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WALKER OF THE WEEK

The Walker of the Week returns with this issue and it goes to South Australian walker **Kim Mottrom**. Competing in the Athletics South Australian 20km roadwalk championship in Adelaide on Saturday, he took gold with a time of 1:33:26. It was his fastest time for over 6 years and, what's more, he beat an Olympic champion. Yes, that's right, Jared Tallent, dipping the toes into a bit of racing after a long layoff, was second with 1:36:05. Ok, I know Jared was probably not too serious, but a win's a win in my book! Seriously though, it is so wonderful to see Jared back on the roads again. Keep it up champ!



Kim in action in Adelaide on Saturday (photo Athletics SA)

PAUL F DEMEESTER TALKS MATTERS IAAF AND IOC

Thanks to US Attorney at Law Paul F. DeMeester for another thought provoking article. That is the 21st in a row and is as good as ever. You can see links to all Paul's articles at the bottom of webpage <http://www.vrwc.org.au/save-the-50km.shtml>.

CUT GAMES COSTS BY RETURNING SAPPORO EVENTS TO TOKYO

By Paul F. DeMeester

Elation was great in the race walking community when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced in early February 2018 that the Imperial Palace Garden in Tokyo would serve as the Tokyo 2020 race walking venue. The marathon course was set to pass through the Garden as well on its out and return track past a number of Tokyo landmarks. Japan is well known for its gardens and sports a millennium and a half of garden history. As the name suggests, the Imperial Palace Garden has historical significance in Japan, having served as the home of the country's emperor since 1888.



What Once Was: the Tokyo Race Walks Venue

Four-time Olympic Race Walking Champion Robert Korzeniowski was lavish in his praise of the Tokyo venue: “Imperial Palace Garden is an ideal venue for the race walking events at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The beautiful settings will make the events even more appealing to the thousands of spectators who will line the streets. The athletes, meanwhile, will appreciate the flat and fast course. I have no doubt the race walking events in Tokyo will be memorable races.” (IAAF Press Release of 4 February 2018, “Tokyo 2020 race walking venues approved,” available at <https://www.worldathletics.org/news/news/tokyo-2020-race-walking-venues-approved>.)

This wonderful Tokyo venue was confined to memory before the races were even held for reasons having nothing to do with the COVID-19 pandemic. In late 2019, the IOC moved the race walks and marathon north to Sapporo, a 1000km-plus car ride from Tokyo. Heat was cited as the reason, with Sapporo being about five to six degrees centigrade cooler during the day than in Tokyo during the Games period. (IOC Press Release, available at <https://www.olympic.org/news/international-olympic-committee-announces-plans-to-move-olympic-marathon-and-race-walking-to-sapporo>.)

The same press release quoted IOC President Thomas Bach:

Athletes’ health and well-being are always at the heart of our concerns. A range of measures to protect the athletes have already been announced. The new far-reaching proposals to move the marathon and race walking events show how seriously we take such concerns. The Olympic Games are the platform where athletes can give ‘once-in-a-lifetime’ performances, and these measures ensure they have the conditions to give their best.

Bach should have earned a Spin Doctor Award for his quote. If the IOC took heat concerns and the protection of athletes seriously, then why were the Olympics scheduled for July and August, instead of let’s say October? The Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games were staged between 10 and 24 October 1964. Four years later, when the Olympics visited yet another summer hotspot, the 1968 Mexico City Olympics were held from 12 to 27 October 1968. Travel websites caution tourists that summer is the worst time to visit Tokyo, often labeling the high temperatures as “oppressive.” October, on the other hand, sees 15 to 20°C, a far cry from the 40°C recorded in July of 2019. But the latest Tokyo Games were not scheduled for the fall because that would cut into the IOC’s broadcast revenues, and as a consequence also the sponsorship revenues. Hence the summer schedule, so as not to have the Games bump into other sports on TV, such as American football in the United States (NFL), soccer everywhere etc. Turns out, the IOC does not give a damn about heat concerns and athlete protection when faced with a choice between those concerns and the almighty dollar bills flowing into the Lausanne coffers.

Last week it was reported that Tokyo did not experience the heat levels that had been expected for the time period during which the Games were originally scheduled. (See <https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1096970/Tokyo-experiences-cool-weather>.) This does not mean that next year will be cooler too. But the coronavirus pandemic has forced the IOC to confront costs for the now postponed Olympics.

Here's an idea for cutting costs: move the race walks and marathon venues back to Tokyo. The return move would obviate the need for the Olympic athletics contingent (athletes, coaches, officials, broadcasters, journalists etc.) to be in two different places instead of one, would cut a lot of travel between the two cities, and would allow the affected Olympians to fully enjoy the Olympic Games experience. This is not to diminish the heat concern, which can be alleviated with countermeasures, such as water spray installations, extra water stations, a different start time, and if officials can shelter themselves from the heat in tents, why not place tall canopies over the course to create some shade.

Maybe the Tokyo Olympics will remain a 1964 memory, without a 2021 sequel. But if they take place, the race walks should be on full display in Tokyo's Imperial Palace Garden. And given that the IOC has postponed the Games by one year and moved the race walks and the marathon to a faraway place, why not make one more small change, and admit women walkers to the 50K event. Japan's Imperial House Law prohibits women from becoming emperor but no Japanese law prohibits women from walking in the Imperial Palace Garden. Mr. Bach, tear down this wall of inequality.

SA ROADWALK CHAMPIONSHIPS, ADELAIDE PARKLANDS, ADELAIDE, SATURDAY 8 AUGUST.

Thanks to Kim Mottrom for the latest results from Adelaide, where the State Roadwalk Championships were held on Saturday, along with some non-championships SARWC events. He reported: It was cold in Adelaide but it made for great walking conditions. PB's for **Daisy Braithwaite, Nellie Langford, Sebastian Richards, Zayden Kamish, Cooper Rech, Tarique Kamish, Orlando Grantham, Elizabeth Rieger** and **Maliha Kamish**. And Kim well done to **Kim Mottrom** and **Christie Goznik** who won the Open 20km titles!

ASA Open Men 20km

1.	Kim Mottrom	23:08	46:26	1:09:51	1:33:26
2.	Jared Tallent	23:27	47:32	1:11:09	1:36:05
3.	Richard Everson	27:21	55:18	1:23:27	1:52:26
4.	Peter Crump	30:08	1:00:31	1:30:53	2:02:43

ASA Open Women 20km

1.	Kristie Goznik	26:03	52:45	1:20:20	1:49:22
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ASA U20 Men 10km

1.	Tristan Camilleri	48:00
	Mathew Bruniges	DNF

ASA U14 Girls 3km

1.	Hannah Wilks	17:41
2.	Katie DeRuvo	18:04

ASA U20 Women 10km

1.	Olivia Sandery	49:50
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SARWC 5km Walk

1.	Stephen Downs	39:31
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ASA U16 Boys 5km

1.	Toby Wilks	23:51
2.	Anthony Tana	33:26

SARWC 3km Walk

1.	Cooper Rech	17:53
2.	Archie Braithwaite	18:38
3.	Tarique Kamish	19:27
4.	Elizabeth Rieger	23:15
5.	Liz Downs	23:38

ASA U16 Girls 5km

1.	Daisy Braithwaite	27:24
2.	Nellie Langford	28:02

SARWC 1.5km Walk

ASA U14 Boys 3km

1.	Sebastian Richards	15:18
2.	Zayden Kamish	16:16

1.	Sam Wilks	7:50
2.	Orlando Grantham	8:42
3.	Alexander Richards	10:33
4.	Maliha Kamish	14:21

SAMA ROADWALKS, EAST TERRACE, ADELAIDE, SATURDAY 8 AUGUST

Thanks to Colin Hainsworth for this week's results from the South Australian Masters in Adelaide. He submitted a one word report: Freezing!

5km Walk

1.	GEORGE WHITE	29:18	M75	91.24%
2.	MARIE MAXTED	32:52	W60	75.19%
3.	GIL MCINTOSH	33:38	M70	74.48%
4.	BRIAN WITTY	36:10	M69	68.42%
5.	TREVOR BROWN	36:20	M71	69.80%
6.	MIKE VOWLES	39:16	M76	69.04%
7.	MARGARET MCINTOSH	39:39	W67	68.08%
8.	ROGER LOWE	39:45	M77	69.18%
9.	Liz NEUBAUER	40:33	W69	68.47%

10.	VALMAI PADGET	40:34	W76	76.56%
11.	CATHIE HORE	43:34	W69	63.73%
12.	DAVID ROBERTSON	44:04	M87	73.55%
13.	HELEN BOWEN	44:40	W68	61.29%
14.	EDNA BATES	45:19	W67	59.57%
15.	JEFFREY KENNETT	49:46	M70	50.33%
16.	LILIAN HARPUR	50:14	W72	57.84%

WARWC ROADWALKS, WILSON, PERTH, SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

Thanks to Terry Jones for this week's results from Western Australia. On a very wet and very windy morning, only a small number of intrepid walkers braved the conditions

5km Handicap

1.	Sylvia Byers	47.53
2.	Steve Travell	47.53

16km Handicap

1.	Andrew Duncan	1:29:35
2.	Victor Munoz	1:47:06

3km Handicap

1.	Alexandra Griffin	14.48
2.	Glenys Duncan	26.02

10km Handicap

1.	Karyn Tolardo	1:04:14
2.	Ben Reid	58.28
3.	Marcela Ruiz	1:20:15

2km Handicap

1.	Kaytee Bogaers	11.14
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TWRC ROADWALKS, PERTH, NORTHERN TASMANIA, SATURDAY 8 AUGUST

Thanks to Dave Moore for this week's results from Tasmania. He explains: This week our walkers ventured to the Northern Township of Perth for this week's club event. We were pleasantly surprised to find a flat and not too crowded smooth bitumen path at our disposal. It was an opportunity too good to miss for **William Robertson** who PB'd by well over a minute in his effort at 8km. Others to do well were **Will Bottle** in the 4km and **Oliver Morgan** and **Sam Lindsay** in the 3km, who were unlucky not to claim PB's for their efforts due to confusion over their turning point.

3km Walk

1.	Oliver Morgan	14.21
2.	Sam Lindsay	17.25
3.	Dave Moore	41.21

4km Walk

1.	Will Bottle	20.24
2.	Eugene Gerlach	28.50

8km Walk

1.	William Robertson	37.39 PB
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5km Walk

1.	Ron Foster	37.48
2.	Wayne Fletcher	38.46



Rosie Coleman with Sam Lindsay and Oliver Morgan, Ron Foster and Wayne Fletcher in walk and bike modes



Will Robertson, Oliver Morgan, Eugene Gerlach and Sam Lindsay (photos Rosie Coleman and Wayne Fletcher)

GOLD COAST ROAD WALKING CHAMPIONSHIPS, MUDGEERABA, QLD, SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

Thanks to Robyn Wales for this week's results from Queensland. She comments: After a couple of days of rain, the Gold Coast Road Walking Championships were held on Sunday morning with a perfect winter's day. Outstanding form by 13 year old **Bailey Housden** winning the 2kms in 9.03.

Open 10km Walk

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| 1. | Ignacio Jiminez | 54.03 |
| 2. | Peter Bennett | 1.03.19 |
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| 1. | Jennifer Stuckey | 1.07.03 |
| 2. | Noela McKinven | 1.26.59 |

U18 5km Walk

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| 1. | Gabriella Hill | 25.59 |
| 2. | Jasmine-Rose McRoberts | 33.58 |

U16 3km Walk

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| 1. | Lachlan McCure | 14.51 |
| 2. | Kai Norton | 15.47 |
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| 1. | Jayda Anderson | 14.09 |
| 2. | Amber Norton | 14.49 |
| 3. | Ashanti Heap | 15.39 |
| 4. | Summer Millard | 15.44 |
| 5. | Mia Bergh | 15.59 |
| 6. | Anika Clarke | 17.24 |
| 7. | Torryn Fisher | 19.40 |

U8 0.5km Walk

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| 1. | Freya Williams | 3.37 |
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U14 2km Walk

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| 1. | Bailey Housden | 9.03 |
| 2. | Sam McCure | 9.46 |
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| 1. | Tamika Gee | 9.51 |
| 2. | Lyla Williams | 9.56 |

U12 2km Walk

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| 1. | Blake Gee | 12.07 |
| 2. | Korbyn Bricknell-Hewitt | 14.13 |

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| 1. | Makenna Clarke | 11.29 |
| 2. | Natasha Flahey | 11.35 |
| 3. | Ella Cosgrove | 12.07 |
| 4. | Sian Fisher | 12.27 |

U10 1km Walk

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| 1. | Knox Anderson | 5.57 |
| 2. | Hunter Sibenaler | 6.07 |
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| E1. | Jada McCoombe | 5:36 |
| E1. | Isabella Gee | 5.36 |

ACTRWC UPDATE

ACTRWC posted the following message on Friday to their facebook page

Please be advised that tomorrow's event at Lennox Gardens is cancelled, due to the very poor weather and the health and safety of our members being our number one priority. As this was a championship event, we will make a change to the program for next Saturday 15th August and leave the AGM and presentations to a later date and conduct the championships as per the program for this week. Stay warm and dry everyone.

