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EDITORIAL

When one has been watching athletics for almost sixty years, you have been priveleged to see some great Olympic races: Herb Elliott in Rome 1960, Billy Mills in Tokyo 1964, Lasse Viren in Munich 1972, Seb Coe in Moscow 1980, Josiah Thugwane in Atlanta 1996, Haile Gebrselassie and Paul Tergat in Sydney 2000, and Samuel Wanjiru in Beijing 2008. But the breathtaking world record by Almaz Ayana in the Rio 10000 metres must surely rank among the greatest of all. The Ethiopian did world athletics a favour by obliterating one of the most dubious global marks still in books, the Chinese Wang Junxia's 29:31.78 from 1993, by more than 14 sec with her 29:17.45 in a remarkable solo run the like of which has never been seen in women's Olympic history.

The race produced the best times ever (not just in Olympic competition) for places one to eight, eighteen personal bests and eight national records. It was the first time that four runners ducked under 30 minutes in one race; the first, third, fourth and fifth best times ever were recorded. Of course, the winning margin of 15.08 sec is the biggest ever in an Olympic women's 10000 m.

A brave performance came from a comebacking Tirunesh Dibaba, who finished third in a PB of 29:42.56. She now, like compatriot Derartu Tulu, has three medals in the 10000 m (gold, gold and bronze) and is the first women to break 30 min twice.

Although she finished only 21st, Dominique Scott ran a scintillating PB of 31:51.47 to shoot up into second on the SA all-time list behind Elana Meyer. Scott's performance was the first of four top-notch SA performances of the first weekend, a spell that ended with the eye-popping world record of 43.03 by Wayde van Niekerk in the 400 – the first South African since John van Reenen in 1975 to set an official track and field world record and the thirteenth South African to do so (if you count relay teams as one) – and that also included Luvo Manyonga's silver in the long jump and Akani Simbine's fifth place in the 100.

The men's 10000 was also a wonderful race, but just the opposite in tactics from the women's. In fact, it was a typically tactical championship race – and therefore, inevitably, resulted in a victory for Mo Farah, his seventh consecutive global distance crown. Like Viren in 1972, Farah survived a nasty fall and went on to win in 27:05.17 (Viren set a world record of 27:38.4). Farah is the sixth man to win the Olympic 10000 title twice (after Paavo Nurmi, Emil Zatopek, Viren, Gebrselassie and Kenenisa Bekele).

South Africa's two representatives in the marathon (Irvette van Zyl pulled out shortly before the race, apparently with a stress fracture) had disastrous runs, with Lebo Phalula

finishing 63rd in 2:41:46 and Christine Kalmer 96th in 2:48:24. Jemima Sumgong won Kenya's first gold medal in the Olympic Marathon.

In an interesting sideshow to the marathon, two of the three Luik sisters from Estonia, the first triplets ever to compete in the same event at the Olympics, finished in 97th (Lily) and 114th (Leila) positions, while Liina failed to finish. Germany's Hahn twins, Anna and Lisa, finished together in 81st (2:45:32) and 82nd (2:45:33) respectively.

All the Olympic distance results so far are included in this issue; a full list of SA results and all medal winners will be published at the end of the Games.

Locally, Tanith Maxwell set a new SA veterans record of 2:00:38 in the John Korasie 30 km, despite inclement weather.

George Munnik, SA 880-yards champion in 1952, passed away on 10 August. Munnik, who was born on 4 January 1928, won his title in Cape Town in 1:53.8, the third fastest time in South Africa in the 1951-52 season. His best time, 1:52.6, came in 1949, when he was second to Schalk Booysen's SA record 1:52.2 at the SA Championships in Queenstown. They were then the two fastest South Africans of all time. (Booysen's record stood for six years, and ten years later they were still ninth and tenth on the all-time list.) Munnik was also second at the SA Championships in 1948 (to Booysen) and 1951 (to Dudley Meyer). He never won the national mile title, but was second (to S. Wood) in 1948. He also won the WP 880 title, running for Pinelands AC, four times – in 1948 (1:56.2), 1949 (1:54.5), 1951 (1:55.1) and 1952 (1:56.8) – as well as the one mile in 1948 (4:22.5), 1949 (4:35.6) and 1951 (4:29.2). Munnik received Springbok colours against the visiting US team in 1950.

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- * Sun-Herald City to Surf 14 km, Sydney, AUS
- * Track: Olympic Games, Rio de Janeiro, BRA

ROAD RUNNING

Reutech Solutions John Korasie 30 km

Simon's Town, 14 August

(Certified, very hilly loop course. Weather: cold with rain and strong wind.)

MEN

- 1. Siviwe Nkombi (Itheko) 1:43:44
- 2. Sibusiso Madikizela (MSA) 1:46:41
- 3. Sityhilo Diko (Ned) 1:46:41 [correct]

Veterans: 1. Tsungai Mwanengeni (ZIM/Gugs) 1:55:28; 2. Thembelani Zola (Gugs) 2:00:36; 3. Colin George (VOB) 2:00:47. **Masters:** 1. Eric Coetzee (FNB) 2:04:45; 2. Monde Tutani (Gugs) 2:10:05; 3. Robert Arnold (Top) 2:10:21. **G'masters:** 1. Mochamat Kriel (Ommie) 2:12:25; 2. Gemjikile Tom (Eskom) 2:27:52; 3. Andy Cockroft (Edge) 2:30:26. **G/g'masters:** 1. Jeff Smith (Itheko) 2:47:30; 2. Don Ross-Watt (FH) 3:11:46; 3. Caspar Greeff (AAC; 80+) 4:07:42.

WOMEN

- 1. Tanith Maxwell (Boxer) 2:00:38 (SA 40+ rec)
- 2. Danette Smith (KPMG) 2:10:43
- 3. Obertina Kanyongo (ZIM/FNB) 2:17:37

Veterans: 1. Tanith Maxwell (Boxer) 2:00:38; 2. Obertina Kanyongo (ZIM/FNB) 2:17:37; 3. Ursula Turck (Strand) 2:18:32. **Masters:** 1. Angelique Rabie (Carb) 2:30:43; 2. Roldah Orrie (Itheko) 2:50:19; 3. Carol Ferreira (Strand) 2:51:19. **G'masters:** 1. Nancy Will (Pine) 2:41:21; Helen du Plessis (Brack) 2:55:19; 3. Sandra Eardley (VOB) 2:41:21. **G/g'masters:** 1. Marlene James (Pine) 3:31:04; 2. Avril Delapelin-Dumont (WC) 3:56:24; 3. Annatjie Berntzen (Good) 4:19:04.

Supa Mama Savages Half Marathon & 10 km

Durban, 14 August

(Distances: 21.1 km & 10 km; out-and-back courses)

Half marathon

MEN

1 Bonginkosi Zwane (Phantane) 1:09:37, 2 Anele Dlamini (Phantane) 1:10:05, 3 Philani Buthelezi (KPMG) 1:10:40, 4 Muziwenkosi Elvis Mjaja (Nedbank) 1:11:22, 5 Mawande Hlongwe (Zakhele) 1:11:39.

40-49: 1 Jonathan Edwards (Westville) 1:18:31, 2 Bernard Phalatsane (ZIM/Bluff Meats) 1:20:18, 3 Jerome Zondi (Speed E) 1:28:59. **50-59:**1 Sipho Willie Majombozi (Boxer) 1:26:48, 2 Thierry Pletinckx (Amanzimtoti) 1:26:56, 3 Bhekizizwe Bhengu (Boxer) 1:33:01. **60+:** 1 Phineas Mandlakho (Ntombela KZN Striders) 1:47:56, 2 Mbhekiseni McHunu (KwaMashu) 1:52:23, 3 Robin Archer (Queensburgh)1:54:34.

WOMEN

1 Jenna Challenor (KPMG) 1:22:26, 2 Puseletso Dladla (Savages) 1:33:24, 3 Lisa Collett (Boxer) 1:35:35, 4 Iris Ndlovu (NRB Harriers) 1:41:47, 5 Sarah Wilson (Westville) 1:45:09.

40-49: 1 Norah Thembisile Mwelase (Kwa Dabeka) 1:51:42, 2 Tholakele Ngcobo (Eskom) 1:53:52, 3 Lindiwe Hlongwa (Verulam Falcons) 1:55:25. **50-59:** 1 Mary Xolisile Mwelase (Phuma) 1:52:30, 2 Roshini Natasen (Highway) 1:53:31, 3 Tammy Dennill (Westville) 1:57:34. **60+:** 1 Pamela Rasmussen (Yellowwood Park) 2:07:09, 2 Sheree Kirsten (Westville) 2:09:01, 3 Pat Fisher Stella 2:10:37.

10 km

MEN

1 Sipho Mbanjwa (Phantane) 32:33, 2 Vumani Mlaba (Durban Runner) 32:52, 3 Lindokuhle Sithole (Phantane) 33:00.

Juniors: 1 Jabulani Majombozi (Boxer) 40:51, 2 Sibusiso Cele (Ind) 44:37, 3 Pranav Dhanlall (Orion) 58:31.

