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THE RACEWALKING YEAR IS PUT ON HOLD

I start with a great little cartoon, published in *marciadalmondo* (http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=3781). Fantastic work by the racewalking judges – show the red card to COVID-19!



Ok, no races on which to report this week but lots of news about the ongoing implications of COVID-19. Firstly what's happening on the local front

- At the moment, the following two events are still scheduled, but obviously final decisions will be made closer to the day
 - Aug 22 (Sat), 2020 Australian Cross Country Championships, Adelaide
 - Aug 30 (Sun), 2020 Australian Roadwalk Championships (and RWA Carnival), Melbourne
- However, Sporting Schools Australia has announced the cancellation of all sports carnivals this year and therefore will not be holding their cross country championships in Adelaide in August. I know that some walkers also compete in this meet.
 - August 23 (Sun), 2020 Sporting Schools Australia Cross Country Championships, Adelaide (CANCELLED)
- Athletics Australia announced last month that the Australian T&F Championships (Sydney, March) had been postponed. That has now been changed to a cancellation. Alas, no Australian T&F Championships this year.

- Big announcements of two major world athletics fixtures that have been effected
 - July 20 – Aug 1, 2020 **23rd World Masters T&F Championships**, Toronto, Canada (CANCELLED)
 - July 17-20, 2020 **18th World Athletics U20 T&F Championships**, Nairobi, Kenya (POSTPONED)
- Internationally, the next few months looks very sparse, with nearly all events from early March onwards cancelled. I did see an announcement that the 104th Japan Athletics Championships in Wajima would go ahead but only the Open events would be scheduled.
 - Apr 4 (Sat), 2020 Grande Prémio Internacional de Rio Maior em Marcha Atlético, Portugal (CANCELLED)
 - Apr 4 (Sat), 2020 Podebrady Walks Meet, Podebrady, Czech Republic (CANCELLED)
 - Apr 12 (Sun), 2020 104th Japan Athletics Championships, Wajima, Japan (50km Men)
 - Apr 18 (Sat), 2020 International Race Walk Meeting, Zaniemysl, Poland (20km)
 - Apr 19 (Sun), 2020 Hungarian 20km Race Walk Championships, Békéscsaba, Hungary (20km)
 - May 16 (Sat), 2020 International Walks Meet, Naumburg, Germany (20km) (CANCELLED)
 - May 24 (Sun), 2020 Finnish Championships, Lapua, Finland (CANCELLED)
 - Jun 14 (Sun), (2020) Dutch 20km championships, Tilburg, Netherlands (CANCELLED)
- Following on from last week's analysis of the pressure being put on the IOC re the 2020 Olympics, the IOC Executive eventually gave in to the inevitable and announced last Tuesday that it was postponing the 2020 Olympics. But in an attempt to save face, they are putting out the story that it was them graciously giving into the Japanese Government which had asked them to postpone. Sure, we believe you Mr Bach. See <https://www.olympic.org/news/joint-statement-from-the-international-olympic-committee-and-the-tokyo-2020-organising-committee>.
- World Athletics President Sebastian Coe has announced that the Olympics are now officially postponed until 2021. See <https://www.olympic.org/news/ioc-ipc-tokyo-2020-organising-committee-and-tokyo-metropolitan-government-announce-new-dates-for-the-olympic-and-paralympic-games-tokyo-2020>.
- As a consequence, the World Athletics Championships will be moved from 2021 to 2022. This move has implications for the 2022 Commonwealth Games. See <https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1092598/sport-reaction-tokyo-2020-new-dates>.

PAUL DEMEESTER TAKES AIM AT THE IOC

Thanks to USA Attorney At Law **Paul F. DeMeester** for yet another opinion piece in this week's newsletter – a superbly researched piece that shows that the IOC hides behind its Olympic Charter when that suits and and it flaunts it when that suits.

