

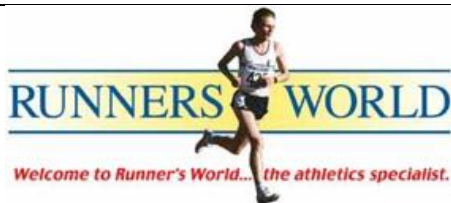


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CLUB NEWS and RESULTS

Below is a summary of the 2022 Winter season Fixture, containing all dates and venues for races as well as other activities. The detailed Fixture document is attached to the email transmitting this issue. It will also be posted on the VRWC website.

Many thanks, as always, to **Mark Donahoo** for his rigorous planning and drafting of the program. Let's all hope we can all enjoy the fruits of his labours to the full this season!

** VRWC 2022 WINTER SEASON FIXTURE **

MAY

Sunday 1 st May	AV & VRWC CHAMPIONSHIPS & VRWC Events	Ballarat
Saturday 7 th May	VRWC Points races	Middle Park
Saturday 14 th May	Walk Judges Seminar	Middle Park
Sunday 15 th May	AA event, AV, RWA & VRWC CHAMPIONSHIPS & VRWC Events	Fawcner Park
Saturday 21 st May	VRWC Points races	Middle Park
Saturday 28 th May	VRWC Points races	Middle Park

JUNE

Saturday 5 th June	VRWC Points races	Middle Park
Sunday 12 th June	RWA 54th Annual Lake Burley Griffin Carnival,	Canberra
Saturday 18 th June	VRWC Points races and Prize day	Middle Park
Sunday 26 th June	AV, AV SCHOOLS & VRWC CHAMPIONSHIPS,	Middle Park

JULY

Saturday 2 nd July	VRWC Points races	Middle Park
Saturday 9 th July	VRWC INTERVALS EVENT	Middle Park
Saturday 16 th July	Racewalking Australia Postal Challenge event & VMA 10km	Middle Park
Saturday 16 th July	Twilight Trivia fund raising afternoon	Middle Park
Saturday 23 rd July	VRWC Points races	Middle Park
Sunday 31 st July	AV & VRWC CHAMPIONSHIPS & EVENTS	Middle Park

AUGUST

Saturday 6 th August	VRWC Event	Middle Park
Sunday 7 th August	AMA 20km Championships	Adelaide
Saturday 13 th August	VRWC Last points race	Middle Park
Sunday 21 st August	A.V, VMA 20km & VRWC Championships	Middle Park
Saturday 27 th August	VRWC Event	Middle Park

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 3 rd September	VRWC relay race and Seasons Presentations	Middle Park
Sunday 11 th September	AUS ROAD WALKING C'HPS & RWA C'VAL	Middle Park
Sunday 11 th September	VRWC/VAWC Centenary Celebration	Middle Park
Sunday 18 th September	VMA 5km track championship & VRWC events	Mentone Track



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*** NEW CLUB RACING UNIFORM ***

As of **Saturday 4 June**, it will be compulsory for **all** members to wear the new VRWC racing uniform, which has been available for the past 18 months. (Old uniforms and RWV tops are no longer acceptable.)

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VICTORIA - METRO & REGIONAL



VIC. MASTERS NEWS

All Victorian Masters attendees, please note this important advice re a **venue change** for the AMA championships 10km road race in Brisbane:



** WALKER OF THE WEEK **



Kodi

The first week of the Australian T&F championships in Sydney have seen several outstanding walking performances, once again making the choice of WOTW a tough one. In the end it came down to **Kodi Clarkson** (ACT) and **Zoe Woods** (NSW), both of whom had decisive wins in excellent times.

Kodi showed his class in an U15 3000m beset by torrential rain, breaking Toby Wilks's 2019 Meet record with a superb **13:08.95**. In Zoe's case, a 50-second PB to win a high-end U16 3000m championship in **13:55.17** stamps her as a most impressive prospect for the future.

Congratulations, Kodi and Zoe. We look forward to watching you both progress – starting with a successful winter road season.



Zoe

Honourable mentions:

- **John Ronan** (WA) and **Samuel Lindsay** (TAS) – despite living where competition at their level is scarce, both produced excellent times for podium finishes in Sydney.
- **Owen Toyne** (ACT) – for his total dominance of the U16 3000m for a sub-13:00 victory.
- **Sienna Pitcher** (NSW) – a PB performance for silver in the U16 3000m in which her cracking pace throughout would have won gold but for her speedy teammate.



AROUND THE COUNTRY



AUST. T&F CHAMPIONSHIPS, 26 MAR-3 APR – OLYMPIC PARK, SYDNEY

** Saturday 26 March – Session 1

The combined **U15/U16 Women's 3000m** got the walking competitions off to a cracking start, with **Sienna Pitcher** (NSW), **Zoe Woods** (NSW) and **Darcey Roberts** (ACT) each seizing the lead at various points early on. Eventually, it was the two local girls who pulled away, with Woods twice opening a break before being overhauled by Pitcher. But it was third time lucky for Zoe, who surged away in the last 500m for an impressive win in **13:55.17**, a 50sec PB, with Sienna also going under 14mins for silver in a PB time of **13:59.75**. Victorian 'expat' Darcey, who'd gotten out to a long lead in the first km only to see it swallowed up in the next, hung on for a strong third in **14:42.29**. Victorians **Ariana Pashutina**, 7th, and **Brooklyn Towler**, 11th, had creditable outings against fierce competition.