BALLARAT WALKERS KEEP UP THEIR TRAINING

Thanks to Kerrie Peart for this report from Ballarat, in country Victoria. Readers may know that Victoria, and Melbourne in particular, are in lockdown after a second surge of COVID-19. She writes:

I was going through my phone and came across some photos of the BRWC Ballarat based kids I thought I should send you, as there is nothing much happening on the Victorian front. Fraser is still growing! Thanks to coach Daryl Biggin, prior to the last stage 3 lockdown in Ballarat, the kids were all enjoying being back training together (socially distanced of course). Plenty of happy faces. Thanks Daryl! Everyone is so eagerly looking forward to racing sometime soon, especially when watching the other states competing!! We all must just be patient.



*Left side photos: Laura Ballinger, Scott Peart, Lanie Ballinger and Charlotte McDonnell
Right side photos: Scott Peart, Fraser Saunder and Daryl Biggin (photos from Kerrie Peart)*

NSWRWC ROADWALKS, GOUGH WHITLAM PARK, TEMPE, SATURDAY 1 AUGUST

Finally, a belated report from the first day's racing at the NSWRWC in Sydney.

5km Walk

1. Elizabeth McMillen	25.04
2. Emma Thomas	26.29
3. Tara Laytham	26.47
4. Chloe Lamb	27.42
5. Chloe Krklinski	28.47

10km Walk

1. Bridget Bell	62.04
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3km Walk

1. Milly Boughton	15.29
2. Matilda Webb	17.40

6.	Brendan Pospischil	29.44	3.	Alexia Mathison	17.44
7.	Jai Horton	29.50	4.	Jaxson Horton	18.21
8.	Tracy Lamb	36.49	5.	Ella Van Der Meer	18.28
9.	Brendon Hyde	45.12	6.	Ella Van Der Meer	18.28

1km Walk

1.	Christopher Nilon	6.11	9.	Abbey Bektas	19.39
2.	Michael Mathison	7.31	10.	Catherine Schofield	19.49
3.	Emily Challinor	8.15	11.	Aidan Pospischil	20.17
4.	Sarah Challinor	8.24	12.	Chelsey Torrens	20.30
E5.	Zoe Zantiotis	8.50	13.	Isabelle Nilon	21.12
E5.	Luke Challinor	8.50		Amelia Crocker	DNF

GREEK U20 TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS, IOANNINA, GREECE, SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

This result arrived just after I had published my newsletter last week so it has been held over until this week.

Thanks to Zoe Gkini for the results, race report and photos from the Greek U20 track walks. She reports:

The Greek U20 Championships were held last weekend in Ioannina, the wonderful capital city of the region of Hepirus, next to the famous lake, 430 km north-west of Athens. It was an excellently organised championship meet, full of new World, European, National and personal records in different 20 events. The men's and women's 10,000m track walks took place on Sunday morning at 8AM, getting in before the very hot weather came. Even though the walk numbers were small, the events were still interesting.

Olga Fiaska, the Youth Olympics winner, set a new Greek U20 record with 46.21.46 (the old record of 46.29.20 had been set by 2004 Olympic winner Athanasia Tzoumeleka in Groseto during the European U20 Championships in July 2001). When Fiaska finished, she could not believe she had done it and could not stop crying. She explained that since she could not be in Nairobi for the World U20 Championship due to the coronavirus postponement, she had set her mind on breaking the national U20 record, as part of her farewell to the age group. From 2021, She will be in the U23 category. With this time, Olga is the U2- Number 1 in the world.

The men's winner, **Alexandros Mortzakis**, completed a good double. Last week he won the U18 10,000m in a new PB and he walked even faster in Ioannina, recording a time of 45.18.08. With that time, he sits at No 7 in the U20 world rankings. As he is still U18, he has two further years in U20. Second placed **Alexandros Elefterios Bachos** also recorded a personal best with 45.34.30, finishing in the same position as last week in Larisa in the U17 championships.

10,000m Walk Men

1.	MORTAKIS ALEXANDROS	17	OLYMPIAS PATRAS	45.18. 68
2.	BACHOS ANDREAS ELEFTERIOS	17	ATHINODOROS O AEGIFS	45.34.30
3.	KELEPURIS ANTHINOS	19	OKA VIKELAS VERIAS	46.24.26
4.	BUSDAS ARISTOTELIS	17	FOKIANOS KARDITSAS	48.14.33
5.	VUGIUKAS STILAINOS	17	AO ARISVEOS	49.21.53
6.	KRITULIS GEORGIOS	16	AO EFIVOS CHIOS	49.27.12
7.	KELEPURIS MICAHIL	17	AO VIKELAS	DQ

10,000m Walk Women

1.	FIASKA OLGA	19	ATHLOKINISI MYTILINE	46.21. 46 NNR
2.	GATI MARIA FILIPPA	18	FOKIANOS KARDITSAS	57.29.56
3.	FLORU PANAGIOTA	17	FOKIANOS KARDITSAS	59.09.67



The walkers line up for the start of the Greek U20 Track Championships.



The leaders in the race (photos from Zoe Gkini)

MARCIADALMONDO AND OMARCHADOR ROUNDUP

Marciadalmondo has 7 press releases for us this week. It is wonderful to see races starting again around the world.

- Mon 9 Aug - Budapest (HUN): Barbara Kovacs and Mate Helebrandt champions of Hungary 2020
http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=3840
- Sun 8 Aug - Lisbon (POR): Ana Cabecinha and Joao Vieira champions of Portugal 2020
http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=3839
- Sat 7 Aug - The 100th anniversary of Ferruccio Pichi the walking Marshal of the "Pizzardoni Romani"
http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=3838
- Fri 6 Aug - Goteborg (SWE): Perseus Karlstrom wins Gothenburg Trophy
http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=3837
- Wed 4 Aug - Olomuc (CZE): Victories to Michel Morway (SVK) and Anezka Drahotova (CZE)
http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=3836
- Wed 4 Aug - Japan: Nara Prefectural Championships
http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=3835
- Tue 3 Aug - Joannina (GRE): excellent results at the U20 Championships in Greece
http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=3834

while Omarchador has a whopping 13 press releases.

- Sun 9 Aug - João Vieira and Ana Cabecinha win Portuguese 2020 Championships
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/08/joao-vieira-e-ana-cabecinha-vencem.html>
- Sun 9 Aug - Results of the walks from the CA Balma Summer Athletics Meeting in France
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/08/a-marcha-no-meeting-estival-em-balma.html>
- Sun 9 Aug - Michal Morvay and Anežka Drahotová win 54th edition of Olomouc Grand Prix, Czech Rep.
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/08/michal-morvay-e-anezka-drahotova-vencem.html>
- Sat 8 Aug - Liakhovich and Terlyukevich win Belarus 2020 championships
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/08/liakhovich-e-terlyukevich-vencem.html>
- Sat 8 Aug - Preview of Portugal championships, spread over several tracks
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/08/campeonatos-de-portugal-divididos-em.html>

- Fri 7 Aug - Katarzyna Zdziebo stands out in Spala, Poland
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/08/katarzyna-zdziebo-destaca-se-em-spala.html>
- Fri 7 Aug - Portuguese Olympic walkers (1984-2016): Isilda Gonçalves and Susana Feitor
https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/08/marchadores-olimpicos-portugueses-1984_7.html
- Thu 6 Aug - Perseus Karlström wins Gothenburg Trophy in Sweden
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/08/perseus-karlstrom-vence-trofeu.html>
- Thu 6 Aug - Portuguese Olympic walkers (1984-2016): José Pinto and José Urbano
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/08/marchadores-olimpicos-portugueses-1984.html>
- Wed 5 Aug - Results from the walks in Poitiers, France
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/08/a-marcha-no-meeting-flash-poitiers.html>
- Wed 5 Aug - Results of the Greek U20 National Championships in Joannina
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/08/campeonatos-nacionais-sub-20-da-grecia.html>
- Tue 4 Aug - Portuguese U20 national walk titles for Pedro Dias and Adriana Viveiros
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/08/titulos-nacionais-sub-20-para-pedro.html>
- Mn 3 Aug - Pedro Dias and Inês Mendes with Portuguese U18 titles
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/08/pedro-dias-e-ines-mendes-com-titulos.html>

VALE BEV HAYMAN (NEE WILKINS)

Sad news this week with the passing of former Australian international walker **Bev Hayman** (nee Wilkins). Born 9th May 1961, Bev has died aged 59 years.

She was a child prodigy, winning the 1972 Australian Junior 3km Walk at 11 years of age. That same year, she finished third in the Australian Open 5km Walk, held in Melbourne. The photo below shows Bev in that Open 5km race – her diminutive size belied her racing prowess.

1972 Aust. Junior Walking	3 km Walk	1	15:15.2
1972 Aust. Walking	5 km Walk	3	28:08.2



1972 Australian 5km Roadwalk Championship: J Tully, Lillian Harpur, Bev Wilkins, Jenny Mills, Gay Wooley and Alison Nicholls

From then on, she was rarely out of the medals nationally, as she progressed through the junior ranks.

1972-73 Aust. Junior T & F	1,500 metres Walk	1	7:15.8
1972-73 Aust. T & F	3,000 metres Walk	3	15:24.4

1973 Aust. Junior Walking	3 km Walk	1	14:09.0
1973 Aust. Walking	5 km Walk	3	25:42.0
1973-74 Aust. Junior T & F	1,500 metres Walk	2	7:13.3
1973-74 Aust. T & F	3,000 metres Walk	3	15:41.6
1974 Aust. Junior Walking	3 km Walk	2	15:10.0
1974 Aust. Walking	5 km Walk	2	26:42.6
1974-75 Aust. Junior T & F	1,500 metres Walk	1	7:08.2
1974-75 Aust. T & F	3,000 metres Walk	2	15:23.8
1975 Aust. Junior Walking	3 km Walk	1	15:23.4
1975 Aust. Walking	5 km Walk	2	27:19.2

She retired at the end of 1975, and it was another 10 years before she returned, aged 24. She quickly reasserted her place at the top of the Australian ranking list, adjusting to the longer distances now in vogue, and honing her skills as a 10km and 20km walker.

1985-86 Aust. T & F	5,000 metres Walk	2	22:42.8
1986 Aust. Walking	10 km Walk	3	48:16.0
1987 Aust. Walking	10 km Walk	2	49:49.0
	20 km Walk	2	1:41:22.0
1987-88 Aust. T & F	5,000 metres Walk	2	23:36.5
1988 Aust. Walking	10 km Walk	3	49:28.0
	20 km Walk	1	1:43:35.0
1988-89 Aust. T & F	5,000 metres Walk	3	23:22.4

After 3 years she was rewarded with a berth in the 1989 World Indoor Champs. She then went to represent Australia in the 1989 Race Walking World Cup and the 1990 Commonwealth Games.

1989 World Indoor	3,000 metres Walk	12	13:06.6
1989 Race Walking World Cup	10 km Walk	55	49:31.0
1990 Commonwealth Games	10 km Walk	6	48:50.0

We remember a fine athlete who did herself proud as one of our best female walkers.

OUT AND ABOUT

- **Quentin Rew** has done it again, with another superb opinion piece in his blog <https://morethanracewalking.blogspot.com/>. *8th August: In another world, today would have been the day of the 2020 Olympic 50km race walk in Sapporo.* Superb as always, Q.
- Athletics Australia announced on Monday that the 2020 Australian Cross Country Championships have been postponed due to the on-going and unprecedented challenges faced in battling the COVID-19 pandemic. The event was scheduled to take place in Adelaide on the weekend of the 3-4 October, with the support of Athletics SA. It will be postponed until a new date can be determined. I think we can also expect an announcement soon regarding the Australian Roadwalk Championships which were scheduled for Melbourne in late August. See <https://www.athletics.com.au/news/2020-australian-cross-country-championships-postponed/>.
- No one is immune to the coronavirus. Japanese diver Ken Terauchi, who has represented his nation at five Olympic Games, has tested positive for COVID-19, his sponsor has announced. See <https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1096995/ken-terauchi-diving-tokyo-2020-covid-19>.
- And he's not the only one. Conseslus Kipruto, Kenya's world and Olympic 3,000 metres steeplechase champion, has been ruled out of next week's meeting in Monaco after testing positive for COVID-19. Kipruto, who had been planning to kick-start his season with a sub eight-minute run at the Stade Louis II next Friday (August 14), revealed his setback to Kenyan paper Nation Sport today, a day after completing his final speed work at the St Francis Chepterit High School track. See <https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1097149/conseslus-kipruto-covid-19-monaco-meet>.
- A nice article on Susan Taylor, mother of Melbourne based racewalkers Lucas and Lee. Having devoted more than 30 years of her life to badminton and having been an international badminton official since 1998, Susan's dedication to the sport was recognised earlier this year when she was named Official of the Year at the Victorian Sport Awards. Well done Susan. See <https://vicsport.com.au/blog/3548/a-referee-s-look-at-covid-19>.
- The IOC faces the prospect of having to reopen negotiations with NBCUniversal over the amount the broadcaster will ultimately pay for the US rights to Tokyo 2020 under one of the Movement's most important commercial contracts. Yet another headache for the body as they seek to put on the games in 2021. A Right of Abatement clause in the contact may mean NBC may offer less money now. See <https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1096990/ioc-payment-negotiation-with-nbc>.