WOMEN

1 Caylee Ellero (Clyde Kinloch Squad) 43:33 (1st jun), 2 Sarah Kruger (Nedbank) 45:11, 3 Happiness Nokukhanya Memela (Ind) 45:31.

Juniors: 1 Caylee Ellero (Clyde Kinloch Squad) 43:33, 2 Daniella Anigo (Boxer) 45:53, 3 Fezeka Ziphelele Mngadi (Ind) 51:42.

Makro Wierie Half Marathon & 10 km

Centurion, 13 August

(Distances: 21.1 km & 10 km; loop courses. Finishers: half marathon – 1000 [slightly down from 103 last year]; 10 km – 1400 [up from 1230].)

Half marathon

MEN

1 Collen Mulaudzi (TUT) 70:21; 2 Collen Mailola (Nedbank) 72:10; 3 Musa Swakaxa (Rockies) 73:41.

Veterans: 1 James Mgcina (Sports Connection) 74:42; 2 Greg Barnes (Born 2 Run) 77:37; 3 Ruben Situmu (Nedbank) 79:49. **Masters:** 1 Joseph Ndlovu (ACE) 83:28; 2 Paul Mabena (Ford) 87:47; 3 Burger Linde (Vitality) 89:54. **G'masters:** 1 Elias Raphulu (Black Diamond) 97:45; 2 Ralph Mashabela (Cool Running) 98:03. **G/g'masters:** 1 Pele Tshikundamalema (Olifantsfontein) 1:54:36.

WOMEN

1 Emmah Mathibela (Nedbank) 89:00; 2 Annerie Kruger (Magnolia) 90:09; 3 Peret Badenhorst (ACRW) 94:35.

Veterans: 1 Vanessa Bowman (Kempton) 96:06; 2 Marlise Vermaak (Kempton) 98:46; 3 Anel Vorster (Green Mile) 1:41:34. **Masters:** 1 Ansa Strydom (Nedbank) 1:40:15; 2 Debbie Bredenkamp (HQH) 1:42:49; 3 Rita van Wyk (Boksburg) 1:47:03. **G'masters:** 1 Gizelle Geyer (Phobians) 2:06:09; 2 Carole de Waal (Wingate) 2:07:18. **Juniors:** 1 Caitlyn van Dyk (RWFL) 2:21:08.

10 km

MEN

1 Luwis Masunda (ZIM/Nedbank) 32:31 (1st vet); 2 Regen Magwai (Tembisa) 32:45; 3 Sisa Delubom (Temp) 32:48.

Veterans: 1 Lewis Masunda (ZIM/Nedbank) 32:31; 2 Jackson Seanego (Armscor) 36:58; 3 Sifiso Mamba (Midrand) 36:59. **Masters:** 1 Joseph Moloto (PMMC) 39:12; 2 Piet Chauke (Gallopers) 39:21; 3 Sontaga Mable (Midrand) 40:36. **G'masters:** 1 Don Charles (Nedbank) 44:00; 2 Rainer Ludwig (Irene) 48:15. **G/g'masters:** 1 Harry v.d. Merwe (BHS) 49:57. **80+:** 1 Ken Nurden (Agape) 63:32. **Juniors:** 1 Jermaine Adams (ACE) 37:51.

WOMEN

1 Gerda Steyn (Nedbank) 39:45; 2 Nicole Venter (Temp) 40:56; 3 Irene Goncalves (Sunninghill) 44:09.

Veterans: 1 Mirriam Mooki (Rockies) 44:47; 2 Maria Bendana (Mornigside) 47:24; 3 Patricia Forbes (Tuks) 48:57. **Masters:** 1 Ansie Breytenbach (Irene) 45:58; 2 Ilse Merrick (Enduro) 54:33; 3 Teresa le Roux (VTM) 58:00. **G'masters:** 1 Ina Wheatley (PMMC) 62:35; 2 Magda Mans (ACRW) 75:21. **G/g'masters:** 1 Marie van Rooyen (PMMC) 97:07. **Juniors:** 1 Janel Visser (Tuks) 44:36.

Totalsports Women's Day 10 km

(Women only)

Cape Town, 9 August

(Certified loop course, quite hilly. Weather: Perfect conditions, cool, no wind. Finishers: 2708.)

<u>Note</u>: The finisher figure includes the male participants in the race. Many runners did not fill in the name of their club on their entry form; DRR has added those that are known. – Ed.

| 1 | Zintle | Xiniwe | FNB | 36:58 |
|----|----------|-------------|-------------------|-------|
| 2 | Tanith | MAXWELL | Boxer Superstores | 37:03 |
| 3 | Tanya | SCOTT | UCT | 38:30 |
| 4 | Ebeth | MARAIS | Maties | 39:15 |
| 5 | Angele | Satariano | MLT | 39:59 |
| 6 | Candyce | HALL | Carbineers | 40:05 |
| 7 | Jana | Le Roux | Nedbank | 40:36 |
| 8 | Obertina | KANYONGO | FNB | 40:39 |
| 9 | Pamela | Moyikwa | VOB | 41:40 |
| 10 | Coriaan | De Villiers | Nedbank | 41:47 |
| 11 | Ashleigh | SIMONIS | Carbineers | 41:54 |
| 12 | Chantal | SIMPSON | Nedbank | 41:55 |
| 13 | Elmarie | COETZEE | FNB | 42:14 |
| 14 | Sophie | COPE | Spartan Harriers | 42:29 |
| 15 | Ursula | FRANS | Nedbank | 42:31 |
| 17 | Marion | SERFONTEIN | ? | 43:10 |
| 19 | Busiswe | MATIWANE | 1000 Hills | 43:18 |
| 20 | Dianne | MCEWAN | ? | 43:40 |
| 21 | Roshaan | MEYER | ? | 43:42 |
| 22 | Lara | ROSSOUW | Stellenbosch | 43:45 |

Nelson Mandela Bay Diva Run

(Women only)

Port Elizabeth, 9 August

(Distance: 10 km; loop course with some hills. Weather: cold, but no wind. Finishers: 284 [up from 213 last year].)

<u>Note</u>: An easy win here for junior Simonay Weitsz in the second best time of her career, beating her list leader which she ran earlier this year in Cape Town. The finisher figure includes the male participants in the race. – Ed.

| 1 | Simonay | Weitsz (1 st jun) | KPMG | 17 | 35:25 |
|----|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----|-------|
| 2 | Liziwe | Mabona | Ampa AC | 28 | 36:05 |
| 3 | Ncumisa | James | Tinarha AC | 14 | 36:43 |
| 4 | Ntombesintu | Mfunzi | Nedbank RC | 34 | 37:45 |
| 5 | Ndileka | Mvakwendlu | Tinarha AC | 25 | 38:03 |
| 6 | Vuyiseka | Nkumenge | Future Olympian | 20 | 38:38 |
| 7 | Bulelwa | Simae | Nedbank RC WP | 39 | 39:09 |
| 8 | Jamie-Lee | Schlemmer | Madibaz AC | 20 | 39:21 |
| 9 | Siphokazi | Nojoko | Motherwell AC | 21 | 39:56 |
| 10 | Asanda | Solani | Achilles AAA | 33 | 40:27 |
| 11 | Freedah | Ncube | Madibaz AC | 34 | 40:59 |
| 12 | Davera | Magson (1 st vet) | Nedbank RC | 41 | 41:06 |
| 13 | Liza-Marie | Kingston | Nedbank RC | 34 | 41:29 |
| 14 | Joan | Viljoen | Nedbank RC | 22 | 41:50 |
| 15 | Zandile | Rubushe | Mdantsane | 31 | 41:51 |
| 16 | Margie | Saunders (1 st g'mast) | Nedbank RC | 62 | 42:50 |

