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## (1).i. CLUB NEWS and RESULTS

## ** TWILIGHT TRIVIA IS ON! **

Thanks to all those who have signed up for this activity. While numbers are a little down on previous years owing to unavoidable absences, we will still be able to enjoy some quizzing fun post-race before going off on our various Saturday night endeavours (e.g. hitting the sack early before long Sunday morning training walks ... yes? No? Yeah/nah?)

Unlike other years, the Quiz will be held in the Main Hall of the Bowling club. Please bring your own snacks etc. Tea and coffee will be available, and of course there's the bar ...

If you haven't yet signed up and would like to, there are plenty of places available at $\$ 10$ a head. Contact Stu.

See you all there!

## Coaching clinic \#2

A reminder that the second of our winter Coaching Clinics will be held on the morning before our final Points races for the season. Fran Attard, Simon Baker and Mark Donahoo will conduct the session.

See the advert on Page 3 for full details.


No races to report on in Victoria, so here are some happy podium snaps of our medalists from the $A V$ and VRWC road championships, held on Sunday last week.
*AV U18 (10km,
5km), U165km:
Owen, Riley, Scott,
Emily and Mietta
Right: Owen in action by the lake.



AV U14 3km: Mya, Ela, Havana, Tate and Angus


AV 20km: Char and Carolyn


VRWC U12 2km: Edith and Zoe


VRWC U10 2km: Lily, Anouk, Pippa and Logan

## Victorian Race Walking Club

## Coaching Clinic for athletes of all ages, parents and coaches: Saturday 12th August 2023

Coaching clinic beginning at $12.10 \mathrm{pm}-1.30 \mathrm{pm}$, Focus is on little athletes and junior athletes, parents of up and coming athletes, general coach and planning a program for all.

The second clinic for this season will be beld Saturday $12^{\text {ib }}$ August 2023, in the VRWC Clubrooms, Middle Park Bowling Complex, Middle Park.

Presenters for the clinic are

- Fran Attard, experienced coach of junior athletes
- Mark Donahoo, VRWC club coach
- Simon Baker, coach of athletes from juniors to Olympians


## Outline of clinic

- 12.10 pma welcome to all participants in the clinic
- 12.15 pm : Practical session with Mark Donahoo: looking at what to do to help keep a good style as you go through growth stages or changes due to injury or getting older
- $12.45 \mathrm{pm}:$ Simon will delve into the skills of racewalking.
- 1.05 pm : Fran Attard will have a panel of mostly young athletes who will discuss their experiences as up and coming walkers
- 1.30 pm : Conclusion of the session


## Either

* Pre-registered your interest la attending by emailing the clab secretary on secretangivnocesg au
* Tunn up on the day and be part of the clinic.
- There is no charge.


## *** VENIAMIN VASILIEVICH SOLDATENKO 1939-2023 'Blood and guts all the way.'

It was announced last week in $O$ Marchador that one of race walking's unlikely heroes, Veniamin Soldatenko, had passed away at the age of 84. Why unlikely? Because in the final decades of the Cold War, during which the 50 km ace from Kazakhstan was at his peak, few athletes of the USSR presented as individualists. Conformity was expected and generally enforced.

Soldatenko was a welcome antidote to the stereotypic model of the emotionless machine in a red singlet that was most Westerners' impression of the Soviet athlete. He had a personality, and he expressed it. As Tim Erickson (who raced in the 1976 IAAF World 50 km championship in Malmo, which Soldatenko won) put it in his standout tribute ${ }^{1}$, "In his cut down top that showcased his superb physique and with his fluent easy style, he was an awe inspiring walker who captured our attention as youngsters coming into the sport. With his black unruly curls and inevitable headband, he was known as the 'Alma Ata hippy' and could not have been more different from his Soviet compatriots in style of clothing, behaviour and outlook."

Soldatenko. The very name conjured an image of power and pugnacity to rival that of Rambo. Soldatenko. Solid. Soldier. Race walkers worldwide, perennially confined to the margins in athletics and sport generally, needed heroes - the kind other sports had, torchbearers who could and would punch through any obstacle to achieve their goals. "I can liken myself at various times to various walkers, thinking to myself that my style feels very strong," said British 50km walker Bob Dobson, as an example of self-motivation. ${ }^{2}$ " 'Today I am Soldatenko out there on the Russian plains' or something like that." Dobson, himself
 the UK 50 km record holder at the time, went on to say that Veniamin Soldatenko was the foreign walker he admired most. "A tremendously strong character, all blood and guts all the way. ${ }^{3 \prime \prime}$ It didn't matter if no-one outside the sport knew who Soldatenko, or Christoph Hohne, or Vladimir Golubnichiy were. We walkers did, and that knowledge fired us up when the going got tough on those cold, wet training nights and in races where nothing was going right, or - as in Dobson's case when everything was.