IOC Wants Strict Adherence to the Olympic Charter for Women 50K Race Walkers But Not For Itself When It Comes To Protecting Its Pocketbook

By Paul F. DeMeester

In December of 2018, World Athletics (then called IAAF) did the right thing in asking the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to include women 50K race walkers in the Olympic Games 2020 programme. The IOC hid behind Bye-law 2.2 to Rule 45 of the Olympic Charter that requires the events programme to be decided three years prior to the opening of the Olympic Games, and denied the request.

Guess what the Olympic Charter also requires: that the Olympic Games of the XXXII Olympiad be held in 2020. Not in 2021, not in 2022, not in 2023. Rule 32(1) of the Olympic Charter provides: “*The Games of the Olympiad are celebrated during the first year of an Olympiad, and the Olympic Winter Games during its third year.*” Bye-law 1 to Rule 6 of the Olympic Charter defines what “an Olympiad” is: “*An Olympiad is a period of four consecutive calendar years, beginning on 1 January of the first year and ending on 31 December of the fourth year.*” Bye-law 2 to the same rule completes the Games scheduling picture: “*The Olympiads are numbered consecutively from the first Games of the Olympiad celebrated in Athens in 1896. The XXIX Olympiad began on 1 January 2008.*”

Hence, the XXXII Olympiad began on 1 January 2020. According to the Charter's Rule 32, the 2020 Olympics must take place in 2020. This exact year scheduling of the Games is further confirmed by Bye-law 4.10.3 to Rules 7-14 of the Olympic Charter: “*In all cases, the validity of any contract concluded by an OCOG [local organising committee] must not extend beyond 31 December of the year of the Olympic Games concerned.*”

The Olympic Charter makes no mention whatsoever of conducting the Olympic Games at any time other than during the first year of an Olympiad. Neither does the Host City Contract for the 2020 Olympics. On the contrary, the Host City Contract stipulates that “... all rights and benefits contemplated herein shall expire on 31st December 2020.” (Host City Contract, Games of the XXXII Olympiad in 2020, Section 13.) The same Contract calls for the assignment of intellectual property rights to the IOC “...not later than 31st December 2020 ...” while the 2020 Joint Marketing Programme is contracted to end on 31st December 2020. (Id., Sections 42(e), 43(c), and 49(a).)

Even though the Host City Contract does not provide for a postponement of the Games beyond 2020, the Contract does provide for cancellation of the 2020 Olympic Games:

The IOC shall be entitled to terminate this Contract and to withdraw the Games from the City if:

i) ... the IOC has reasonable grounds to believe, in its sole discretion, that the safety of participants in the Games would be seriously threatened or jeopardised for any reason whatsoever;

...

iii) the Games are not celebrated during the year 2020;

(Id., Section 66(a).)

In summary, the Olympic Charter requires the Tokyo Olympic Games to be held in 2020, while the Host City Contract allows for cancellation of those Games but not postponement beyond 2020. Both the Olympic Charter and the Host City Contract require the IOC and the Olympic Games Organising Committee to comply with the Olympic Charter. (Introduction to the Olympic Charter, section (c); Host City Contract, Section H of the Preamble, and Section 1.)

One can readily imagine the losses the IOC, the Tokyo Organising Committee, the broadcasters, and sponsors would incur were the Games to be cancelled, despite at least the IOC being covered by cancellation insurance. Cities and regions contemplating hosting the Olympics after 2028 might start having second thoughts. The IOC mitigated its financial damage by postponing the Olympics to 2021, despite such postponement being contrary to the Olympic Charter.

My point here is not that the Games should not have been postponed. My point is that when World Athletics wanted women 50K race walkers included in the now-postponed Olympics, the IOC said “no” based on its adherence to rule 45 of the Olympic Charter. But when it came to protecting their wallet in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, adherence to the Olympic Charter means absolutely nothing.

I’d say to the IOC, go ahead and postpone your Tokyo Olympics but be sure to include women in the 50K Race Walk Event now that those rules in the Charter that kept them out have been proven to be mere window dressing.

MARCIADALMONDO ROUNDUP

Marciadalmondo has 3 press releases for us this week. It’s going to be sparse pickings from now on.