The U15 section saw NSW quinella once again, with **Grace Beck**, **15:35.50**, having a clear win over teammate **Madeline Platt** **15:52.36**. Queenslander **Milly Sharpe** also walked strongly for her 3rd in **15:53.24**. Further back, Victoria's **Madeleine McGregor** gained valuable experience in finishing 5th.

A small and depleted field lined up for the Men's U14 3000m, but the race still provided an entertaining contest that was alive until the last 400m. **Alexander Braendle** (NSW), the youngest boy in the field, quickly took the lead and held it for just under a km before being passed by **Daniel Pashutin** (VIC). The quick-striding Braendle fought back to challenge again for the lead, but with Pashutin steadily gaining in speed and confidence the gap between them widened, with Daniel going right away for a good win in **16:17.15**. Alexander fought it out all the way for 2nd in **16:28.20**, with **Harry Gordon** (WA) earning a bronze medal to make the long trip home with.



Gold medallist Daniel, with sister Ariana and coach Fran
(Photo: Frances Attard)



U16 winner Zoe (140) shadows leader Sienna
(Photo: Athletics NSW)

Women 3000m U15 Race Walk

1	Grace Beck	08	NSW	15:35.50
2	Madeline Platt	08	NSW	15:52.36
3	Milly Sharpe	08	QLD	15:53.24
4	Kaytee Bogaers	08	WA	16:08.99
5	Madeleine McGregor	08	VIC	16:35.69
6	Natasha Flahey	08	NSW	16:57.53
7	Katie Bray	08	QLD	18:01.03
8	Leila Bevis	08	WA	18:31.22

Men 3000m U14 Race Walk

1	Daniel Pashutin	09	VIC	16:17.15
2	Alexander Braendle	10	NSW	16:28.20
3	Harry Gordon	09	WA	16:44.22
4	Noah Tilton	09	QLD	17:00.0
5	Jaxson Horton	09	NSW	17:10.02

Women 3000m U16 Race Walk

1	Zoe Woods	07	NSW	13:55.17
2	Sienna Pitcher	07	NSW	13:59.75
3	Darcey Roberts	07	ACT	14:42.29
4	Lyla Williams	07	NSW	15:02.08
5	Rebecca Teahan	07	QLD	15:06.66
6	Emily Lynch	07	SA	15:28.24
7	Ariana Pashutina	07	VIC	15:31.31
8	Ciara Cassilles	07	NSW	15:44.73
9	Katie De Ruvo	07	SA	15:51.36
10	Matilda Gourlay	07	SA	16:10.61
11	Brooklyn Towler	07	VIC	16:24.62
12	Brooke Newberry	07	NSW	16:24.86
13	Chloe Lamb	07	NSW	16:49.17
14	Summer Sivaraj	07	NSW	17:32.34
15	Lily Goulding	07	QLD	18:00.69
16	Taylah Morris	07	QLD	19:12.65

**** Sunday 27 March – Session 2**

The rainfall that has smashed QLD and NSW in recent weeks gave the athletes a taster of what it could do on Sunday, drenching the park and most of its occupants. The walkers, notwithstanding heavy shoes and soaked clothes, made the most of the extra oxygen, with many fine performances resulting.

The depth of Women's junior walking in NSW was much in evidence, as yesterday. The Waratahs swept the first four places in the **U14 3000m**, with **Maisie Mitchell** winning clearly in a PB time of **15:22.08**. Victorians **Mietta Morgan** and **Charlotte MacDonell** found the going tough but fought it out well, with Charlotte gaining a PB.

The combined Men's **U15/U16 3000m**, raced in a downpour from start to finish, provided the highlights of the day. Chief among these was ACT walker **Kodi Clarkson's** U15 meet record of **13:08.95**, with Tasmania's **Sam Lindsay** equaling his own PB for silver in **13:52.23**.

Clarkson's ACT teammate **Owen Toyne** was in a class of his own in the U16 race, powering through the rain to win in an excellent **12:56.41**, ahead of WA's **John Ronan** whose **13:07.20** was a 15sec PB. **Riley Coughlan** (VIC) was in the leading pack until 1km to go, holding his form well to finish in **13:34.51**, another PB.



