Eugene, Oregon, April 1—Pulled along by two South American guests, Trevor Barron won the U.S. World Cup Trial at 20 km and achieved an Olympic “A” standard in the process. Barron, still only 19, was pulled to a 1:22:13 by Colombia’s Eidor Arevalo and Ecuador’s Maurico Arteaga. Trevor’s time is only 11 seconds off Tim Seaman’s National record of 1:22:02 set in 2004. (Note that Tim Lewis walked a 1:21:48 in Quebec in 1986, but that was never accepted as a record.)

The 39-year-old Seaman walked his best time in 5 years to take second among U.S. walkers in 1:25:58, just 22 seconds ahead of Patrick Stroupe, who was 9 seconds under his previous best. Nick Christie and Dan Serianni were fourth and fifth among U.S. walkers to join the first three on team for the World Cup in Saransk, Russia May 12-13.

Arevalo won the race in 1:21:48.6 after trailing Arteaga most of the way. The Ecuadorian finished in 1:21:56.

In the women’s Trial, Maria Michta and Teresa Vaill broke away from the pack after 3 km. When Vaill dropped out at 5 km, Michta was on her own, but ultimately had to survive a fast charging Erin Gray, who walked a personal best to draw within 12 seconds of at the finish. Michta had a 1:35:56.2. Lauren Forgues was also under 1:40. Katie Burnett and Solomiya will join the first three on the trip to Saransk.

In Junior IO km races, Alejandro Chavez, Michael Nemeth, and Johnathan Hallman earned World Cup berths in a race utterly dominated by Colombia’s Manuel Soto and missing Tyler Sorensen, while all four women entered had personal bests, with Maite Moscoso and Abby Dunn earning World Cup berths. The results:

**Men:**
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2. Mauricio Arteaga, Ecuador 1:21:56
3. Trevor Barron, NYAC 1:22:13
4. Tim Seaman, NYAC 1:25:58
5. Patrick Stroupe, un. 1:26:20
6. Rolando Saquipay, Ecuador 1:26:19
7. Francisco Pantoja, un. 1:29:19
9. Dan Serianni, World Class RW 1:32:24
11. Michael Mannozzi, Miami Valley TC 1:33:51
11. Jan Whatley, World Class RW 1:39:12

**Women:**
1. Maria Michta, Walk USA 1:35:56
2. Erin Gray, Bowerman AC 1:36:08
3. Lauren Forgues, NYAC 1:39:13
4. Katie Burnett, un. 1:41:19
5. Solmaya Login, Southeast PA AC 1:41:25
7. Susan Randall, Miami Valley TC 1:46:08
12. Melissa Bosserman, RW Northwest 2:17:45

DNF—Juan Moscoso, Florida AC DQ—Mike Tarantino, un.
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Nathaniel Roberts, Bowerman AC 48:48


New Asian Records At Taicang

Taicang, China, March 30 (IAAF Report by Mirko Jalava) - The best Chinese walkers did not disappoint in front of their home crowd and smashed both 20 Km Asian records, men’s and women’s, at the IAAF Racewalking Challenge here. In the men’s race, it was the young duo of Zhen Wang and Ding Chen who excelled, both getting under the old Asian record of 1:17:41 set by Hongjun Zhu seven years ago.

The 20-year-old Wang, fourth in last year’s World Championships, finished in 1:17:36 for his second consecutive win here, walking 54 seconds faster than last year. Chen, just 19, was second in 1:17:40, 1:12 under his previous best, which he had in finishing third here last year. Wang just missed Alex Schwazer’s World leading 1:17:30 for the year.

Italy’s Giorgio Rubino was the best non-Chinese in the competition finishing in fourth place in 1:20:10, his best time since 2009. The 25-year-old was fourth in the 2009 World Championships and fifth two years earlier.

Australia’s Jared Talent, a medalist in both the 20 and 50 in the 2008 Olympics was fifth in 1:20:34 and Germany’s Christopher Linke had a personal best of 1:20:41 for sixth place.