- Sat 28 Mar - Dolores Rojas through the eyes of a child
http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=3781
- Wed 25 Mar -Wajima (JPN): will take place despite the postponement of the Olympic Games
http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=3780
- Tue 24 Mar - Tokyo - Joint statement from IOC and LOC of Tokyo 2020
http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/dettagli_news.aspx?id=3779

Omarchador has 8 press releases

- Mon 30 Mar - Tokyo Olympic Games begin July 23, 2021
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/03/jogos-olimpicos-de-toquio-comecam-23-de.html>
- Sun 29 Mar - Happy 86th birthday to César Moreno
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/03/no-aniversario-de-cesar-moreno.html>
- Sat 28 Mar - Young walkers in evidence in South Australia
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/03/jovens-marchadores-em-evidencia-na.html>
- Thu 26 Mar - Dan Nehnevaj and Anali Cisneros win NAIA Indoor Walks in Brookings (USA)
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/03/dan-nehnevaj-e-anali-cisneros-vencem.html>
- Wed 25 Mar - Toronto: WMA World Masters Championship canceled
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/03/cancelado-o-mundial-de-atletismo.html>
- Wed 25 Mar - U20 World Championships postponed
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/03/campeonatos-do-mundo-sub-20-adiados.html>

- Tue 24 Mar - Tokyo Olympic Games postponed to 2021
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/03/jogos-olimpicos-de-toquio-adiados-para.html>
- Tue 24 Mar - German Olympic walker (1960 and 1964) Kurt Sakowski dies
<https://omarchador.blogspot.com/2020/03/kurt-sakowski-1930-2020.html>

OUT AND ABOUT

- Great article on Doha bronze medallist **Perseus Karlstrom**, currently training in Melbourne. You know the story - open the link in the chrome browser, then right click and select "Translate to English" to read it. Some great photos of the young Perseus and his family. See <https://daralltborjade.story.aftonbladet.se/chapter/del-3/>.
- The 2020 World Race Walking Team Championships may have recently been postponed because of the Covid-19 crisis but when a date is announced for the re-arranged event, New Zealand will be sending their first team to the competition for 25 years. Three women will represent their country in the 20km race walk - **Courtney Ruske, Laura Langley and Alana Barber**. Let's hope the Championships go ahead so that the girls get their chance to compete. See more at <http://www.athletics.org.nz/News/race-walking-trio>
- What is the matter with some sports! The Tour de France is considering the option of going ahead without fans, says France's sports minister. The race is due to run from 27 June to 19 July. See <https://www.bbc.com/sport/cycling/52050109>.
- Drugs testing has been severely restricted in some countries and shut down entirely in those worst hit by the virus. Will this provide an opportunity for those drugs cheats within our sport to make the most of the opportunity. A depressing scenario. See <https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1092474/wada-president-sends-virus-warning>.
- Talking of drugs, two Olympic champions are among four Russian athletes who have been charged with doping offences by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU). Andrei Silnov, who won the men's high jump at Beijing in 2008 and Natalya Antyukh, who took gold in the women's 400 metres hurdles at London 2012 both face charges of using a prohibited substance or method, reports Associated Press. The other two are Yelena Soboleva, who won a silver medal in the 1500m at the 2006 World Indoor Championships, and retired hammer thrower Oksana Kondratyeva. Justice is best served cold! See <https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1092496/olympic-champions-doping-charges>.

TIME TO PUT THE THINKING CAP ON

My English mate Peter Ryan has suggested a weekly racewalking quiz, to allow readers some research activity while they self-isolate. Ok, I don't know how long I'll last but I'm willing to give it a go. Here are this week's 5 questions.

1. Lots of Australian racewalkers regularly break World Masters records but only a few have broken Open World Records. Who was the most recent Australian walker to break a racewalking open world record - name, year, venue and time?
2. The 100m rule allows for a walker to be disqualified by the Chief Judge in the last 100m of a race. Did you know that in one major championship, this was done, the athlete lodged an appeal and it was successful, allowing the walker to take the bronze medal. Details please.
3. One for our long distance walkers. How many Australians have qualified as British Centurions? Names and years please.
4. Which is the oldest racewalking club in Australia? When was it formed and what was its original name?
5. Which male walker has the most appearances in the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships? Name and years.