- Well, you have to hand it to some people - they can remain positive in the face of seemingly insurmountable issues. The Tokyo 2020 Olympics will be held next year "with corona", according to the Organising Committee's chief executive Toshiro Muto. Muto said the global health crisis will likely not have disappeared by the time of the postponed Games, which have been moved to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These comments come despite record daily infection rates in Tokyo and struggling economies worldwide. Most nations globally also still have social and travel restrictions in place. See <https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1097028/tokyo-2020-toshiro-muto-covid-19>.
- The postponed London Marathon has now decided to restrict itself to an elite race on a St James's Park loop course in a bio-secure environment on 4th October. There is to be no mass race. Anyone who had a place in this year's mass-participation race will be allowed to complete the distance at home or on a course of their choosing. See <https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1097092/london-marathon-2020>.
- Next year WADA will implement a new code, the first change in six years. Among the measures that have been announced include a reduction in sanctions for "substances of abuse", illegal drugs that do not have a performance-enhancing effect. Common sense finally prevails. See more at <https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2020/aug/06/wada-set-to-downgrade-bans-for-out-of-competition-recreational-drug-use>.
- Turkish steeplechaser Gulcan Mingir has been banned for two years and retrospectively disqualified from the London 2012 Olympics by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU). The 31-year-old was provisionally suspended in February after she tested positive for banned steroid DHCMT, following a re-test of her London 2012 samples. As well as her ban, all of her results from August 4, 2012 to August 3, 2014 have been declared void. Disappointingly, she won gold at the European U23 Championships in Ostrava in 2011 and, a month before the Games, she won the European title in Helsinki in 9min 32.96sec. These results still stand but must be called into question now. So let's call it a partial victory. See <https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1097082/athletics-integrity-unit-mingir-turkey>. V
- The Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee has confirmed a female member of staff has tested positive for COVID-19. A statement issued by Tokyo 2020 said the employee, who is in her 30s, works at the Tokyo 2020 office in Harumi in Tokyo's Chuo ward. Staff had begun to return to work in the Organising Committee's headquarters after two months working from home. This will put a slight spanner in the works there. See <https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1097100/tokyo-2020-staff-member-coronavirus-case>.

TIME FOR A LAUGH



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AUSTRALIAN RACEWALKING CHAMPIONSHPS MEN: 1985 - 1988

This follows on from my previous articles which detail the early Australasian and Australian Racewalking Championships (along with other particularly significant races), up to and including 1984.

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Our story continues from 1985.

In 1984, David Smith had accepted an AIS scholarship and relocated to Canberra. In 1985, Michael Harvey and Simon Baker followed suite, accepting AIS scholarships and coming under the coaching supervision of Craig Hilliard. Their times at the AIS varied greatly. Michael Harvey lasted less than 1 year. David Smith lasted until 1988, at which time he left in controversial circumstances (more of that later). Simon Baker stayed on scholarship until 1996, seeing out his entire career there.

The AIS was not a good match for Michael Harvey. For instance in February, he came down to Melbourne to compete in the Association finals (and did PBs of 12:07 for the 3000m walk and 16:11 for the 5000m run) against Hilliard's advice. He was used to coaching himself and making his own decisions. But he tried anyway and settled down to a life of training in Canberra. Alas, his stint at the AIS was short lived. After less than a year, he returned to Melbourne in disappointment. Back in his home environment, he immediately responded, winning the VAWC December 20km club championship in a PB 1:27:42.

IAAF World Indoor Games

Palais Omnisports Paris-Bercy, Paris, 18-19 January 1985

An inaugural World Indoor Games were arranged by the IAAF and held at the Palais Omnisports Paris-Bercy in Paris, France, from 18-19 January 1985. In 1987 the championship was renamed to the IAAF World Indoor Championships and gained official status. There were a total number of 319 participating athletes from 69 countries at this precursor event, and **David Smith** was one of a small number of Australians selected to compete. He won Australia's first medal of the meet, producing one of his best ever performances, coming third in the 5000m indoor track walk in a wonderful 19:16.04. He had a lead of 20m after 4 laps and kept that advantage over the first 1500m. Gerard LeLievre and Maurizio Damilano caught him around the 2000m mark, the trio staying together for a further 3 laps before the Frenchman kicked away. Smith held on well for third, and finished more than 23 secs ahead of fourth placed Roman Mrazek of Czechoslovakia.

World Indoor Games 5000m Walk, Saturday 18 th January 1985			
1.	Gérard Lelièvre	FRA	19:06.22
2.	Maurizio Damilano	ITA	19:11.41
3.	David Smith	AUS	19:16.04

Australian Track & Field Championships 1984-85

Bruce Stadium, Canberra, ACT, 29-31 March 1985

On a high after his World Indoor Games medal, **David Smith** had no difficulties retaining his Australian Track 5000m walk title (his fourth win in a row), ahead of **Simon Baker**, **Andrew Jachno** and **Michael Harvey**. The only top liner missing was Willi Sawall.

5,000m Track Walk - Men - Friday 29 th March 1985			
1	David Smith	VIC	19:26.12
2	Simon Baker	VIC	20:12.87
3	Andrew Jachno	VIC	20:40.74
4	Mike Harvey	VIC	20:42.30
5	Duncan Knox	VIC	21:54.61
6	Keith Knox	NSW	22:17.38
7	Mark Dossetor	VIC	22:30.48
8	Ben Cullen	NSW	23:14.83
-	David Thomson	ACT	DQ

Australian Road Walking Championships, incorporating IAAF Race Walking World Cup Trials

Davies Park, Brisbane, Saturday 26th May 1985

With the 1985 IAAF Race Walking World Cup to be contested on the Isle of Man at the end of September, the Australian Roadwalk Championships were brought forward, being held in Brisbane in late May. With Willi Sawall targetting the 50km and with David Smith bypassing the trial (he was going to be an automatic selection after his 10th place finish in the 1984 Olympic 20km), the race was there for the taking, and **Simon Baker** and **Andrew Jachno** battled it out, finishing with 1:26:09 and 1:26:22 respectively. **Michael Harvey**, third with 1:29:49, also showed that he was going to be in line for a team spot. The gap to fourth place was over 5 minutes so no one else was going to be in contention.

Australian 20km Championship, Brisbane, Sat 26th May 1985

1.	Simon Baker	VIC	1:26:09
2.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	1:26:22
3.	Michael Harvey	VIC	1:29:49
4.	Colin Barnett	NSW	1:35:18
5.	Ian Fay	SA	1:36:31
6.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	1:37:49
7.	Terry Jones	WA	1:38:10
8.	Richard Everson	SA	1:38:48
9.	Bruce Dudon	VIC	1:38:53
10.	David Thomson	ACT	1:39:11
11.	Mark Wall	VIC	1:39:16
12.	Duncan Knox	VIC	1:39:19
13.	Tomasz Tozak	WA	1:41:47
14.	Robin Whyte	ACT	1:43:11
15.	Paul Copeland	VIC	1:44:33
16.	John Harris	NSW	1:46:20
17.	Robin Chapman	ACT	1:48:27
18.	Peter Vysma	VIC	1:50:22
19.	Keith Law	NSW	1:51:11
20.	Frank Overton	NSW	1:52:50
21.	Klaus Maurer	QLD	1:52:58
22.	Peter Waddell	ACT	1:55:32
23.	Caleb Maybir	QLD	1:56:04
24.	Derek Woolner	ACT	2:00:15

Teams 1. VIC 11 2. NSW 33 3. ACT 34

The women's trial was held in conjunction with the Australian 10km Championship, and the first 4 girls all did well enough to pick up World Cup spots – **Kerry Saxby, Sue Cook, Sally Pierson** and **Suzanne Narbey**. The big loser seemed to be **Lorraine Jachno** who failed to finish.

Australian 10km Championship, Brisbane, Sat 26th May 1985

1.	Kerry Saxby	NSW	48:49.4
2.	Sue Cook	VIC	49:19.0
3.	Sally Pierson	VIC	49:24.0
4.	Suzanne Narbey	QLD	50:16.2
5.	Ann Ryan	NSW	51:19.2
6.	Rachel Thompson	NSW	52:10.8
7.	Karen Iselin	QLD	52:52.4
8.	Carolyn Vanstan	VIC	1:00:22.5
9.	Karen Willoughby	NSW	1:01:23.3
10.	J. Johnson	ACT	1:03:38.8
11.	S. Willoughby	NSW	1:07:28.9
-	Jane Goodall	VIC	DNF
-	Lorraine Jachno	VIC	DNF

Teams: 1. NSW 9 2. ACT 12

19th Lake Burley Griffin Carnival**Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra, Sunday 9th June 1985**

Simon Baker, now on an AIS scholarship, won for a second year in a row but only after a hard fought battle with **Willi Sawall** who, at 44 years of age, was showing little signs of slowing. Little separated them throughout the race and little separated them at the finish. Bill Dyer walked excellently to hold out **Andrew Jachno** for third.

LBG 20 Miles Walk, Canberra, Sunday 9th June 1985

1.	Simon Baker	VIC	2:31:02
2.	Willi Sawall	VIC	2:31:40
3.	Bill Dyer	VIC	2:35:43
4.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	2:37:27
5.	Ian Fay	SA	2:38:00
6.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	2:46:47
7.	Duncan Knox	VIC	2:47:21
8.	Colin Barnett	NSW	2:48:09

9.	Clarrie Jack	VIC	2:49:47
10.	Mark Wall	VIC	2:53:59
11.	John Harris	NSW	2:55:22
12.	Robin Whyte	ACT	2:58:18
13.	Bruce Dudon	VIC	2:59:48
14.	Tim Thompson	SA	3:01:41
15.	Frank Overton	NSW	3:04:43
16.	David Moore	VIC	3:08:04
17.	Bob Chapman	ACT	3:09:44
18.	Rod Huxley	NSW	3:15:32
19.	Jim Leppik	VIC	3:18:44
20.	Royston Johnson	NSW	3:22:29
21.	Keith Law	NSW	3:26:53
22.	Colin Hainsworth	SA	3:27:34
23.	Paul Moritz	SA	3:32:41
24.	Bill Starr	SA	3:33:14
25.	Brendan Hyde	NSW	3:41:49
26.	Stephen Richardson	VIC	3:55:18
-	Harry Summers	VIC	DNF
-	David Cash	VIC	DNF
-	Caleb Maybir	NSW	DNF
-	Frank Woods	VIC	DNF
-	Colin Donald	VIC	DNF
-	Tony Andrews	ACT	DNF
-	Barry Birtchnell	VIC	DNF
-	Peter Waddell	ACT	DNF
-	David Thomson	QLD	DNF
H. C. Campbell Shield			
1.	VIC	Simon Baker, Willi Sawall, Andrew Jachno	
2.	VIC No 2	Bill Dyer, Mark Donahoo, Duncan Knox	
3.	NSW	John Harris, Col Barnett, Frank Overton	

IAAF Race Walking World Cup 50km Trial Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Sunday 7th July 1985

The 1985 IAAF Race Walking World Cup 50km trial was held in conjunction with the Victorian 50km championship at Fishermans Bend in Melbourne. Although **Simon Baker** and **Andrew Jachno** were starters, they were probably not too serious, having already qualified for the 20km World Cup team, and they retired mid race after a good hitout. That left the race to **Willi Sawall** who was a comfortable winner with 4:10:26. **Bill Dyer** and **Ian Fay** both walked good times to take the minor medals, securing their own World Cup 50km spots. **Michael Harvey** struggled home in fourth place, after suffering a bout of flu in the leadup to the race.

IAAF RW World Cup 50km Trial, Melbourne, Sun 7 th Jul 1985			
1.	Willi Sawall	VIC	4:10:26
2.	Bill Dyer	VIC	4:16:14
3.	Ian Fay	SA	4:16:34
4.	Michael Harvey	VIC	4:31:18
5.	Harry Summers	VIC	4:34:46
6.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	4:37:03
7.	Robin Whyte	ACT	4:38:19
8.	Colin Barnett	NSW	4:45:56
9.	Mark Wall	VIC	4:48:20
10.	Tim Thompson	SA	4:53:06
11.	David Cash	VIC	5:01:02
-	John Harris	NSW	DQ
-	Colin Donald	VIC	DQ
-	Andrew Jachno	VIC	DNF
-	Simon Baker	VIC	DNF
-	T. Michelson	NSW	DNF
-	Duncan Knox	VIC	DNF
-	Martin Wall	VIC	DNF
-	Frank Overton	NSW	DNF

1985 IAAF World Race Walking Cup Team

The final team which competed in the 1985 IAAF World Race Walking Cup was slightly different to that initially selected.

In the Lugano Cup 20km trial in May, Michael Harvey had come 3rd in 1:29:49, then in July he was 4th in the 50 km trial in 4:31:18 after suffering the flu. He was selected for the World Cup 50km but Harry Summers and he swapped places and he ended up walking the 20km in the Isle of Man.