Canberra gold ... Owen and Kodi
(Photo: Ginninderra Athletics)



A hard-won bronze for Riley
(Photo: Frances Attard)

Women 3000m U14 Race Walk

1	Maisie Mitchell	09	NSW	15:22.08
2	Jessica Loring	09	NSW	15:37.54
3	Matilda Webb	09	NSW	15:48.22
4	Emma Hearnden	09	NSW	15:58.42
5	Destinee Pickvance-Yee	09	QLD	15:59.03
6	Isabelle Curtis	09	WA	16:18.43
7	Makenna Clarke	09	QLD	16:36.92
8	Natasha Flahey	09	NSW	16:41.66
9	Stella Pinches	09	NSW	16:47.39
10	Ella Cosgrave	10	QLD	16:58.91
11	Lily Horne	10	NSW	17:15.48
12	Katica Borsic	09	WA	17:28.23
13	Emma Hoskins	10	NSW	17:34.39

Men 3000m U15 Race Walk

1	Kodi Clarkson	08	ACT	13:08.95 MR
2	Samuel Lindsay	08	TAS	13:52.23
3	Alexander Sinnett	08	NSW	15:55.94
4	Kai Dale	08	QLD	15:56.65
-	Kane Robson	08	NSW	DQ
-	Dylan Allabush	08	NSW	DQ
-	Sebastian Richards	08	SA	DQ

Men 3000m U16 Race Walk

1	Owen Toyne	07	ACT	12:56.41
2	John Ronan	07	WA	13:07.20
3	Riley Coughlan	07	VIC	13:24.51
4	Bailey Housden	07	QLD	13:46.09

14 Mietta Morgan	09	VIC	17:34.87	5 Oliver Morgan	07	TAS	14:32.05
15 Jillian Ryan	10	ACT	18:44.54	6 Miles Ashby	07	NSW	14:43.10
16 Charlotte MacDonnell	09	VIC	18:59.93	7 Cooper Rech	07	SA	15:51.97
				8 Brodie Spamer	07	NSW	16:30.12
				9 Joel Byatt	07	NSW	16:55.12

QUEENSLAND Gold Coast Masters T&F c'ships, 19 March - QSAC

W45 2000 Meter Race Walk

1 Gannon, Brenda W47 Qld Masters 10:46.77

M55 2000 Meter Race Walk

1 Jimenez Solis, Ignacio M56 Qld Masters 9:05.29

W55 2000 Meter Race Walk

1 Woodward, Erika W55 Qld Masters 11:18.61

M65 2000 Meter Race Walk

1 Bennett, Peter M66 Qld Masters 12:29.47



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

* ERIC HALL 1932 – 2022 *

A tribute by Alan R Mead – reprinted from the Belgrave Harriers website

Sadly, we have had to say farewell to one of the most passionate and loyal members of Belgrave Harriers – **Eric William Hall**. He passed away on Sunday 20 March after a period of gradually declining health, and after 63 years of marriage leaves Mavis, children Sharon and Alistair, and granddaughters Brittany and Katelyn, to whom we offer our deepest sympathy. Eric was the Club's longest serving member, having first stepped into Belgrave Hall over 73 years ago, and he was also our oldest member at 89.

Very many years ago Jack Crump, the Secretary of the British Amateur Athletic Board, found cause to say of Eric that he was "Gentlemanly, modest, temperamentally and technically a perfect walker." Well over 60 years later we can not only confirm those qualities but add that Eric was generous in the extreme and a great friend to many, in all walks of our Club and sport.

Eric was born in 1932 in Oxshott, Surrey, the first child of Alfred and Naomi Hall; a sister, Sheila, was born six years later. Alfred was Head Gardener on the estate of Pinewood House. The house was the home of the shipping magnate Arnold A. Trinder, of Trinder, Anderson & Co. Ltd. The company's fleet had been instrumental in breaking the German U-boat blockade during the First World War. Pinewood Estate was a wonderful countryside environment in those days, but the house itself might have been a foreign land as far as a little lad, son of the Head Gardener was concerned, his only incursion into the 'big house' being at Yuletide, suitably under escort, when a present bearing a label with the name 'Eric Hall' inscribed upon it would be found under the Christmas Tree.

Before long a second global conflict was in full swing. In 1943 Pinewood Estate was requisitioned for the War Effort. With Alfred away serving with the Royal Air Force, the gardens were no longer tended, and the house became the home of officers of the Canadian Forces. It was left to Naomi to find a new home, which she did at nearby Kingston upon Thames.

(Photo: Will Cockerill)



Eric Hall, winning the RWA 20 miles title in 1957 ... the first Belgrave Harrier ever to do it.

... thought he was joining a rambling club ...

A good pupil, Eric passed entrance exams for Tiffin Grammar School in Kingston. Since his very young days it had always been a family tradition that long walks would be taken of a Sunday afternoon. So, slim of figure, he gravitated towards cross-country running at school – but he didn't really shine at it. Cricket was of interest too, but with only a modicum of hand-eye co-ordination, Eric found that he wasn't really very good at that either. Father was at home again after the war, and now working for London Transport. The family rambles had continued and having got to the stage of timing himself when walking on his own from his home to his grandmother's house, his father got to hear of it and took him along to meet a few like-minded walkers who also worked for London Transport, including one Wally Ives. "Why don't you meet us outside Kingston Odeon on Saturday," they offered. "We're

going up to our club at Wimbledon.” A naïve Eric thought he was going to join a rambling club. An added impetus was that it was the summer of the 1948 London Olympics. Eric and his school friends were avid autograph hunters and in nearby Richmond Park, not far from Ladderstile Gate, there were rows of barracks that were one of the sites of the ‘Olympic villages.’ So not only were exotic athletes to be spied in the park, but this club at Wimbledon had members who were Olympic competitors. Eric completed his application form and became a Belgrave Harrier on 1st November 1948. Who would have thought that those first steps in the company of Wally and the encouragement received from men like Fred Brunning were to set this sixteen-year-old off on a road that would lead to him competing for Great Britain in the Olympic Games?