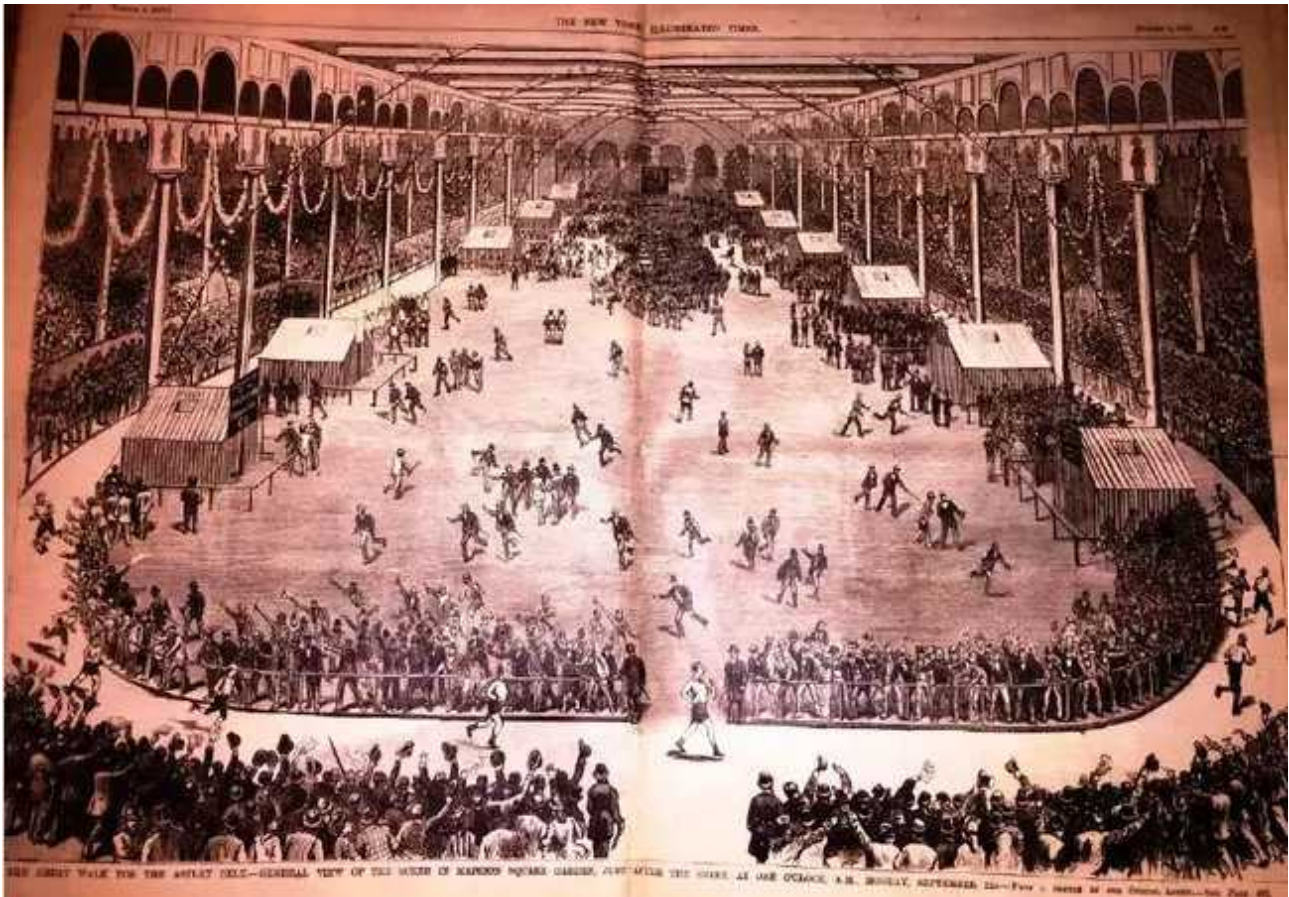
Forward your answers to me at terick@melbpc.org.au. I will give the answers next week and pose 5 further questions.

