach Pena and preparing for the 50 Km Nationals in February with the goal of qualifying for both the Pan-Am Cup and World Championships. Training has been hampered a bit by my chronic knee injury. I’m doing physical therapy and rehab and hoping that these will suffice without more surgery. My performance in Athens was greatly affected by the injury and my inability to put in the necessary training. However, I am very pleased with the way that I competed on race day. I was able to get progressively faster over the course of the race and finish strong. It wasn’t fast, but it wasn’t ugly.”

**LOOKING BACK**

**35 Years Ago** (From the November 1969 (ORW)—The ORW presented a Man of the Decade Award to Charlie Silcock, who did so much to promote the sport in those years, and a Walker of the Decade Award to Ron Laird. Ron Zinn, Rudy Haluzka, and Larry Young ranked behind Laird for the latter award. Goetz Klopfer did 20 Km in 1:32:24 on a San Francisco track.

**20 Years Ago** (From the November 1984 ORW)—Leading the World Rankings for the year were Mexico’s Ernesto Canto at 20, the GDR’s Ronald Weigel at 50, USSR’s Olga Kristof at 10. Top ranked in the U.S. were Marco Evoniuk at 20, Carl Schuler at 50, and Ester Lopez at
10...This issue included a report by Dr. Howard Palamarchuk on TAC's first Racewalk Sports Medicine Science Seminar.

15 Years Ago (From the November 1989 ORW-Kerry Saxby, Australia; Ileana Salvador; and Beate Andrian-GER, were 1-2-3 in the ORW World 20 Km rankings. Lynn Weik, Teresa Baill, and Debbie Lawrence topped the US rankings. In the World 20 Km Rankings, it was Frantis Kostyukevich, Yevgeniy Misyula, and Mikhail Schennikov, all USSR. In the US rankings, Tim Lewis, Gary Morgan, and Mark Manning were on top. At 50 km, we ranked Simon Baker, Australia; Andrei Perlov, USSR; and Stanislav Vezhe, USSR as the top three in the world, and Paul Wick, Hr Nelson, and Tim Lewis as the top three in the US...

Mexico's Carlos Mercenario blistered the New York City Marathon in 3:11:56, beating UK's Chris Maddocks by nearly 2 minutes and Sweden's Bo Gustafsson by 6". Perlov was fourth in a star-studded field.

10 Years Ago (From the December 1994 ORW)-Gustafsson topped the New York City Marathon this time in 3:33:28, 31 seconds ahead of Allen James. Dave Marchese was third...Sari Essayah, Finland; Anna Rita Sidoti, Italy; and Yelena Nikolaeva, Russia were ranked 1-2-3 in the World at 20, with Michelle Rohr, Teresa Baill, and Debbie Van Orden atop the US rankings. At 20 km, Mikhail Schennikov, Russia; Bernardo Segura, Mexico; and Yevgeny Misyula, Balarius were the World leaders and Allen James, Jonathan Matthews, and Andzej Chylinski the US leaders. The 50 Km World rankings saw Valeriy Spitsin, Russia, Thierry Touzain, France; and Giovanni Perricelli, Italy on top, while Allen James, Jonathan Matthews, and Hr Nelson led the US.

5 Years Ago (From the December 1999 ORW)-World 20 Km rankings for women saw the Chinese duo of Hong Liu and Yang Yang at 1-2 ahead of Susan Feitor, Portugal. In the US, it was Michelle Rohr, Joanne Dow, and Susan Armenta. In the Men's 20 km, it was Ilya Markov, Russia ahead of, Bernardo Segura and Daniel Garcia of Mexico in the World rankings and was Michelle Rohl, Theresa Vaill, and Debbi Lawrence atop the US rankings. In the World 20 Km Rankings, it was Bet Anders, GBR, were 1-2-3 in the ORW World 20 Km rankings. Lynn Weik, Teresa Baill, and Debbie Lawrence topped the US rankings. In the World 20 Km Rankings, it was Frantis Kostyukevich, Yevgeniy Misyula, and Mikhail Schennikov, all USSR. In the US rankings, Tim Lewis, Gary Morgan, and Mark Manning were on top. At 50 km, we ranked Simon Baker, Australia; Andrei Perlov, USSR; and Stanislav Vezhe, USSR as the top three in the world, and Paul Wick, Hr Nelson, and Tim Lewis as the top three in the US...

He went home again. In our July 2004 issue we ran an article by Bay-area racewalking guru Harry Siitonen entitled "Oh, but you can go home again." Harry, a Berkeley, Cal. Resident and long-time reader and contributor to this august publication, described his experience in going back to his old home turf in Fitchburg, Mass., for the 90th Annual Finnish-American track and field meet. And here is Harry, as he appeared at the Finnish American Folk Festival in Naselle, Washington about a month later. (Photo courtesy of Don Jacobs and a local newspaper.)