U.S. Captures Second In Pan Am Cup 20 Km

Medellin, Colombia, March 26—The U.S. Army's veteran Olympian John Nunn led the U.S. to a second place finish in the men's 20 Km race at the Pan Am Racewalking Cup today. The 33-year-old Nunn from San Diego was joined by Patrick Stroupe and the 20-year-old Dan Serianni as the U.S. edged Ecuador by two points for the silver. Nunn finished 12th in the race, one spot ahead of Stroupe with Seriani in 16th.

The race was won by Colombia's Luis Lopez in 1:25:04, 52 seconds ahead of Guatemala's Erick Garcia. Mexico, going without any of their "A" team walkers, captured the next three spots for an easy team victory. Nunn walked a 1:31:26, nearly 2 minutes ahead of Stroupe. Times were slowed by the high-altitude of the Colombian city.

In other races, Mexico's Cristian Berdeja won a close race with Colombia's Fredy Hernandez, as both snuck under the 4 hour mark. The lone U.S. entrant, Jonathan Matthews, did not finish, but we have no word on just where he dropped out, or the circumstances.

Colombia took the team title from Mexico.

In the women's 20 Km, won by Guatemala's Jamy Nunez in 1:36:04, Erin Gray led the U.S. team with a 1:44:23 in 16th place. Colombia won the team title easily with the U.S. fourth.

The first two spots in the Junior Men's 10 Km went to Colombia's Eider Truche and Jose Arevalo With Trevor Barron dropping out with a knee injury at 5 Km (21:18), Tyler Sorenson led the U.S. effort with a 46:25.45 for tenth place. Alex Chavez was 13th and the U.S. team finished in fifth. Mexico's Yanelli Caballero was a walkaway winner in the Junior Women's 10 Km, finishing nearly 2 minutes ahead of Peru's Gabriela Garcia in 47:23. The U.S. team of Erika Shaver (13th), Maite Moscoso (17th), and Nicollette Sorensen (18th) finished sixth. Results:


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Two Russian Wins At Rio Maior

Rio Maior, Portugal, April 9 (From IAAF New Release)-In the fifth stop on the 2011 IAAF Racewalking Challenge, Russians Valeriy Borchin and Olga Kaniskina captured convincing 20 Km victories.

Coming back from his spectacular 50 Km two weeks earlier, Matej Toth lead the men's field through the first 10 Km until Borchin, the reigning Olympic and World Champion, made his move and pushed hard en route to a 1:18:55 victory, bettering the meet record of 1:19:02 set by Spain's Francisco Fernandez.

Borchin bided his time at the start as Toth went through 5 Km in 20:12, twelve seconds ahead of the pack. He accelerated over the next 5 to reach 10 Km in 40:08, three seconds clear of Toth, Stanislav Emelyanov, Hassienine Sebei, and Eder Sanchez. Borchin took command with a 19:21 clocking for the next 5 to take a 25 second lead over countryman Emelyanov. Another quick (19:29) gave him a 38 second victory...Emelyanov was second, just holding off Sanchez with Toth fourth in 1:20:16, a personal best.

"This was a great competition, and I'm happy with this performance," said Borchin. "Who was in his first race of the season. "Everything's going well in my preparation for the World Championships."

Kaniskina, also the reigning Olympic and two-time World Champion as well as reigning European champion, began the competition with a conservative pace in the lead pack, but then moved to the front and stayed there for good after the fourth kilometer en route to her 1:28:35 victory.

"This was my first competition this season and I'll next go to Sesto San Giovanni (in May) and then I'll start my preparation to try to get the gold medal in World Championship," said Kaniskina.

Spain's Beatriz Pascual was in the chase group and finished second in 1:28:51 in front of Portugal's Vera Santos, who had 1:29:55, seasonal bests for both. The results, with 5 Km splits:

Challenge Moves To China; Chinese Dominate

Taicang, China, April 22-24—Nothing like a repeat. Following up on his victory in Lugano a month ago, Zhen Wang scored another impressive win in another Challenge 20 Km race. His 1:18:37 is the world’s best time for the year and improved on the personal best he set in Lugano by 7 seconds. In Lugano, Yafei Chu was second, although 7 seconds slower than in Lugano as he finished in 1:28:04. Yanfei Li was third, also in a personal best, as the impressive win in 1:27:17.

Jared Tallent continued to make progress in his comeback as he finished fourth in 1:19:57, 3 seconds ahead of Korea’s Kim Hyun-Sub, who led Mexico’s Eder Sanchez by just 9 seconds.