GEORGE LITTLEWOOD – THE SHEFFIELD FLYER



2020 marks the 132nd anniversary of a seemingly everlasting British record set by George Littlewood, a Yorkshire based professional pedestrian.

In 1888, at Madison Square Garden, New York, Littlewood broke the world record for the distance covered by foot over six days, travelling 623 miles 1,320 yards (nearly 1004 km). He did so in the most dramatic circumstances too. At the end of the fifth day he very nearly fell foul of a saboteur when he took a break to soothe his aching feet and a match was deliberately dropped into his alcohol bath at the side of the track. The culprit, presumed to be a disgruntled backer of one of Littlewood's rivals, was never caught. Neither, for that matter, was Littlewood. His feet and legs were badly burned but he carried on, hobbling at times, to complete 85 miles on the final day.



Littlewood's Madison Square Garden run – an 8 laps to the mile sawdust track inside the large auditorium. Food, drink and rest mid-race were all optional extras during the races. In such 144-hour challenges, contestants would pitch tents in the middle of the stadium circuit in order to take nap breaks - but rarely used them. Massive cash prizes for the winners meant most pushed themselves beyond any normal human limits in search of glory and many ended up in hospital.

Littlewood's reward for his 1888 "wobble" in New York was an Astley world championship belt, a \$4,400 prize and a \$1,000 record bonus. Thousands lined the streets of Sheffield to witness his triumphal return. Sheffield, though, was not quite Littlewood's home. He was a native of Rawmarsh, a South Yorkshire mining village.

Littlewood, in 1888, was 29. Since taking his first steps as a competitive runner, winning the school cup for 100 yards at the age of nine, he had covered countless miles in racing and training.

In 1966 the physiologist BB Lloyd described Littlewood's achievement as "*probably about the maximum sustained output of which the human frame is capable*". He was about right. Littlewood's epic run stood as a world record for six years short of a century - until 1984, when the Greek ultra-marathon man Yiannis Kouros covered 635 miles 1,023 yards at Randell's Island, New York. Kouros then broke his own world record in 1991 by running 664 miles, a record that still stands today.

While Kouros is far and away the greatest ultra runner ever, Littlewood was far and away the best of his era and could easily be tagged as *The Yiannos Kouros of the 1800s*.

Littlewood was not only a champion runner, he was a superb walker, in an era when huge sums of money were placed on races and form was scrupulously watched. He still holds the 6-day world best for walking, a distance of 531 miles (850km), achieved in Sheffield, England, between 6 and 11 March 1882, on a 13-lap to the mile track.

Littlewood features centrally in Paul Marshall's 764 page book *King of the Peds*, a fascinating historical account of the hugely popular 19th century sport and the professional pedestrians, or 'peds', who populated it. I have a copy of the book which is very much the definitive tome for that period.

I reproduce Marshall's article on Littlewood, from http://www.worldwiderunning.com/king_of_pedestrianism.php.

King of Pedestrianism By Paul Marshall



George Littlewood was born on 20th March 1859, in Rawmarsh, Yorkshire, England. This phenomenal athlete, who is already being talked about as probably being the greatest ultra long-distance foot athlete the world has ever seen, was to become a sporting superstar of his day, travelling over to America on several occasions, where, at Madison Square Garden, New York, in 1888, he produced a scintillating performance to beat the then current six-day world record of 621¼ miles held by the American, Jimmy Albert, by running another two miles on the 8-lap to the mile sawdust track. The 623¼ miles he made that week that wasn't beaten for 96 years was just one of his amazing achievements; one of which is still being the current owner of the 6-day walking record from 1882!

So what made Littlewood tick and where he did he get his inspiration from? It was at the age of eight that he began showing an aptitude for running whilst chasing the hounds in local hunts. He also excelled in other sports including boxing, wrestling and cricket, but it was in the field of athletics, and, in particular, running, which he displayed a real talent for.