In the women’s race, it was finally time to wipe out the 1:26:22 Asian record, which had stood for more than 10 years. It seems that the 24-year-old Hong Liu is finally ready to challenge Russian Olga Kaniskina, having been close on a couple of occasions at the World Championships. Liu won silver and bronze in the two last World Championships, behind Kaniskina.

In today’s race, Liu was in her own class with a fast 1:25:46. She missed Elmira Alembekova’s World leading time by just 19 seconds. In second today, was 18-year-old Xiuzhi Lu in 1:27:01, well under her previous best of 1:29:50. Finishing a one-two-three Chinese sweep was 21-year-old Shenjie Wieyang in 1:27:04. The first non-Chinese finisher of the two races today.

Despite the conditions, eight women and six men achieved personal bests. The results:


Wins For Pascual, Toth In Portugal

Lisbon, Portugal, April 14 - Fighting periods of rain and strong wind, Matej Toth and Beatriz Pascual scored impressive wins in the Rio Maior IAAF Racewalking Challenge 20 Km races today.

While Portugal’s best women came to battle it out for World Cup and Olympic team selection, Spain’s Pascual, second last year, proved better than them all. At the finish Pascual prevailed by five seconds over Ana Cabecinha, of Portugal, with a winning time of 1:31:03.

Portugal’s Ines Henriques, a winner at Chihuahua earlier this year, was third in 1:32:32.

The hotly contested race saw a pack of 11 women together at 5 Km, with Cabecinha leading in 22:59. There were still seven in the lead group at 10 Km, reached in 45:49. By 15 km, reached in 1:08:36, the lead group was down to five – Pascual, Cabecinha, Henriques, Romania’s Claudia Stef and Brazil’s Erica de Sena. As the other three began to drop away, it became a two-woman race, with Pascual prevailing at the end.

The men’s title was decided in the final lap when Toth, a winner in Dudince three weeks earlier, took the lead to win in 1:20:25, leaving Mexico’s Eder Sanchez 24 seconds back at the finish. In third, another Mexican, Isaac Palma impressed on his personal best by more than 2 minutes as he finished in 1:21:14, 14 seconds clear of Ireland’s Robert Heffernan. A strong race for Mexico, as they had five more in the top twelve.

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Ohio Racewalker to retrieve that piece of trivia!! ...Barron Athlete of the Week. Trevor Barron was named USA Track & Field Athlete of the Week on April 3 after he finished as the top American at the IAAF Racewalking Cup Trials in Eugene, Oregon. (See lead article in this issue.) Trevor is currently in his second semester at Colorado College in Colorado Springs where he plans to pursue a degree in computer science or math. Barron quipped that “Coming down from 6000 feet makes sea level feel pretty easy. I knew I was capable of walking the ‘A’ standard and I was pleased when Id,” he said. “I hope to be even faster in Russia, the Olympic Trials and the Olympics.” Trevor was the second racewalker named as Athlete of the Week this year, following John Nunn, who was named on January 26 following his 50 Km Olympic Trials victory ... Splits. Speaking of the 50 Km Trial, Elliott Denman has provided 20 Km splits in that race: Tim Seaman 1:38:52; Ben Storey 1:38:53; Patrick Stroouple 1:38:55; Erick Cordaro 1:38:55; John Nunn 1:39:20; Yandy Alvarez 1:41:22; Allen James 1:45:06; Ray Sharp 1:45:21; Michael Mannozzi 1:47:55; Dave McGovern 1:59:32. And, on the distaff side Erin Talcott 1:46:37. ...Hello. Andrew and Ingrid Crane in Florida write: “We were thrilled to see our friends Stella Cashman and Helene Britton judging the PSAL Indoor 1500 in February. We were all together for the World Cup in 1991 (Ed. Gee, I was there too as a member of the Press Crew.) We were all together at Howard Jacobson’s racewalk camp in 1984. Wonderful memories...Gerorous subscriber. Roderick McElwain writes, along with his renewal: “Thank you for another great year of racewalking news. You continue to be more enjoyable than the New York Times. I appreciate the special offer of twelve dollars for the upcoming year (I think he was looking at a renewal slip sent before the price increase), but I think I’ll honor my grandmother and pay fifteen. She advised me to avoid bargains when the expiration date was the month before the price increase...College destinations: Vince Peters announces college destinations for some of our junior racewalkers: Ian Rixon Maine Ashford University in Iowa; Katie Flanders Maine, Biola U. in California; Nicole Court-Menendez, Maine, Dakota Wesleyan in South Dakota; Abby Dunn, Maine, Goshen College, in Indiana; Toudie Green, New York, Lindsey Wilson College in Kentucky; and Molly Josephs, New York, Missouri Baptist U. in St. Louis. ...Standards. The “proposed” qualification standards for the 2013 World T&F Championships in Moscow are: 20 Km Men -1:24:00, B -1:26:00; 20 Km Women -1:36:00, B -1:38:00; 50 Km Men A -4:02:00, B -4:16:00. These standards are relaxed from recent years and, if accepted, gives us a better chance of getting several racewalkers to the meet. ...Thelma Fellows. Thelma Fellows, a national level racewalking judge for many years, passed away in Kalamazoo on April 16. She had suffered a stroke while judging and officiating in a meet at Goshen College in Indiana on March 31. Thelma was known for her positive attitude and infectious enthusiasm. She was quick to volunteer to help anyone learn to racewalk by doing clinics around Michigan and offering one-on-one coaching and lessons.