Schooldays were coming to an end and with the need to bring home wages further education was not an option, but Eric successfully sat further examinations which would give him entry to the Civil Service; and while awaiting the call to start, his first experience of work was at the famous Kingston department store of Bentall’s. Life was now balanced between training for Race Walking, and a career which saw Eric become a Customs & Excise Officer, working in time at Waterloo, Victoria, Heathrow, and the London Docks.



Left: Eric Hall (104) leading alongside Ken Matthews (271). Note Matthews’ expression and physique ... hardly surprising he became Vladimir Golubnichiy’s nemesis. (Photo: Will Cockerill)

Above: Belgrave’s two-fisted vanguard ... Eric Hall and Stan Vickers. (Photo: Belgrave Harriers)

Progress in his chosen sport was relentless. Eric soaked up the advice from older members and grew stronger as he entered his mid-20s. The arrival in 1955 of novice walker Stanley Vickers, who was setting out on his own path to international recognition, gave Eric yet more impetus to improve. He was already making a name for himself in the longer events – but racing alongside Stan showed him that his basic speed could be improved, and that success could also come in the ‘sprints’ of 2 and 7 miles on the track.

The 1956 Melbourne Olympics

In 1955 third place was gained in the National R.W.A. 20 miles, held at Wimbledon, and with that encouragement he set his sights on the 50km event at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. At 24 years of age, he was thought to be a bit young for the longest Olympic event, but he overcame that prejudice, taking three weeks off work without pay to train for the trial – the National 50km – in which he placed second to Don Thompson. The selectors then wanted him to turn out again in a couple of weeks’ time to warrant his Olympic selection and asked him to tackle the Birmingham 25 mile race. Wise heads at the Club were adamant: “No, you’ve done enough. Don’t mess it up by doing too much too soon.” He stuck to his guns and selection for Melbourne was achieved.

The Melbourne city experience was wonderful for Eric. He loved Australia and revisited many times throughout the rest of his life. But the race was not a happy one. After rainy and cool conditions which had the British rubbing their hands with glee, race day proved to be hot and very humid. Eric lost over 3 kg in weight during the event (he was only just over 61 kg to start with) and went through a very bad patch when it was all that he could do to focus on the blue line marking the route and aim for each next drinking station. Several competitors ahead of him collapsed and Britain’s no. 1, Don Thompson, was so far gone that he walked into the back of a parked car and, dazed, then set off again in the wrong direction. Of twenty-one competitors, six failed to finish and two were disqualified. Thompson was hospitalised for three days. Eric was 9th and remembered nothing about the finish – except for Stan’s comment, “I had to persuade them to keep the stadium gates open for you!”

A most satisfying victory came in 1957 when Eric became the first Belgravian to win the R.W.A. National 20 miles title, but disappointment followed in ’58 when he was controversially omitted from Britain’s European Championship 20km team. The race winner – by nearly two minutes – was Stan Vickers. The two good friends trained and raced regularly together, with Eric never more than a few seconds behind on race days. He surely would have placed 2nd in Stockholm, making it a Belgrave and GBR 1-2.

Club life was always a family affair. Past President Tom Morrell was involved in many Belgrave activities, be it looking after the

Club House or buying prizes, race numbers and pins, or selling Belgrave racing kit. And he was helped in much of this by daughter Mavis, a keen athlete herself, as well known in Belgrave circles as she was in her own club – she competed for Selsonia Ladies AC. Eric and Mavis first got together in around 1957 when Eric had to be accepted by her Belgrave ‘brothers’ Bob Taylor, George Flanagan and Bill Couzens, and ‘uncles’ Tom Carter and Charlie Jones. They were married in 1959.

A further chance at Olympic glory ...

A further chance at Olympic glory came in 1960 when the Games visited another sultry city – Rome in September. This time, when many British distance athletes found themselves unduly affected by the humidity, Eric was able to produce a 20km performance that he was very happy with, placing 10th. Other British walkers were successful too, with Stan Vickers taking the bronze in Eric’s race and the diminutive Don Thompson of Metropolitan Walking Club winning the gold medal in the 50km with Tom Mission, also of Met. WC, 5th. Thompson had learned a lot from his exploits at Melbourne four years earlier; he had prepared by exercising in his own hot-house – a steam filled bathroom at home with radiators on at full blast.