Sally Pierson had competed in the 1985 World Student Games in Kobe in Japan but was disappointed with her 7th place finish with 24:02. It was her last international walk competition. She withdrew from the Eschborn Cup team for which she had also been selected. This opened the door for Lorraine Jachno. At 22 years and 6 months, Pierson's retirement was a big loss to race walking and it cost the Australians a probable team medal - they ended up fourth in Douglas. Sally's parallel running career was impressive. She represented Australia in the 1983 and 1985 World Cross Country Championships and at the 1984 IAAF World 10km road running championship, won two Zatopek 10,000m classics, won a Victorian 10000m track title and the Australian 10 km road and cross country titles.

The final World Cup team makeup read as follows:

20km Men:	Simon Baker (VIC)	Andrew Jachno (VIC)	Michael Harvey (VIC)	David Smith (VIC)
50km Men:	Willi Sawall (VIC)	Ian Fay (SA)	Harry Summers (VIC)	Bill Dyer (VIC)
10km Women:	Kerry Saxby (NSW)	Sue Cook (VIC)	Lorraine Jachno (VIC)	Sue Narbey (WA)

1985 Australian 50km Championship Hobart, Saturday 11th August 1985

The 1985 Australian 50km Championship, held in Hobart in early August, was an anti climax. After so much quality walking earlier in the year, none of the top walkers made the trip, allowing Victorian **Mark Dosseter** to win his first Australian title. Mark would go on to represent Australia in the 1989 World Cup.

Australian 50km Championship, Hobart, Sat 11 th Aug 1985			
1.	Mark Dosseter	VIC	4:29:54
2.	Tomasz Kozak	WA	4:40:34
3.	Colin Barnett	NSW	4:41:52
4.	Peter Fullager	SA	4:44:35
5.	Robin Whyte	ACT	4:47:43
6.	John Harris	NSW	4:51:11
7.	Mark Wall	VIC	4:55:36
8.	David Thomson	ACT	4:57:55
9.	Frank Overton	NSW	5:05:15
10.	David Moore	ACT	5:08:53
11.	Tim Thompson	SA	5:13:24
12.	Steel Beveridge	NSW	5:27:22
13.	Brendan Hyde	NSW	5:47:47
Teams	1. NSW	6	

1985 Summer Universiade Kobe, Japan, 29th August – 4 September

Although the mens 20km roadwalk had been introduced into the biennial Summer Universiade in 1981, the first Australian walkers were not sent until 1985. As a women's walk was added in the 1985 Games, a team of 4 walkers (2 male and 2 female) were sent to represent Australia. Of course, the Universiade was, as is still the case, restricted to students at tertiary institutions.

The women's 5000 metres walk event at the 1985 Summer Universiade was held at the Kobe Universiade Memorial Stadium in Kobe on 30th August. It was the first time that any racewalking event was contested by women at the Universiade. **Lorraine Jachno** walked well for her 6th place, but **Sally Pierson** was disappointed with her 7th place. This would be her last walk, and she now retired from the sport.

Summer Universiade 5000m Walk Women, Friday 30 th August 1985			
1.	Aleksandra Grigoryeva	URS	22:21.10
2.	Yan Hong	CHN	22:25.77
3.	Natalya Serbinenko	URS	22:27.21
	...		
6	Lorraine Jachno	AUS	23:35.90
7	Sally Pierson	AUS	24:07.90

The men's 20km walk event at the 1985 Summer Universiade was held at the Kobe Universiade Memorial Stadium in Kobe on 31 August. The very hot conditions ensured slow times. **Simon Baker** finished a good 9th, with **Andrew Jachno** further back in 15th place.

Summer Universiade 20km Walk Men, Sat 31st August 1985			
1.	Viktor Mostovik	URS	1:25:52
2.	Andrey Perlov	URS	1:25:52
3.	Guillaume LeBlanc	CAN	1:26:22
	...		
9	Simon Baker	AUS	1:30:50
15	Andrew Jachno	AUS	1:36:21

**Federation Carnival, incorporating Alexander Cup 20km
Davies Park, Brisbane, Saturday 31st August 1985**

The Alexander Cup carnival, held 3 weeks after the Australian 50km, was another event effected by 1985's heavy racing schedule. **Mark Donahoo** won, ahead of **John Harris**, but the times were relatively slow in the humid Brisbane conditions.

Alexander Cup 20km, Brisbane, Saturday 31st August 1985			
1.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	1:39:08
2.	John Harris	NSW	1:39:54
3.	Marek Wall	VIC	1:47:52
4.	Bruce Dudon	VIC	1:49:03
5.	Frank Overton	NSW	1:51:34
6.	Roy Johnson	NSW	1:52:22
7.	Keith Law	NSW	1:55:20
8.	Klaus Maurer	QLD	1:56:11
9.	Rod Huxley	NSW	1:58:52
10.	Steele Beveridge	NSW	2:02:35
11.	Caleb Maybir	NSW	2:06:16
12.	John Mison	NSW	2:06:25
13.	William Kirby	QLD	2:08:25
14.	Keith Heness	QLD	2:11:10
15.	Steve Iselin	QLD	2:14:18
16.	K. Darch	QLD	2:20:03
17.	James Plowman	QLD	2:25:29
Teams			
1.	VIC 8	2. NSW1 14	3. NSW2 25 4. QLD 31

**1985 IAAF World Race Walking Cup
St John's, Isle of Man, 28-29 September 1985**

First to the men's 20km race.

In typical fashion, **David Smith** had bolted out of the leading pack in the men's 20km and opened up a big lead before being disqualified. AIS coach Craig Hilliard was angry – Smith had been instructed to stay in the pack and keep a low profile – but he was not one to sit back when he felt good. It is fair to say that, at this stage of his career, Smith was capable of winning a World Championship – the only people who stood in his way were the judges. **Simon Baker** had accepted an AIS scholarship at the start of 1985 and it proved just the boost his career needed. With his 12th place finish in Douglas, he was fast gaining the reputation as a big time performer. He would go on to win the 1986 Commonwealth Games 30km and the 1989 World Cup 50km and take silver in the 1991 World Cup 50km. **Andrew Jachno's** 27th place in the 20km (1:29:00) was slightly down on his 1983 performance but still a good finish in the top half of the field. Surprisingly, he did not eventually receive an AIS scholarship until 1988, one of those decisions I could never fathom. He went on to form a formidable duo with training partner Simon Baker and won medals at Commonwealth Games and World University Games. He still holds the Commonwealth 3000m track walk record with 10:56.22 (set way back in 1991). In retrospect, **Michael Harvey's** swap to 20km was probably a mistake and his 51st placing in 1:39:03 was disappointing.

Men 20km Walk, Isle of Man, Saturday 28th Sept 1985			
1.	José Marín	ESP	1:21:42
2.	Maurizio Damilano	ITA	1:21:43
3.	Viktor Mostovik	URS	1:22:01
	...		
12.	Simon Baker	AUS	1:25:32
27.	Andrew Jachno	AUS	1:29:00

51.	Michael Harvey	AUS	1:39:03
-	David Smith	AUS	DQ

Now to the men's 50km.

Willi Sawall's 11th place in the 50km (4:06:38) was done at 43 years of age. An amazing performance! **Ian Fay** justified his selection with a good 33rd placed finish with 4:29:16. **Harry Summers** had been 5th in the 1984 Australian 50 km title (4:45:49) and followed this up with a good trial walk to be selected as a walker in the 1985 World Walking Championships team. In the Isle of Man, at 50 years of age, he came a creditable 42nd in 4:56:58. He remains our older World Cup competitor, a feat unlikely to be challenged. Unfortunately, **Bill Dyer** was disqualified, as he had been in the 1983 World Cup.

Men 50km Walk, Isle of Man, Sunday 29th Sept 1985			
1.	Hartwig Gauder	GDR	3:47:31
2.	Andrey Perlov	URS	3:49:23
3.	Axel Noack	GDR	3:56:53
...			
11.	Willi Sawall	AUS	4:06:38
33.	Ian Fay	AUS	4:29:16
42.	Harry Summers	AUS	4:56:58
-	Bill Dyer	AUS	DQ

The team placings combined the 20 km and 50 km events team results and saw Australia come 9th. Overall, East Germany won ahead of Russia, with Italy third.

The women's 10km saw a changing of the baton. **Sue Cook**, for so long the undisputed queen of Australian walking, had suffered a series of problems in 1984/1985; a bad case of flu, followed by an operation for consistent shin problems, followed by subsequent post-operative issues. To further complicate things, a new face appeared on the scene - **Kerry Saxby**. In comeback mode, Sue was 2nd to Kerry in the Australian 10km road title and then she placed 14th in the 1985 Racewalking World Cup with 48:17 as against Kerry's 10th with 47:11. It marked the end of Sue's reign and the start of Kerry's. 1985 was a big year for **Lorraine Jachno (Young)**. She had married Andrew Jachno, came 6th in the World Student Games 5000m track walk in Kobe and competed in her second Eschborn Cup, where she came 26th in the 10km roadwalk in 50:06. Looking into the future, she should have been selected in our 1992 Olympic team but was bypassed in controversial circumstances – but that's a different story for another time. Australia's fourth walk, Suzanne Narbey, finished 31st with 51:03.

Overall, the Australian women finished 4th in the teams race, behind China, Russia and Canada. With Sally Pierson, that would almost certainly have been third.

Women 10km Walk, Isle of Man, Saturday 28th Sept 1985			
1.	Yan Hong	CHN	46:22
2.	Guan Ping	CHN	46:23
3.	Olga Krishtop	URS	46:24
...			
10.	Kerry Saxby	AUS	47:11
14.	Sue Cook	AUS	48:17
26.	Lorraine Jachno	AUS	50:06
31.	Sue Narbey	AUS	51:03

Australian Track & Field Championships 1985-86 Olympic Sports Field, Adelaide, SA, 14-16 March 1986

David Smith bounced back from his disqualification in the World Cup, easily winning his fifth Australian track walk title in March 1986, with a new Commonwealth record time of 19:23.34. **Simon Baker** and **Andrew Jachno** had bridged the gap somewhat over the last 12 months, and they finished 2nd and 3rd with PB times of 19:46.01 and 19:56.07. The

5,000m Track Walk - Men - Saturday 15th March 1986			
1	David Smith	VIC	19:23.34
2	Simon Baker	VIC	19:46.01
3	Andrew Jachno	VIC	19:56.07
4	Mike Harvey	VIC	20:26.23
5	Ian Fay	SA	21:44.71
6	Dave Thomson	ACT	21:47.90
7	Mark Thomas	SA	21:49.06
8	Michael Bodey	VIC	21:54.03
9	Paul Kennedy	VIC	21:54.52
10	Terry Jones	WA	22:16.82

11	Colin Barnett	NSW	22:19.83
12	Tony Barrett	VIC	22:42.50
-	John Smith	NSW	DNF
-	Bill Dyer	VIC	DNF
-	Mark Donahoo	VIC	DNF
-	Rob McFadden	SA	DNF

1986 Commonwealth Games Trial and Australian 30km Championship AIS, Canberra, Saturday 10th May 1986

With the 1986 Commonwealth Games to be contested in Edinburgh in late July, the annual Australian 20km Championship was changed, with walkers to now race over 30km, so that it could be used for the 1986 Commonwealth Games 30km trial. This trial is remembered as one of the finest events ever contested in Australia. The venue was a fast flat course around the AIS environs in Canberra and the date was Saturday 10th May.

David Smith had walked a Commonwealth best time of 2:06:11 in December in Melbourne and had won the National 5000m walk in March. He was a clear favourite for the trial and made no mistakes, winning in convincing style in 2:05:59, another Commonwealth best and a time that put him well ahead of all other Commonwealth walkers. **Simon Baker** had chased him to second place in the Australian 5000m title in 19:46 and was second once again in the trial. His time of 2:09:20 was also a big PB and clearly placed him in medal contention.

Willi Sawall and **Andrew Jachno**, two of the three Australian reps in the 1982 Games, staged a great battle for the third Games spot, with Sawall surging away down the inclines and Jachno chasing him down on the flats. Sawall, at 44 years of age, secured his third Games berth with a time of 2:12:34 while Jachno missed out with his time of 2:15:05. **Michael Harvey** was fifth in a PB time of 2:18:34. The first 5 walkers all broke the Commonwealth Games qualifying standard of 2:20:00. What depth! Sawall's berth meant that he was now the only Australian walker to have competed in 5 Olympic and Commonwealth Games.

Commonwealth Games Trial, Canberra, Sat 10 th May 1986			
1.	David Smith	VIC	2:05:59
2.	Simon Baker	VIC	2:09:20
3.	Willi Sawall	VIC	2:12:34
4.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	2:15:05
5.	Michael Harvey	VIC	2:18:34
6.	Steven Hausfeld	NSW	2:21:27
7.	Colin Barnett	NSW	2:23:24
8.	David Thomson	ACT	2:30:15
9.	Robert McFadden	SA	2:31:14
10.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	2:35:11
11.	Mark Wall	VIC	2:36:19
12.	Duncan Knox	VIC	2:36:47
13.	John Smith	NSW	2:37:31
14.	Rod Huxley	NSW	2:45:39
15.	Anthony Barrett	VIC	2:46:57
16.	Robin Whyte	ACT	2:48:04
17.	Keith Law	NSW	2:53:43
18.	Peter Waddell	ACT	2:59:00
19.	Steven Beveridge	NSW	2:59:10
20.	Robin Chapman	ACT	3:14:04
-	Frank Overton	NSW	DQ
-	Bill Dyer	VIC	DQ
-	Bruce Dudon	VIC	DNF
Teams: 1. VIC 10 2. NSW 34 3. ACT 34			

20th Lake Burley Griffin Carnival Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra, Sunday 8th June 1986

The LBG carnival now boasted upwards of 250 starters. The 20 Mile event saw past dominator **Willi Sawall**, now 45 years of age, give his younger rivals a lesson in how to walk. He was a clear winner in yet another quality performance, finishing well ahead of **Andrew Jachno** and **Michael Harvey**. With the first 5 walkers all under 2:40:00, the depth was impressive. For the first time, Proclamation Park (PP) walkers competed at LBG. Victoria now had two clubs, the original VAWC (labelled here as VIC) and the new Proc. Park club.