The women’s 20 Km also saw a repeat winner from Lugano as Hong Liu scored an impressive win in 1:27:17. In second, 20-year-old Shijie Qiyang bettered her personal best by nearly 2 minutes as she finished in 1:28:04. Yanfei Li was third, also in a personal best, as the Chinese women swept the first five places. Germany’s Melanie Seege got the better of Australia’s Regan Lamble for sixth, well back of the Chinese ladies. Those races were on Friday. Two days later the Chinese swept the medals in a 50 Km race that was primarily a Chinese-Korean duel. China’s Tianfeng prevailed in 3:38:48, bettering the season-leading time of Matej Toth (see above).

It was clear from the start that there wouldn’t be many competitors left at the top in the final kilometers. With the pace predicting a finishing time under 3:40, three Chinese walkers left the main group before the 20 Km mark. 2010 Asian Games winner Si (age 26), Fangguang Xu (23), and Jianbo Li (24) broke away. By 40 Km, Si and Li were the duo fighting for the win, but soon after, Si made his final move with Li fading quickly.

In fourth place, Korea’s Chi-Sung Park (28) set a National Record of 3:50:11. El Salvador’s Emerson Hernandez in 11th with 3:56:09 was the first finisher from outside of China and Korea. Results of all the races:

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Challenge races; area championships and other intra-area competitions organized by an area Association; Regional or group championships in athletics; and area permit competitions...

Errata: In last month's Looking Back, 5 Years Ago, I credited Amanda Gorst with a 13:49:30 in the NAIA Indoor meet. It was actually 14:39:30. Thanks to Vince Peters for bringing this to my attention. I did have it correct originally in March 2006) but got my numbers transposed in copying it to last month's issue...

Athlete of the Week: John Nunn became the third racewalker to be named USA Track & Field Athlete of the Week in 2011 when he received the honor for his 11th place finish in the Pan Am Cup 20 Km for the week of March 30. Tyler Sorensen and Ben Shorey had been named earlier. Selections are based on top performances and results from the previous week...

McGovern Clinics. Upcoming dates for Dave McGovern World Class Racewalking Clinics are: June 10-12, South Bend, Indiana; July 21-22, Honolulu, Hawaii; August 5-7, Capetown, South Africa; August 19-21, Anchorage, Alaska; September 16-18, Louisville, Kentucky; October 14-16, Toronto, Ontario; November 18-20, Clarksdale, Arkansas. In addition his annual "Racewalking Summit" will be October 21-23 in Solana Beach, California and his annual camp November 1-6 in Clermont Florida. For more details on these always well-attended and well-received clinics visit www.racewalking.org/clinic.htm...

Kudos. Okay, so I'll toot my own horn a little. I always appreciate it when readers send along encouraging notes with their renewals. This one was particularly pleasing: "Wonderful, tenacious, unstoppable Jack, Thank you for years of inspiration and enjoyment. I have not racewalked for years, yet watching your local/global view of our sport is always encouraging. It's great to read about the youngsters coming along and to say a silent farewell to champions of old graduating to the big racewalk amongst the stars. You provide a true service in a fast food world. Your grateful reader, Roderick Macelwain, Dallas."

Maybe I'm doing something right amongst all the typos...

Walking Through Grief

In the most recent issue of Great Britain's Race Walking Record, which predates the Ohio Racewalker by 24 years, editor John Constantinou had the following editorial. It says a lot for the therapeutic effects of our sport and helps define what we do...

Where has Race Walking Record been? Unfortunately, this magazine had to take a break due to the tragic death of my father. A road accident in January left him in a coma. I flew out to Cyprus to be with him until he passed away a week later, and stayed on to arrange the funeral.

Grief makes it hard to write, but the truly amazing support of the race walking community has let me get life back to normal. Tragic situations such as these happen to all of us at some point, and make you re-evaluate what is important in life;

Each day that I went for a brisk 10 mile walk brought a little more happiness back to me. Looking through my father's things I found press clippings and photographs he kept of my race walking exploits and realized that he must have been proud of me. That means a lot.

I realize that when I reach the end of my life, race walking will have been a major part of it and I believe that I will have achieved something meaningful. What people will remember most about me is that I was a race walker, and that it brought joy to me. Race walking is important to us, possibly more than we realize. Enjoy it, and do let your family and friends know that you enjoy it. They will be envious that you have something like this unique and friendly sport in your life.

From Heel to Toe

Results web site. Paul Tremblay has created a web site that lists all race results for the current year (or all that he identifies), formatted in nice, easy-to-read tables. Visit https://sites.google.com/site/racewalk/home/results-2011...