With the leadership of ‘The General,’ Jack Goswell, the Belgrave walking team had become one of, if not, the strongest in the land. By the end of the ‘50s and into the ‘60s a visit to an ordinary inter-club track & field event at Battersea Park on a Wednesday evening could allow one to observe international standard competition when the 2 miles walkers lined up on the cinders and set winning times that sometimes were not so far behind long-standing British Records.

Eric’s career now took him away from London and what with the raising of a family and increasing seniority in the Civil Service, perhaps it was time to think about retiring from athletics. Nevertheless, a last-minute entry for the trial for the ‘64 Tokyo Olympic 50km saw him line up at Crystal Palace and with little preparation he placed 5th – a possible third Olympiad had been within his grasp.

Manchester, Leicester, Staines, Norwich: all at one time or another became home to the Hall family over the next two decades before, in retirement, they settled near Colchester – just about within striking distance of Belgrave Hall. Having been unable to put as much as they’d have liked back into the Club during those working years, Eric and Mavis were now able to support the Harriers in all that they did, encouraging the team at British League matches, Road Relay and Cross-Country Races. And of course, at Race Walking events, where Eric competed as a veteran, there was always a crowd of familiar faces.



Left: *Vickers and Hall slug it out.* (Photo: Will Cockerill)



Above: *Eric Hall, Belgrave Club president* (Photo: Belgrave Harriers)

Eric was elected a Life Member of Belgrave Harriers way back in 1957, and in 1999 he was made President. But although Belgrave remained a huge part of his life, he had many other interests too: local history, genealogy, and study with the Open University to obtain several degrees. For some time, he was the Treasurer of the British Olympians Society, and was an avid collector of athletics memorabilia. Looking back over the years, as was often done when he met up with his many old athletics friends, he regretted the gradual loss of popularity of Race Walking – at one time as much a part of club life as any other branch of our sport. But he had no regrets about what athletics and Club life had given him: comradeship, travel, a family, and the chance to represent his country at two Olympic Games.

Eric Hall’s Golden period – the mid-late 1950s:

1955

- 26 Feb., Surrey County Road Walking Champs, South Croydon, 10 miles, 2nd.
- 12 Mar., RWA National & Inter-Counties Road Walking Champs, Southport, 10 miles, 9th, 1:20:19.
- 14 May, RWA National 20 miles Champs, Wimbledon, 3rd, 2:45:47.
- 23 Apr., Surrey County AAA T&F Champs, Battersea Pk, 7 miles, 1st, 55:59.
- 4 Jun., Surrey County AAA T&F Champs, Mottspur Pk, 2 miles, 1st, 15:05.6.

1956

- 25 Feb., Surrey County Road Walking Champs, Wimbledon, 10 miles, 1st.
- 10 Mar., RWA National & CAU Inter-Counties Road Walking Champs, Regents Pk., 10 miles, 9th, 1:19:25.
- 5 May, Surrey County AAA T&F Champs, Tooting Bec, 7 miles, 1st, 56:05.8.
- 12 May, RWA National 20 miles Road Walking Champs, Sheffield, 7th 2:52:20.
- 2 Jun., Surrey County AAA T&F Champs, Motspur Pk, 2 miles, 2nd, 14:51.2.
- 16 Jun, RWA National 50km Road Walking Champs, Enfield, 2nd, 4:31:41.
- 13 Jul., AAA Champs., White City, London, 7 miles, 5th, 54:18.8.
- 24 Nov., XVI Olympic Games, Melbourne, Australia, 50kms 9th 5:03:59.

1957

- 23 Feb., Surrey County Road Walking Champs, Mitcham, 10 miles, 1st.
- 9 Mar., RWA National & CAU Inter-Counties Road Walking Champs, Coventry, 10 miles, 2nd, 1:17:07.
- 4 May, Surrey County AAA T&F Champs, Battersea Pk, 7 miles, 1st 53:29.0.
- 11 May, RWA National 20 miles Road Walking Champs, Hendon, 1st 2:45:12.
- 25 May, Leicester Mercury 20 miles, 1st, 2:51.00.
- 1 Jun., Surrey County AAA T&F Champs, Motspur Pk, 2 miles, 2nd, 14:55.6.
- 8 Jun., CAU Inter-Counties T&F Champs, White City, London, 7 miles, 3rd, 53:15.0.
- 10 Aug, AAA Champs., Watford, 7 miles, 2nd, 51:49.0.
- 13 Jun., AAA Champs., White City, London, 2 miles, 6th, 14:40.4.
- Oct., Highgate Harriers Open 7 miles, 1st, 51:42.
- 9 Nov., Enfield Harriers Open 7 miles, 1st, 51:28.
- Colchester to Ipswich, 1st, 2:23:49.