In 1972, a few months before the Munich Olympics commenced, I was extremely fortunate to come across an issue of the Soviet English language pocket magazine Sputnik. Amongst an eclectic range of items - film reviews, poetry, interviews, fiction and topics covering a broad scope of life in the Eastern bloc, it contained a feature article on Veniamin Soldatenko, focusing on a watershed experience in 1968 that sparked his 50 km career. I found it inspirational and, since the Munich Olympic 50 km was coming up fast, very timely. Here it is:

# The Crucial 38 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Kilometre ${ }^{4}$ 

by Yevgeni Bogatyrev
(from the magazine Lyogkaya Atletika)
It was Soldatenko's first $50-\mathrm{km}$ walk ever. The site was the shores of Lake Sevan in mountainous Armenia and the contest was the USSR championships - not exactly a second-rate affair.

Although he had won the 20km walk at the 1967 USSR National Games, his time gave him little hope of placing even $6^{\text {th }}$ in Mexico (Olympics). The coaches of the Soviet Olympic squad suggested he should have a go at the 50 km event, and if at Lake Sevan he won 3 rd place at least, he would go to Mexico.

Following his usual tactics, Soldatenko took the lead right from the outset. The sun was burning hot. Added to that, the route lay at $2,000 \mathrm{~m}$ above sea level which meant the athletes suffered from oxygen deficiency. The site for the contest had been chosen deliberately: its physical features are very close to those of Mexico City.
Twenty kilometres had been covered and Soldatenko was still among the first. He could see that many of his rivals were having a tough time of it. It was costing some considerable effort to keep moving.
"How long will I last?" he thought anxiously.

[^0]The leading group of athletes was dwindling steadily. In the $35^{\text {th }}$ kilometer Gennadi Agapov, a star walker, gave up. Suddenly Soldatenko felt terribly tired. He was gasping for air. His legs were leaden. With every step it was becoming more and more difficult to detach his feet from the sticky asphalt. Blue circles swam before his eyes. They merged into what looked like a giant body of water - just open your mouth and you'll have a cool drink. Soldatenko parted his lips for that cool drink, but instead he got a scorching breath of air ...

In the $38^{\text {th }}$ kilometer Soldatenko stopped and sat down, exhausted at the side of the road. Athletes walked past. They were also tired, but they had more correctly evaluated their powers, had paced themselves better.

He did not go to the Mexico Olympics. Moreover, he did not know what to do next - to go on training for the ' 20 ' or switch over to the ' 50 '. Soldatenko's coach, Anatoli Fruktov, believed that his charge would be at his best in the 50 km walk. Soldatenko was undecided for some time, but finally took his coach's advice. He was 29 at the time.

Soldatenko was helped to draw up a training schedule, and then he went home to Alma-Ata, capital of Kazakhstan. He began training with a vengeance. It was then that he became confident of success in the new event. His hurt pride was a considerable contributing factor - he was eager to show that he could handle the 50 km walk.


In 1969 the same cheerful, jovial Soldatenko came to the national championships. However, not quite the same. There was a change: his face was more drawn, his eyes more deep-set. Besides, there was a noticeable improvement in his technique; his staying power was considerably greater, and he was stronger tactically. He won the walking race easily - he was head and shoulders above his rivals.
Later Soldatenko was $3^{\text {rd }}$ in the European title race in Athens and twice won the national championship. And he went on training persistently. Although for a month or two he made a point of forgetting all about training. He plunged into cultural and social life - going to the theatre and cinema, attending concerts and jazz festivals, meeting friends. After that period of relaxation he resumed his rigorous training, once again becoming a familiar figure on the nearby highway.

When he began concentrating on the 50km walk, Soldatenko realized that for a long time he would have (East German) Christoph Hohne as his chief rival. For a number of years Hohne had been winning nearly al the races. Soldatenko competed against him three times and won only once.

The big event ahead was the 1971 European championships in Helsinki. Most experts predicted victory for Hohne.

Then came that memorable race. Soldatenko followed Hohne like a shadow, not letting him increase his lead by even one step. Half the distance was behind, but the athletes walked as if bound together.

After 35 kilometres through the streets of Helsinki Soldatenko was still on Hohne's heels. Soldatenko realized that it was time for him to take the lead if he wanted to win, but he could not quite make up his mind. Would he be able to hold the lead to the finish? Finally, he overcame his doubts and made a spurt.

