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DATES ... DATES ... DATES

The 2024 European year is now in full swing with results in this issue from the 24H de Bourges and the 24H de Chateau-Thierry. Lots more races are scheduled, including the following

Apr 20-21, 2024	Nacht van Loon (15 hour walk)	Loon op Zand, NED
May 18-19, 2024	Marche du Grand Est (15km in 2 stages)	Domrémy-la-Pucelle, FRA
May 28 - Jun 1, 2024	Paris Alsace Classic	Across France
Jun 22-23, 2024	Parish Walk (85 miles)	Douglas IOM
Jun 29-30, 2024	24 Heures de Haute-Saintogne	Montguyon, FRA

Four of the Centurion Clubs have announced dates for their 2024 qualifying events.

May 11-12, 2024	NZ Centurions Qualifier See https://nz.srichinmoyraces.org/races/auck/24hr	Auckland, NZL
May 18-19, 2024	Continental Centurions Qualifier See www.rotterdamsewandelsportvereniging.nl	Schiedam, NED
Jun 1-2, 2024	USA Centurions Qualifier See https://fansultraraces.org/	Minneapolis, USA
Aug 24-25, 2024	English Centurions Qualifier See https://eventswerun.co.uk/	Gloucester, ENG

On the local front, there will be lots of ultras in Australia, but many of them are trail based and hence not suitable for fast walking, and there will be fewer track based ultras, given the current AURA/IAU ruling re track accreditations.

Since there will be specific Australian Centurion qualifier in 2024, the following races have been identified as possible opportunities for walkers to qualify for Australian Centurion membership. Qualification is of course dependant on the willingness of the organisers to accept walk entrants and on our availability to have someone in attendance to judge the performance.

Jun 1-2, 2024	Butter 24 (Track) See https://www.aaaracing.com.au/butter24	Griffith University Gold Coast, QLD
Jun 8-9, 2024	Adelaide 24H Festival (Road) See http://adelaide24hourfestival.com.au/	War Memorial Drive, North Adelaide, SA
Aug 31-Sep 1, 2024	Southern Sydney 24H Track Ultra See https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pacZXENX-DA212WgtKCihfNvN8YO3Yf8/edit	Campbelltown (Sydney), NSW
Sep 29-Oct 6, 2024	Australian 6 Day Ultramarathon (Road) See https://australian6day.com.au/	Thorndon Park, Paradise, Adelaide, SA
Nov 9-10, 2024	SA Track Ultra 24H See https://satrackultra.com.au/event-details/	SA Athletics Stadium, Adelaide, SA

If you wish to qualify as an Australian Centurion in 2024, you should target one of these events, talk to the organiser and confirm you can compete as a walker, then let me know (tim.erickson02@gmail.com) in good time so that I can confirm someone can attend and monitor your performance. Only then should you go to the next step and enter the event. This workaround will be in effect for 2024. Hopefully we will have a formal qualifier in 2025, if things pan out.

OUT AND ABOUT

Joffrid Mackett (C82) was in action in the Sri Chinmoy Road 100, held in Commonwealth Park in Canberra on Saturday 24th February. This was a new event on the Australian calendar and had been granted the status of the 2024

Australian 100km Championship. Joff was walking (of course) but rather unprepared, given the short notice for the event. He reached the 50km mark in a time of 7:12:17 before calling it quits. Well done mate!

Pramesh Prasad (C81) was in action in the recent World Cross Country Championships in Belgrade, Serbia. Running for his native Fiji, Pramesh was the second of his team to finish, with all the Fijians completing the 10km course in the cold early Serbian spring. He also competed in the previous World Cross Country Championships in Bathurst so it was a further Fijian vest for him.



24 HEURES DE BOURGES, BOURGES, FRANCE, 24-25 FEBRUARY 2024

Emmanuel Tardi was in the French city of Bourges in late February for the first French 24 Hour Walk of the year and it proved to be an historic occasion when, for the first time in French Athletics Federation history, a woman won an overall title beating all the men who competed! And to cap it off, another women finished second.