1958

- 22 Feb., Surrey County Road Walking Champs, Walton, 10 miles, 1st.
- 15 Mar., RWA National & CAU Inter-Counties Road Walking Champs, Victoria Pk, London, 10 miles, 2nd, 1:14:06.
- 19 Apr., AAA Champs., Hurlingham, 7 miles, 2nd, 52:14.3.
- 10 May, RWA National 20 miles Road Walking Champs, Birmingham, 5th 2:47:35.
- 31 May, Surrey County AAA T&F Champs, Motspur Pk, 2 miles, 1st, 14:24.0.
- 26 May, CAU Inter-Counties T&F Champs, White City, London, 7 miles, 3rd, 52:47.8.
- 21 Jun, RWA National 50km Road Walking Champs, Wimbledon, 3rd, 4:37:04.
- 12 Jul., AAA Champs., White City, London, 2 miles, 4th, 14:16.4.

1959

- 28 Feb., Surrey County Road Walking Champs, Kingston, 10 miles, 1st.
- 21 Mar., RWA National & Inter-Counties Road Walking Champs, Sheffield, 10 miles, 3rd, 1:14:01.
- 4 Apr., AAA Champs., Hurlingham, 7 miles, 3rd, 53:04.2.
- 16 May, CAU Inter-Counties T&F Champs, White City, London, 7 miles, ? position and time.
- May 24, Switzerland v Great Britain & N. Ireland, Lugano, Switzerland, 20kms 6th 1:42:17.

1960

- 19 Mar., RWA National 10 miles Champs, Hendon, 3rd, 1:14:59.
- 16 Apr., AAA Champs., Hurlingham, 7 miles, 5th, 51:52.0.
- 14 May, RWA National 20 miles Road Walking Champs, Gomershal, 4th 2:45:08.
- May 29, German Democratic Republic v Denmark v Great Britain & N. Ireland, Berlin, GDR, 25kms 5th 1:59:55.
- 4 Jun., CAU Inter-Counties T&F Champs, White City, London, 7 miles, 2nd, 53:11.4.
- 12 Jul., AAA Champs., White City, London, 2 miles, 4th, 13:51.8.
- Sep 2, XVII Olympic Games, Rome, Italy, 20kms 10th 1:38:54.0.
- Metropolitan Police Open 7 miles, =1st (with Stan Vickers), 51:20.

FRANCE: Criterium de l'Heure, 27 March – Villejuif (Paris)

Emmanuel Tardi reports from Paris:

'I was a judge this Sunday in Villejuif (south suburb of Paris). It was the local championship at the unusual distance of one hour.

'It was a sunny time. The first race started at 9am. The men's race was dominated by **Vincent De Bontin** ... But he received 3 red cards before the 10k.

'Then the local walker **David Denoncin** won the race. The women's race was easily won by **Adèle Duclos**.'



Maelys Thery



Adele Duclos



Maxime Caille



David Denoncin
(Photos: Emmanuel Tardi)

1 Heure Femme

1	DUCLOS Adele	ESF/00	Athle 91	52'47"2	11 359 m
2	LANOUE Severine	MAF/85	Avia Club Athletisme	56'15"4	10 709 m
3	BIZARD Lucie	SEF/90	Stade Français	56'15"0	10 707 m
4	FRANCHIN Celia	MAF/87	Vernouillet Athlé	58'04"8	10 353 m
5	CHATREFOU Cassandra	ESF/02	Csme Athletisme	59'54"3	10 016 m
6	LE RAI Mathilde	JUF/04	Bussy St Georges Athletisme		9 805 m
7	LAVILLE Francoise	MAF/56	Bussy St Georges Athletisme		9 804 m
8	MARQUIS Cecile	MAF/71	Avia Club Athletisme		9 793 m
9	RIBEIRO Emma	JUF/04	Athletic Club Pays De L Ourcq		9 523 m
10	JAEGER Emmanuelle	MAF/67	Ao Charenton		9 480 m
11	STEINVILLE Nathalie	MAF/64	Asfi Villejuif		9 416 m
12	NICOLAS Zoe	ESF/02	Athletic Club Pays De L Ourcq		9 281 m
13	DORE Sophie	MAF/77	Uai Nogent-sur-marne		9 265 m
14	CRUET Sandra	MAF/74	As Meudon		9 146 m
15	LEMONNIER Dominique	MAF/56	Marne Et Gondoire Athletisme		8 651 m
16	TRAQUE Lina	MAF/65	Bussy St Georges Athletisme		8 530 m
17	POUVREAU Manuella	MAF/64	Domont Athletisme		8 336 m
18	LE METAYER Dominique	MAF/53	Asa Maisons-alfort		8 246 m
19	BIZARD Claudie	MAF/59	Thiais Ac		8 112 m
20	LEFEVRE Virginie	MAF/71	As Chelles		8 091 m
21	PORET Marie-Joelle	MAF/67	Es Montgeron		7 928 m
22	VICENTE CLEMENTE Anadelys	MAF/82	As Chelles		7 906 m
23	LETELLIER Stephanie	MAF/76	Le Chesnay-rocquencourt		7 895 m
24	MARMET Marie-Anne	MAF/56	Le Chesnay-rocquencourt		7 893 m
25	MERABET Lamia	MAF/78	As Chelles		7 882 m
26	NALINE Armelle	MAF/58	Le Chesnay-rocquencourt		7 872 m
27	MEGE Emmanuelle	MAF/59	As Chelles		7 684 m
28	SIMEON Elisabeth	MAF/42	Paris Uc		7 683 m
29	LOURENCO Anabela	MAF/71	Es Sucy-en-brie		7 630 m
30	BARBIER Claire	MAF/72	Avia Club Athletisme		7 453 m
31	KEBANI Myriam	MAF/67	Avia Club Athletisme		7 246 m
32	THOMAS Isabelle	MAF/69	Marne Et Gondoire Athletisme		6 993 m
33	SAUNEUF Lola	MAF/46	Marne Et Gondoire Athletisme		6 706 m
34	PETEL Annie	MAF/42	As Meudon		6 436 m