Chegin, the Man Behind the Saransk Race Walking Dynasty by Paul Warburton for the IAAF

How much does Victor Chegin mean to Saransk race walking where the IAAF World Race Walking Cup takes place on 12-13 May? Just about everything is the short answer. The center where some of the world’s greats train, and from where they are plotting an iron grip on the Cup on home turf, is named after him. In fact, the training facility a couple of kilometres outside the centre 600k east of Moscow used to be called simply “Start.” It has been in fifth gear for the last five years as non-stop as Olympic, IAAF World Championships, World Walking Cup and IAAF Challenge victories have piled up outside Chegin’s door like a delivery man emptying his supermarket van.

The “big boss”, his own tongue-in-check description, is hungry for more and it’s a brave punter who bets on anyone else getting a look in when the Cup hits town on the weekend of 12-13 May. Chegin built on the success in 1995 at the Gothenburg IAAF World Championships where 18-year-old Irina Stankina became the youngest-ever gold medallist.

Since when, the 50-year-old has “worked” every political, social and other opportunity to get the funding that keeps the medal production line in full order. This correspondent was playfully grabbed by the arm and marched over to the president of Mordovia at one such function in the recent past.

What being said became an immediate mystery to non-Russian speakers, but one nodded benignly as one does when events sail over the head. Mr. President smiled at Chegin and then at me in turn, as the supercoach urged and cajoled with the intensity of a Hyde Park speaker.

After the 2009 IAAF World Championships in Berlin where Chegin’s charges cleaned swept all three walking golds, he not only got the center renamed after him, he got his home republic’s highest honor. As a Mordovian sports website gushed: “All the citizens of Mordovia know this man by sight. The Race Walking Center of the Olympic Training was named after him. He is the only full Cavalier of the Order of Glory of Mordovia Republic.”

“He is an honored citizen of the Republic of Mordovia. His intramural monument will be erected soon. Thanks to Victor Chegin’s diligence the Republic got the results the whole world is talking about. At the presence of thousands of spectators, the Head of the Republic of Mordovia gave him the highest degree of the Order of Glory. He is the father of all the victories of our race walkers.

Chegin’s word is law at the Chegin Center as you might expect. Technicians, medical staff, cleaners, cooks and coaches stop what they’re doing and stand to attention as he passes. If it all has the whiff of a kind of Russian sports royalty, this man is heir apparent.

What did come as a surprise was his ability to stop trains in the middle of nowhere. As the IAAF Challenge party was about to leave for the 12-hour train ride to Moscow, Chegin and a subordinate boarded the waiting carriage with four or five strong-looking Russians.