Later, sportswriters noted that Soldatenko took the lead in the 38th kilometer and maintained it down to the finish. No one even recalled his $38^{\text {th }}$ kilometer on the shores of Sevan.

Two months later Soldatenko started with Hohne in a USSR-GDR (East Germany) walking meet. Once again Soldatenko outpaced his opponent, and this time his result - 3:59:17.8 - was the second fastest in the history of Soviet track and field athletics.

At 33, Veniamin Soldatenko, an army officer, is a comparative newcomer to big-time sport. Others abandon sport at his age, but Soldatenko has enormous reserves of energy and a great zest for competition and victory, and most important - for overcoming "his" 38th kilometer.

Stirring stuff indeed. Enough fuel in there to propel anyone up the Anderson St hill at the 'Tan', lap after lap, on a wintry Melbourne night! This was the first in-depth article on any Soviet athlete I had seen, let alone on a race walker. Even more remarkable was that it appeared, not in an athletics or wider sports publication, but in what amounted to the Russian equivalent of Reader's Digest.

Before I read it, Veniamin Soldatenko - like his Soviet team-mate Vladimir Golubnichiy and German rivals Christoph Hohne (East) and Bernd Kannenberg (West) - was to me a mysterious master of the game, known to us aspiring Aussie walkers (long before the days of online blogs, YouTube and streaming services) only by the reports in foreign sports journals or recounted by our own international reps from their observations whilst racing overseas. They seemed almost god-like.

It was as if that Sputnik article suddenly whipped open a door nobody knew was there, or was meant to stay shut. It revealed a Soviet champion who was human, as prone to frailty and failure as any other mortal, yet with the grit and determination to learn from and use the humiliation of that experience at Lake Sevan to steel his body and mind to attain his goals. Inspiration? What more did you need? What sports player, of any age or standard, could not relate to the shock of one's body and mind suddenly failing them so totally, leaving them with nothing but emptiness and shattered dreams? Who would not have responded to the story's second half, showing not only new dreams arising but a roadmap to realizing them - if you had it in you to follow it?

Millions, in sport and other pursuits in life, have come up against their own ' $38^{\text {th }}$ kilometer.' Many never proceed further. Others try again, only to face certain realities and set new goals. But some, fired by longing and self-belief, refuse to be beaten by it, putting in their own surge when again it confronts them and blasting through it. Soldatenko was one of those. He was no
superman or god, nor an inscrutable automaton from an Iron Curtain conveyor belt, but an ambitious man forced to answer a question put to him by failure - and doing so in a way that echoed the victories over self won by heroes the world over.

Vale Veniamin Soldatenko. And thanks from all those you - and others like you - inspired.

## Stu Cooper


(Photos: Racewalking All Over The World FB)
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## AROUND THE COUNTRY

## NEW SOUTH WALES NSWRWC results, 22 July - Chipping Norton

It's good to have the latest NSW results from Frank Overton, who is back from his brief trip to the US. (I just wish he wouldn't refer to the 10 km race as the 'Long Division'. It gives me nightmares ... not so much from my own Grade 6 experience as from trying to teach it!)

The weather was cool and overcast at 19 degrees. There was a good attendance with 49 walkers. There were many PBs recorded so the cooler weather certainly was good for walking.

Chelsea Roberts continues to cut her times and stepping up to the 10 km has suited her.
Another good walk by Joel Byatt who has recorded several PBs this season and is showing signs for a good summer season to follow.

Jessey Bektas is another who is continuing to record PBs and is showing a desire to reduce her times even more. The Under 10 years division continues to have good numbers and, judging, by the times some are recording, look out you older walkers.

## Long Division 10km

1. Chelsea Roberts (F)

## Short Division 4km

1 Joel Byatt (M)),
2. Aiden Pospischil (M)
3. Jessey Bektas (F)
4. Laura Corvalan-Sotomayor (F)

## Under 14 years 2 km

1. Sophie Polkinghorne (F)
2. Mitchel McCarthy (M)
3. Noah Vella (M)

57m05s (PB)
$19 \mathrm{~m} 28 \mathrm{~s}(\mathrm{~PB})$
23 m 41 s (PB)
23 m 44 s (PB)
25 m 00 s (PB)

## 9m36s

10m24s (PB)
10 m 42 s (PB)

## Medium Division 8km

1. Brendan Pospischil (M)

46m16s
2. Laelia Byatt (F)

50 m 05 s
3. Anne Weekes (F)