His father Fred, a handy handicap runner himself, knew his son was something "special" and took on the task of training him seriously. The regime he fashioned for him was both daunting and vigorous, and when the boy complained to his dad that his muscles were sore one day, his dad offered him the carrot of a financial reward. "*If you can catch me, you can have this halfpenny. If you really want it, you can get it,*" he told his son. His father set off and the lad went after him. When the boy caught him up and passed him, he was given his prize for his effort. George had proved to himself that he could overcome the pain barrier to reach his goal and that experience would prove valuable for his future career.

Littlewood's dedication to perfection in the art of race walking soon paid off when, at the age of 16, he won his first long distance event and was given a silver cup donated by several Sheffield publicans. A judge at the time said this of the lad as he performed on the track: "He is completely genuine, without any deviation from the strict laws of walking."

Littlewood's preparation during the next four years involved both running and walking over 200 miles a week. He would train by running to Doncaster and back three times a week in a 38-mile round trip. On his arrival in Doncaster, he would call into a local butcher where he would buy mutton which he would run back home to Darnall with. There were reports that he had a food fetish and that his mum used to go to his races and cook for him to see that he ate properly! One of his trainers Fred Bromley said of him: "If you want to raise a lot of steam and power, you must stoke the coals on the fire!"

In November, of 1879, Littlewood starred in his first race as a budding long-distance athlete in a six-day, 72-hour, 12 hours per day, "go-as-you-please" event in which he came in fourth of 28 contestants winning a prize of £4 for scoring 275 miles in the allotted time on a 19-lap to the mile track at Wolverhampton.

He then went Nottingham, in February, of 1880, where, in a 7-day, six hours per night contest, he came in 5th of 19 runners, winning £2.

A couple of months later, he went to Leeds where he won his first race in a field of 13 contestants and created a new 12 hours per day, 72-hour world record of 374 miles on an 38-lap to the mile track in a circus rink. For winning, he secured the £35 first prize — plus an extra prize of £10 for beating the record. Littlewood would later remark that this was the greatest race he ever won.

His next event which was his first venture to London, where in September of the same year, and competing in field of 29 at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, he won the Sir John Astley "*Champion Gold Medal*" and a prize of £60, which included £10 for beating the then world record of 405 miles.

Now established as an up-and-coming figure in his chosen sport, his connections entered the then 21-year-old into the 6th international version of *The Astley Belt* — the blue riband 142-hour, six days, "go-as you-please" contest again at the "Aggie". He would be up against the reigning long-distance champion — the formidable Charlie Rowell — a man, who only the year before at Madison Square Garden, New York, had secured phenomenal prize money of \$50,000 in two races in that city. During the race, in which he finished as runner-up with a score of 470 miles, George also took on the great "Blower" Brown of Fulham, and some very good American athletes.

Littlewood then went over to the U.S.A. for the first time to compete in the 2nd *O'Leary International Belt* contest at Madison Square Garden, in 1881. Although starting the favorite, Littlewood only managed to make 480 miles due to a foot injury.

Then in 1882, between March 6 and 11, Littlewood achieved the unthinkable. Not only did he beat the then 142-hour heel-and-toe world walking record of 530 miles, he still holds it! The 531 miles was made on a 13-lap to the mile track at the Norfolk Drill Hall, Sheffield.

He then competed in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th *Astley Challenge Belt* races. The belt was the prize for winning the 12 hours a day, 72 hours per week version of the *Long-Distance Astley Belt* and the events took place in Birmingham, Sheffield and London between April of 1882 and November of 1884. Littlewood would eventually win the belt outright.

In 1883, he also raced against a horse called Charlie in a 17-mile race from Doncaster to Sheffield. He lost by three quarters of a mile.

After that, and in April of 1885, Littlewood took on Rowell again in the *International Pedestrian Tournament* (which he won) and then again in February of 1887 in the *International Pedestrian Go-As-You-Please Tournament*; both races being held at the Westminster Aquarium, London.