The race got underway at 1PM on the Saturday, with 38 walkers contesting the French National 24 Hour Racewalking Championship. The usual 2.5km course had been changed for a shorter loop of 1km. **Peter Van Hove** led out early, followed by **Florian Letourneau**, **Maxime Laneau** and **Alexandre Forestieri**, with **Morgane Ausello**, the first of the women, one lap behind. Letourneau retired at the 50km mark and then Van Hove retired, leaving Laneau and Forestieri as joint leaders walking together. Ausello was at this stage back in third place, some 10 minutes behind but gradually bridging the gap. In the 113th lap, the incredible arrived as she caught them and took the lead, a lead she then held till the end. Forestieri and Laneau slowed down in the last 4 hours and were caught by **Veronique Bessot**, the second woman.

The final results showed Ausello first with 187.402km, Bessot second with 183.213km and Laneau, the leading male, third with 182.002km.

The 2x6 Hour walks were won by **Alain Malfondet** (52km on the Saturday and 48km on the Sunday) and **Chloé Raes-Maure** (50km and 46km) while there were 10km, 5km and 3km walks for those who wanted shorter options.

24 Hour Walk Women

1. AUSELLO Morgane	Nice Cote D'azur Athletisme	187.402 km	24:00:00
2. BESSOT Veronique	Domont Athletisme	183.213 km	24:00:00
3. GOURVES Jennifer	Stade Villeneuve Sur Lot	177.795 km	24:00:00
4. MARGUET Pauline	Nice Cote D'azur Athletisme	168.162 km	24:00:00
5. BIZARD Claudie	Thiais Ac	150.379 km	24:00:00
6. SONNOIS Martine	Racing Club Haut-jura Morez	146.385 km	24:00:00
7. ARNAULT Francoise	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	107.171 km	24:00:00
8. MULLER Cathy	Ca De Champigneulles	102.970 km	24:00:00
9. LANDRU Noelle	As Corbeil-essonne	82.452 km	24:00:00

MAISON Sylvie	Strasbourg AA	99.985 km	13:25:54
DE SOUSA Marie-lise	Uai Nogent-sur-marne	97.985 km	15:53:54

24 Hour Walk Men

1.	LANEAU Maxime	Us Camon	182.002 km	24:00:00
2.	FORESTIERI Alexandre	Ust Courir A Saint Tropez	178.002 km	24:00:00
3.	KERLAU Yves-michel	Cm Roubaix	177.002 km	24:00:00
4.	GROS Gildas	Es Thaon	168.600 km	24:00:00
5.	VICTOR Etienne	Arnouville Gonesse Vlb	168.581 km	24:00:00
6.	PARIZOT Olivier	Nl Nice Côte D'azur	166.335 km	24:00:00
7.	RIGAL Jean-marc	Domont Athletisme	164.213 km	24:00:00
8.	GILLES Philippe	Usm Montargis	161.963 km	24:00:00
9.	GIROD Urbain	Cm Monthey	160.029 km	24:00:00
10.	MAILLOT Marc	Grac Athletisme	157.632 km	24:00:00
11.	PINEAU Laurent	Athletisme Sud 17	149.995 km	24:00:00
12.	DELANGE Dominique	Aj Auxerre Section Marathon	141.379 km	24:00:00
13.	TILLIER Ludovic	Le Chesnay 78 Ath	134.949 km	24:00:00
14.	SOUCHAUD Thomas	Limoges Athle	133.624 km	24:00:00
15.	RIVIERE Sylvain	Val-de-reuil Ac	132.961 km	24:00:00
16.	ENJOLRAS Jean-claude	Les Abrrets-en-dauphiné	127.268 km	24:00:00
17.	ARNAULT Jacques	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	115.171 km	24:00:00
18.	ANDRIANANTOANDRO Joel	Club 100 Marathon France	113.300 km	24:00:00
19.	BOURICHON Christophe	Us Champagne-sur-seine	92.985 km	24:00:00
20.	HENRY Fabrice	Frijep Verdon	79.985 km	24:00:00
21.	FERREIRA Julien	Co-km 42 St Just Le Martel	67.985 km	24:00:00
	FAUBERT Stephane	Nl Longueville	106.985 km	18:40:51
	VAN HOVE Peter	Ach Lille	81.985 km	10:12:53
	LETOURNEAU Florian	Ac Chateau Thierry	55.985 km	6:36:29
	LEIJTENS Frans	Rotterdam Wv	52.985 km	7:20:23
	THEAUD Jean-michel	Acrpl Locmine	29.985 km	3:58:27