What they did then was to start dispensing copious bottles of expensive vodka to all and sundry, but carried on doing so as the train chugged into life. After much back-slapping and other good wishes, the train eventually stopped in the dusk around 30 minutes later – with not a single habitation in sight. What was there at a level crossing was a big car. Out of it got someone Chegin obviously knew, because the Big Boss and the entourage were greeted warmly before climbing in the back.

This is what the rest of the world take on at the World Cup, where not only will the likes of reigning Olympic and IAAF champions Valeriy Borchin and Olga Kaniskina toe the line, but anything up to 15 others of both sexes, senior and junior, plan to change Chegin’s intense stare to a smile as they cross the finish line.

Centurions

Dave Talcott recently released an up to date list of U.S. Centurions—those who have walked 100 miles in 24 hours or less. His list updates one I have on hand that is several years old. Let me garner a few statistics from the list.

There are now 73 official U.S. Centurions. These are people who completed a 100-miler on U.S. soil, including some from outside the U.S. A U.S. citizen who walked a 100-
miler in, say, England, would be come a British Centurion, not an American Centurion, and, thus will not be on the list. The list of U.S. Centurions includes 19 from other countries. Thus, there are 54 U.S. Centurions, who are U.S. citizens.

The first three on the list of U.S. Centurions date back to May 10, 1878-J.B. Gillie, M.J. Ennis, and J. Schmidt, all presumably male. Gillie completed his 100 in 21:00:42. It was then 89 years until we had another U.S. Centurion—Larry O'Neill, a 60-year-old Montanan who walked a 19:24:34 in Columbia, Missouri, in what became an annual race on the track. Larry’s time in that race has still been bettered only six times in the U.S., twice by Paul Hendrick’s and Alan Price, and once by Larry Young and Ivo Majetic, of the Czech Republic. LO’Neld did five more 100s between then and 1977, all in Columbia, except for one in Los Angeles on Oct. 30, 1970. The L.A. race came just 34 days after he had completed his third 100 in Columbia. He had done 20:42:42 in Columbia, but slowed to 21:49:32 in L.A.

In 1971, two-time Olympic 50 K bronze medalist Larry Young became the most well-known of U.S. Centurions, walked what remains the fastest time on U.S. soil—except, it wasn’t on soil. Torrential rains drove the Columbia race indoors that year and Larry walked an 18:07:12 on a 200-meter track. Amazingly, he walked the last 2 miles each under 8 minutes.

King of the U.S. Centurions is Alan Price, who completed 23 100s between 1978 and 1993. His first was on Sept. 23, 1978 in Columbia when he finished in 18:57:01 to become the 23rd U.S. Centurion. During his long run, Price twice walked three centuries in the same year—1980 on Aug. 2, Sept. 27, and Nov. 1 and 1982 on Aug. 7, Sept. 25, and Nov. 23. Between Aug. 11, 1979 and Sep. 26, 1987 Price walked 191 100 milers doing at least two a year in every year but 1985. Alan’s fastest 100 was 18:46:37 at Colombia in 1984. He was under 19 hours one other time and under 20 hours on six other occasions. Two of his centuries came in Ohio—Springfield in 1986 and Xenia in 1993. The Xenia race was his final 100.

The next fastest U.S. Centurion is Pal Hendricks, who did 18:48:52 in San Diego in 1980, beating Price in the process. That was his third and final 100. He had won in Colombia in 1977 and then lost to Price the following year in Alan’s first century.

The next most prolific Centurion was Leonard Busen who did 11 between 1974 and 1982, all in his home base of Colombia. Other prolific Centurions are Chuck Hunter-8, Bob Chapin and O’Neill 6, and Ohio’s own Jack Blackburn 5.

The first woman to become a U.S. Centurion was Elsie McGarvey in 1978 with a 22:52:31. She was Centurion No. 24 and she repeated in 1980, although nearly an hour slower. There are nine other women on the list, seven of them U.S. citizens. The fastest was the late Bev LaVeck McCall, who did 21:42:14 in 1982 to become U.S. Centurion No. 39. England’s Sandra Brown, a Centurion in England, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Malaysia, also a U.S. Centurion. She walked 21:50:58 in Golden Colorado in 2000. (See below for more on Sandra.)