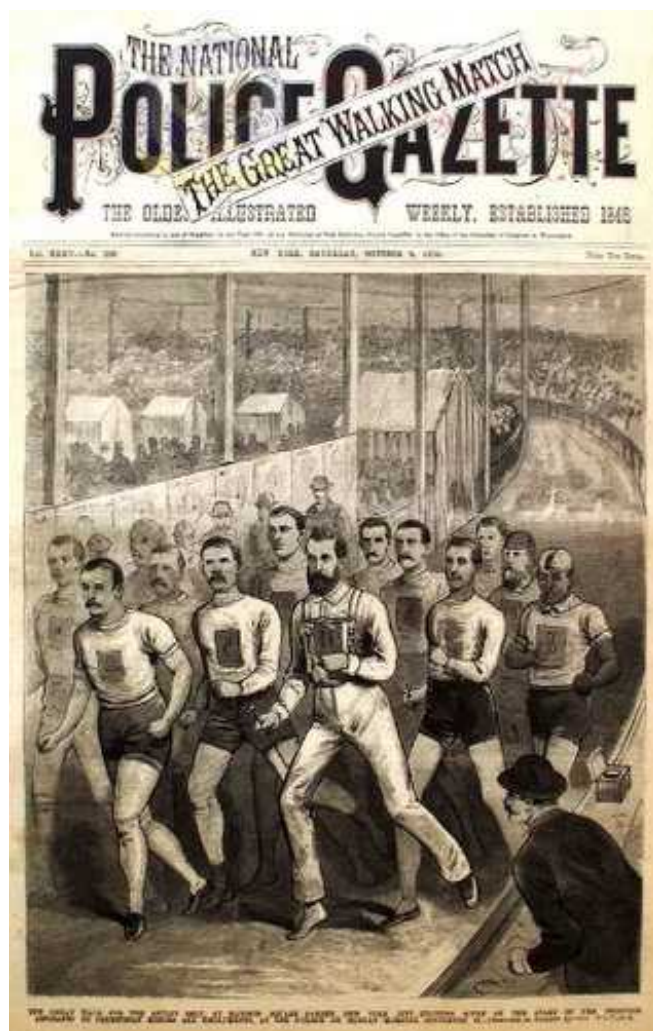
After those races he went back to America for the second time; firstly to Philadelphia where he annihilated the opposition in November of 1887 in the *Championship of the World Sweepstakes* before returning to New York to compete in his last two races at Madison Square Garden in May and December of the following year, 1888.

The May race saw Littlewood breaking the 600-mile barrier despite running on a raw bone in his foot and when he brought the Fox Diamond Belt back from America to England, they called him *Littlewood the Lionheart*.



Littlewood exhibited a perfect running style – part of the key to his success

His motivation soon deserted him after his New York run. He hung up his battered racing shoes and, with his hard-earned winnings, bought himself a pub in Sheffield. The King's Head still stands today, on Attercliffe Road, in the shadow of the Don Valley Stadium, where the track stars of today can but dream of George Littlewood's record-book longevity.



The Great Walking Match – the 1888 New York race made front page headlines

In 1966, and referring to his 1888 world record, a physiologist, B. B. Lloyd, writing in *Advancement of Science*, described Littlewood's feat as "probably about the maximum sustained output of which the human frame is capable".

George Littlewood died on the December 4, 1912. His funeral was attended by 3,000 people.