Qualifying standards: Those who want to compete in the USA Track & Field National 20 Km in Eugene, Oregon on June 26 must attain the following qualifying standards: Men's 20-1:39:50 for 20, or 48:20 for 10 or 23:30 for 5 Km. Women-1:52:00, or 54:00, or 26:00. The 2012 Olympic Trials will also be held in Eugene in June 2012. To qualify, men must achieve a 1:36 and women a 1:48. The qualifying period opened on January 1, 2011. Standards for Olympic qualification are: Men A-1:22:30, B-1:24:30; Women A-1:33:30, B-1:38:00 at a Qualifying competition. Competitions valid towards meeting the standards are: IAAF World Athletics Series; Area, regional, or group games; Regional or group championships in athletics; Matches between teams from different Areas representing members or areas or combinations thereof; IAAF World Racewalking...
The Great Walking Races

The existence of racewalking as an international sport has often been a tempestuous one, but it has a long history and a dedicated group of enthusiasts behind it. Doubtlessly it will continue, attracting a particularly gifted and tenacious type of athlete, and the support of those who appreciate the unique demands of competitive walking.

When competitive walking began in the late 1700s, the events were long-distance affairs. Powell, Wilson, and Barclay became popular sports heroes because of their tremendous record of endurance. Weston built his entire career as a pedestrian on the long-distance "tramps" that he made on the indoor tracks and dirt roads of the U.S. and England. Racewalking owes its early development to the phenomenal endurance of these long-distance walkers. The unique and admirable quality that competitive walking has in its favor is the demand that it places upon the athlete's endurance. Racewalking is an endurance sport and it is this characteristic that should be stressed in competitions of international significance. The 50 Kilometer racewalk is the longest event in the program of track and field events; however, when it was determined that one event should be dropped from the "athletics" portion of the Montreal Olympic Games (1976) it was this event that was not contested. Certainly, this was a poor choice because no other event in track and field demands the endurance of this race. Racewalking's problems with judging become more acute as the competitive distances are shortened and the demand for greater speed is increased. If competitive walking is to continue to flourish, the events should place the majority of emphasis upon endurance. These events need not be of the same magnitude as the contests of Weston and O'Leary. A better compromise of the demands made upon the speed and the endurance of racewalking will serve to benefit the sport for many years to come. Racewalking's unique character can be conclusively summarized as an event that is necessarily dominated by feats of endurance. The history of this sport points unequivocally to the assumption and it would be disastrous for racewalking to disregard the implication that it holds for the future Race walker has feet set on

Racewalker Has Feet Set On Olympics

By Bill Clark Columbia (MO.) Daily Tribune, Wednesday, January 19, 2011

(Bill Clark was prominent in the growth of racewalking in the Columbia area beginning way back in the mid '60s, is, or was, a major league baseball scout, and is a long-time subscriber to the ORW. This article, obviously, predates Patrick Stroupe’s participation in the Pan Am Cup.)

One of the best ways to get to the 2012 London Olympic Games is to walk. That’s what Patrick Stroupe of rural Armstrong has as his goal these days. Patrick, you see, is a race walker. He didn’t start out to be a heel-to-toe guy, but the 26-year-old former Fayette High School and Central Methodist University athlete is the third-ranked U.S. walker at 20 kilometers (12½ miles).

Though he has never walked a 50-km race (a little more than 31 miles), he is giving that distance very serious consideration. So how did a kid who grew up on the family dairy farm find himself walking toward the Olympics? Try love of competition and a challenge from CMU race walker Beth Lewis.
Two older brothers, Jake and John, were football players at Fayette High, and Jake, now an engineer in Libya, was a track man. Patrick left football after a year but followed Jake onto the track, where he ran everything from the 400-meter sprint to the 3,200. He qualified for the state high school meet in the 400 as a junior and finished last in the finals. He graduated in 2003, and distance was to be his future.

At CMU, he ran cross country all four years and in the spring ran any place he was needed up to five kilometers. CMU is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, and the NAIA has, for many years, included race walking as a part of its national track and field program.

CMU coach Gary Stoner pushed walking and came up with Beth, an NAIA All-America walker. When Patrick saw her walk, he laughed and then quickly was lapped by Beth. Beth became his mentor, teaching him proper walking form and flow. Patrick learned quickly, finishing second as a freshman in the NAIA indoor meet. For four years, he never lost a walking race in the Heart of American Conference and captured two indoor and three outdoor NAIA national titles.