2 x 6 Hour Walk Women

1.	RAES-MAURE Chloe	Neubourg Ac	96.496 km	12:00:00
2.	MARRADI Muriel	Afa Feyzin-venissieux	93.714 km	12:00:00
3.	PANNIER Josiane	Havre Ac	80.082 km	12:00:00
4.	PANNIER Magali	Havre Ac	54.955 km	12:00:00

2 x 6 Hour Walk Men

1.	MALFONDET Alain	Nl Paris	100.506 km	12:00:00
2.	SEFFARI Abdelaziz	Afa Feyzin-venissieux	99.026 km	12:00:00
3.	MAURE Rene-jean	Neubourg Ac	96.496 km	12:00:00
4.	HIRSINGER Christian	Ultra Marathon France	93.475 km	12:00:00
5.	ROSELLO Frederic	Afa Feyzin-venissieux	89.387 km	12:00:00
6.	HELLER Denis	Athletisme Sud 17	86.475 km	12:00:00
7.	DUCLOS Eddy	Us Champagne-sur-seine	47.985 km	6:00:28
8.	PORCHER Claude	Nl Saint-eloi	45.985 km	12:00:00
9.	VANDENBERGHE Renaud	Us Champagne-sur-seine	42.985 km	6:02:04
10.	MOUGENOT Patrick	Marne Et Gondoire Athletisme	39.985 km	12:00:00

10km Walk

1.	FOUGERON Pierre-Alexandr	Ec Orleans Cjf	52:14
2.	BIZARD Lucie (F)	Stade Français	59:18
3.	JACQUIN Gilles	Ea Issoudun	1:07:27
4.	TAILLANDIER Patrick	Ca Vierzon	1:10:33
5.	BARNET Gisele (F)		1:18:29
6.	KNEIB Anna (F)		1:19:15
7.	BEGUIN Nathalie (F)	Ca Vierzon	1:23:18

5km Walk

1.	TARDI Emmanuel	La Postillonne Longjumeau	39:19
2.	MOREIRA Brigitte (F)	Ca Foecy	44:07



Veronique Bessot, Morgane Ausello, Chloe Raes Maure and her husband René-Jean Maure



Maxime Laneau, Alexandre Forestieri and Alain Malfondet (all photos Emmanuel Tardi)

Lots more photos at https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipN7ahvP6uaNxo3mngSHjkYmKlh-RBh1IOg_OgJgrOoa9w4LO3kyWWKOkjG1cOuiGQ.

24 HEURES DE CHATEAU-THIERRY, CHATEAU-THIERRY, FRA, 30-31 MARCH 2024

Fast forward 5 weeks to the next French 24H Carnival, held on the last weekend of March in the French city of Chateau-Thierry, 100km east of Paris. It was the 47th edition of this iconic event and included the French 100km walk championships. The start time was set for 1PM on the Saturday, with an initial lap of 2.502km, followed by laps of 2.378km. This ensured an exact number of laps for the 100km distance. For the final hour of the 24H race, the lap distance was reduced to 400m.

The lead changed multiple times in the first 3 hours, compliments of **Alexandre Forestieri, Maxime Laneau, Laura De Bontin** and **Morgane Ausello**. At that point, **Florian Letourneau** took over in the front, followed by Ausello. Letourneau was untroubled from then on, taking the 100km championship in a good 11:17:16 and going on to win the 24H walk with a distance of 188.669km. Ausello slowed after the 70km mark but still held her second place overall to the 100km mark, which she reached in 11:41:07, thus winning the women's title. She then retired, job done, and it was left to **Veronique Bessot** to take the 24H title with a distance of 181.074km.

The 2x6Hour walk was won by **Dominique Delange** (52km on the Saturday and 46km on the Sunday, while the individual 6H walks were won by **Jeanick Landormy** and **Marcel Jacob**.