LBG 20 Miles Walk, Canberra, Sunday 8 th June 1986		
1.	Willi Sawall	VIC 2:26:26

2.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	2:30:06
3.	Michael Harvey	VIC	2:32:44
4.	Terry Jones	WA	2:38:04
5.	Colin Barnett	NSW	2:39:55
6.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	2:43:41
7.	Bill Dyer	VIC	2:44:25
8.	David Thomson	QLD	2:47:52
9.	Clarrie Jack	VIC	2:48:08
10.	Mark Wall	VIC	2:56:28
11.	Robin Whyte	ACT	2:56:56
12.	Jack Grimanes	NSW	2:58:06
13.	Harry Summers	VIC	3:01:29
14.	Michael Bodey	VIC	3:03:40
15.	David Cash	VIC	3:04:47
16.	Keith Law	NSW	3:06:48
17.	Rod Huxley	NSW	3:08:08
18.	Frank Woods	VIC	3:19:39
19.	Theo Orr	VIC	3:21:05
20.	Paul Moritz	SA	3:22:55
21.	Bob Chapman	ACT	3:23:26
22.	Paul Thompson	NSW	3:29:38
23.	Bob Pearce	NSW	3:30:33
24.	Colin Hainsworth	SA	3:30:49
25.	Roy McFadden	SA	3:31:29
26.	Tony Barrett	VIC	3:39:16
27.	Brendan Hyde	NSW	3:43:18
28.	Bill Dent	ACT	3:47:16
29.	Bill Starr	SA	3:54:38
-	John Harris	NSW	DQ
-	C Kozak	WA	DQ
-	James Plowman	QLD	DQ
H. C. Campbell Shield			
1.	VIC 1	Willi Sawall, Andrew Jachno, Michael Harvey	
2.	Vic 2	Clarrie Jack, Mark Wall, Harry Summers	
3.	NSW 1	Colin Barnett, Jack Grimanes, Keith Law	
4.	ACT	David Thomson, Robin Whyte, Bob Chapman	
5.	VIC 3	Michael Bodey, David Cash, Frank Woods	
6.	SA	Paul Moritz, Colin Hainsworth, Roy McFadden	
7.	NSW 2	Paul Thompson, Bob Pearce, Brendan Hyde	

1986 Commonwealth Games

Edinburgh, Scotland, 24th July - 2nd August 1986

The 1986 Commonwealth Games 30km walk produced a much different result to what most pundits had expected. In the days leading up to the 30km walk, the official word was that Australia's top prospect David Smith had come down with a heavy cold and had had to withdraw. He was on the plane back to Australia as the starter fired his gun in the 30km walk.

Simon Baker made the most of his opportunity and walked an unforgettable race in the dreadful Edinburgh conditions to win in yet another PB of 2:07:47. The event was broadcast live on Australian television. Baker took the lead at the 14.5km mark and powered home through the driving rain to win by over a minute. He celebrated his win with a victory leap past the finishing line and a victory lap – you would rarely see a more excited winner. Overnight he became a household name in Australia. It was Baker's first international success but was soon followed by a Lugano Cup 50km win, showing that this was not a once off performance but one that marked the start of a monumental international career.

"I cruised through the first 10 km comfortably and I wasn't worried about anyone making a move", he said afterwards. He wore his spectacles all the way because, he said, without them things looked hazy. "I had a lot of trouble seeing because of the rain on my glasses, particularly around the half way mark when it was raining heavily. At one stage, I was trying to look over my glasses to see in front of me. As I started to get tired, I had trouble keeping track of the road surface because it was critical that I didn't put my foot in a pothole or anything. I had to be very careful."

The Canadian Guillaume Leblanc improved in his 1982 bronze to take silver while Ian McCombie took the bronze. **Willi Sawall**, the second Australian, walked his fastest yet Commonwealth Games 30km walk with 2:14:29 but had to be content with fifth place.

Comm Games 30km Walk, Edinburgh, Thu 31st July 1986			
1.	Simon Baker	Australia	2:07.47

2.	Guillaume Leblanc	Canada	2:08:38
3.	Ian McCombie	England	2:10:36
4.	Christopher Maddocks	England	2:12:42
5.	Willi Sawall	Australia	2:14:29
6.	Murray Day	New Zealand	2:15:11
7.	Martin Rush	England	2:16:01
8.	Stephen Johnson	Wales	2:21:05
9.	Graham Scatter	New Zealand	2:22:48
10.	Stephen Partington	Isle of Man	2:23:02
-	Francois Lapointe	Canada	DQ

**1986 Australian 50km Championship
Adelaide, Saturday 17th August 1986**

Three weeks later, **Willi Sawall** won yet another National title – the 50km. His time was a super fast 3:59:48. At 44 years of age, he was still capable of breaking 4 hours for the 50 km event! **Michael Harvey** walked well, finishing second with 4:04:27, well ahead of **Andrew Jachno** who was well outside this 1984 PB of 4:01:02.

Australian 50km Championship, Adelaide, Sat 17th Aug 1986			
1.	Willi Sawall	VIC	3:59:48
2.	Michael Harvey	VIC	4:04:27
3.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	4:17:40
4.	Steven Hausfeld	NSW	4:21:51
5.	Terry Jones	WA	4:25:08
6.	Colin Barnett	NSW	4:31:37
7.	Clarrie Jack	VIC	4:36:17
8.	Mark Wall	VIC	4:44:34
9.	Harry Summers	VIC	4:57:39
10.	Andrew Ludwig	QLD	5:08:20
11.	Keith Law	NSW	5:22:20
12.	Jim Turnbull	WA	5:25:48
13.	Paul Moritz	SA	5:29:25
14.	Paul Thompson	NSW	5:33:58
-	Mark Donahoo	VIC	DQ
-	Bill Dyer	VIC	DQ
-	John Harris	NSW	DQ
-	Frank Overton	NSW	DQ
-	Steel Beveridge	NSW	DQ
-	George Audley	WA	DQ
-	Jack Grimaldes	NSW	DNF
-	Don Cox	SA	DNF
-	Ian Fay	SA	DNF
-	David Cash	VIC	DNF
-	Robert McFadden	SA	DNF
Teams 1. VIC 7 2. NSW 14			

**Federation Carnival, including Glover Shield 10km
Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Richmond, NSW, Saturday 30th August 1986**

Again, the Federation Carnival proved to be wrongly placed, being at the end of a very busy winter season. None of the top walkers contested it, and it was left to **Colin Barnett** to win with 45:13, ahead of **David Thomson** and **Bill Cullen**.

Glover Shield 10km, Richmond, Saturday 30th August 1986			
1.	Colin Barnett	NSW	45:13
2.	David Thomson	ACT	45:20
3.	Bill Cullen	NSW	45:22
4.	John Smith	NSW	45:30
5.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	46:27
6.	Duncan Knox	VIC	47:23
7.	Robin Whyte	ACT	48:32
8.	Harry Summers	VIC	49:28
9.	Keith Law	NSW	49:59
10.	Rod Huxley	NSW	50:17
11.	Michael Bodey	VIC	50:31

12.	John Mison	NSW	50:35
13.	Bob Pearce	NSW	51:23
14.	Gavin Reynolds	ACT	51:34
15.	Robert Lilley	NSW	51:51
16.	Robin Chapman	ACT	51:56
17.	Frank Woods	VIC	52:04
18.	Les Bird	NSW	52:21
19.	John Harris	NSW	53:09
20.	Jamie Young	NSW	53:40
21.	G. Yeo	ACT	54:19
22.	Frank Overton	NSW	54:25
23.	Graeme Huxley	NSW	55:08
24.	Peter Waddell	ACT	55:11
25.	Steele Beveridge	NSW	55:55
26.	Paul Thompson	NSW	55:56
27.	Bill Dent	ACT	58:01
28.	Vic Townsend	NSW	58:20
29.	D. Gillett	NSW	62:24
30.	J. O'Neill	NSW	62:32
31.	Phil Donelan	NSW	64:09
32.	Ted Reynolds	ACT	65:13
Teams: 1. NSW 1 8 2. VIC 1 19 3. ACT 1 22 4. NSW 2 34			
5. NSW 3 38 6. NSW 6 54 7. ACT 2 56			

1st IAAF World Indoor Championships Indianapolis, USA, 6-8 March 1987

The 1st IAAF World Indoor Championships in Athletics were held in Indianapolis, USA, in early March 1987. The inaugural championship in 1985 had been known as the World Indoor Games. The second edition, now renamed, saw new championship records set for every single women's event. The meet saw a total of 419 participating athletes from 85 countries.

David Smith had claimed yet another world record (his fifth official one) at the Perry Lakes stadium in Perth in early 1987 with a time of 11:00:53 for the 3000m walk. This shattered Maurizio Damilano's six year old record by 7 seconds. He was selected, along with Andrew Jachno, to represent Australia at the 1987 IAAF Indoor Championships and there were hopes that he might medal again, as he had done in 1985 at the World Indoor Games.

Alas, it was not to be, with Mikhail Shchennikov and Jozef Pribilinec staging a battle royale out in front, finishing in an almost dead heat, both well under the current world record. **David Smith** did walk excellently but could not match their speed speed, coming 5th with a new PB of 18:52.2, while **Andrew Jachno** finished 15th with 20:19.74.

IAAF World Indoors 5000m walk, Indianapolis, 6-8 Mar 1987			
1.	Mikhail Shchennikov	URS	18:27.79
2.	Jozef Pribilinec	CZE	18:27.80
3.	Ernesto Canto	MEX	18:38.71
...			
5	David Smith	AUS	18:52.20
15	Andrew Jachno	AUS	20:19.74

IAAF Race Walking World Cup and World Championships 50km Trial Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Sunday 8th March 1987

With the 1987 World Cup to be held in May in New York and with the 1987 World Championships also on offer later in the year, Australian trials had to be scheduled early. The first event under the microscope was the men's 50km, with the trial being held at the Fishermans Bend course in Melbourne on Sunday 8th March. With Andrew Jachno and Simon Baker opting to contest the 20km trial a couple of weeks later, **Willi Sawall** and **Michael Harvey** seized the opportunity, taking the first two places.

Young Victorian walker **Craig Brill** had come 2nd in the 1986 Australian Junior 20km in 1:34:12 and won the 1986 Australian Junior 10km road championship in 45:21. These victories had gained him selection in the World Junior team for Athens in July 1986, where he finished 20th in the 10,000m track walk with 45:27. However, his third place finish in the 50km trial with 4:23:17, at 19 years of age, was a totally unexpected but very impressive performance. Mark Donahoo, who was 4th with 4:25:45, was also going to be in contention, as was non-finisher **Steven Hausfeld** who had finished in 4th place in the 1986 Australian 50km Championship with 4:21:51. As a World Cup selection standard of 4:30:00 had been set, 5th placed finisher **Ian Waters** was outside the required time.

IAAF RW WC 50km Trial, Melbourne, Sun 8th March 1987			
1.	Willi Sawall	VIC	4:06:52
2.	Michael Harvey	VIC	4:20:16
3.	Craig Brill	VIC	4:23:17
4.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	4:25:45
5.	Ian Waters	VIC	4:36:21
6.	Duncan Knox	VIC	4:37:40
-	Mark Wall	VIC	DQ
-	Bill Dyer	VIC	DNF
-	Frank Overton	NSW	DNF
-	Colin Barnett	NSW	DNF
-	Steven Hausfeld	NSW	DNF
-	David Cash	VIC	DNF
-	Theo Orr	VIC	DNF
-	Michael Bodey	VIC	DNF
-	Phil Vesty	GBR	DNF
-	Paul Copeland	VIC	DNF

**1987 IAAF Race Walking World Cup 20km Trial
Sydney, Thursday 26th March 1987**

The men's 20km World Cup trial was contested in Sydney, the day before the National T&F Championships were due to commence. As expected, **David Smith** won easily with 1:23:44, ahead of **Simon Baker** with 1:26:11 and **Andrew Jachno** with 1:28:31. As fourth placed finished **Michael Harvey** was going to contest the World Cup 50km, the fourth team spot went to 19 year old **Paul Copeland**, who finished 5th with a time of 1:30:06.