Following graduation in 2007, he continued to race in Track and Field-USA nationals, winning at 10, 15 and 30 km, taking his 20-km time down to 1:26:41 and his indoor 5-km time to 20:33. He has walked all over North America and Mexico, enjoying international competition, beginning in 2005 when, as a CMU sophomore, he was chosen for a spot on the U.S. team in a walking meet with Canada. Patrick is on the roads and tracks around Central Missouri, putting in 50 miles to 70 miles a week, doing strength training with Evelina and Nick Slatinska of Columbia, preparing for a 20-km race Feb. 13 in Florida to qualify for the America's Cup in March in Colombia. He'll be in Albuquerque in late February for the national indoor 5-km race and then to Eugene, Ore., for the national 20-km race, where he'll duel with three other Olympic hopefuls — 17-year-old Trevor Barron, veteran Tim Seaman and defending national 20-km champ John Nunn.

Although he hesitates to mention it, he admitted the 50-km race is on his mind. Only six U.S. walkers broke five hours in 2010 at that distance. "It is a long way, a bit scary, when you haven't even trained that far," he said. If he takes the challenge, Patrick can call upon a Columbian named Larry Young for help. Larry is the only U.S. walker to medal in the Olympics — 17-year-old Trevor Barron, veteran Tim Seaman and defending national 20-km champ John Nunn.

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Don Lawrence (1:28:53) filling out the team...Fourier and Weik won races at the National
Invitational in Washington, D.C. Fourier's 1:32:31 for 20 put him nearly 2 1/2 minutes ahead of
Marc Varsano. Weik had 48:48 to finish 2 minutes ahead of Maryanne Torrellas at 10 Km.
World indoor titles went to Germany's Beate Anders (3 Km in 11:50.90) and Russia's Mikhail
Scheminov (5 Km in 18:23.55). Kerry Saxby (Australia) and Ileana Salvador (Italy) followed
Anders. Italy's Giovanni DiBenedetico and Russia's Kostyukovich were 2-3 in the men's race.

15 Years Ago (From the April 1996 ORW)—Allen James covered his final 10 Km in 46:44 to
win the U.S. Olympic Trial at 50 Km with a 3:58:39. Andrew Herrmann withstood a challenge by
Andrej Chylinski to take second in 4:07:52. Chylinski caught and passed Herrmann during the
final 10, but faded away at the finish. He won a spot on the team having bettered the 4 hour
qualifying standard earlier. Herrmann was left to try for that standard later. Veteran Marco
Evenuik was a close fourth in 4:10:45 as he took a shot at the fifth Olympic team. Ian
Whatley was fifth in 4:14:48, Dave Marchese sixth in 4:15:31, Rob Cole seventh in 4:16:42,
Herm Nelson eighth in 4:17:51, and Mark Green ninth in 4:19:19. (And we haven't seen a 50
Km race even approaching that sort of depth since. Ten years later, Mark Green, then 50
years old, had slowed by 20 minutes but finished five places higher in the World Cup Trial.).

At the National Invitational, Teresa Vaill moved away from Canada's Janice McCaffrey early
and went on to win the 10 Km in 45:20.4. McCaffrey had 46:00.2 with Sara Standley third in

Following were Curt Clausen (1:25:41), Dave McGovern (1:26:29), Ian Whatley (1:27:18),
Philip Dunn (1:29:08), and Dave Marchese (1:29:14). Kerry Saxby-Junna won the Australian
Women's 10 Km in a swift 42:49.

10 Years Ago (From the April 2001 ORW)—Philip Dunn walked 3:57:33 to win the National
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5 Years Ago (From the April 2006 ORW)—U.S. World Cup trial winners in races held on Long
Island were Kevin Easter, Joanne Dow, Michael Kazmierczak, and Katy Hayes. Easter's
1:25:15 for 20 Km beat John Nunn (1:25:30), Tim Seaman (1:27:26), and Matt Boles (1:31:01)
Dow finished nearly a minute ahead of Teresa Vaill in the women's 20 with a 1:34:47. Jolene
Moore (1:37:05) was third, a minute ahead of Amber Antonia. Katy Hayes won the Junior
Women's 10 Km in 50:31 (although 8 seconds behind guest Amanda Gorst, New Zealand).
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Steve Vaitones copied the photo below from ebay, where it, and another photo, were offered
for $20. The wire photo caption, dated 6-22-37, read: "John Abbate (number 2) of Cincinnati,
director of the National AAU senior 10-mile walking race, a feature of the Tuberculosis Day
program held in connection with the Cardinal game with the Brooklyn Dodgers. It was
announced that the winner would probably represent the U.S. in the Olympic Games In Japan."
(Or course, those 1940 Games were never held. John Abbate, who was deaf, was still around
when I entered the sport in the late '50s. Can anyone identify any of the others in the photo?
As you can see, the race was held on the grass in the baseball park, which would have been
Sportsmen's Park, home of both the St.Louis Browns and St.Louis Cardinals.)