| 17 18 19 20 | Deliwe Katherine Terri-Lynn Siphokazi | Nyanga Van der Walt Penney Liwani | Nedbank RC Body Concept RWFL EP Motherwell AC | 27 40 39 19 | 43:04 43:13 43:19 43:24 |
|----------------------|--|--|--|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 40-4 | 14 : | | | | |
| 1 | Davera | Magson | Nedbank RC | 41 | 41:06 |
| 2 | Katherine | Van der Walt | Body Concept | 40 | 43:13 |
| 3 | Priscilla | Dyantyi | Nedbank RC | 42 | 45:15 |
| 45-4 | | | | | |
| 1 | Grizelda | Pietersen | Nedbank RC | 47 | 44:35 |
| 2 | Cathy | Curtain | Muirite Strider | 45 | 51:18 |
| 3 | Lieze | Ferreira | Temp | 49 | 53:14 |
| 50- ! | Christine | Claasen | Achilles AAA | 51 | 44:52 |
| 2 | Johannette | Oosthuizen | Body Concept | 52 | 48:03 |
| 3 | Buyelwa | Kobokana | Nedbank RC | 51 | 49:41 |
| 55-! | | Robokaria | Wedballk Ite | 31 | 13.11 |
| 1 | Janette | Schierz-Crusius | Body Concept | 55 | 47:30 |
| 2 | Lynette | Crause | Walmer AC | 56 | 55:54 |
| 3 | Ria | Greyling | Muirite Strider | 55 | 1:02:10 |
| 60-6 | 64: | , 3 | | | |
| 1 | Margie | Saunders | Nedbank RC | 62 | 42:50 |
| 2 | Nicki | Van Niekerk | Muirite Strider | 62 | 1:00:07 |
| 3 | Christine | Snyman | Despatch AC | 60 | 1:07:29 |
| 65-6 | | | | | |
| 1 | Liz | Grundlingh | Muirite Strider | 69 | 57:33 |
| 2 | Helene | Oppel | Crusaders AC | 66 | 1:02:08 |
| 3 | Jeanette | Pienaar | PEAAC | 68 | 1:07:00 |
| 70-7 | | Charrie | N L. D.C | 70 | 1.02.40 |
| 1 | Ronelle | Steyn | Nedbank RC | 72 70 | 1:03:40 |
| 2 | Vicky Val | Ashley | Profiles AC Profiles AC | 70 70 | 1:14:13 |
| 3 75- 7 | | Sandow | Profiles AC | 70 | 1:31:03 |
| 1 | Dorothy | Hart | Madibaz AC | 78 | 1:16:07 |
| _ | iors: | riait | Madibaz AC | 70 | 1.10.07 |
| 1 | Simonay | Weitsz | KPMG | 17 | 35:25 |
| 2 | Ncumisa | James | Tinarha AC | 14 | 36:43 |
| 3 | Siphokazi | Liwani | Motherwell AC | 19 | 43:24 |
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Totalsports Women's Day Race

(Women only)

Johannesburg, 9 August

(Distance: 10 km. Course configuration unknown. Finishers: 4275 [huge increase from 2786 last year].)

 $\underline{\text{Note}}$: The finisher figure includes the male participants in the race. Unfortunately no club names were included in the results. – Ed.

- 1. Lebogang Phalula 33:41
- 2. Mapaseka Makhanya 35:55
- 3. Yolande Maclean 37:19
- 4. Kataza Shipalana 37:46
- 5. Keneilwe Sesing 38:14
- 6. Nqobile Thobile Vilakazi 39:37
- 7. Maria Vilakazi 41:27

- 8. Rebecca Tebogo Mokgosinyane 42:12
- 9. Annique Burger 43:26
- 10. Leandra Greyling 43:37

Castle Walk 10 km

Pretoria, 9 August

(Loop course. Finishers: 740.)

MEN

1 Bafana Dube (Transnet) 36:58; 2 Frans Mogashoa (Wingate) 37:02; 3 Altus Badenhorst (Born 2 Run) 38:10.

Veterans: 1 Judas Ntuli (Magnolia) 38:39; 2 Leon Baker (Midrand) 40:36; 3 Sipho Mahlangu (Runavation) 41:34. **Masters:** 1 Matthews Ramoshaba (Wingate) 41:50; 2 Burger Linde (Team Vitality) 45:24; 3 Leon Limper (Team Vitality) 45:50. **G'masters:** 1 Elias Raphulu (Black Diamond) 50:37; 2 Dieter Gloeck (Magnolia) 57:24; 3 Kosie van Vuuren (Fit 2000) 60:11. **G/g'masters:** 1 Pele Tshikundamalema (Olifantsfontein) 57:10; 2 Bert v.d. Raad (ACRW) 74:24; 3 Arthur Boyce (Vodacom) 83:21. **Juniors:** 1 Bongani Ntuli (Magnolia) 50:02.

WOMEN

1 Myrette Brink (KPMG) 43:45; 2 Jeannie de Beer (Runavation) 47:40; 3 Cecilia Raath (Nedbank) 48:26.

Veterans: 1 Marietjie McDermott (Love Running) 49:54; 2 Tracey Housdon (Phobians) 54:47; 3 Meintjie Jansen (Secunda) 57:49. **Masters:** 1 Debbie Bredenkamp (HQH) 51:56; 2 Ilse Crous (Unisa) 56:23; 3 Elisheva Rossouw (Nedbank) 60:48. **G'masters:** 1 Gizelle Geyer (Phobians) 66:55; 2 Diane Duggan (Melkbos) 67:34; 3 Hermien Velleman (Irene) 75:18. **80+:** 1 Deirdre Larkin (Randburg Harriers) 77:55. **Juniors:** 1 Carissa Schubert (Love Running) 67:19; 2 Caitlyn van Dyk (RWFL) 71:37.

Women in Action 10 km

(Women only) Durban, 7 August

- 1. Loveness Madziva (ZIM/DCMS) 40:10
- 2. Fikile Mbuthuma (Nedbank) 40:29
- 3. Zama Mokoena (KPMG) 43:09

40-49: 1. Thembisile Mwelase (KwaDabeka) 49:02. **50-59:** 1. Roshini Matasen (Highway) 51:51. **60+:** 1. Blanche Moila (Savages) 51:39. **Juniors:** 1. Caylee Ellero (CKS) 43:48.

Mthunzini Bush 16 km & 10 km Challenge

Mthunzini, 7 August

Note: Unfortunately no clubs were included with the results. - Ed.

16 km

MEN

- 1. Adam Lipschitz 58:12
- 2. Patrick Nkosi 1:01:02
- 3. Nkosinathi Zungu 1:03:02
- 4. Innocent Nyawose 1:03:40
- 5. Bernard Phalatsane (ZIM) 1:04:31

- 6. Mbuyiseni Zikhali 1:04:31
- 7. Jabulani Mtshali 1:04:54
- 8. July Ndlovu 1:05:42
- 9. Vusi Dlamini 1:07:46
- 10. Craig Buchanan 1:08:03

WOMEN

- 1. Cary-Ann Smith 1:12:11
- 2. Melani van Rooyen 1:12:18
- 3. Michelle de Montille 1:14:48
- 4. Amy Burger 1:17:50
- 5. Teneal Featherby 1:20:12
- 6. Desiree Chantal Verwey 1:21:43
- 7. Precious Duma 1:22:05
- 8. Izelle Geyser 1:23:52
- 9. Rethe Maree 1:28:07
- 10. Lise Muchna 1:29:05

10 km

MEN

- 1. Thulani Mdletshe 35:03
- 2. Thabani Shoyisa 36:46
- 3. Nkanyiso Sibiya 38:53
- 4. Ndu Ngema 41:07
- 5. Linda Xulu 41:09

WOMEN

- 1. Nomcebo Mthwethwa 44:24
- 2. Shani Silver 44:48
- 3. Zanie Sharp 54:11
- 4. Catherine Warren 59:05
- 5. Edite Mack 1:00:11

CROSS-COUNTRY

EP Championships

Port Elizabeth, 13 August

Note: All distances are 4 km except where indicated otherwise. – Ed.

| SR. | MEN (10 km) | | | | |
|-----|-------------|-----------|--------------------|----|-------|
| 1 | Zolani | Ngqaqa | Tinarha | 27 | 32:30 |
| 2 | Mariano | Eesou | Bestmed Madibaz AC | 24 | 32:38 |
| 3 | Amos | Nyongo | Ikhamva | 30 | 33:16 |
| 4 | Rodney | Prins | Nedbank | 27 | 33:42 |
| 5 | Nathi | Mfanyana | Bestmed Madibaz AC | 34 | 33:56 |
| 6 | Melikhaya | Frans | Ikhamva | 26 | 34:32 |
| 7 | Mabongo | Zolani | Ikhamva | 30 | 34:33 |
| 8 | Ricardo | Plaatjies | Xcel | 33 | 34:53 |
| 9 | Anele | Maliza | Nedbank | 38 | 35:36 |
| 10 | Xolisa | Kula | Motherwell H/S | 26 | 38:10 |
| SR. | MEN | | | | |
| 1 | Zolani | Ngqaqa | Tinarha | 27 | 12:33 |
| 2 | Amos | Nyongo | Ikhamva | 30 | 12:43 |
| 3 | Melikhaya | Frans | Ikhamva | 26 | 12:44 |