IAAF RW World Cup 20km Trial, Sydney, Thu 26th Mar 1987			
1.	David Smith	VIC	1:23:44
2.	Simon Baker	VIC	1:26:11
3.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	1:28:31
4.	Michael Harvey	VIC	1:29:47
5.	Paul Copeland	VIC	1:30:06
6.	Colin Barnett	NSW	1:37:07
7.	Keith Knox	NSW	1:37:34
8.	Duncan Knox	VIC	1:44:36
9.	Bill Dyer	VIC	1:46:50
-	Robert McFadden	SA	DNF
-	David Thomson	ACT	DNF
-	John Harris	NSW	DNF
-	Jack Grimaldes	NSW	DNF

**Australian Track & Field Championships 1986-87
Sydney Athletic Field, Sydney, NSW, 27-29 March 1987**

The National T&F Championships 5000m track walk was held two days later, a tough ask for everyone. The first four in the 20km trial (**David Smith, Simon Baker, Andrew Jachno** and **Mike Harvey**) backed up well, finishing in exactly the same order in the shorter race format. Take note of the fifth placed walker, 18 year old **Nick A'Hern** of NSW. He would soon be challenging the older walkers over the longer distances.

The stage had been set for an exciting tussle in the Australian Junior 5000m walk between Paul Copeland and A'Hern. Alas, Paul had ruined any chances of retaining his Australian Junior title by contesting the World Cup 20km trial 3 days before the U20 race. A'Hern blitzed the field to easily win the Junior title in a new Australian Junior record of 20:53, beating a 'flat' Copeland by 30 seconds. But Paul did not regret his decision to compete in the 20 km trial, as his 5th placing in 1:30:06 earned him a trip with the Racewalking World Cup team to New York.

5,000m Track Walk - Men - Saturday 28th March 1987			
1	David Smith	VIC	19:22.70
2	Simon Baker	VIC	20:26.25
3	Andrew Jachno	VIC	20:44.26
4	Mike Harvey	VIC	21:08.07
5	Nick A'Hern	NSW	21:30.83
6	Colin Barnett	NSW	21:49.31
7	David Thomson	ACT	22:25.19
8	Mark Dosssetor	VIC	22:31.90
9	Keith Knox	NSW	22:50.81

10	Paul Kennedy	VIC	23:20.97
11	Simon Rickinson	VIC	23:55.53
-	Tony Barrett	VIC	DQ
-	Rob McFadden	SA	DQ

The only result I have been unable to find is that of the women's 10km roadwalk trial. I assume it was held either alongside the 50km trial or the 20km trial, but all investigative efforts have been unsuccessful. I am guessing the first 3 placings were taken by Kerry Saxby, Sue Cook and Lorraine Jachno, as they were the 3 women selected for the World Cup.

With the trials completed, the Australian team for the 1987 Race Walking World Cup was announced. Willi Sawall was not named in the team, having signalled his intention of only doing the World Championships. He felt that the double would be too much of an ask on his injury prone body. With 9 of the 11 walkers from Victoria, the dominance of that State continued.

20km Men:	David Smith (VIC)	Simon Baker (VIC)	Andrew Jachno (VIC)	Paul Copeland (VIC)
50km Men:	Michael Harvey (VIC)	Craig Brill (VIC)	Steven Hausfeld (NSW)	Mark Donahoo (VIC)
10km Women:	Kerry Saxby (NSW)	Sue Cook (VIC)	Lorraine Jachno (VIC)	
Managers:	Harry Summers (VIC)	Jill Juxley (NSW)		

It was disappointing to see only 3 women selected when 4 spots were available. It was Harry Summers' fourth World Cup tour - two as a competitor (1981 and 1985) and three as manager (1983 and 1987).

The team for the 1987 IAAF World Championship was also named, and looked very strong on paper.

20km Men:	David Smith (VIC)	Simon Baker (VIC)	Andrew Jachno (VIC)
50km Men:	Willi Sawall (VIC)	Michael Harvey (VIC)	
10km Women:	Kerry Saxby (NSW)	Sue Cook (VIC)	Lorraine Jachno (VIC)

1987 Race Walking World Cup New York, USA, 2-3 May 1987

The 1987 IAAF World Race Walking Cup was held on 2 and 3 May 1987 in the streets of New York City. Firstly to the men's 20km, which was contested on Saturday 2nd May. It was the first time the meet had been held outside Europe and the first where elimination trials were not held. Many countries were fielding teams for the first time and the largest ever fields were assembled for the races. The starts were something to behold, with up to 130 on the start line. The course was a horseshoe shape, 1.25km out and the same return. The course profile seemed like a roller coaster, and the road was cracked and pitted, with drain gratings covered by cardboard and tape. Some hasty patching covered the worst areas of the road, but it still required care to prevent tripping.

The women's 10km saw the first 5 placegetters breaking the existing world record, as well as the 5km world record! Mexico placed fourth in their first time in the competition. **Kerry Saxby** produced one of her finest races ever, just missing a top three place. **Sue Cook** also raced strongly, picking up 3 places in the second half to finish 13th, while **Lorraine Jachno** provided the steady performance that a teams race demands, finishing 32nd. Australia finished third in the Eschborn Cup, a mighty performance. With only 3 in the team, it was a pressure race, but they all finished, ensuring that the women took third place in the Eschborn Cup teams race.

10km Walk Women, New York, Saturday 2 nd May 1987			
1.	Olga Krishtop	URS	43:22
2.	Irina Strakhova	URS	43:35
3.	Jin Bingjie	CHN	43:45
4.	Kerry Saxby	AUS	43:57
	...		
13.	Susan Cook	AUS	46:03
32.	Lorraine Jachno	AUS	48:21
85 finishers, 4 DQ, 1 DNF			
Women's Team: 3 rd 167pts			

The men's 50km was contested on the Sunday morning. The East Germans walked as a team and proved untouchable, with **Ronald Weigel**, **Hartwig Gauder** and **Dietmar Meisch** taking the medals. 19 year old **Craig Brill** recorded an Australian Junior best of 4:19:46 as the first Australian to finish, in front of his older team mates. **Steven Hausfeld** and **Mark Donahoo**, in their first Australian team, raced well on the difficult course. **Michael Harvey** was unlucky to be suffering from a bout of illness in the week before the race, which effected his performance.

50km Walk Men, New York, Sunday 3 rd May 1987			
1.	Ronald Weigel	GDR	3:42:26
2.	Hartwig Gauder	GDR	3:42:52
3.	Dietmar Meisch	GDR	3:43:14

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52.	Craig Brill	AUS	4:19:46
53.	Steven Hausfeld	AUS	4:22:27
63.	Michael Harvey	AUS	4:28:00
64.	Mark Donahoo	AUS	4:29:49
86 finishers, 4 DQ, 44 DNF			
Medn's Team: 18 th 173 pts			

The men's 20km saw a surprise win for the young Mexican Carlos Mercenario, in a record time. **David Smith** was disqualified while in the leading group. **Simon Baker** finished 11th in a PB 1:21:57. **Andrew Jachno** produced his best time for the year to finish 37th, but **Paul Copeland** was suffering from the same sort of illness that had effected Michael Harvey in the 50km, finishing 74th.

20km Walk Men, New York, Saturday 2nd May 1987			
1.	Carlos Mercenario	MEX	1:19:24
2.	Viktor Mostóvik	URS	1:19:32
3.	Anatoliy Gorshkov	URS	1:20:04
...			
11.	Simon Baker	AUS	1:21:57
37.	Andrew Jachno	AUS	1:25:58
74.	Paul Copeland	AUS	1:31:50
-	David Smith	AUS	DQ
120 finishers, 3 DQ, 13 DNF			
Men's Team: 13 th 212 pts			

21th Lake Burley Griffin Carnival Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra, Sunday 7th June 1987

A record 300+ walkers ensured that the 21st LBG carnival was a great success. **Simon Baker** became the second fastest walker behind Willi Sawall with his winning time of 2:25:18, with the 3 placegetters all doing personal bests. **Robbie McFadden** took third place in his first attempt at the distance. This win followed Simon's 30km win in the 1986 Edinburgh Commonwealth Games and confirmed his status as Australia's top distance walker. In the women's 5km, winner **Kerry Saxby**'s time of 21:07 was 9 seconds under the current world record.

LBG 20 Miles Walk, Canberra, Sunday 7th June 1987			
1.	Simon Baker	VIC	2:25:18
2.	Michael Harvey	VIC	2:28:36
3.	Robbie McFadden	SA	2:39:44
4.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	2:41:39
5.	Bill Dyer	VIC	2:43:10
6.	Steve Hausefeld	ACT	2:44:38
7.	Keith Knox	NSW	2:45:26
8.	Brian Trower	VIC	2:47:13
9.	Dave Thomson	ACT	2:50:05
10.	Duncan Knox	VIC	2:50:45
11.	John Smith	NSW	2:54:03
12.	Robin Whyte	ACT	2:54:16
13.	Don Cox	SA	2:56:12
14.	Murray Marker	SA	3:03:35
15.	Bob Agnew	ACT	3:03:36
16.	Rod Huxley	NSW	3:07:03
17.	Keith Law	NSW	3:12:53
18.	Tim Thompson	SA	3:13:38
19.	Bob Chapman	ACT	3:14:16
20.	Robert Lilley	NSW	3:15:15
21.	Frank Overton	NSW	3:23:18
22.	John Mison	NSW	3:23:18
23.	Caleb Maybir	NSW	3:24:24
24.	Peter Waddell	ACT	3:28:24
25.	Roy McFadden	SA	3:31:12
26.	Warren Harbour	VIC	3:33:58
27.	Les Bird	NSW	3:35:51
28.	Colin Hainsworth	SA	3:37:56
29.	Trevor Vogler	ACT	3:38:57
30.	Bill Starr	SA	3:41:54

31.	Ted Reynolds	ACT	3:45:57
-	James Plowman	QLD	DNF
-	Mike McDermott	QLD	DNF
-	Roy Johnson	NSW	DNF
-	Ian Richardson	QLD	DNF
-	Leo Pluymers	VIC	DNF
-	C Beesley	QLD	DNF
H. C. Campbell Shield			
1.	VIC	Simon Baker, Michael Harvey, Bill Dyer	
2.	ACT	Stephen Hausfeld, Dave Thomson, Robin Whyte	
3.	SA	Rob McFadden, Don Cox, Murray Marker	
4.	NSW	Keith Knox, John Smith, Rod Huxley	
5.	NSW 2	Caleb Maybir, Rob Tilley, Frank Overton	
6.	SA 2	Tim Thompson, Roy McFadden, Colin Hainsworth	
7.	ACT 2	Trevor Vogler, Ted Reynolds, Peter Waddell	

1987 Australian 50km Championship Canberra, Sunday 14th June 1987

The Australian 50km was held a week after the LBG Carnival so walkers had to decide whether to return there so soon. Most chose to bypass the event, so as in 1985, the event suffered from both quality and quantity perspectives. **Steven Hausfeld** won with 4:20:45, ahead of the 1986 winner **Mark Dossetor** who was second with 4:33:07. **Peter Vysma**, who had finished 4th in 1975 and 3rd in 1977, made a return to the medals once again, finishing 3rd again with 4:45:37.

Australian 50km Championship, Canberra, Sun 14 th Jun 1987			
1.	Steven Hausfeld	NSW	4:20:45
2.	Mark Dossetor	VIC	4:33:07
3.	Peter Vysma	VIC	4:45:37
4.	Robin Whyte	ACT	4:46:03
5.	Mark Wall	VIC	4:57:00
6.	Andrew Ludwig	QLD	5:04:14
7.	Tim Thompson	SA	5:32:00
8.	Steel Beveridge	NSW	5:53:14
Teams 1. VIC 6			

1987 World Universiade Zagreb, Croatia, 13-19 July 1987

The 1987 Summer Universiade was held in Zagreb on 13 July 1987. Unlike in 1985 when 4 Australians competed, **Andrew Jachno** was the only one selected on this occasion, but did he produce the goods, coming 4th in the men's 20km walk with 1:27:39.

World Universiade 20km Walk, Zagreb, Monday 13 th July 1987			
1.	Raffaello Ducceschi	ITA	1:25:02
2.	Giacomo Poggi	ITA	1:25:17
3.	Pierluigi Fiorella	ITA	1:26:58
4	Andrew Jachno	AUS	1:27:39

1987 Australian 20km Championship Hobart, Sunday 19th July 1987

The Australian 20km walk, held in Hobart in July, saw **David Smith** win as he liked in a new Australian and Commonwealth best time of 1:19:22. By the look of things, he was going to be a serious contender in the forthcoming World Championships.

Australian 20km Championship, Hobart, Sun 19 th July 1987			
1.	David Smith	VIC	1:19:22
2.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	1:31:43
3.	Steven Hausfeld	NSW	1:33:57
4.	Keith Knox	NSW	1:34:22
5.	Paul Woodhouse	NSW	1:34:35
6.	Jack Grimales	NSW	1:38:49
7.	Mark Wall	VIC	1:39:07

8.	Bruce Dudon	VIC	1:42:35
9.	David Moore	TAS	1:49:08
10.	Frank Overton	NSW	1:51:56
11.	Caleb Maybir	QLD	1:53:04
12.	Gavin Reynolds	ACT	1:53:36
13.	Robert Chapman	ACT	1:55:30
14.	Peter Waddell	ACT	1:59:32
15.	Alan Lucas	TAS	2:05:17
Teams: 1. VIC 18 2. NSW 24 3. ACT 36			

Federation Carnival, including Alexander Cup 20km Adelaide, Saturday 29th August 1987

Did I say that the 1986 Federation Carnival was held at the wrong time. The same could be said of the 1987 Carnival, which featured the Alexander Cup 20km. With the top walkers at the World Championships in Rome, it was a case of the best of the rest. To their credits, **Mark Donahoo, Mark Wall and Brian Trower** took the medals for Victoria.