Other Centurions besides Young and Blackburn who were more noted for accomplishments at shorter distances, including national titles and international team experience, were Shaul Ladany, Jerry Brown, John Kelly, Augie Hirt, and Tom Dooley.

The Great Sandra Brown

While on the subject of Centurions, here is a little about England’s Sandra Brown. We seem to suggest above that Alan Price’s 23 100s is amazing—through 2011, Sandra, then 61, had walked 141! And, many of these were actually longer distances, such as 24 hour races, in which she went beyond 100 miles. The criteria is that she reached 100 in less than 24 hours. And Alan’s three in a year twice? Huh! Sandra walked her first 100 at age 33 in 1982. By te time she was 40, she had 18 under her belt. Then she really took off. From then on through 2010, there were 2 years when she only did three and five years when she did just four. Every other year she did at least five. The 100 she did in Colorado in 2000 was one of 11 that year, preceded by nine in 1999 and followed by seven in 2002. In May of 1999, she did three, two of those actually 24 hour affairs, going over 183 km in one and 192 km in the other—both well over 100 miles.

Sandra Brown and husband Richard. They finished one-two in many of those English Centurion races—not always in the same order.

Sandra is no piker at shorter distance. In 2009 she rewrote the British age 60 record book with a 56:56.8 at 10 Km, 1:55:34 at 20 km, and 5:47:30 at 50 km. She has also represented England on many occasions in ultra-distance running championships. Sandra holds the record for the most number of finishes, male or female, in the annual English Centurions race—24. And for real ultra-distance—she holds the women’s record for the Land’s End to John O’Groats epic (one end of Great Britain to the other), a distance of 810 miles which she did in 13 days, 10 hours. Want more? In 1996 she set a women’s world run record for 1000 miles—14 days, 10 hours, 27 minutes, 26 seconds—walking, not running, most of the way.

Clair Duckham

Clair Duckham was one of the legends of Ohio racewalking. He was also a legend cycling in Ohio. In the late ’30s and early ’40s, Clair was placing well in many national racewalking events. His last appearance in a National was in 1969 in the 15 Km held in Worthington, a Columbus suburb. Clair finished 19th in 1:31:05, quite respectable for a 66 year old at that time. Clair was famous for many things. Like riding his motorcycle from Dayton to Boston for the BAA marathon (he ran it) and then motorcycle back home the next day. That’s a trip of about 800 miles. Or riding 50 Mile hi-wheeler tours on the roads of western Ohio well into his 80s, perhaps 90s. Clair and I had a nice trip together to White Plains, N.Y. for the National Masters meet in 1975.

Through Wayne Armbrust, I recently learned of his death in Chicago in March of 2009 just 32 days short of his 103rd birthday. That was at the same time as Chris McCarthy
Michigan native Gary Morgan loves the sport of running. Gary began running in high school, but found his true love of racewalking in 1975 at an AAU track meet where he competed at the age of 15.

More than 35 years later, Gary has competed in six Olympic Trials from 1984 to 2004 in the 20 and 50 Km events, and placed first in the 1988 US Olympic 290 Km Trials, representing America in the Seoul Olympics as a racewalker. Moreman's accomplishments included a total of five qualifying finishes for the Olympic Trials and finishing second in the 1992 Trials at 20 Km (but falling short of the qualifying standard.)

Including the 1988 Olympics, Gary has competed on 17 National teams that included World Championships, Pan Am Games, Goodwill Games, World Cup, and various other teams. He carried the Olympic torch in 1996 and 2002. He has run or walked more than 60 marathons, including those in New York, Boston, Chicago, Kilimanjaro, and Antarctica. In 1997, he was honored by the New York Athleti Club for his achievements and was named the Athlete of the Year.

Art McCafferty, publisher and CEO of Great Lakes Sports Publications, named Gary "Mr. Ubiquitous" due to his omnipresence in running adventures around the world. A television reporter for the Running Network and writer for Michigan Runner, Gary reports on his numerous running adventures around the world, including mountain biking, cross country skiing, camping, and all outdoor sports. He is an officer of the USATF Athlete's Advisory Committee to the U.S. Olympics, a State Representative of the Year for the Road Runners Club of America, and on the board of the Ann Arbor Track Club. The Michigan Sports Hall of Fame inductee also climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain in 2006.