| 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 | Sibusiso Bulelani Masande Charles Duwayne Asonele Zukisani | Thu Niwa Mlonyeni Segalo Lucas Zazini Makhawula | Tinarha Ach Sanlamc Charlo Aspen Mzamomhle S/S VWAC | 28 32 35 29 26 18 28 | 13:15 13:32 13:44 14:01 14:09 16:10 16:24 |
|----------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|
| | ERAN MEN (8 k | | | | |
| 1 2 | Terrance Thobile | Mjekula Xata | Tinarha Bluebay | 43 42 | 29:46 30:49 |
| 3 MAC | August TER MEN (8 kr | Esau | Nedbank | 45 | 31:55 |
| 1 1 | Bennie | Stadler | Ach | 53 | 33:12 |
| 2 | Welcome | Loliwe | Nedbank | 51 | 33:26 |
| 3 G′M 4 | Joseph ASTER MEN (6 | Bain | CSEP | 56 | 36:57 |
| 1 | Graham | Channon | Ach | 66 | 31:10 |
| 2 | Percy | Dalton | Ach | 68 | 31:30 |
| 3 U.23 | Ken | Barwood | Ach | 61 | 33:21 |
| 1 | Adriaan | Gerwel | Xcel | 20 | 13:01 |
| 2 | Brendon | Effenaar | Nedbank | 20 | 13:08 |
| 3 U.21 | Clinton | Koeries | Temp | 22 | 15:16 |
| 1 | Lonwabo | Williams | Tinarha | 17 | 13:33 |
| 2 | Nel | Mandilakhe | Phaphani | 19 | 14:01 |
| 3 | Bonga (8 km) | Jack | Mzamomhle S/S | 19 | 17:31 |
| 1 | Xabiso | Kobe | Tinarha | 18 | 30:00 |
| 2 | Ricardo | Ruiters | Mccarthy H/S | 19 | 30:23 |
| 3 11 17 | Samuel (6 km) | Effenaar | Mccarthy H/S | 17 | 30:27 |
| 1 | Sivuyile | Selani | Tinarha | 17 | 21:01 |
| 2 | Dylan | Finlay | Grey H/S | 17 | 22:18 |
| 3 | Clayton | Vaaltuin | Mccarthy H/S | 17 | 22:28 |
| SR. \ | WOMEN (10 kr | n) | | | |
| 1 | Cherise | Sims | Bestmed Madibaz AC | 23 | 39:36 |
| 2 | Ndileka | Mvakwendlu | Tinarha | 25 | 40:27 |
| 3 4 | Ntombesintu Deliwe | Mfunzi Nyanga | Nedbank Nedbank | 34 27 | 40:28 45:50 |
| 5 | Luthando | Nxanisa | Tinarha | 23 | 48:01 |
| CD V | WOMEN | | | | |
| 1 | Ntombesintu | Mfunzi | Nedbank | 34 | 15:38 |
| 2 | Megan | Dempster | Bestmed Madibaz AC | 28 | 16:27 |
| 3 | Freedah | Ncube | Bestmed Madibaz AC | 34 | 16:58 |
| 4 5 | Luthando Nonkululeko | Nxanisa Mbane | Tinarha Mother | 23 24 | 17:34 20:16 |
| 6 | Helen | Mentzel | Profiles | 51 | 20.16 |
| 7 | Simone | Olckers | Sappe | 14 | 25:18 |
| VETF | RAN WOMEN | | | | |
| 1 | Jene | Banfield | RFLG | 45 | 17:52 |
| 2 | Grizelda | Pietersen | Nedbank | 47 | 19:09 |
| 3 | Elna | Jonck | CSEP | 40 | 22:31 |

| MAS | TER WOMEN | | | | |
|------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|----|-------|
| 1 | Christine | Claasen | Ach | 51 | 18:31 |
| 2 | Janette | Schierz-Crusius | Bodycon | 55 | 20:13 |
| 3 | Liz | Austin | Ach | 58 | 25:59 |
| U.23 | | | | | |
| 1 | Jamie-Lee | Schlemmer | Bestmed Madibaz AC | 20 | 16:08 |
| 2 | Siphokazi | Nojoko | Mother | 21 | 16:32 |
| U.21 | | | | | |
| 1 | Annelisa | Majola | Strelitzia H/S | 21 | 21:09 |
| 2 | Nelisa | Jonas | Mzamomhle S/S | 19 | 32:05 |
| 3 | Nomvuselelo | Antonie | Mzamomhle S/S | 21 | 32:21 |
| U.19 | (6 km) | | | | |
| 1 | Siphokazi | Liwani | Mother | 19 | 26:32 |
| 2 | Courtney | Shaw | Pearson H/S | 18 | 29:41 |
| 3 | Amorette | Matthee | Framesby H/S | 17 | 31:41 |
| U.17 | | | | | |
| 1 | Chane | Petzer | Framesby H/S | 16 | 17:31 |
| 2 | Channah | Du Plessis | Cradock | 17 | 18:08 |
| 3 | Shene | Delport | Framesby H/S | 17 | 18:24 |
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INTERNATIONAL

International results and news with acknowledgement to *Race Results Weekly, Athletics International, e-Track Newsletter, Running USA Wire,* Ken Nakamura, Wim van Hemert, the IAAF and various other websites. South Africans' performances are highlighted in yellow.

ROAD RUNNING

Women's Olympic Games Marathon (9th)

(Abbott World Marathon Majors Event)

Rio de Janeiro, BRA, 14 August

(Distance: 42.195 km; certified out-and-back course [5 km opening segment, 3 x 10 km, 7.195 km closing segment])

| 1. Jemima Jelagat SUMGONG, KE [1:12:57 / 1:11:07] 2. Eurice Jepkirui KIRWA, BRN | 2:24:04 GOLD 2:24:13 SILVER |
|---|--------------------------------|
| [1:12:57 / 1:11:16] 3. Mare DIBABA, ETH [1:12:57 / 1:11:33] | 2:24:30 BRONZE |
| , | 2:24:47 |
| | 2:24:48 |
| Shalane FLANAGAN, USA | 2:25:26 SB |
| Desiree LINDEN, USA | 2:26:08 SB |
| 8. Rose CHELIMO, BRN | 2:27:36 |
| 9. Amy CRAGG, USA | 2:28:25 |
| 10. Hye-Song KIM, PRK | 2:28:36 SB |
| 12. Jelena PROKOPCUKA, LAT | 7 2:29:32 |
| [1:15:58 / 1:13:34] | |
| 13. Valeria STRANEO, ITA | 2:29:44 SB |
| 41. Beata NAIGAMBO, NAM | 2:36:32 |
| 56. Helalia JOHANNES, NAM | 2:39:55 |
| 63. Dina Lebo PHALULA, RSA | 2:41:46 |
| 92. Rutendo NYAHORA, ZIM | 2:47:32 |
| 96. Christine KALMER, RSA | 2:48:24 |
| DNS Irvette VAN ZYL, RSA | |

Sun-Herald City to Surf 14 km (46th)

Sydney, AUS, 14 August

MEN

Harry Summers
 Thomas Do Canto
 Matthew Cox
 41:54
 43:08
 43:20

WOMEN

Cassie Fien 47:21
 Virginia Moloney 48:03
 Tarli Bird 48:53

TRACK

Olympic Games (31st)

Rio de Janeiro, BRA, 12-21 August

1. Pierre-Ambroise BOSSE, FRA

MEN

800:

Semi-Finals (13):

Heat 1 -

2. Taoufik MAKHLOUFI, ALG
3. Marcin LEWANDOWSKI, POL
4. Ferguson ROTICH, KEN
5. Mostafa SMAILI, MAR
6. Kleberson DAVIDE, BRA
7. Andres ARROYO, PUR
7. Michael RIMMER, GBR
1:43.85 Q SB
1:44.56 q SB
1:44.65 q
1:45.78
1:46.19
1:46.74
1:46.80

1:43.85 Q SB

Heat 2 -

 1. Alfred KIPKETER, KEN
 1:44.38 Q

 2. Boris BERIAN, USA
 1:44.56 Q

 3. Yassine HETHAT, ALG
 1:44.81 PB

 4. Amel TUKA, BIH
 1:45.24

5. Rynardt VAN RENSBURG, RSA
6. Brandon McBRIDE, CAN
7. Andreas BUBE, DEN
8. Mohammed AMAN, ETH
1:45.33 PB
1:45.41
1:45.87 SB
1:46.14

Heat 3 -

1. David RUDISHA, KEN 1:43.88 Q 1:44.30 Q PB 2. Clayton MURPHY, USA 3. Adam KSZCZOT, POL 1:44.70 4. Ayanleh SOULEIMAN, DJI 1:45.19 5. Mark ENGLISH, IRL 1:45.93 6. Giordano BENEDETTI, ITA 1:46.41 SB 7. Amine BELFERAR, ALG 1:46.55 8. Hamada MOHAMED, EGY 1:48.17

Prelims (12):