58 m 59 s

## Under 16 years 3 km

1. Matilda Webb (F) 16 m 01 s
2. Jessica Loring (F) 16m34s
3. Christopher Nilon (M) 16 m 36 s (PB)
4. Olive Gauci (F) 19 m 21 s
5. Michael Maithison (M) 19m23s
6. Katherine Farugia (F) 24 m 39 s

## Under 12 years 1.5 km

| 1. Nate Appleyard (M) | 7 m 42 s |
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| 2. Hannah Hewitt (F) | $7 \mathrm{~m} 54 \mathrm{~s}(\mathrm{~PB})$ |
| 3. Joshua Waddington (M) | 7 m 59 s (PB) |


| 4. Emma Hoskins (F) | 10m52s (PB) | 4. Keira Gill (F) | $8 \mathrm{~m} 17 \mathrm{~s} \mathrm{(PB)}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5. Sienna Wade (F) | $10 \mathrm{~m} 57 \mathrm{~s} \mathrm{(PB)}$ | 5. Isla Banks (F) | 8 m 25 s |
| 6. Patrick Waddington (M) | 10 m 58 s | 6. Molly Miller (F) | 8 m 33 s |
| 7. Ashleigh Farugia (F) | $11 \mathrm{~m} 27 \mathrm{~s} \mathrm{(PB)}$ | 7. Luca Barakat (M) | $9 \mathrm{~m} 58 \mathrm{~s}(\mathrm{~PB})$ |
| 8. Sagan Jones (F) | $11 \mathrm{~m} 41 \mathrm{~s} \mathrm{(PB)}$ | 8. Matilda Hay (F) | 10 m 06 s |
|  |  | 9. Chloe Farrugia (F) | $10 \mathrm{~m} 21 \mathrm{~s} \mathrm{(PB)}$ |
|  |  | 10. Alexander Dennett (M) | $10 \mathrm{~m} 25 \mathrm{~s} \mathrm{(PB)}$ |

## Under 10 years $\mathbf{1 k m}$

1. Harrison Bouquet (M) 4m58s,
2. Stella Wade (F) 5m05s,
3. Beth Cochrane (F) 5m38s,
4. Addison Fahey (F) 5m40s,
5. Addison Jenkins (F) 5m40s (PB)
6. Antonia Powter (F)
7. Veronica Dennett (F)

5m54s (PB)
8. Milana Sorokin (F)

6 m 28 s
9. Amelie Barakat (F)

6 m 41 s
10. Max Miller (M)
$6 \mathrm{~m} 42 \mathrm{~s}(\mathrm{~PB})$
$6 \mathrm{~m} 50 \mathrm{~s}(\mathrm{~PB})$

## QUEENSLAND Invitational track meet \& QMA 10,000m c'ship, 23 July - UQ track, St Lucia

On Sunday the QLD walkers headed for the University of QLD track at St Lucia for the QMA 10,000m track championship and Invitation events. Thanks to Robyn Wales for the results.

| 10,000m |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Men: |  |
| (1) Scott Hyland | 50.10 |
| (2) Bailey Housden | 51.32 |
| (3) Adam Patterson | 1.05 .39 |
| (4) Peter Bennett | 1.05 .40 |
| (5) Roel Wheeley | 1.14 .58 |
| (6) Patrick Sela | 1.28 .25 |
| Women: |  |
| (1) Lyla Williams | 56.25 |
| (2) Lily Housden | 1.11 .37 |
| (3) Jasmine-Rose McRoberts | 1.12 .40 |
| (4) Joy Dale | 1.23 .30 |
| (5) Noela McKinven | 1.28 .25 |

## 3000m

Men:

| (1) Brock Miller | 19.02 |
| :--- | :--- |
| (2) Eli Melinz | 19.06 |

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19.06

Women:

| (1) Isabella Welch | 16.30 |
| :--- | ---: |
| (2) Summer Millard | 17.31 |
| (3) Kiara Waterman | 18.16 |
| (4) Makenna Clarke | 18.29 |
| (5) Savannah Dunleavy | 18.33 |
| (6) Eliza Kelly | 20.14 |
| (7) Mackenzie Bandidt | 21.06 |
| (8) Mackenzie Wormald. | 22.57 |
| -- Mikaela McDonald | DQ |

## 1000m

Men:
(1) Leo Ramsay 6.37

Women:

| (1) Makenna Clarke | 5.44 |
| :--- | :--- |
| (2) Brooke McRoberts | 8.34 |

Kim Mottrom reports that they 'just avoided the rain' for the SARWC's Short distance championships. After the past few weeks it was only fair that the weather cut them a break.