Since retiring as an electrician from General Motors, this world traveler makes time to give back to the community as a volunteer, whether it be reading to children at Salvation Army Shelters, working with youth from the Save the Family Foundation, or serving as an official at the AAU Junior Olympic Games. In 2011, in recognition of his work as a community volunteer, Gary was awarded the Jackie Joyner-Kersee Award for dedication to track and field and community service (well, gee, they forgot to mention that Gary was a four-time winner of the annual Jack Mortland race and still holds the meet record with the 1:27:30 he walked for 20 Km in the first edition in 1988... and thanks to Vince Peters for keeping alive this event started by John White in Columbus.)

**Women's All Time 50 Km List**

(Compiled by James Leppik)

50 Years Ago (From the April 1962 Race Walker, published by Chris McCarthy in Chicago) - John Allen won the National 40 Km in Buffalo in 3:30:22, beating Ron Laird by more than 12 minutes. Laird was just 3 seconds ahead of Bob Mimm, with Ron Daniel, Carl Kurr, and Jack Blackburn taking the next three spots... The Penn AC 12 miler went to Ron Zimm in a course record 1:33:31 with Jack Mortland 1:23 back in second. Ron Laird (1:36:02)
and Bob Mimm (1:37:00) followed. In discussing the World Lists for 1961, McCarthy noted he would like to talk to Rein Leius of the USSR and ask him how it feels to turn in a 4:44:05 50 Km and finish in 55th Place in a national race (and this in the day when 4:15 was a super time). There was some depth in that kind even 50 years ago.

45 Years Ago (From the April 1967 ORW)-On the West Coast, Don DeNooit the measure of Ron Laird by 22 minutes, winning a 30 Km race in 2:30:00. Then Laird turned the table at 20 Km, winning by just 1 second in 1:53:23. The Ohio 20 Km went to Jack Mortland in a leisurely 1:41:13.

40 Years Ago (From the April 1972 ORW)-The National 25 km title was won by Larry Young in 1:57:28 following a race-long duel with Goetz Klopfer. Goetz hung tough until the final mile and finished a half-minute back, only to find that he had the old DQ. So second went to Bill Ranney in 2:03:13 with Todd Scully third. The race was held in Seattle. . .The annual 50 Mile in New Jersey went to Shaul Ladany in 7:23:10, with Bill walker a half-hour behind. Shaul went through the 50 Km mark in 4:30:36. . .Young added the National 20 Km title to his laurels on Long Island in 1:32:45. Ron Daniel was second in 1:34:10, followed by Floyd Godwin, John Knifton, Jerry Brown, and Todd Scully. Your aging editor decided that Long Island didn't like him as received the second DQ of a career that began in 1958, the first being 12 years earlier in the National 10 Km on . . .Long Island. . .In East Germany, Kurt-Heinz Stadtmueller bettered the world record for 30 Km with a 2:14:16 on his track.

35 Years Ago (From the April 1977 ORW)-Wayne Glusker and Dave Himmelberger shared the National 35 Km title, finishing in 3:03:50 in Palo Alto. Bryan Snazelle was just 41 seconds back. Shaul Ladany continued his domination of the ultras, winning the National 75 Km title in a record 7:04:48 (4:35:44 at 50). Martin Kraft was second in 7:27:15. Alan Price third, and Gerry Bocci fourth. . .In Turku Finland, Reima Salonen did an indoor 3 Mile in 5:53.2.

30 Years Ago (From the April 1982 ORW)-Marcelo Evoniuk left Jim Heiring after 17 miles and went on to a decisive win in the National 35 Km. His 2:48:08 left Heiring nearly 3 minutes back. Ray Sharp was just under 3 hours in third. . .Ralf Kowsky had a world record of 2:05:54 for 30 Km in East Germany.