Heat 1 -

1. Ayanleh SOULEIMAN, DJI 1:45.48 Q 2. Amel TUKA, BIH 1:45.72 Q

| 3. Boris BERIAN, USA 4. Kleberson DAVIDE, BRA 5. Žan RUDOLF, SLO 6. Antoine GAKEME, BDI 7. Musa HAJDARI, KOS DQ Abraham ROTICH, BRN | 1:45.87 Q 1:46.14 q 1:46.93 SB 1:47.46 1:48.41 [IAAF Rule 163.3a] |
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| Heat 2 - 1. Adam KSZCZOT, POL 2. Ferguson ROTICH, KEN 3. Andres ARROYO, PUR 4. Hamada MOHAMED, EGY 5. Rafith RODRÍGUEZ, COL 6. Boitumelo MASILO, BOT 7. Luke MATHEWS, AUS 8. Brice ETES, MON | 1:45.83 Q 1:46.00 Q 1:46.17 Q 1:46.65 q 1:46.65 SB 1:48.48 1:50.17 |
| Heat 3 - 1. David RUDISHA, KEN 2. Rynardt VAN RENSBURG, RS 3. Michael RIMMER, GBR 4. Clayton MURPHY, USA 5. Jinson JOHNSON, IND 6. Anthony ROMANIW, CAN 7. Lutmar PAES, BRA 8. Benjamín ENZEMA, GEQ 9. Alex BEDDOES, COK | 1:45.09 Q SA 1:45.67 Q SB 1:45.99 Q 1:46.18 q 1:47.27 1:47.59 1:48.38 1:52.14 NR 1:52.76 PB |
| Heat 4 - 1. Alfred KIPKETER, KEN 2. Andreas BUBE, DEN 3. Yassine HETHAT, ALG 4. Álvaro DE ARRIBA, ESP 5. Wesley VAZQUEZ, PUR 6. Charles JOCK, USA 7. Elliot GILES, GBR 8. Yiech Pur BIEL, ROT DQ Joshua ILUSTRE, GUM | 1:46.61 Q 1:46.67 Q 1:46.81 Q 1:46.86 1:46.96 1:47.06 1:47.88 1:54.67 [IAAF Rule 163.3a] |
| Heat 5 - 1. Taoufik MAKHLOUFI, ALG 2. Mostafa SMAILI, MAR 3. Giordano BENEDETTI, ITA 4. Sho KAWAMOTO, JPN 5. Jacob ROZANI, RSA 6. Jozef REPCÌK, SVK 7. Nijel AMOS, BOT 8. Kevin LÓPEZ, ESP | 1:49.17 Q 1:49.29 Q 1:49.40 Q 1:49.41 1:49.79 1:49.95 1:50.46 1:53.41 |
| Heat 6 - 1. Brandon McBRIDE, CAN 2. Marcin LEWANDOWSKI, POL 3. Mark ENGLISH, IRL 4. Jeff RISELEY, AUS 5. Abubaker Haydar ABDALLA, 6. POI MOYA, AND 7. Alex AMANKWAH, GHA | 1:46.40 Q 1:46.93 |

DNF-- Abdelati EL GUESSE, MAR

Heat 7 -1. Pierre-Ambroise BOSSE, FRA 1:48.12 Q 2. Mohammed AMAN, ETH 1:48.33 Q 3. Amine BELFERAR, ALG 1:48.40 Q 4. Daniel ANDÚJAR, ESP 1:48.50 5. Charles GRETHEN, LUX 1:48.93 6. Peter BOL, AUS 1:49.36 7. Francky MBOTTO, CAF 1:52.97 10000 (13): 1. Mo FARAH, GBR 27:05.17 **GOLD** [13:53.11 / 13:12.06] 27:05.64 SB SILVER 2. Paul TANUI, KEN 3. Tamirat TOLA, ETH 27:06.26 **BRONZE** 4. Yigrem DEMELASH, ETH 27:06.27 5. Galen RUPP, USA 27:08.92 SB 6. Joshua CHEPTEGEI, UGA 27:10.06 PB 27:22.93 SB 7. Bedan Karoki MUCHIRI, KEN 8. Zersenay TADESE, ERI 27:23.86 9. Nguse AMLOSOM, ERI 27:30.79 SB 10. Abraham CHEROBEN, BRN 27:31.86 PB 11. Geoffrey KAMWOROR, KEN 27:31.94 SB 12. Zane ROBERTSON, NZL 27:33.67 NR/PB 13. Polat Kemboi ARIKAN, TUR 27:35.50 PB 14. Leonard KORIR, USA 27:35.65 SB 15. Abadi HADIS, ETH 27:36.34 16. David MCNEILL, AUS 27:51.71 SB 17. Suguru OSAKO, JPN 27:51.94 18. Stephen MOKOKA, RSA 27:54.57 19. Shadrack KIPCHIRCHIR, USA 27:58.32 SB 28:01.49 SB 20. Bashir ABDI, BEL WOMEN 1500: Semi-Finals (14): 1. Faith KIPYEGON, KEN 4:03.95 Q 2. Dawit SEYAUM, ETH 4:04.23 Q 4:04.46 Q SB Shannon ROWBURY, USA 4. Besu SADO, ETH 4:05.19 Q 5. Laura WEIGHTMAN, GBR 4:05.28 Q 6. Sofia ENNAOUI, POL 4:05.29 q 7. Rababe ARAFI, MAR 4:05.60 q 8. Linden HALL, AUS 4:05.81 9. Zoe BUCKMAN, AUS 4:06.95 10. Konstanze KLOSTERHALFEN, GER 4:07.26 11. Ciara MAGEEAN, IRL 4:08.07 12. Brenda MARTINEZ, USA 4:10.41 Heat 2 -1. Genzebe DIBABA, ETH 4:03.06 Q 2. Sifan HASSAN, NED 4:03.62 Q 3. Laura MUIR, GBR 4:04.16 Q 4. Jenny SIMPSON, USA 4:05.07 Q 4:06.41 Q 5. Meraf BAHTA, SWE Violah LAGAT, KEN 4:06.83

| 7. Nicole SIFUENTES, CAN 8. Malika AKKAOUI, MAR 9. Diana SUJEW, GER 10. Danuta URBANIK, POL 11. Jenny BLUNDELL, AUS 12. Angelika CICHOCKA, POL | 4:08.53 4:08.55 4:10.15 4:11.34 4:13.25 4:17.83 |
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| Prelims (12): Heat 1 - 1. Genzebe DIBABA, ETH 2. Ciara MAGEEAN, IRL 3. Brenda MARTINEZ, USA 4. Linden HALL, AUS 5. Angelika CICHOCKA, POL | 4:10.61 Q 4:11.51 Q 4:11.74 Q 4:11.75 Q 4:11.76 Q |
| 6. Konstanze KLOSTERHALFEN, 7. Hilary STELLINGWERFF, CAN 8. Maureen KOSTER, NED 9. Siham HILALI, MAR 10. Amela TERZIC, SRB 11. Nancy CHEPKWEMOI, KEN 12. Marta PEN FREITAS, POR 13. Saraswati BHATTARAI, NEP 14. Celma BONFIM DA GRAÇA, S | GER 4:11.76 Q 4:12.00 4:13.15 4:13.46 4:15.17 4:15.41 4:18.53 4:33.94 NR/PB |
| Heat 2 - 1. Sifan HASSAN, NED 2. Faith KIPYEGON, KEN 3. Sofia ENNAOUI, POL 4. Jenny SIMPSON, USA 5. Malika AKKAOUI, MAR 6. Besu SADO, ETH 7. Laura WEIGHTMAN, GBR 8. Jenny BLUNDELL, AUS 9. Gabriela STAFFORD, CAN 10. Muriel CONEO, COL 11. Tigist GASHAW, BRN 12. Florina PIERDEVARA, ROU 13. Nikki HAMBLIN, NZL 14. Anjelina Nadai LOHALITH, RO | 4:06.64 Q 4:06.65 Q 4:06.90 Q 4:06.99 Q 4:07.42 Q SB 4:08.11 Q 4:08.37 q 4:09.05 q 4:09.45 4:09.50 4:10.96 4:11.55 SB 4:11.88 |
| Heat 3 - 1. Dawit SEYAUM, ETH 2. Shannon ROWBURY, USA 3. Laura MUIR, GBR 4. Rababe ARAFI, MAR 5. Meraf BAHTA, SWE 6. Zoe BUCKMAN, AUS 7. Nicole SIFUENTES, CAN 8. Violah LAGAT, KEN 9. Danuta URBANIK, POL 10. Diana SUJEW, GER 11. Margherita MAGNANI, ITA 12. Kadra MOHAMED DEMBIL, DJ 13. Nelia MARTINS, TLS | 4:05.33 Q 4:06.47 Q 4:06.53 Q 4:06.63 Q 4:06.82 Q 4:06.93 Q 4:07.43 q 4:08.09 q 4:08.67 q 4:09.07 q 4:09.74 |
| 10000 (12): 1. Almaz AYANA, ETH | 29:17.45 WR/OR/NR/WL/PB GOL |