1 Heure Homme

1	DENONCIN David	SEM/88	As Villejuif	49'54"9	12 048 m
2	BEURIER Jocelyn	MAM/85	Us Vesinet	52'24"4	11 422 m
3	CHEVASSUS Melwan	JUM/04	Asfi Villejuif Athletisme	52'52"1	11 338 m
4	LANGLOIS Denis	MAM/68	Avia Club Athletisme	53'42"1	11 148 m
5	DUMOULIN Louis	JUM/03	Beauvais Oise Uc	54'59"1	10 862 m
6	VABRE Romain	JUM/04	Csme Athletisme	56'11"7	10 710 m
7	BOLLINGER Vincent	MAM/84	Dynamic Aulnay Club	56'51"3	10 567 m
8	BLONDIN David	MAM/69	Ea Cergy	57'11"2	10 539 m

9	DUCLOS Eddy	MAM/69	Us Champagne-sur-seine	57'46"8	10 428 m
10	BROU Florent	SEM/93	Ac Paris-joinville	57'31"5	10 424 m
11	STEFANELLY David	MAM/76	As Mantès	58'17"5	10 299 m
12	LIBESSART David	MAM/74	As Chelles		9 921 m
13	NOGRE Yannick	MAM/59	Es Montgeron		9 918 m
14	TOUTAIN Eric	MAM/63	Us Ivry		9 909 m
15	PELTRET Pascal	MAM/62	Bussy St Georges Athletisme		9 375 m
16	CHRISMENT Gilles Pascal	MAM/54	Marne Et Gondoire Athletisme		9 148 m
17	LABROUSSE Stephane	MAM/59	Avia Club Athletisme		9 050 m
18	VANDENBERGHE Renaud	MAM/70	Ac Du Pays De Meaux		8 884 m
19	DI DONATO Fabien	MAM/66	Bussy St Georges Athletisme		8 842 m
20	ARMAND Serge	MAM/52	As Chelles		8 839 m
21	ROTTEMBOURG Benoit	MAM/65	Avia Club Athletisme		8 524 m
22	FRADET Benjamin	SEM/94	Athletisme Promotion Yvelines		8 028 m
-	SOREL Eric	MAM/65	Bussy St Georges Athletisme		DQ
-	DE BONTIN Vincent	SEM/88	Ea Cergy		DQ
5000m Hommes					
1	THERY Maelys	CAM/06	Ac St Gratien-sannois	23'29"9	
2	CAILLE Maxime	CAM/06	Beauvais Oise Uc	24'41"5	
3	AUBRY Eliot	CAM/05	Ea Cergy	26'47"5	

FRANCE: Mario Gatti Challenge (3rd round), 27 March – Saint Briec, Bretagne

Another one from Emmanuel.

There was another big race in Saint Briec (Bretagne)

Two French records were beaten:

5000m U18 Women : **23'19"50** by **Lena Auvray**. (Previous: Elvina Carre 23'34"5 on October 4th 2020.)

3000m U16 Women : **14'04"60** by **Chloé Le Roch**. (Previous: Lena Auvray 14'14"90 in 2021.)



New French record holders: Chloé Le Roch & Lena Auvray (Photos: Emmanuel Tardi)

	1 Hour/2000m mixed			10000m	1h	20000m
1	FAITEAU Maxime	SEM/90	Entente Poitiers Athle 86	46'09"02	12 838 m	1h36'46"75
2	LEBRETON Killian	ESM/00	Ta Rennes	47'24"38	12 498 m	
3	ESCOFFIER Adrien	SEM/97	Ea Pays De Broceliande	48'18"39	12 364 m	
4	MAZURE Maxime	ESM/02	Ta Rennes	49'40"95	11 835 m	
5	PESLERBE Bertille	SEF/98	Ea Pays De Broceliande	52'24"59	11 399 m	
6	BICHE Sebastien	MAM/73	Avia Club Athletisme	54'23"85	11 038 m	
7	DEQUIN Alain	MAM/66	Ulac Pays Fouesnantais	54'26"82	11 030 m	
8	SEVELLEC Sylvie	MAF/64	Ac Cesson	54'55"88	10 909 m	
9	BRAY Violaine	MAF/71	Cjf Saint-malo	55'13"84	10 869 m	1h55'38"17
10	TURETTE Didier	MAM/67	Cjf Saint-malo	57'27"40	10 469 m	
11	ROBIDOU Philippe	MAM/59	La Vigilante Fougères	57'46"48	10 418 m	
12	HAUGEARD Elodie	SEF/91	Al Saint-marc	59'18"52	10 519 m	
13	CHARBONNIER Nicolas	MAM/78	Bannalec Pays De Quimperle	59'38"13	10 069 m	