25 Years Ago (From the April 1987 ORW)-Tim Lewis and Debbi Lawrence encountered victorious in the DC Invitational walks. Lewis had 1:27:16 for 20 Km, 38 seconds ahead of Carl Schueler. Ray Sharp had 1:29:24 and Mike Stauch and Steve Pecinovsky 1:29:59. Dave McGovern was just 3 seconds over the 1:30 mark. Lawrence was convincing as her 47:33 put her 63 seconds ahead of Lynn Weik, with Maryanne Torrellas third in 48:56 in the 10. The Vaill sisters, Teresa and Lisa, also broke 50 minutes.

20 Years Ago (From the April 1992 ORW)-Carl Schueler and Marco Evoniuk both qualified for their fourth Olympic team at the 50 Km trial in New Orleans. Joining them was Herr Nelson who gutted it out in second place for a 4:04:38, just under the qualifying standard of 4:05. Evoniuk in third (4:09:44) already had met the standard. Schueler won the race in 4:02:10, after going through 25 Km in 1:56:57, which proved a bit quick on the day, but he was never in danger of losing the race. Following the first three were Andrzej Chylinski (4:11:53), Jonathan Matniews (4:12:28), and Dan O'Conor (4:13:53). At the National Invitational in Washington, D.C., Canada's Janice McCaffrey edged Teresa Vaill in the 10 Km 45:07 to 45:16. Lynn Weik (45:38) and Maryanne Torrellas (48:06) followed. Tim Lewis won another title at 20 Km in 1:28:47, 25 seconds ahead of Ian Whately. Dave McGovern lead a closely bunched pack for third in 1:29:31, as five more (Ray Funkhouser, Mark Manning.

2005 Years Ago (From the April 1997 ORW)-Russia dominated the World Cup races held in the Czech Republic, taking both men's and women's titles. They finished one-two in the women's 10 Km race with Irina Stankina finishing in 41:52 and Olimpia Ivanova in 41:59. China's Yan Gu was third in 41:15, wita Erica Alfridi of Italy fourth. Italy, China, and Belarus followed the Russians in the team standings. The U.S. finished 14th of the 31 teams, led by Victoria's 46:31 in 50th place. The men's 20 went to Olympic Champion Jefferson Perez, Ecuador, in 1:18:24, just 3 seconds ahead of Mexico's Daniel Garcia, who led Russia's Ilya Markov by just 3 seconds. Curt Clausen led the U.S. contingent with a 1:24:41 in 60th. At 50, Spain's Jesus Garcia won in 3:39:54, 18 seconds ahead of Oleg Ishutkin, Russia. Finland's Vaclav Kononen and Russia's Nikolai Matyukhin were third and fourth. Andzrej Chylinski was the top U.S. finisher with a 4:07:15 in 44th place. In the team standings, Russia finished first, followed by Mexico and Belarus. The U.S. was 16th among the 44 teams competing.


5 Years Ago (From the April 2007 ORW)-In Pan Am Cup races in Brazil Ecuador's Jefferson Perez won the men's 20 Km in 1:25:08, just 1 second ahead of Colombia's Jose Restrepo. Kevin Estler was the first U.S. walker in seventh with 1:29:47. El Salvador's Cristina Lopez prevailed in 1:39:21, 21 seconds ahead of Ecuador's Miriam Ramon. Sam Cohen of the U.S. was 12th in 1:45:43, just ahead of Jolene Moore. Team titles in these two races went to Mexico and Ecuador. Mexico's Alvaro Garcia won te 20 Km in 1:25:08, with Phillip Dunn fourth for the U.S. in 1:44:54. Dunn was joined was joined by ancients Ray Sharp (3:33:00 for ninth), Curt Clausen, and Mark Green for an improbable team title, as no one else finished a team of three. In Rio Maior, Portugal, IAAF Challenge wins went to Ryta Tureva, Belarus (1:28:01) in the women's 20 and Italy's Ivan Brugnetti (1:21:20) in the men's 20. Norway's Kjersti Platen and Australia's Luke Adams were the second place finishers.

Walkers of yore I recall
Allen, Deni, Karl Kur, and John Wall
Omtzetchenko and Hesnon
Humke, Rasmussen
Weinacker, Neishloss, Casper, et al.