Professional Career Statistics (1879–1888)

Date Started	Venue	Date Finished	Pos	Miles	Type
10 November 1879	Wolverhampton, England	15 November 1879	4 th	275	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
9 February 1880	Nottingham, England	15 February 1880	5 th	252	42-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
29 March 1880	Leeds, England	3 April 1880	1 st	374	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
6 September 1880	London, England	11 September 1880	1 st	406	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
1 November 1880	London, England	7 November 1880	2 nd	470	142-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
23 May 1881	New York, USA	28 May 1881	10 th	480	142-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
6 March 1882	Sheffield, England	11 March 1882	1 st	531	142-hr Walking (World Record)
24 April 1882	Sheffield, England	29 April 1882	Rtd	122	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
25 September 1882	Birmingham, England	30 September 1882	1 st	415	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
16 November 1882	Sheffield, England	18 November 1882	1 st	40	v A. Hancock
25 December 1882	Sheffield, England	30 December 1882	2 nd	370	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
14 May 1883	Sheffield, England	19 May 1883	1 st	243	36-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
24 December 1883	Sheffield, England	29 December 1883	1 st	366	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
24 November 1884	London, England	29 November 1884	1 st	405	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
27 April 1885	London, England	3 May 1885	Rtd	221	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
21 February 1887	London, England	26 February 1887	1 st	403	72-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
21 November 1887	Philadelphia, USA	26 November 1887	1 st	569	142-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
7 May 1888	New York, USA	12 May 1888	1 st	611	142-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'
27 November 1888	New York, USA	2 December 1888	1 st	623	142-hr 'Go-As-You-Please'

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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 is changing quickly as a result of COVID-19 issues.

Australian/Victorian Key Dates – 2019/2020

Apr 10-13, 2020	Australian Masters T&F Championships, Brisbane (CANCELLED)
Apr 18-19, 2020	Australian Little Athletics T&F Championships, Canberra (CANCELLED)
Apr 18-19, 2020	Australian Centurions 24 Hour Qualifying Walk, Coburg, Victoria (CANCELLED)
Apr 25 (Sat), 2020	VRWC Winter Season Roadwalks at Middle Park (Season Opener) (POSTPONED)
Jun 7 (Sun), 2020	54 th LBG Racewalking Carnival, Canberra (CANCELLED)
Aug 30 (Sun), 2020	Australian Masters 20km Championships, Adelaide
Aug 30 (Sun), 2020	Australian Roadwalk Championships (and RWA Carnival), Melbourne

International Dates

Apr 4 (Sat), 2020	Grande Prémio Internacional de Rio Maior em Marcha Atlética, Rio Maior, Portugal (CANCELLED)
Apr 4 (Sat), 2020	Podebrady Walks Meet, Podebrady, Czech Republic (CANCELLED)
Apr 11-12, 2020	Taiwan Veterans Spring Meet, Tainan Municipal Stadium, Tainan
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May 20 (Sat), 2020	Gran Premio Cantones de La Coruña, La Coruna, Spain
May 24 (Sun), 2020	Finnish Race Walk Championships, Lapua, Finland, (30km Men, 20km Women)
May 30 (Sat), 2020	Gran Premio Cantones de La Coruña, La Coruna, Spain
Jun 5 (Fri), 2020	46 th International RW Festival, Alytus, Lithuania
Jun 14 (Sun), 2020	Polish National Championships, Mielec, Poland (20km)
Jun 28 (Sun), 2020	Canadian Olympic T&F Trials, Montreal, Canada (20km)
July 17-20, 2020	18th World Athletics U20 T&F Championships , Nairobi, Kenya (POSTPONED)
July 24 – Aug 9, 2020	32nd Olympic Games , Tokyo (POSTPONED TILL 2021)
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Sep 26-28, 2020	Lake Taihu Tour, Suzhou, China

2020 World Athletics Racewalking World Challenge

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Sep 26-28, 2020	Lake Taihu Tour, Suzhou, China

Jan 17-23, 2021	Oceania Masters Championships , Norfolk Island
Apr 6-13, 2021	9th World Masters Indoor T&F Championships , Edmonton, Canada
Aug 8-19, 2021	World University Summer Games , Chengdu, China
Aug 6-15, 2021	18th World Athletics Championships , Eugene, USA (POSTPONED TILL 2022)

July 27 - Aug 7, 2022	XXII Commonwealth Games , Birmingham, GBR.
Aug 7-17, 2022	24th World Masters T&F Championships , Gothenburg Sweden

Aug 2023 (TBC)	19th World Athletics Championships , Budapest, Hungary
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