	5000m Women			
1	AUVRAY Lena	CAF/06	La Vigilante Fougères	23'19''50
2	CADIEU Laurianne	CAF/06	La Vigilante Fougères	29'02''64
3	SERRAND Clara	CAF/06	La Vigilante Fougères	30'03''15
4	MENEZ Anaïs	CAF/06	Tregor Goelo Guingamp	31'45''99
	3000m Women			
1	LE ROCH Chloe	MIF/07	Cjf Saint-malo	14'04''60
2	COSQUERIC Yaelle	MIF/07	Ulac Pays Fouesnantais	16'26''35
3	PICHON Romane	MIF/07	Acrlp	17'39''96

MARCIADALMONDO & O MARCHADOR ROUNDUP

The Italian walking website **Marcia Dal Mondo** has a list of new reports in its news section, covering local and international races and other items of interest.

The Portuguese race walking blog **O Marchador** contains reports on many of the same races as Marcia Dal Mondo. The page has dozens of links to articles on race walking, featuring both domestic events and those from abroad.

- Tuesday, March 29, 2022 - Souad Azzi with Algeria's record of women's 10,000 m march. <http://omarchador.blogspot.com/2022/03/souad-azzi-com-recorde-da-argelia-de.html>
- Monday, March 28, 2022 - Spring Criteria 2022 in Villejuif, France (results). <http://omarchador.blogspot.com/2022/03/criterio-da-primavera-2022-em-villejuif.html> Another take on the Villejuif event reported on above by Emmanuel Tardi.
- Sunday, March 27, 2022 - Athletics meeting in Mumias, Kenya. <http://omarchador.blogspot.com/2022/03/meeting-de-atletismo-em-mumias-no-kenia.html> An interesting article, in part noting the rise of Kenya as a power in race walking

Note: The O Marchador blog is written in Portuguese. To access an English version, open the page in Google Chrome – if you haven't already – at <https://omarchador.blogspot.com>, then right click on any empty space (not on text) on the page. A window will appear with the option to translate the page. Click on it, and the page should reload in English.



WHAT'S UP AHEAD?

Victorian & National Key Dates – 2022

Sat 26 Mar/Sun 3 Apr	Australian Track & Field championships – Olympic Park, Sydney
Fri/Mon 1/4 Apr 2022	Australian Masters Athletics T&F championships – Brisbane
Sat/Sun 23/24 Apr 2022	Australian Little Athletics championships – Melbourne
Sun 24 Apr 2022	AV 'Run The Tan' – Kings Domain, Melbourne
Sun 1 May	AV Country 10km c'ship & VRWC Winter season opener – Ballarat
Sun 7 May	VRWC Club races Week 2 – Middle Park
Sun 15 May 2022	Oceania & Australian 35km Race walking championship – Melbourne (Fawkner Park)

International Dates

Jun 26 – July 7, 2022	World University Summer Games – Chengdu, CHN (postponed from 2020)
Jun 29 – Jul 10, 2022	23rd World Masters T&F Championships – Tampere, FIN
Jul 15 – 24, 2022	18th World Athletics Championships – Eugene OR, USA
Jul 22 – Aug 7, 2022	XXII Commonwealth Games – Birmingham, GBR
Aug 11 – 21, 2022	European Athletics Championships – Munich, GER
TBA, 2022	19th World Athletics U20 T&F Championships – Cali, COLOMBIA
TBA, 2023	24th World Masters T&F Championships – Gothenburg, SWE
Aug 2023 (TBC)	19th World Athletics Championships – Budapest, HUN

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WALK JUDGING SEMINAR



Venue: VRWC Headquarters,
Middle Park Bowling Club
Canterbury Rd Middle Park

Date : Saturday 14th May 2022

Athletics Australia, Athletics Victoria and the Victorian Race Walking Club will be conducting a Walk Judging Seminar on **Saturday 14th May**. The Seminar will be held by Zoe Eastwood-Bryson.

It is open to those interested in becoming Walk Judges and for existing Judges to upgrade. Tea and coffee will be provided.

AGENDA:

Saturday 14th May

9.00am	Registration
10.00am	Racewalk Rules
11.30 am	Break
11.45pm	Paperwork
12.45pm	Lunch
13.30pm	Video
14.30pm	Finish

No late or on the day applications

Please bring Stationery, pencils, pens, paper and current World Athletics handbook with you. (*Copies of Technical Rule 54 – Race Walking – will be available.*)

Sunday 15th May 2022

Australian 35km Walks Championships – Fawkner Park 7.00am (start)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mobile: _____

Current Walks Grading (if applicable) _____

Attending:

Yes / No

Please return no later than 6th MAY 2022

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