SA Short Club Championships

| Open 4km |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kim Mottrom | 17:24 | PB 0:07 |
| Rhannon Lovegrove | 21:40 |  |
| Over 504 km |  |  |
| Peter Crump | 23:12 |  |
| Greg Metha | 23:34 | PB 0:03 |
| Di Camilleri | 31:15 | First 4km |
| Bill Starr | 32:02 |  |
| U18 3km |  |  |
| Daisy Braithwaite | 14:55 |  |
| Cooper Rech | 15:28 |  |
| Katie De Ruvo | 18:16 |  |
| Jasmine Crabb | 21:21 |  |
| U14 1.5km |  |  |
| Orlando Grantham | 8:33 |  |
| Matilda Rech | 9:03 |  |
| Senna Cook | 9:18 |  |


| Over 35 4km |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Mel Grantham | $23: 33$ | PB 0:55 |
| Kristy Templer | $33: 21$ | PB 1:55 |
|  |  |  |
| U20 4km | $20: 24$ | PB 2:14 |
| Nellie Langford |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| U16 2km |  |  |
| Sebastian Richards | $9: 24$ |  |
| Angelina Legrand | $10: 38$ | PB 0:15 |
| Liliana Templer | $12: 45$ |  |
|  |  |  |
| U12 1km | $5: 46$ |  |
| Liliana Templer |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| U10 1km | $7: 54$ |  |
| Robert Crabb | $9: 55$ |  |
| Maverick Grantham | $7: 57$ |  |
| Anthony Crabb | $11: 03$ |  |
| Martin Crabb |  |  |

## TASMANIA <br> - TRWC results, 15 July - Wentworth Park <br> - TRWC results, 22 July - Airport

Two weeks worth of results sent in by David Moore this time around:

## *TWRC Results Saturday July 152023 - Wentworth Park

Saturday the $15^{\text {th }}$ at Wentworth Park proved to be a very good outing for the Woodward Sisters with both turning in PB performances, the younger of the two - Elsie - sliced an easy 15 seconds from her previous best over 2 km while older sister Adele stormed home to take a very healthy 50 seconds from her 3 km time.

| 2km |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. Elsie Woodward | Huon LA | $15: 44$ PB |
| 2. Lucas Carr | Kingston LA | $15: 50$ |
| 3. Wayne Fletcher | NS | $17: 56$ |
|  |  |  |
| 3km |  |  |
| 1. Will Bottle | Newstead AC | $14: 37$ |
| 2. Lily Carr | OVA | $19: 22$ |
| 3. Adele Woodward | OVA | $21: 33$ PB |

## *TWRC Results Saturday July 222023 - AIRPORT

Mild conditions for today's walk at our airport course, the 2 km event saw a very tight finish with Isla Direen just holding sway over Huon LA clubmate Elsie Woodward, whilst our oldest athletes Eugene Gerlach and Wayne Fletcher refamiliarized themselves with the course that their $\mathrm{O} / 4010 \mathrm{~km}$ State Title will be battled out for in two weeks' time.

| $\mathbf{2 k m}$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 1. Isla Direen | Huon LA | $16: 50$ |
| 2. Elsie Woodward | Huon LA | $16: 53$ |
| 3. Dave Moore | TMA | $21: 05$ |
| $\mathbf{3 k m}$ |  |  |
| 1. Adele Woodward OVA | $22: 04$ |  |
| $\mathbf{4 k m}$ |  |  |
| 1. Eugene Gerlach | ATW | $28: 40$ |
| $\mathbf{8 k m}$ |  |  |

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## FRANCE:

- Grand Prix du Troussey ( $\mathbf{3 9}^{\text {th }}$ edition), 14 July - Troussey
- French Youth championships, 16 July - Chateauroux

It was a busy holiday weekend for Emmanuel Tardi. On Bastille Day morning he travelled 300km to exchange paddles for pumps and compete in an annual celebratory race. Two days later he was wearing the CJ armband at the French Youth championships - this time 300 km from home in another direction.

Last Friday I was in the small village of Troussey (443 residents), 300 km east of Paris. It was our national day.
This village organizes a racewalking event each year. In the morning, there was the race for the usual walkers. In the afternoon, there were races for kids and for residents.
There were 7 laps ( 1430 m long), in the center of the village. The start was at 10.30 am . Philippe Bonneau won the race for the $12^{\text {th }}$ time.