The start of the race

100km Men

1.	LETOURNEAU Florian	MAM/88	Ac Chateau Thierry	11:17:26
2.	LANEAU Maxime	MAM/84	Us Camon	11:42:41
3.	FORESTIERI Alexandre	MAM/82	Ust Courir A Saint Tropez	11:43:19
4.	MOREL Philippe	MAM/65	Ac Chateau Thierry	11:44:31
5.	VANDERCOILDEN David	MAM/69	Villeneuve D Ascq Fretin Athle	12:31:35
6.	ARNAULT Jacques	MAM/62	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	12:39:14
7.	KERLAU Yves-Michel	MAM/61	Cm Roubaix	13:11:41
8.	HENRY Fabrice	MAM/66	Frijep Cor. Margny Verdon	13:19:03
9.	MARECHAL Pascal	MAM/62	Ac Chateau Thierry	13:55:52
10.	MICHELOT Remi	MAM/75	Es Thacon	13:57:55
11.	RIGAL Jean-Marc	MAM/59	Domont Athletisme	15:17:06
12.	BATTIST Bruno	MAM/55	Domont Athletisme	15:20:25
13.	BOURICHON Christophe	MAM/70	Us Champagne-sur-seine	15:57:34

100km Women

1.	AUSELLO Morgane	SEF/92	Nice Cote D:azur Athletisme	11:41:07
2.	BESSOT Veronique	MAF/62	Domont Athletisme	12:14:56
3.	RAES-MAURE Chloe	MAF/76	Neubourg Ac	13:11:44
4.	MAISON Sylvie	MAF/73	Strasbourg Agglomeration Athle	13:40:41
5.	DUCRUET Nadia	MAF/64	Ac Chateau Thierry	14:55:46
6.	DE SOUSA Marie-Lise	MAF/66	Uai Nogent	15:12:31
7.	BIZARD Claudie	MAF/59	Thiais Ac	15:34:24
8.	ARNAULT Francoise	MAF/48	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	22:59:47

24H Men

1.	LETOURNEAU Florian	MAM/88	Ac Chateau Thierry	188.669 km
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2.	FORESTIERI Alexandre	MAM/82	Ust Courir A Saint Tropez	183.754 km
3.	LANEAU Maxime	MAM/84	Us Camon	183.754 km
4.	VANDERCOILDEN David	MAM/69	Villeneuve D Ascq Fretin Athle	176.132 km
5.	KERLAU Yves-Michel	MAM/61	Cm Roubaix	170.371 km
6.	MARECHAL Pascal	MAM/62	Ac Chateau Thierry	167.193 km
7.	MALFONDET Alain	MAM/65	Nl Paris	165.377 km
8.	LINARD Benoit	MAM/65	Nl Neuilly-les-2-clochers	150.147 km
9.	ARNAULT Jacques	MAM/62	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	144.085 km
10.	HENRY Fabrice	MAM/66	Frijep Cor. Margny Verdon	137.090 km
11.	VINCENT Dominique	MAM/56	Nl Noyales	136.913 km
12.	BOURICHON Christophe	MAM/70	Us Champagne-sur-seine	136.115 km
13.	RIGAL Jean-Marc	MAM/59	Domont Athletisme	133.870 km
14.	HAGHEBAERT Eric	MAM/60	Ac Chateau Thierry	130.589 km
15.	VINCENT Robert	MAM/60	Ac Chateau Thierry	122.458 km
16.	ANDRIANANTOANDRO Joel	MAM/61	Nl Club 100 Marathons	110.521 km
17.	BATTIST Bruno	MAM/55	Domont Athletisme	106.934 km
18.	DELARUE Jean-Michel	MAM/63	Ac Cauffry-liancourt-rant-laig	84.563 km
19.	SCHWING Martin	MAM/89	Beauvais Oise Union Club	52.002 km
	TILLIER Ludovic	MAM/89	Le Chesnay 78	107,134 km
	SIMON Yannick	MAM	Nl Nancois sur Ornain	104,756 km
	HASSEVELDE Sebastien	MAM/77	Touquet Athletic Club	80.976 km
	PETER Vincent	MAM/72	Sa Verdun	73.842 km
	MAURE René-Jean	MAM/65	Neubourg Ac	40.550 km
	VICTOR Etienne	MAM/64	Arnouville Gonesse	28.660 km
	GUILLOT Mickael	MAM/73	Ac Chateau Thierry	21.526 km
	THEAUD Jean-Michel		Acrp Locminé	7.258 km