Alexander Cup 20km, Adelaide, Saturday 29 th August 1987			
1.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	1:34:43
2.	Mark Wall	VIC	1:36:39
3.	Brian Trower	VIC	1:37:03
4.	Duncan Knox	VIC	1:38:15
5.	John Smith	NSW	1:38:35
6.	Don Cox	SA	1:40:51
7.	Rob McFadden	SA	1:43:15
8.	Peter Fullager	SA	1:45:07
9.	Harry Summers	VIC	1:48:15
10.	Keith Law	NSW	1:48:36
11.	Bob Agnew	ACT	1:48:44
12.	Murray Marker	SA	1:49:08
13.	Tim Thompson	SA	1:49:14
14.	John Mison	NSW	1:52:06
15.	Rod Huxley	NSW	1:54:14
16.	Caleb Maybir	NSW	1:54:14
17.	Jamie Young	NSW	1:56:09
18.	Peter Waddell	ACT	1:57:10
19.	Roy Johnson	NSW	2:00:45
20.	Colin Hainsworth	SA	2:01:09
21.	Jack Webber	SA	2:15:48
22.	Geoff Peters	SA	1:16:58
-	Ian Fay	SA	DNF
-	Grant Laidlaw	SA	DNF
-	Phil Alderson	SA	DNF
-	Rob Lilley	NSW	DQ
-	David Bryson	SA	DQ
-	Bob Chapman	ACT	DQ
Teams			
1.	VIC1	6	1, 2, 3
2.	SA 1	18	5, 6, 7
3.	NSW 1	21	4, 8, 9
4.	SA 3	33	10, 11, 12

1987 IAAF World Championships Rome, 8th August – 6 September 1987

And now to the last big races for the year, the IAAF World Championships in Rome.

Maurizio Damilano won the men's 20km walk in near crowd hysteria, in front of a partisan local crowd, in brutally hot conditions. **Andrew Jachno** finished the best of the Australians, coming 12th with a PB 1:24:46. **Simon Baker** paid the penalty for a heavy year of big training and quality racing, fading to 24th with 1:27:32. **David Smith** was disqualified (again!) while in the lead pack. Smith's world was falling around him. He was fitter than ever before and racing faster than ever before but could not get through the big ones. With a DNF in the 1981 World Cup, disqualifications in the 1983, 1985 and 1987 World Cups and now a further DQ in the Worlds at

Rome, it seemed that even the local Australian media were losing patience with him. A short news item in the Melbourne Age was headed '*Born Loser*' and read as follows

Walker David Smith, flamboyant, controversial and very Australian, continued his quite remarkable record for disqualifications by being removed from the field in the 20 km road walk after being up with the leaders. His team mates fared better with the judges with Andrew Jachno finishing 12th and Simon Baker 24th.

IAAF World Championship 20km Men, Rome, Sun 30 Aug			
1.	Maurizio Damilano	ITA	1:20:45
2.	Jozef Pribilinec	CZE	1:21:07
3.	José Marín	ESP	1:21:24
	...		
12.	Andrew Jachno	AUS	1:24:46
24.	Simon Baker	AUS	1:27:32
-	David Smith	AUS	DQ

Australia won its first medal of the championships when **Kerry Saxby** strode to second place behind Irina Krakhova in the women's 10km walk. Saxby had led for most of the race before being overtaken in the last 2km by the powerful Russian. The event was held in very hot and humid conditions, with **Lorraine Jachno** one of two women to be carried from the arena on stretchers after collapsing. In Lorraine's case, it all unfolded in a scenario that brought back memories of Gabriela Anderson-Scheiss in the 1984 Olympic Marathon, as she stumbled towards the finish line, collapsing and regaining her feet and collapsing again one final time 50m short of the finish. **Sue Cook** fared better, finishing 12th with 46:20. Mexico's Maria Colon, who finished 17th, said of the conditions: "*It was like walking in a boiler. It was hell. The street was burning our feet.*"

IAAF World Championship 10km Women, Rome, Tues 1 Sept			
1.	Irina Strakhova	URS	44:12
2.	Kerry Saxby	AUS	44:23
3.	Hong Yan	CHN	44:42
	...		
12.	Sue Cook	AUS	46:20
-	Lorraine Jachno	AUS	DNF

The men's 50im saw the usual East German dominance, with Harwig Gauder winning ahead of Ron Weigel, with Vyacheslav Ivanenko of Russia third. **Michael Harvey** finished 25th with 4:11:04 and **Willi Sawall** finished one place behind him, in 26th, with 4:14:25.

IAAF World Championship 50km Men, Rome, Sat 5 Sept			
1.	Hartwig Gauder	GDR	3:40:53
2.	Ronald Weigel	GDR	3:41:30
3.	Vyacheslav Ivanenko	URS	3:44:02
	...		
25.	Michael Harvey	AUS	4:11:04
26.	Willi Sawall	AUS	4:14:25

At the start of 1988 Andrew Jachno was finally offered an AIS Scholarship and moved to Canberra. Training through that year with Simon Baker, he improved significantly, and was rewarded with Olympic selection. More of that later.

Australian Track & Field Championships 1987-88 Perry Lakes Stadium, Perth, WA, 25-27 March 1988

Finally, someone apart from David Smith had won the National track title. After 6 wins in a row, he was a notable absence from Perth, opening the door for **Simon Baker**, who won with a brisk 19:40.76, ahead of **Andrew Jachno** and **Paul Kennedy**.

5,000m Track Walk - Men - Saturday 26th March 1988			
1	Simon Baker	VIC	19:40.76
2	Andrew Jachno	VIC	20:11.49
3	Paul Kennedy	VIC	22:25.27
4	Terry Jones	WA	23:09.34
5	Garry Hastie	WA	26:34.39
-	Anthony Michelsen	NSW	DQ
-	Julian Weller	QLD	DNF

1988 Olympic 20km Trial
Richmond, NSW, Sunday 9th April 1988

The 1988 Olympic 20km trial was held in Richmond in NSW in early April, on a cold and very windy day. **Simon Baker** had an easy win with a PB 1:21:53. He had won the NSW 5000m track title with 19:32, the Victorian 5000m in 19:45 and the National 5000m with 19:40. These wins confirmed his place as Australia's top walker (in the continued absence of David Smith) and he clinched his Olympic selection with this win. **Andrew Jachno**, who finished second with 1:24:30, was also under the Olympic standard, but third placed **Paul Copeland** missed the Olympic qualifying standard by 1.85 seconds. **Michael Harvey**, in fourth place with 1:25:42, and **Mark Donahoo**, in fifth place with 1:27:42, also walked big PBs.

1.	Simon Baker	VIC	1:21:53	(PB)
2.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	1:24:30	
3.	Paul Copeland	VIC	1:25:01	(PB)
4.	Michael Harvey	VIC	1:25:42	(PB)
5.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	1:27:42	(PB)
6.	Nick A'Hern	NSW	1:29:38	
7.	Steven Hausfeld	NSW	1:30:05	
8.	Keith Knox	NSW	1:34:06	

1988 Australian 50km Championship and Olympic Trial
Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Saturday 8th May 1988

Simon Baker and Andrew Jachno did not contest the 50km Olympic trial, ensuring a relatively open race. **Mark Donahoo** and **Willi Sawall** battled it out in front for the first 40km, until Sawall eventually retired. Donahoo retained his lead for a further 7km, until **Michael Harvey** caught and passed him. The first 3 walkers were well ahead of the rest of the field, but their times were probably not going to be fast enough for Olympic selection.

1.	Michael Harvey	VIC	4:09:10
2.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	4:11:10
3.	Steven Hausfeld	NSW	4:12:06
4.	Craig Brill	VIC	4:20:14
5.	Robin Whyte	ACT	4:48:19
6.	Andrew Ludwig	QLD	4:50:16
7.	Robert Agnew	ACT	5:22:30
8.	Tim Thompson	SA	5:44:14
9.	Steel Beveridge	NSW	5:57:22
-	Paul Woodhouse	NSW	DQ
-	Ian Waters	VIC	DQ
-	Mark Wall	VIC	DQ
-	Peter Vysma	VIC	DQ
-	Trevor Vogler	ACT	DNF
-	Willi Sawall	VIC	DNF
-	Bill Dyer	VIC	DNF
-	Duncan Knox	VIC	DNF
-	Warren Harbour	VIC	DNF
-	Paul Copeland	VIC	DNF

With the Olympic trials completed, Simon Baker and Andrew Jachno were selected to do the Olympic 20km / 50km double. That made sense in the 20km, given that they had finished first and second in the 20km trials, with times under the Olympic qualifying standard of 1:25:00. But they did not contest the 50km so why were they selected? It was a simple matter of times - Baker had walked 3:58:51 in December 1987 and Jachno had walked 4:04:09 in winning the 1988 Victorian 50km championship. That put them a long way ahead of Michael Harvey and Mark Donahoo and the rest of the Australians. The notable absentee was David Smith. With the fastest time of 1:19:22, he should have been out in front, but was nowhere to be seen.

20kmMen Simon Baker (VIC) Andrew Jachno (VIC)
50km Men Simon Baker (VIC) Andrew Jachno (VIC)

22nd Lake Burley Griffin Carnival
Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra, Sunday 12th June 1988

Simon Baker just held out **Michael Harvey** once again to win the 1988 LBG 20 Mile, both walkers recording PBs. With **Andrew Jachno** 4 minutes further back in third place, Michael must have been disappointed that he had not produced a performance like this

in the 50km trial. This was the greatest depth seen so far in the LBG 20 Miler, with the first 7 finishers all well under the 2:40:00 barrier. 8 of the first 10 walkers were from Victoria.

LBG 20 Miles Walk, Canberra, Sunday 12th June 1988			
1.	Simon Baker	VIC	2:27:37
2.	Michael Harvey	VIC	2:27:53
3.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	2:31:55
4.	Robbie McFadden	SA	2:32:50
5.	Mark Donahoo	VIC	2:36:29
6.	Brian Trower	VIC	2:37:11
7.	Ian Waters	VIC	2:37:40
8.	Bill Dyer	VIC	2:45:08
9.	Duncan Knox	VIC	2:47:28
10.	Keith Knox	NSW	2:50:06
11.	Mark Wall	VIC	2:53:02
12.	Murray Marker	SA	2:54:04
13.	Rod Huxley	NSW	2:55:17
14.	John Ostrouskis	VIC	2:58:42
15.	Robin Whyte	ACT	2:58:59
16.	David Thomson	ACT	3:01:09
17.	Keith Law	NSW	3:02:01
18.	Mark Fletcher	VIC	3:05:56
19.	John Mison	NSW	3:08:54
20.	Tim Thompson	SA	3:09:46
21.	Trevor Vogler	ACT	3:10:24
22.	Harry Summers	VIC	3:11:45
23.	Murray Brown	VIC	3:15:56
24.	Frank Overton	NSW	3:16:45
25.	S Rickinson	VIC	3:17:33
26.	John Smith	NSW	3:20:48
27.	Warren Harbour	VIC	3:21:08
28.	Mark Dredge	NSW	3:21:58
29.	Bob Chapman	ACT	3:23:28
30.	Bob Agnew	ACT	3:23:28
31.	Rob Lilley	NSW	3:23:41
32.	Bob Pearce	NSW	3:23:45
33.	Paul Moritz	NSW	2:23:48
34.	Paul Thompson	NSW	3:34:21
35.	Colin Hainsworth	SA	3:36:24
36.	Caleb Maybir	NSW	3:42:38
37.	Bill Starr	SA	3:44:28
38.	Brendan Hyde	NSW	3:48:52
39.	Wayne Fletcher	TAS	3:53:50
40.	D Bracken	QLD	3:58:53
H. C. Campbell Shield			
1.	VIC	6	Simon Baker, Michael Harvey, Andrew Jachno
2.	VIC2	18	Brian Trower, Ian Waters, Bill Dyer
3.	SA	28	Rob McFadden, Murray Marker, Tim Thompson
4.	NSW	31	Keith Knox, Rod Huxley, Keith Law
5.	ACT	39	Robin Whyte, Dave Thomson, Trevor Vogler
6.	VIC3	49	Mark Fletcher, Harry Summers, Murray Brown

**Federation Carnival, including Glover Shield 10km
Albert Park, Melbourne, Saturday 30th July 1988**

Note the earlier scheduling of the Federation carnival in 1988. Had the penny finally dropped? **Andrew Jachno** and **Simon Baker** continued on their winning ways, both obviously benefiting from their training partnership in Canberra. On this occasion, Jachno won out with 40:15, ahead of Baker who was second with 41:46. **Paul Copeland** showed his potential with his third placed time of 41:49 while **Michael Harvey** produced his usual solid performance, finishing fourth with 42:57.

