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### Only on Track

In walking races, only performances achieved on the track can be recognized as world records. And on condition that the walker has respected the basic principle of competition walking: a step by step progression executed in such a way that contact with the ground is constantly maintained.

This requirement to walk on the track prevented the official recognition, over 50 km, of two performances of extremely high standard. On 5 October 1924 in Munich, the German Paul Sievert had achieved a time of 4 hr 34 min 03 sec, a time which was not to be improved upon until more than 25 years later. On 3 September 1972, at the Munich Olympics, another German, Bernd Kannenberg, was credited with a time of 3 hr 56 min 11.6 sec. These two times, achieved on the road, only count as world best performances.

On 16 November 1975 in Milan, on the track this time, Bernd Kannenberg achieved a time of 3 hr 56 min 51.4 sec. Two years later, this performance had still not been recognized by the International Federation, and it is probable that it never will be. The same will doubtless be the fate of the distinguished

record of the Mexican Raúl Gonzales in 1978.

#### 20 KM ON TRACK

1 h 39:22.0	N. Petersen	DEN	June 30, 1918
1 h 39:20.4	A. Valente	ITA	Dec. 2, 1926
1 h 38:53.2	A. Callegari	ITA	Dec. 26, 1926
1 h 37:42.2	D. Pavesi	ITA	Oct. 23, 1927
1 h 36:34.2	A. Valente	ITA	Oct. 25, 1930
1 h 34:26.0	J. Dalinch	LET	June 1, 1933
1 h 32:28.4	J. Mikalesson	SWE	July 12, 1942
1 h 30:26.4	J. Dolezal	CZE	Nov. 1, 1953
1 h 30:02.8	V. Golubnich	USSR	Oct. 2, 1955
1 h 28:45.2	L. Spirine	USSR	Jan. 13, 1956
1 h 27:58.2	M. Lavrov	USSR	Aug. 13, 1956
1 h 27:38.6	G. Panichkine	USSR	June 9, 1958
1 h 27:05.0	V. Golubnich	USSR	Sep. 23, 1958
1 h 26:13.2	V. Golubnich	USSR	Sep. 15, 1959
1 h 26:05.8	G. Agapov	USSR	Apr. 6, 1969
1 h 25:50.0	P. Frenkel	EGE	July 4, 1970
1 h 25:19.4	P. Frenkel	EGE	June 24, 1972
1 h 25:19.4	H.G. Reimann	EGE	June 24, 1972
1 h 24:45.0	B. Kannenberg	WGE	May 25, 1974
1 h 23:31.9	D. Bautista	MEX	May 14, 1977
1 h 23:26.0	P. Myslivzev	USSR	May 15, 1978
1 h 22:19.4	G. Lelièvre	FRA	Apr. 29, 1979

#### 50 KM ON TRACK

4 h 32:52.0	J. Ljunggren	SWE	July 29, 1951
4 h 31:21.6	A. Roka	HUN	June 1, 1952
4 h 29:58.0	J. Ljunggren	SWE	July 8, 1953
4 h 27:28.4	L. Moc	CZE	Oct. 13, 1955
4 h 26:05.2	M. Skront	CZE	Apr. 30, 1956
4 h 21:07.0	L. Moc	CZE	June 21, 1956
4 h 16:08.6	S. Lobastov	USSR	Aug. 23, 1958
4 h 14:02.4	A. Pamich	ITA	Nov. 19, 1961
4 h 10:51.8	C. Hoehne	EGE	May 16, 1965
4 h 08:05.0	C. Hoehne	EGE	Oct. 18, 1969
4 h 04:19.8	P. Selzer	EGE	Oct. 3, 1971
4 h 03:42.6	V. Soldatenko	USSR	Oct. 5, 1972
4 h 00:27.2	G. Weidner	WGE	Apr. 8, 1973
3 h 56:38.2	E. Vera	MEX	May 16, 1977
3 h 45:52.0	R. Gonzales	MEX	Apr. 24, 1978

*Gerhard Weidner: a record which has held for over four years*