24H Women

1.	BESSOT Veronique	MAF/62	Domont Athletisme	181.074 km
2.	MAISON Sylvie	MAF/73	Strasbourg Agglomeration Athle	169.521 km
3.	CAUDAL Claire	MAF/69	Cm Roubaix	156.140 km
4.	DUCRUET Nadia	MAF/64	Ac Chateau Thierry	150.663 km
5.	ARNAULT Francoise	MAF/48	Neuilly Sur Marne Athletisme	105.037 km
6.	LANDRU Noelle	MAF/51	Nl Chailly-en-biere	60.406 km
	GOUET Magali	MAF/76	Pays Saint Lois Athlé	88.110 km
	DE BONTIN Laura	SEF/90	Ea Cergy	47.684 km

6H Walk (Saturday 30th March)

1.	LANDORMY Jeanick	MAM/62	Sport Aide	47.635 km
2.	LANGLOIS Patrick	MAM/	Nl Chenoise	45.786 km
3.	BIZARD Jackie	MAM/	Nl Choisy-le-roi	38.756 km
4.	BROCHET Gerard	MAM/	Nl	37.425 km
	LONGATTE Francois	MAM/53	Es Montgeron	23.904 km
	JOURD HUY Frederic	MAM/	Nl Harfleur	19.148 km

6H Walk (Sunday 31st March)

1.	JACOB Marcel	MAM/	Nl Nogentel	43.179 km
2.	ANXIONNAT Claudine	MAF/51	Athletic Vosges Entente Clubs	41.165 km
3.	LONGATTE Francois	MAM/53	Es Montgeron	40.079 km
4.	MOUGENOT Patrick	MAM/63	Marne Et Gondoire Athletisme	39.897 km

2 x 6 Hour Walk

1.	DELANGE Dominique	MAH	Aj Auxerre Section Marathon	97.666 km
2.	GROS Gildas	MAH	ES Thاون	94.110 km
3.	TOP Virginie	MAF	Baskets Aux Pieds	92.932 km
4.	PELLERIN Alain	MAH	Ac Chateau Thierry	87.776 km
5.	SILVI Nathalie	MAF	Nl Barzy Sur Marne	87.754 km
6.	PANNIER Josiane	MAF	Havre Ac	82.998 km
7.	RODIER Nicole	MAF	Efs Reims	81.020 km
8.	MAURICE Fabienne	MAF	Ac Chateau Thierry	75.086 km
9.	FILLIEUX Christian	MAH	Ca Famenne	16.770 km



French 100km champions Florian Letourneau and Morgane Ausello



Dominique Delange, Veronique Bessot and Jeanick Landormy (all photos Emmanuel Tardi)

For the lazy walkers, there were also 20km on the Saturday and 10km on the Sunday.

20km Walk

1. NOGRE Yannick	MAM/59	Es Montgeron	2:09:07
2. LAMIRAULT Philippe	MAM/69	Lisses Ac	2:21:04
3. LEROUX Jean-Paul	MAM/60	Athle 91	2:31:50
4. QI Ray	SEM/	NI	2:44:51
5. TARDI Emmanuel	MAM/67	La Postillonne Longjumeau	2:49:21
6. NITAGOVSKAYA Liudmila (Ger)	MAF/54		3:11:40

10km Walk (Sunday 31st March)

1. STEFANELLY David	MAM/76	Grand Paris Seine & Oise Athle	1:00:43
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2.	BARNET Gisele	MAF/	NI	1:15:18
3.	BARNET Stephane	MAM/	NI	1:18:55
4.	TARDI Emmanuel	MAM/67	La Postillonne Longjumeau	1:19:18
5.	NITAGOVSKAYA Liudmila (Ger)	MAF/54		1:36:39
	BORDIER Daniel	MAM/44	Ac Chateau Thierry	DNF

UNTIL OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

That's it from me for the moment. This coming weekend would have seen the 2024 Coburg 24 Hour Carnival as our official Australian Centurions qualifier. Alas, with the Coburg Carnival now retired, it will be a quiet weekend for me and for our Australian walkers.

With kind regards

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