| 2. Vivian CHERUIYOT, KEN 3. Tirunesh DIBABA, ETH 4. Alice NAWOWUNA, KEN 5. Betsy SAINA, KEN 6. Molly HUDDLE, USA 7. Yasemin CAN, TUR 8. Gelete BURKA, ETH 9. Karoline Bjerkeli GRØVDAL, N 10. Eloise WELLINGS, AUS 11. Emily INFELD, USA 12. Sarah LAHTI, SWE 13. Diane NUKURI, BDI 14. Susan KUIJKEN, NED 15. Jo PAVEY, GBR 16. Jess ANDREWS, GBR 17. Alexi PAPPAS, GRE 18. Yuka TAKASHIMA, JPN 19. Darya MASLOVA, KGZ 20. Hanami SEKINE, JPN 21. Dominique SCOTT, RSA | 29:32.53 NR/PB 29:42.56 PB 29:53.51 PB 30:07.78 PB 30:13.17 AR/NR 30:26.41 AUR/PB 30:26.66 PB NOR 31:14.07 PB 31:14.94 PB 31:28.43 NR/PB 31:28.69 NR/PB 31:32.43 31:33.44 SB 31:35.92 PB 31:36.16 NR/PB 31:36.44 31:36.90 NR/PB 31:44.44 31:51.47 PB | SILVER BRONZE |
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| 3000m s/chase: Prelims (13): Heat 1 - 1. Ruth JEBET, BRN 2. Sofia ASSEFA, ETH 3. Gesa Felicitas KRAUSE, GER 4. Colleen QUIGLEY, USA 5. Lydia ROTICH, KEN 6. Mariya SHATALOVA, UKR 7. Peruth CHEMUTAI, UGA 8. Charlotta FOUGBERG, SWE 9. Özlem KAYA, TUR 10. Sviatlana KUDZELICH, BLR 11. Fadwa SIDI MADANE, MAR 12. Diana MARTÍN, ESP 13. Ingeborg LØVNES, NOR 14. Kerry O'FLAHERTY, IRL 15. Juliana Paula DOS SANTOS, 16. Erin TESCHUK, CAN 17. Anju TAKAMIZAWA, JPN | 9:12.62 Q 9:18.75 Q 9:19.70 Q 9:21.82 q 9:30.21 q 9:30.89 PB 9:31.03 PB 9:31.16 9:32.03 SB 9:32.93 SB 9:32.94 SB 9:44.07 9:44.85 9:45.35 SB BRA 9:45.95 9:53.70 9:58.59 | |
| Heat 2 - 1. Beatrice CHEPKOECH, KEN 2. Emma COBURN, USA 3. Habiba GHRIBI, TUN 4. Lalita BABAR, IND 5. Madeline HEINER HILLS, AUS 6. Fabienne SCHLUMPF, SUI 7. Hiwot AYALEW, ETH 8. Matylda KOWAL, POL 9. Sanaa KOUBAA, GER 10. Victoria MITCHELL, AUS 11. Michelle FINN, IRL 12. Tigest GETENT, BRN 13. Maria BERNARD, CAN 14. Meryem AKDAG, TUR | 9:17.55 Q 9:18.12 Q 9:18.71 Q SB 9:19.76 q NR/PB 9:24.16 q SB 9:30.54 q NR/PB 9:35.09 SB 9:35.13 PB 9:35.15 PB 9:39.40 SB 9:49.45 9:49.92 9:50.17 9:50.28 | |

 15. Sandra ERIKSSON, FIN
 9:56.77

 16. Luiza GEGA, ALB
 9:58.49

 17. Anastasiya PUZAKOVA, BLR
 10:14.08

 18. Amina BETTICHE, ALG
 10:26.91

Heat 3 -

1. Hyvin Kiyeng JEPKEMOI, KEN 9:24.61 Q 2. Genevieve LACAZE, AUS 9:26.25 Q 3. Courtney FRERICHS, USA 9:27.02 Q

4. Genevieve LALONDE, CAN 9:30.24 q NR/PB

5. Xinyan ZHANG, CHN 9:31.47

6. Anna Emilie MØLLER, DEN 9:32.68 NR/NUR/AJR/PB

7. Etenesh DIRO, ETH 9:34.70 q 8. Aisha PRAUGHT, JAM 9:35.79 q 9. Sudha SINGH, IND 9:43.29

Salima ELOUALI ALAMI, MAR 9:44.83 SB 11. Eliane SAHOLINIRINA, MAD 9:45.92 9:46.24 q 12. Sara TREACY, IRL 13. Ancuta BOBOCEL, ROU 9:46.28 14. Tugba GÜVENC, TUR 9:49.93 SB 15. Maya REHBERG, GER 9:51.73 16. Belén CASETTA, ARG 9:51.85 17. Lennie WAITE, GBR 10:14.18

BOOK REVIEW

This review of the book covering the careers of Mary Decker and Zola Budd and their infamous clash at the 1984 Olympics was written by Mel Watman and appeared in *Athletics International*.

Collision Course by Jason Henderson. Published by Birlinn Ltd (order via www.birlinn.co.uk). Cover price: £12.99.

The 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles were notable for such glorious feats as Carl Lewis's four gold medals and repeat victories by Seb Coe and Daley Thompson, and yet the image that has outlived all others is the moment when Mary Decker got tangled up with Zola Budd and fell during the 3000 m final. There was a collective gasp of horror from the predominantly American crowd of 85,000 who had been anticipating a sweet victory by Mary, the World champion and favourite for the event. While Mary was writhing in mental and physical agony on the infield the race continued, with many partisan fans – deciding Zola was to blame – booing the young barefoot runner who never really wanted to be there anyway. In tears herself, she slipped back to finish a distant seventh. Such was the furore that little credit was awarded the winner, Romania's Maricica Puica, and runner-up Wendy Sly of Britain ... both of whom ran brilliantly.

The Decker-Budd saga was the subject of a perceptive feature-length film shown recently on British TV and, purely coincidentally, at the time the film was being made *Athletics Weekly* editor Jason Henderson was busy researching and writing his book, subtitled "The Olympic Tragedy of Mary Decker and Zola Budd." This 232-page paperback explores the pair's background and racing careers, and it makes compelling reading as the author meticulously documents the rise to fame of two incredibly precocious young athletes with little in common other than their love and talent for running.

Mary (born August 1958) is nearly eight years older than Zola (born May 1966) and was already an established world class athlete before her South African future opponent had even started running. In 1973, still only 14, Mary won the 800 m in a match between the Soviet Union and the USA, while Zola began racing three years later, at ten. Mary was Zola's idol, the American's photo prominently displayed on Zola's bedroom wall, so it was

somewhat bizarre that it was Mary's 5000 m figures of 15:08.26 that Zola beat in January 1984. Her time of 15:01.83, at age 17, would have been a world record except that South Africa was excluded from IAAF membership because of its government's apartheid policy.

It was around this time, writes Henderson, that "the *Daily Mail* newspaper started to take a serious interest in Zola and began to concoct a plan to get her a British passport in time to compete for Great Britain in the LA Olympics a few months later." It was a cynical exercise, the newspaper anticipating a major circulation boost as well as being praised for enabling a potential gold medallist to be included in the British Olympic team. Influential strings were pulled and a British passport was delivered in record time. In fact, other than a lucrative financial arrangement, from which Frank Budd, Zola's father, was the main beneficiary, the move to Britain in March 1984 proved a disaster for Zola. This shy, unworldly Afrikaans-speaking country girl suddenly found herself the object of feverish media attention in an alien English-speaking world. To add to her distress, she also became the target of anti-apartheid demonstrations. Looking back over 30 years, how ironic it is that the *Daily Mail*, latterly such a vocal critic of what it terms 'plastic Brits', should have originated the introduction of foreign talent into the British athletics team.

Mary was less than enchanted by the arrival of a new rival for the Olympic 3000 m crown and grew increasingly irritated in media interviews by the constant references to Zola. Mary had gained a superb 3000/1500 m double over strong Soviet opposition at the inaugural 1983 World Championships and her races in 1984 in preparation for the Games included fast times at 1500 m and 3000 m. Zola in turn set out her stall with a world best 2000 m time of 5:33.15 on 13 July with Mary responding with a time of 5:32.7 on 3 August. The stage was set for a great 3000 m showdown.

The Olympic final on 10 August is described in great detail by Henderson. The consensus among the "experts" was that Decker would win with Maricica Puica, the World cross country champion and mile world record holder, and Budd slugging it out for the silver medal. In fact Puica was always confident of victory. As quoted in the book, she said: "When Mary decided not to run the 1500 m in LA, I knew something was wrong with her. I watched the strain on her face when she qualified for the 3000 m and knew she could not beat me. Then in the final she slowed down after the third lap and I had no doubt who would win."

Who was to blame for the fall? The argument rages still after all these years but most observers feel that if anyone was culpable it was Mary who was responsible for her own downfall. She had originally pointed the finger at Zola, snubbing her publicly, but later had the good grace to write her a letter of apology for her emotionally charged reaction.