Emmanuel strides out alongside winner Philippe Bonneau in Troussey.


| Pl | No | Nom | Année | Club | $\mathbf{1 0 k m}$ |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 1 | 66 | BONNEAU Philippe | 1965 | Antony Athlé | 50.41 |
| 2 | 76 | HERIDA Nadir | 1982 | Efs Reims | 54.05 |
| 3 | 68 | BOBAN Valérie | 1968 | AVEC | 58.27 |
| 4 | 65 | FLORENTIN Thierry | 1965 | AVEC | 1.00 .31 |
| 5 | 67 | FLORENTIN Catherine | 1967 | AVEC | 1.00 .58 |
| 6 | 62 | GROS Gildas | 1967 | Es Thaon | 1.01 .44 |
| 7 | 61 | GUERNIER Camille | 2007 | Nancy Athlé Metropole | 1.02 .37 |
| 8 | 69 | SIEGENFUHR Daniel | 1950 | Es Thaon | 1.04 .14 |
| 9 | 92 | GERARD Denis | 1963 | Troussey | 1.05 .31 |
| 10 | 85 | TOURNOIS Pascal | 1954 | Asm Bar | 1.09 .15 |
| 11 | 63 | CHAUMET Daniel | 1949 | Luneville | 1.12 .30 |
| 12 | 78 | ANXIONNAT Claudine | 1951 | AVEC | 1.12 .42 |
| 13 | 70 | SIEGENFUHR Yvette | 1954 | Es Thaon | 1.14 .00 |
| 14 | 86 | PFISTER William | 1963 | Asm Bar | 1.14 .00 |
| 15 | 77 | BROT Daniel | 1953 | AVEC | 1.19 .47 |
| 16 | 72 | TARDI Emmanuel | 1967 | LP Longjumeau | 1.28 .24 |
| 17 | 71 | THOMAS Michel | 1948 | NL | 1.36 .14 |

After the races in Troussey, I drove to Chateauroux ( 300 km south of Paris). I was appointed by my federation as Chief-judge at our National Cadet and Junior Championship .

4 races were scheduled from 8.00 to 10.55 am . Weather was fresh in the morning $\left(12^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ at 8 am$)$, but temperature increased to reach $27^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ at 11 am .

In Junior Men, there was a big battle with Leo Benjelloun-Touimi and Quentin Chenuet. They walked together for 9 km . In the last kilometer, Leo sped up - last km in 4.04 - and won. They beat their PBs.

In Junior Women, Ana Delahaie walked 3 km with Japanese guest Ai Oyama, Then Oyama sped up and won. Ana became French champion with a gap of 2 minutes on Agathe Mille. Next race for her will be European junior Championship in Jerusalem.

In the cadet races our 2 best walkers (Bastien Picard for Men and Lena Auvray for women) were not on the start line because there were selected to European Youth Olympic Festival (in Maribor next week)

Easy victory in the Cadets for Chloé Le Roch and Maelys Thery-De Bisschop .