Glover Shield 10km, Melbourne, Saturday 30th July 1988			
1.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	40:15
2.	Simon Baker	INV	41:46
3.	Paul Copeland	VIC	41:49
4.	Michael Harvey	VIC	42:57

5.	Robert McFadden	SA	43:05	
6.	Craig Brill	VIC	44:47	
7.	Mark Thomas	VIC	45:13	
8.	Duncan Knox	VIC	45:47	
9.	George White	VIC	45:59	
10.	Rod Huxley	NSW	46:03	
11.	Brian Trower	VIC	47:02	
12.	Bruce Dudon	VIC	47:10	
13.	Steven Beecroft	VIC	47:46	
14.	Andrew Brown	NSW	48:50	
15.	Mark Wall	VIC	49:01	
16.	Graeme Huxley	NSW	50:11	
17.	George Paton	VIC	50:30	
18.	Robin Whyte	ACT	50:43	
19.	Tim Thompson	SA	51:15	
20.	Bob Gardiner	VIC	51:35	
21.	Darian Law	NSW	51:39	
22.	Robert Lilley	NSW	51:41	
23.	Simon Rickinson	VIC	52:50	
24.	Graeme Russell	VIC	52:53	
25.	Warren Harbour	VIC	53:29	
26.	Frank Overton	NSW	53:36	
27.	Caleb Maybir	NSW	54:18	
28.	Peter Lowden	VIC	54:43	
29.	Paul Moritz	NSW	55:20	
30.	Peter Waddell	ACT	55:55	
31.	Trevor Vogler	ACT	55:55	
32.	Garry Creek	PP	57:35	
33.	Peter Johnson	VIC	57:35	
34.	John McDougall	NSW	58:07	
35.	Colin Hainsworth	SA	59:01	
36.	David Herbert	INV	59:11	
37.	Jeff Goller	VIC	59:19	
38.	Darren Page	SA	61:07	
39.	Tony Michaelsen	NSW	70:13	
40.	Gus Theobold	VIC	74:19	
41.	Nigel Crew	ACT	74:19	
-	Keith Law	NSW	DQ	
-	Willi Sawall	VIC	DQ	
-	Mark Donahoo	VIC	DQ	
-	Bill Dyer	VIC	DQ	
-	Richard Illingworth	VIC	DNF	
-	Adam Patterson	PP	DNF	
-	Kevin Lowden	VIC	DNF	
-	Mark Davison	VIC	DNF	
-	Corey Paton	VIC	DNF	
Teams				
1.	VIC 1	6	2. VIC 2 18	3. VIC 3 31
4.	NSW 1	35	5. SA 48	6. VIC 5 52
7.	VIC 4	57	8. NSW 2 64	9. ACT 67

1988 Australian 20km Championship AIS, Canberra, Sunday 27th August 1988

The Australian 20km Championship in Canberra in late August was the last major hitout for **Simon Baker** and **Andrew Jachno** ahead of the Olympics. The race was on their home turf, starting and finishing at the Bruce Stadium at the AIS and held on a fast course. Their times – 1:21:19 for Baker and 1:22:29 for Jachno, were PBs, confirming that they were in great form. They had gone out hard, walking shoulder to shoulder to pass the halfway mark in 39:50 and 39:53 respectively (their first times under 40 minutes!).

Willi Sawall, who finished third with 1:25:02, was only 2 seconds outside the Olympic qualifying standard of 1:25:00. His situation was the same as Paul Copeland's had been in the Olympic trial earlier in the year. On that occasion, Copeland had walked 1:25:01. Thus these two fine walkers each found themselves just shy of an Olympic berth. Considering that Sawall was 46 years of age at this time, it was a wonderful walk. He continued to defy the years.

As an aside, **Kerry Saxby** won the Australian women's 10km roadwalk championship at the same meet, with a world best time of 41:29.7. As usual, it was Kerry and then daylight, with Lorraine Jachno finishing second some 6 minutes back. Sadly, the women walkers were not included in the 1988 Olympics, where Kerry would have been an almost unbackable medal contender.

It was certainly a great meet for AIS coach Craig Hilliard – his 3 charges Baker, Jachno and Saxby had dominated the meet.

Australian 20km Championship, Canberra, Sun 27th Aug 1988			
1.	Simon Baker	VIC	1:21:19 (PB)
2.	Andrew Jachno	VIC	1:22:29 (PB)
3.	Willi Sawall	VIC	1:25:02
4.	Michael Harvey	VIC	1:28:05
5.	Robert McFadden	SA	1:28:25
6.	Rod Huxley	NSW	1:33:04
7.	Duncan Knox	VIC	1:36:06
8.	Keith Knox	NSW	1:36:58
9.	Bruce Dudon	VIC	1:36:59
10.	Mark Wall	VIC	1:37:11
11.	Robert Mee	ACT	1:38:16
12.	John Mison	NSW	1:39:41
13.	Mark Dredge	NSW	1:40:36
14.	Robin Whyte	ACT	1:42:03
15.	Tim Thompson	SA	1:42:10
16.	Keith Law	NSW	1:45:13
17.	Klaus Maurer	QLD	1:45:21
18.	Robert Lillee	NSW	1:46:56
19.	Ronald Foster	TAS	1:48:03
20.	Robert Chapman	ACT	1:48:47
21.	Ian Richardson	QLD	1:52:42
22.	Trevor Vogler	ACT	1:53:33
23.	Michael McDermott	QLD	1:58:53
24.	Steven Iselin	QLD	1:58:53
25.	Frank Overton	NSW	2:00:04
-	David Thomson	ACT	DQ
-	Anthony Michelsen	NSW	DQ
Teams: 1. VIC 10 2. NSW 28 3. ACT 43 4. QLD 55			

1988 Olympic Games

Seoul, South Korea, 17th September - 2nd October 1988

These were the last Olympic Games for the Soviet Union and East Germany, as both ceased to exist before the next Olympic Games in 1992. The Soviet Union dominated the medal table, winning 55 gold and 132 total medals. No country has won more than 50 in an Olympics since 1988.

The games were boycotted by North Korea and its ally, Cuba. Ethiopia, Albania and the Seychelles did not respond to the invitations sent by the IOC. Nicaragua did not participate due to athletic and financial considerations. The participation of Madagascar had been expected, and their team was expected at the opening ceremony of 160 nations. However, the country withdrew because of financial reasons. Nonetheless, the much larger boycotts seen in the previous three Summer Olympics (1976, 1980 and 1984) were avoided, resulting in the largest number of participating nations during the Cold War era.

The two Australian representatives were **Simon Baker** and **Andrew Jachno** who had also repped at the 1984 Olympics. Both were now resident at the AIS in Canberra and training partners.

The 1988 Olympic 20km walk, which was held on Friday 23rd September, saw Italian 1980 Gold Medallist Maurizio Damilano and Jozef Pribilinec along with Ernesto Canto and fellow Mexican Carlos Mercenario, as the favourites. Young East German walker Ron Weigel (who went on to become the Australian National Coach from 1997 to 2002) was the wildcard and he nearly pulled off a surprise win. By the 15km mark, Pribilinec, Weigel and Canto had broken clear of the field. With Canto eventually disqualified, Pribilinec and Weigel entered the stadium less than 10 metres apart. In one of the most exciting Olympic finishes ever seen, Pribilinec had to draw on all his reserves to hold out Weigel for gold. After the line, he collapsed on the track. Weigel knelt over him and tried to extend his congratulations. But the Slovak winner was so exhausted that he was unable to respond. Silently, Weigel kissed him and walked away. The times were sizzling and there were only 3 disqualifications out of the record field of 53 starters.

Simon Baker walked an excellent race, finishing 11th with 1:21:47, while **Andrew Jachno** finished 28th with 1:24:50. Both had justified their Olympic selections.

1988 Olympic 20km Walk, Seoul, Friday 23 rd September 1988			
1.	Jozef Pribilinec	CZE	1:19.57
2.	Ronald Weigel	GDR	1:20.00
3.	Maurizio Damilano	ITA	1:20.14
...			
11.	Simon Baker	AUS	1:21:47
28.	Andrew Jachno	AUS	1:24:50

The 1988 Olympic 50km walk, which was held on Friday 30th September, had a smaller entry list of 42 competitors. Three athletes were disqualified, while four walkers did not finish the race. With Raul Gonzalez no longer competing, the way was open for a new Olympic champion. The main contenders included the 1980 champion Hartwig Gauder and the Soviet walker Vyacheslav Ivanenko who had finished second to Gauder in the 1986 European Championship in 3:41:54 and was third in the 1987 World Championships in 3:44:02. Add in Ron Weigel who had just won silver in the 20km and it all made for a fascinating walk.

In the fastest Olympic 50km event ever walked, it was Ivanenko who prevailed over Weigel and Gauder, all 3 breaking the 3:40 barrier. They had been together until the 40km mark when Ivanenko made his decisive break, dropping first Gauder and then Weigel who resigned himself to second place after receiving two warnings for lifting. It was Weigel's second silver medal of the Games and Gauder earned bronze to add to his 1980 gold.

Simon Baker's 6th place was outstanding. Journalist Len Johnson described his finish as "*the excited extrovert who spent the 10 minutes after crossing the line falling around like a puppet dangling on tangled strings, joyously celebrating his own performance with every other walker in sight*". His time of 3:44:07 was a huge PB and a new Commonwealth best. **Andrew Jachno** also walked a huge PB to finish 9th with 3:53:33. It was a great double for the two Victorians.

1988 Olympic 50km Walk, Seoul, Friday 30 th September 1988			
1.	Vyacheslav Ivanenko	SOV	3:38.29
2.	Ronald Weigel	GDR	3:38.56
3.	Hartwig Gauder	GDR	3:39.45
...			
6.	Simon Baker	AUS	3:44.07
9.	Andrew Jachno	AUS	3:53:33

That marked the end of another Olympic cycle, but the dramas had not yet finished for the year.

1988 saw David Smith miss Olympic selection, and the relationship between him and his AIS based coach Craig Hilliard soured. This culminated in a very public laundering of dirty washing before a Federal Senate Committee investigating drugs in sport. Smith and Hilliard swapped recriminations in a very unpleasant tit for tat. As with many such inquiries, there were no clear winners but only losers. It makes for explosive reading on p348-351 of the final report *Drugs in sport : an interim report of the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Recreation and the Art*. See https://www.aph.gov.au/-/media/Committees/ecita_ctte/completed_inquiries/pre1996/drugs-int/07ch7.pdf.

Smith's AIS scholarship was terminated and he moved north to Queensland and assumed his old career as a salesman, immersing himself in the Brisbane racewalking scene with typical entrepreneurial enthusiasm. This marked a hiatus in his career. He did not even race again until 1990 and his next (and last, as it turned out) international vest was not until the 1991 World Walking Cup. In fact, he was not even selected initially for that team and it was only with a couple of strong walks in Brisbane in April 1991 that he forced his way in to take the vacant last spot. His selection was justified when he finished 46th in the World Cup 20 km in 1:26:14.

But that's all a story for next time.

DATES...DATES...DATES

As usual, I finish with a list of upcoming events on the local, national and international fronts. Let me know of any errors/omissions. It continues to change quickly as a result of COVID-19 issues.

Australian/Victorian Key Dates – 2020

Aug 30 (Sun), 2020 Australian Masters 20km Championships, Adelaide (Now a Postal Event)
 Aug 30 (Sun), 2020 Australian Roadwalk Championships and RWA Carnival, Melbourne (POSTPONED - TBA)

International Dates

Sep 18 (Fri), 2020 46th International RW Festival, Alytus, Lithuania (see <http://www.alytusfestival.lt/>)
 Sep 26 (Sat), 2020 International Race Walk Meeting, Zaniemysl, Poland (Includes Polish 20km Champs)
 Oct 10 (Sat), 2020 Podebrady Walks Meet, Podebrady, Czech Republic (see <https://www.podebrady-walking.cz/en/>)
 Oct 20-22, 2020 Lake Taihu Tour, Suzhou, China (CANCELLED)
 Nov 7 (Sat), 2020 NZ Road Walk Championships, Bruce Pulman Park, Auckland, New Zealand

July 23 – Aug 8, 2021 **32nd Olympic Games, Tokyo and Sapporo**
July, 2021 **23rd World Masters T&F Championships, Tampere, Finland**
Aug 8-19, 2021 **World University Summer Games, Chengdu, China**
Aug 20-21, 2021 **18th World Athletics U20 T&F Championships, Nairobi, Kenya (POSTPONED FROM 2020)**

Jan 2022 **Oceania Masters Championships, Norfolk Island (POSTPONED FROM JANUARY 2020)**
TBA, 2022 **9th World Masters Indoor T&F Championships, Edmonton, Canada**
Apr 23-24, 2022 **29th World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships, Minsk, Belarus**
July 15-24, 2022 **18th World Athletics Championships, Eugene, USA**
July 27 - Aug 7, 2022 **XXII Commonwealth Games, Birmingham, GBR**
Aug 11-21, 2022 **European Athletics Championships, Munich, GER**

TBA, 2023 **24th World Masters T&F Championships, Gothenburg Sweden**
Aug 2023 (TBC) **19th World Athletics Championships, Budapest, Hungary**

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