The second half of this fascinating story deals with the pair's ups and downs subsequent to the LA encounter. In 1985, now married to British discus thrower Richard Slaney, Mary was undefeated all year and clearly superior to Zola and Maricica. Her races included the notorious made-for-TV 3000 m re-match at the Crystal Palace arranged by Andy Norman where Mary (paid £36,000 to appear plus £18,000 for her win) left Zola (whose staggering £90,000 fee is the equivalent today of almost £260,000) trailing home a distant fourth. Puica, offered a derisory \$2000, declined her invitation. Mary went on that summer to set a world mile record of 4:16.71 while Zola, the World cross country champion, set new global figures of 14:48.07 for 5000 m. They never raced each other again on the track, and neither shone at subsequent Olympics (Mary in 1988 and 1996) and Zola (for post-apartheid South Africa in 1992), but they did meet up – as long lost friends – in a deserted Los Angeles Coliseum early this year for a touching finale to their film.

STATS TIME

This week we publish the all-time top ten performances in the Olympic Marathon for women. The top three times recorded in yesterday's race in Rio occupy positions 7-9. The biggest winning margin, exactly two minutes, came when Fatuma Roba (ETH) won in 2:26:05 in Atlanta 1996, and the smallest, five seconds, when Tiki Gelana won in London.

OLYMPIC MARATHON: ALL-TIME TOP 10 WOMEN

| 2:23:07 | Tiki Gelana ETH | 1 | London | 2012 |
|---------|-----------------------|---|----------------|------|
| 2:23:12 | Priscah Jeptoo KEN | 2 | London | 2012 |
| 2:23:14 | Naoko Takahashi JPN | 1 | Sydney | 2000 |
| 2:23:22 | Lidia Simon ROU | 2 | Sydney | 2000 |
| 2:23:29 | Tatyana Arkhipova RUS | 3 | London | 2012 |
| 2:23:56 | Mary Keitany KEN | 4 | London | 2012 |
| 2:24:04 | Jemima Sumgong KEN | 1 | Rio de Janeiro | 2016 |
| 2:24:13 | Eunice Kirwa BRN | 2 | Rio de Janeiro | 2016 |
| 2:24:30 | Mare Dibaba ETH | 3 | Rio de Janeiro | 2016 |
| 2:24:45 | Joyce Chepchumba KEN | 3 | Sydney | 2000 |

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

80 years ago: 2 August 1936

For the first – and still only – time in Olympic history a country swept the medals in the men's 10000 metres when the Finnish star Ilmari Salminen (30:15.4) scored a narrow victory over compatriot Arvo Askola (30:15.6), with Volmari Iso-Hollo (30:20.2) third. The trio took the lead in the seventh kilometre after Japan's Kohei Murakoso had set the pace from the start. The defending Olympic marathon champion, Juan Carlos Zabala (ARG) finished sixth. Six days later Iso-Hollo would win the steeplechase in world record time.

SOUTH AFRICAN ROAD LIST LEADERS FOR 2016

This section lists the best South African performance for each of the age categories over the distances recognised by the IAAF for record purposes. Note that the categories are not closed, i.e. athletes are included in younger age categories if their times qualify. Changes from the previous list are shown in red. Please send me any amendments. World leaders are shown in the senior category, on a grey background. World records are shown in green. – Ed.

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| <u>Open</u> | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|----------------------------------|----------------|--------|--|
| 10 km | 28:50 | Elroy Gelant | Port Elizabeth | 02 Apr | |
| | 27:42 | Bitan Karoki Muchiri (KEN) | | | |
| | 27:42 | Leonard Barsoton Kiplimo (KEN) | | | |
| | 26:44 | Leonard Patrick Komon (KEN) 2010 | | | |
| 15 km | 45:39 | Jeromy Andreas | Eersterivier | 18 Jun | |
| | 41:41 | Bitan Karoki Muchiri (KEN) | | | |
| | 41:13 | Leonard Patrick Komon (KEN) 2010 | | | |
| 21.1 km | 61:26 | Stephen Mokoka | Port Elizabeth | 30 Jul | |
| | 59:10 | Geoffrey Kipsang Kamworor (KEN) | | | |
| | 58:23 | Zersenay Tadese (ERI) 2010 | | | |
| 25 km | 83:28 | Tumelo Mahlangu | Pretoria | 07 May | |
| | 81:12a | Siyabonga Nkonde | Pinetown | 31 Jan | |
| | 75:32 | Christopher Landry (USA) | | | |

| | 71:18** | Dennis Kipruto Kimetto (KEN) 2012 | | |
|----------|---------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| 30 km | 1:36:30 | Melikhaya Frans | Uitenhage | 05 Mar |
| | 1:30:45 | Keita Shitara (JPN) | | |
| | 87:37** | Emmanuel Kipchirchir Mutai (KEN) 2014 | | |
| Marathon | 2:11:27 | Lusapho April | Hannover | 10 Apr |
| | 2:03:05 | Eliud Kipchoge (KEN) | | |
| | 2:02:57 | Dennis Kipruto Kimetto (KEN) 2014 | | |
| 100 km | | | | |
| | 6:13:33 | Takahiro Sunada (JPN) | 1998 | |