| Women - 5000m Cadettes 10:55 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | LE ROCH Chloe | CAF/07 | Cjf Saint-malo | 23'05'30 |
| 2 | MERBITZ Marine | CAF/06 | Fc Sochaux Montbeliard | 23'39'41 |
| 3 | HANNOT Juliette | CAF/06 | As Tourlaville | 24'59'68 |
| 4 | VEGA GONZALEZ Irene (ESP) | CAF/07 | Avia Club Athletisme | 25'12'26 |
| 5 | LANDRON Capucine | CAF/06 | Ca Beglais | 25'20'54 |
| 6 | GUILLARD Lisa | CAF/06 | Entente Angevine Athletisme | 25'28"44 |
| 7 | CHEZE Emelie | CAF/06 | Uao 31 | 25'49'29 |
| 8 | COSQUERIC Yaelle | CAF/07 | Ulac Pays Fouesnantais | 25'59'71 |
| 9 | WROBLEWSKI Marie | CAF/06 | Us Talence | 26'19'33 |
| 10 | FENOUILLERE Clea | CAF/07 | Ba Coutances | 26'41'96 |
| 11 | IUND Leonie | CAF/06 | As Aix-les-bains | 27'15'88 |
| 12 | MENEZ Anais | CAF/06 | Tregor Goelo Athletisme | 27'39'35 |
| 13 | CALAS Anouk | CAF/07 | Eba | 27'40'75 |
| 14 | SERRAND Clara | CAF/06 | La Vigilante Fougères | 27'41'22 |
| 15 | BELIN Eline | CAF/06 | Athle 21 | 27'54'16 |
| 16 | BRAS Clara | CAF/07 | Evreux Ac | 28'06'79 |
| 17 | AMOUSSOU Diane | CAF/06 | Union Saint Bruno | 28'21'70 |
| 18 | OULD BOUALI Juliette | CAF/07 | Esme Us Deuil | 28'24'29 |
| 19 | MARIE Peggy | CAF/07 | Ren Sainte Luce | 28'44'27 |
| - | FARDEAU-DAVID Lola | CAF/07 | Racing Club Nantais | DQ |
|  | 10000m Juniors 9:05 |  |  |  |
| 1 | OYAMA Ai (Jpn) | JUF/ | Japon | 47'06'07 |
| 2 | DELAHAIE Ana | JUF/04 | Stade Bordelais Athletisme | 48'22"57 |
| 3 | MILLE Agathe | JUF/04 | Grac Renwez | 50'24'22 |
| 4 | LAGRANGE Nelly | JUF/04 | Union Perpignan | 50'49'41 |
| 5 | TRICOT-LAPIERE Blanche | JUF/04 | Ac Villeneuve D'ascq | 52'03'20 |
| 6 | ZIAT Alicia | JUF/05 | Grand Angouleme Athletisme | 54'17'43 |
| 7 | BOURIGAULT Jade | JUF/05 | Ac Villeneuve D'ascq | 55'08'24 |
| 8 | LEMOINE Morgane | JUF/04 | Ac Barentin | 55'22'35 |
| 9 | TARTRON Lea | JUF/05 | Beauvais Oise Union Club | 56'34'94 |
| 10 | FAUCON Thais | JUF/04 | Stade Saint-lo | 56'43'14 |
| 11 | BOUMEDJANE Jana | JUF/04 | Blanc Mesnil Sport Ac | 58'27'11 |
| 12 | SURGA Elea | JUF/05 | Rc Arras | 58'45'30 |
| 13 | MOTIR Agathe | JUF/05 | Caen Athletic Club | 1h01'10'90 |
| 14 | VEJUX Laura | JUF/05 | Fc Sochaux Montbeliard | 1h01'41'86 |
| 15 | FARIK CLOVIN Natasha | JUF/05 | Stade Sottevillais 76 | 1h02'07'72 |
| 16 | POMMEROL Fantine | JUF/04 | Lannion Athletisme | 1h03'41'48 |
| - | BOUQUIN Rachel | JUF/04 | Racing Club Nantais | DQ |



Men - 5000m Cadets 10:20
1 DE BISSCHOP-THERY Maely
$\begin{array}{lll}2 & \text { CAILLE Maxime } & \text { CAM/06 } \\ 3 & \text { PETER Anthony } & \text { CAM/06 }\end{array}$
4 DELBOS Remi CAM/06

| Ac St Gratien-sannois | 22'43'55 |
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| Froissy Athletic Club | 22'53'52 |
| Ca Ambilly | 24'33'98 |
| Us Bazas | 24'52'03 |


| $\mathbf{5}$ | BABIN Noe | CAM/06 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | THOMAS Anatole | CAM/06 |
| $\mathbf{7}$ | DULAK Clement | CAM/07 |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | LAQUITTANT Victor | CAM/07 |
| $\mathbf{9}$ | HENNEGUIER Teo | CAM/07 |
| $\mathbf{1 0}$ | MORIN Sacha | CAM/07 |
| $\mathbf{1 1}$ | MAZENQ Etienne | CAM/06 |
|  | 10000m Juniors 8:00 |  |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | BENJELLOUN-TOUIMI Leo | $\mathrm{JUM} / 04$ |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | CHENUET Quentin | $\mathrm{JUM} / 05$ |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | ELLUL Hugo | $\mathrm{JUM} / 05$ |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | GAUDRE Martin | $\mathrm{JUM} / 04$ |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | PETIOT Simon | $\mathrm{JUM} / 05$ |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | AUBRY Eliot | $\mathrm{JUM} / 5$ |
| $\mathbf{7}$ | FELLAH Clement | $\mathrm{JUM} / 04$ |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | NAU Louis | $\mathrm{JUM} / 04$ |
| $\mathbf{9}$ | CHEVASSUS Melwan | $\mathrm{JUM} / 04$ |


| 12 | Chris Flint © | Surrey WC | 65.30 M7512 Elizabeth Edgell | Newmarket(Suffolk 3) 71.29 W60 |  |
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| 13 | Trevor Jones | Steyning AC | 66.49 M 6513 | Linda Warner | Moulton |

## UNITED KINGDOM: Sarnia (Guernsey) WC results, June 11 \& July 7/16 - various locations

Rob Elliott reports on recent walks activity on the isle of Guernsey:

Recent races in Guernsey resulted in two wins for Stuart Le Noury over 1 mile and 3 kilometres with times of 8.15 and 15.31 respectively. Rob Elliott, in the absence of Stuart winning over 2 kilometres in 13.18 .