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| Veterans (40+) | | | | | |
| 10 km | 30:57 | Gert Thys | Goodwood | 12 Mar | |
| | 28:51 | Paulo Catarino (POR) 2003 | | | |
| 15 km | 49:49 | Johannes Kekana | Kempton Park | 27 Jan | |
| | 44:14 | Pierre Levisse (FRA) 1992 | D . El: 1 .1 | 20.7.1 | |
| 21.1 km | 67:17 | Shadrack Hoff | Port Elizabeth | 30 Jul | |
| 25 km | 62:28 1:28:49 | John Campbell (NZL) 1990 Shadrack Hoff | Pretoria | 07 May | |
| 23 KIII | 76:49 | Martin Mondragon (MEX) 1 | | U7 May | |
| 30 km | 1:45:23 | Maxwell Goodman | Uitenhage | 05 Mar | |
| 30 Kill | 1:35:28 | Geraldo Antonio da Silva (E | | 00 1141 | |
| Marathon | 2:23:46 | Charles Tjiane | Benoni | 31 Jan | |
| | 2:08:46 | Andres Espinosa (MEX) 200 | 03 | | |
| 100 km | | | | | |
| | 6:18:24 | Mario Ardemagni (ITA) 200 |)4 | | |
| Mastars (EO L) | | | | | |
| <u>Masters</u> (50+) 10 km | 34:01 | Makaya Masumpa | Port Elizabeth | 02 Apr | |
| 10 KIII | 30:35 | Tecwyn Davies (GBR) 1988 | | 02 Api | |
| 15 km | 53:57 | Eric Coetzee | Eersterivier | 18 Jun | |
| | 47:52 | Titus Mamabolo (RSA) 199 | | | |
| 21.1 km | 75:10 | Nel Mtsweni | Port Elizabeth | 30 Jul | |
| | 66:42 | Martin Rees (GBR) 2003 | | | |
| 25 km | 1:37:22 | Joseph Ndlovu | Pretoria | 07 May | |
| 30 km | 1:57:58 | Welcome Loliwe | Uitenhage | 05 Mar | |
| Marathon | 2:47:07 | Dan Mothibe | East London | 20 Feb | |
| | 2:43:27a | Dan Mothibe | Port Elizabeth | 03 Jul | |
| 100 km | 2:19:29 | Titus Mamabolo (RSA) 199 | 1 | | |
| 100 km | | | | | |
| Grandmasters | (60+) | | | | |
| 10 km | 37:56 | Mochamat Kriel | Bellville | 02 Apr | |
| | 32:48 | Martin Rees (GBR) 2013 | | · | |
| 15 km | 58:27 | Mochamat Kriel | Ravensmead | 19 Mar | |
| | 54:32 | Cees Stolwijk (NED) 2013 | | | |
| 21.1 km | 83:37 | Mochamat Kriel | Gordon's Bay | 16 Apr | |
| 25.1 | 71:31 | Martin Rees (GBR) 2013 | 5 | 07.14 | |
| 25 km | 1:49:33 | Jan Lebese | Pretoria | 07 May | |
| 30 km | 94:01 2:12:25 | Doug Winn (USA) 2010 Mochamat Kriel | Simon's Town | 14 Aug | |
| JU KIII | 1:57:07 | Ed Whitlock (CAN) 1994 | SITIOTI S TOWIT | 14 Aug | |
| Marathon | 3:14:57 | Robbie Lindsay | East London | 20 Feb | |
| | 2:36:30 | Yoshihisa Hosaka (JPN) 20 | | _0.55 | |
| 100 km | | , | | | |
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| Great grandm | nasters (70+ |) | | |
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| 10 km | 43:16 | Andrew Spence | Sasolburg | 06 Feb |
| | 43:16 | Jeff Smith | Goodwood | 12 Mar |
| 1 E I. | 37:33 | Ed Whitlock (CAN) 2004 | Davenanaad | 10 Max |
| 15 km | 66:12 58:19 | Jeff Smith Ed Whitlock (CAN) 2001 | Ravensmead | 19 Mar |
| 21.1 km | 95:28 | Jeff Smith | Port Elizabeth | 30 Jul |
| ZIII KIII | 82:23 | Ed Whitlock (CAN) 2001 | TOTE ETIZABELIT | 30 Jul |
| 25 km | 3:03:13 | Assie van Aswegen | Pretoria | 07 May |
| | 99:59 | Clive Davies (USA) 1985 | | , |
| 30 km | 2:22:55 | Jeff Smith | Camps Bay | 10 Jan |
| | 2:00:56 | Ed Whitlock (CAN) 2001 | C: | 24 5 1 |
| Marathon | 3:29:46a 2:54:49 | Jeff Smith Ed Whitlock (CAN) 2004 | Simon's Town | 21 Feb |
| 100 km | 2.34.49 | Lu Williock (CAN) 2004 | | |
| 100 KIII | | | | |
| <u>Juniors</u> | | | | |
| 10 km | 30:34 | Kabelo Melamu | Benoni | 31 Jan |
| . = 1 | 27:52 | Richard Chelimo (KEN) 199 | | |
| 15 km | 46:36 | Adrian Wildschutt | Ravensmead | 19 Mar |
| 21.1 km | 42:25 65:15 | Moses Mosop (KEN) 2004 Kabelo Melamu | Port Elizabeth | 30 Jul |
| ZI.I KIII | 59:16 | Samuel Wanjiru (KEN) 200 | | 30 Jui |
| | 33.10 | Samuel Wangira (REIV) 200 | ,5 | |
| WOMEN | | | | |
| <u>Open</u> | | | | |
| 10 km | 33:02 | Irvette van Zyl | Durban | 17 July |
| | 30:52 | Shalane Flanagan (USA) | | |
| | 30:21m 30:29w | Paula Radcliffe (GBR) 2003 Asmae Leghzaoui (MAR) 20 | | |
| 15 km | 54:24 | Zintle Xiniwe | Constantia | 05 Mar |
| 15 Km | 48:14 | Peres Chepchirchir (KEN) | Constantia | 05 Hui |
| | | Cynthia Cherotich Limo (Kl | EN) | |
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| | 46:14m | Florence Kiplagat (KEN) 20 | | |
| 21.1 km | 46:59w 71:00 | Lornah Kiplagat (NED) 200 Irvette van Zyl | Port Elizabeth | 30 Jul |
| ZI.I KIII | 65:51 | Viola Chepchumba (KEN) | POIT LIIZADETII | 30 Jui |
| | 65:09m | Florence Kiplagat (KEN) 20 |)15 | |
| | 66:25w | Lornah Kiplagat (NED) 200 | | |
| 25 km | 1:47:01 | Caroline Wöstmann | Pretoria | 07 May |
| | 1:33:24a | Jenna Challenor | Pinetown | 31 Jan |
| | 1:25:36 | Alphine Tuliamuk (USA) | | |
| | 79:53m | Mary Keitany (KEN) 2010 | = | |
| 30 km | 82:47w 1:59:58 | Paula Radcliffe (GBR) 2005 Tanith Maxwell | Camps Bay | 10 Jan |
| JU KIII | 1:43:55 | Miharu Shimokado (JPN) | Camps Day | 10 3411 |
| | 1:38:49m | Mizuki Noguchi (JPN) 2005 | | |
| | 1:39:11w | Mary Keitany (KEN) 2011 | | |
| Marathon | 2:32:20 | Irvette van Blerk | London | 24 Apr |
| | 2:19:41 | Tirfe Beyene Tsegay (ETH) | | |
| | 2:15:25m | Paula Radcliffe (GBR) 2003 | | |
| 100 km | 2:17:42w | Paula Radcliffe (GBR) 2005 |) | |
| TOO KIII | 6:33:11 | Tomoe Abe (JPN) 2000 | | |
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| Veterans (40+) | | | | | | |
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| 10 km | , 35:39 | Tanith Maxwell | Durban | 05 Jun | | |
| 20 1011 | 32:14 | Priscilla Welch (GBR) 1985 | | 00 34.1 | | |
| 15 km | 54:40 | Tanith Maxwell | Eersterivier | 18 Jun | | |
| | 49:35 | Priscilla Welch (GBR) 1985 | | | | |
| 21.1 km | 78:09 | Tanith Maxwell | Port Elizabeth | 30 Jul | | |
| | 69:56 | Irina Permitina (RUS) 2009 |) | | | |
| 25 km | 1:57:50 | Ashleigh White | Durban | 06 Mar | | |
| | 1:45:58a | Suzette Botha | Pinetown | 31 Jan | | |
| | 82:13 | Mizuki Noguchi (JPN) 2005 | | | | |
| 30 km | 2:00:38 | Tanith Maxwell | Simon's Town | 14 Aug | | |
| Manakhan | 1:51:37 | Mieke Pullen (NED) 2001 | Damani | 21] | | |
| Marathon | 2:48:52 2:26:51 | Charné Bosman | Benoni | 31 Jan | | |
| 100 km | 2.20.31 | Priscilla Welch (GBR) 1987 | | | | |
| 100 KIII | 7:00:27 | Normi Sakurai (JPN) 2007 | | | | |
| | 7.00.27 | North Sakurar (SFN) 2007 | | | | |
| Masters (50+) |) | | | | | |
| 10 km | 39:42 | Judy Bird | Cape Town | 17 Apr | | |
| | 34:44 | Tatyana Pozdniakova (UKR |) 2005 | · | | |
| 15 km | 62:15 | Elmarie Coetzee | Eersterivier | 18 Jun | | |
| | 54:33 | Shirley Matson (USA) 1991 | | | | |
| 21.1 km | 89:22 | Elmarie Coetzee | Port Elizabeth | 30 Jul | | |
| | 76:07 | Tatyana Pozdniakova (UKR | • | | | |
| 25 km | 2:00:27 | Ansa Strydom | Pretoria | 07 May | | |
| 20.1 | 2:13:42a | Roshnee Natasen | Pinetown | 31 Jan | | |
| 30 km Marathon | 2:20:20 | Margie Saunders (g'mast) Jane Mudau | East London | 05 Mar | | |
| Maratrion | 3:14:18 2:31:05 | Tatyana Pozdniakova (UKR | | 20 Feb | | |
| 100 km | 2.31.03 | Tatyana Fozumakova (OKK | .) 2003 | | | |
| 200 1 | | | | | | |
| Grandmasters | (60+) | | | | | |
| 10 km | 42:30 | Margie Saunders | Cape Town | 17 Apr | | |
| | 38:56 | Lidia Zentner (GER) 2015 | · | · | | |
| 15 km | 64:56 | Margie Saunders | Port Elizabeth | 06 Feb | | |
| | 61:25 | Kathryn Martin (USA) 2011 | | | | |
| 21.1 km | 92:42 | Margie Saunders | Port Elizabeth | 11 Jun | | |
| 05.1 | 84:56 | Bernadine Portenski (NZL) | | 06.14 | | |
| 25 km | 2:37:27 | Pamela Rasmussen | Durban | 06 Mar | | |
| | 2:22:39a 1:58:24 | Jenny Scott | Pinetown | 31 Jan | | |
| 30 km | 2:20:20 | Gloria Brown (USA) 1994 Margie Saunders | Uitenhage | 05 Mar | | |
| JO KIII | 2:17:11 | Barbara Miller (USA) 1999 | Oiterriage | OJ Mai | | |
| Marathon | 3:30:14 | Nancy Will | East London | 20 Feb | | |
| | 3:01:30 | Bernadine Portenski (NZL) | | | | |
| 100 km | | , | | | | |
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| Great grandmasters (70+) | | | | | | |
| 10 km | 54:52 | Pixie Sparg | Bellville | 02 Apr | | |
| | 44:09 | Lavinia Petrie (AUS) 2014 | | | | |
| 15 km | 82:28 | Pixie Sparg | Eersterivier | 18 Jun | | |
| 21 1 1 | 72:52 | Jo Klein (NED) 2004 | Condonia Day | 16 An- | | |
| 21.1 km | 1:47:58 97:38 | Veronica van Niekerk Lavinia Petrie (AUS) 2014 | Gordon's Bay | 16 Apr | | |
| 25 km | 57.50 | Lavilla i etile (AUS) 2014 | | | | |
| =• | 2:18:20 | Gerry Davidson (USA) 199 | 1 | | | |
| 30 km | 2:50:02 | Veronica van Niekerk | Camps Bay | 10 Jan | | |
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| Marathon | 2:47:08 4:11:27a 3:35:29 | Myra Rhodes (USA) 2002 Veronica van Niekerk Helga Miketta (GER) 2013 | Simon's Town | 21 Feb |
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| 100 km | | | | |
| <u>Juniors</u> | | | | |
| 10 km | 35:25 31:42 | Simonay Weitsz Zola Pieterse (RSA) 1984 | Port Elizabeth | 09 Aug |
| 15 km | 58:03 49:40 | Ashleigh Simonis Ines Chenonge (KEN) 2001 | Eersterivier | 18 Jun |
| 21.1 km | 1:28:26 1:09:05 | Siphokazi Liwani Delilah Asiago (KEN) 1991 | Port Elizabeth | 11 Jun |

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