In the 3 kilometres walk at Cambridge Park, Donna Allan finished second in 18.36 followed by Rob Elliott in 19.27, his fastest time for a year or so. Mick Le Sauvage, in his mid 80s continues to rack up the miles with around 8,210 on the clock.
July 16th 2023
3 kilometres road walk
Cambridge Park, Guernsey

1 Stuart Le Noury M35 15.31
2 Donna Allan W45 18.36
3 Rob Elliott M60 19.27
4 Kevin Le Noury M65 22.00
5 Mick Le Sauvage M80 27.51
DNF Dave Dorey M75
2400 metres in 19.56
July 2nd 2023
1 mile road walk
Les Amarreurs, Vale, Guernsey
1 Stuart Le Noury M35 8.15
2 Rob Elliott M60 10.00
3 Kevin Le Noury M65 11.13
4 Mick Le Sauvage M80 12.46
5 Dave Dorey M75 14.23

June 11th

2 kms road walk
Delancey Park, Guernsey
1 Rob Elliott M60 13.18
2 Kevin Le Noury M65 14.31
3 Mick Le Sauvage M80 16.30

## MARCIADALMONDO \& O MARCHADOR ROUNDUP

Marcia Dal Mondo is no longer presenting news items, but will continue to post local (Italian) and international results until December 31. These are regularly updated and can be perused at
http://www.marciadalmondo.com/eng/risultati.aspx?anno=2023, along with many other items of interest.
The Portuguese race walking blog $\mathbf{O}$ Marchador continues to post news reports and results. The page has dozens of links to articles on race walking, featuring both domestic events and those from abroad.

- Monday, July 24, 2023 - Sporting CP walkers win in the 2023 I Division final http://omarchador.blogspot.com/2023/07/marchadores-do-sporting-cp-vencem-na.html
- Sunday, July 23, 2023 - Polish Under-20 Championships - Lublin 2023 (results) http://omarchador.blogspot.com/2023/07/campeonatos-sub-20-da-polonia-lublin.html
- Saturday, July 22, 2023 - Portuguese refereeing at the highest level in European and World Athletics Championships http://omarchador.blogspot.com/2023/07/arbitragem-portuguesa-ao-mais-alto.html
- Saturday, July 22, 2023 - Spanish supremacy in the under-18 Iberian walk in Leiria http://omarchador.blogspot.com/2023/07/supremacia-espanhola-na-marcha-iberica.html
- Thursday, July 20, 2023 - Winter Championships (2023) Victoria, Australia (results) http://omarchador.blogspot.com/2023/07/campeonatos-de-inverno-2023-de-victoria.html
- Wednesday, July 19, 2023 - France Under-18 and Under-20 Championships - Châteauroux 2023 (results) http://omarchador.blogspot.com/2023/07/campeonatos-de-franca-sub-18-e-sub-20.html
- Friday, July 21, 2023 - Troussey Marching Grand Prix 2023 - results http://omarchador.blogspot.com/2023/07/grande-premio-de-marcha-de-troussey.html
- Wednesday, July 19, 2023 - Lithuanians dominate march at Baltic under-18 championships - Šiauliai 2023 http://omarchador.blogspot.com/2023/07/lituanos-dominam-marcha-nos-campeonatos.html
- Tuesday, July 18, 2023 - Álvaro Martín and Lidia Sánchez-Puebla win in the Spanish championship by associations Pamplona 2023 http://omarchador.blogspot.com/2023/07/alvaro-martin-e-lidia-sanchez-puebla.html

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 - 2023

Sat 29 Jul 2023 VMA 10km c'ship \& RWA Interstate Challenge; Twilight Trivia fundraiser - Middle Park
Sun 6 Aug 2023
AMA Masters 20km road c'ship - Adelaide
VRWC Intervals race - Middle Park
Sat 12 Aug 2023
Sun 27 Aug 2023
Sat 2 Sep 2023
VRWC Club points races (final points comp for season). Prizes for h'cap winners - Middle Park AV Country \& VRWC Road walk c'ships - Ballarat

Sat 9 Sep 2023
AV 5000m Teams race, VMA 5000m c'ship, VRWC Time races ( $\mathbf{2 h r}$, $\mathbf{1 h r}$ ) - Mentone
VRWC Relay event \& scratch races; Winter presentations - Middle Park

## International Dates

28 Jul-8 Aug 2023
19-27 Aug 2023
26 Jul- 11 Aug 2024
13-25 Aug 2024
20-24 Aug 2024
13-21 Sep 2025
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