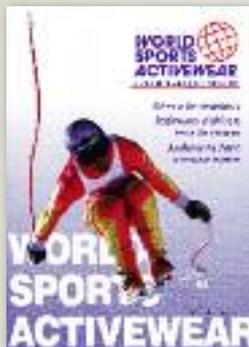


WSA THE FIRST TEN YEARS : A brief timeline



1995

Hermès launches a silk scarf embedded with micro-capsules that release the fragrance of the company's Calèche perfume, the first cosmeo-textile following experimentation by weaver Verel de Belval with Euracli, based in Lyon.

Corey Pavin wins US Golf Open.

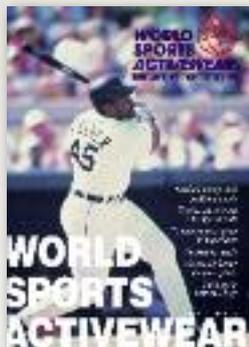
Tiger Woods wins US Amateur Golf Championship.

South Africa's Springboks beat New Zealand's All Blacks to win Rugby World Cup.

Steffi Graf wins Wimbledon Women's Tennis Open.

OJ Simpson stands trial for murder.

WSA magazine launched as World Sports Activewear, created to focus on performance materials and textiles related to sport and protective wear.



1996

Two new microfibres launched: Rhône-Poulenc develops its Filifine polyester microfibre; Rhodia markets a microfibre version of the polyamide Meryl.

Super Bowl XXX: Dallas Cowboys beat Pittsburgh Steelers.

Nick Faldo wins 60th Golf Masters Championship.

Teijin markets a polyester fibre recycled from post-consumer polyethylene bottles.

XXVI Olympic games in Atlanta Georgia

DuPont improves performance of the Energywear concept by combining Lycra Power with Coolmax to offer enhanced moisture management.

NY Yankee Darryl Strawberry hits his 300th Home Run.

84 people killed, more than 180 injured, as 47,000 football fans attempt to get into 36,000-seat Estadio Mateo Flores, Guatemala City.



1997

Noble Fiber Technologies introduces X-Static, a silver fibre with anti-bacterial, antistatic and conductive properties and is claimed to have a soothing effect by activating blood flow.

Boerge Ousland achieves first solo, unaided crossing of Antarctica.

101st Boston Marathon won by Lameck Aguta; 26th Boston Women's Marathon won by Fatuma Roba.

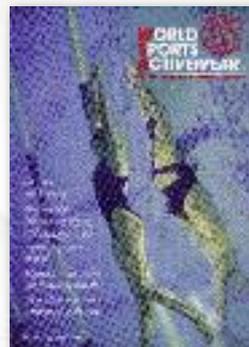
PTT, a new type of polyester fibre is reintroduced, using the development of a new polymerisation process developed by Shell; based on a 1950s discovery, Corterra, it has the advantage of being slightly stretchy (30% vs. 600% for an elastane).

Wallace Berg, 42, becomes 4th American to scale Mt Everest for 3rd time.

Greg Rusedski serves at 141mph at US Open tennis.

Sofinal introduces Eco-Breath, an ecological waterproof and breathable coating using a water-based solution as opposed to solvent-based.

Mike Tyson banned for biting Evander Holyfield's ear.



1998

W.L. Gore develops a new version of Gore-Tex, Gore-Tex Paclite, with a polyurethane back coating making it possible to make lining-free waterproof and breathable garments.

18th Winter Olympic games in Nagano, Japan.

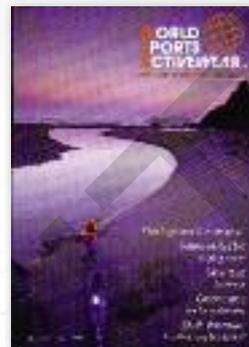
1st female ice hockey game in Olympic history: Finland beats Sweden 6-0.

The first hollow section micro polyamide fibre, Nexten, is launched.

France beats Brazil 3-0 for football's 16th World Cup.

Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Alaska won by Jeff King of the US for the third time.

Italy's Marco Pantani wins the Giro d'Italia and Tour de France.



1999

Italian research laboratory Resine Espanse Sintetiche (RES) develops Antismog, a textile designed to counter air pollution, made from a polyester and micronised carbon alloy which filters air pollution by absorbing and converting certain gases.

Basketball player Michael Jordan announces his retirement only to return in 2001.

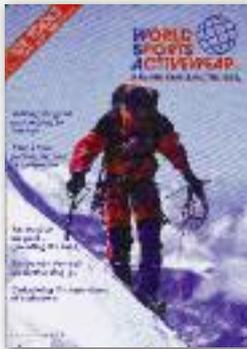
6 International Olympic Committee members are expelled in corruption scandal.

Nano-Tex, a company specialising in nanotechnologies applied to textiles, is founded in the United States. The first water-resistant nanotech finish is available in the early 2000s.

Payne Stewart wins his 3rd major, the 99th US Golf Open; died in a plane crash 4 months later.

Michael Johnson breaks 400 metres world record in 43.18 seconds.

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2000

Dow Chemical introduces XLA, a stretch polyolefin fibre, and Nature-Works, the first biosynthetic derived from corn developed with Cargill.

Pete Sampras wins his 13th grand slam title at Wimbledon.

Schoeller Textil develops NanoSphere, a water resistant finish. Its 3D surface imitates the lotus leaf texture, preventing water and stains from adhering to the textile surface.

Tiger Woods wins PGA Championship, the first golfer since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win 3 majors in a calendar year.

Using a Philips' technology, Levi's launch the first smart jackets, designed by Massimo Osti, called ICD+, equipped with a network of electric wiring that connects an mp3 device, a cell phone, ear phones and a microphone, operated with a remote control.

Reima presents Cyberia, a prototype Arctic survival suit, equipped with several types of sensors (an electro-frequencemeter by Polar, hydrometer, thermometer) connected to embroidered electrodes.



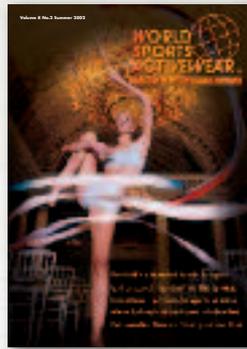
2001

The first "soft shell" jackets are developed at Millet, using Gore WindStopper and Polartec Windbloc ACT, seen as an important stage in the evolution of protective apparel with breathability considered more important than waterproofness.

15-year-old Sherpa Temba Tsheri becomes the youngest person to climb to the top of Mount Everest. 32-year-old Erik Weihenmayer, of Boulder, Colorado, becomes the first blind person to reach the summit.

Barry Bonds hits 73 home runs, breaking Mark McGwire's record of 70 for the most home runs hit in a single season.

Michael Schumacher wins his fourth of seven Formula 1 titles.



2002

Teijin makes new progress in recycling, developing a process in which the synthetic fibre is depolymerised and then repolymerised to obtain a new or "virgin" polyester fibre. The process, named EcoCircle, results from support from Yvon Chouinard, founder of Patagonia, who encouraged the company to develop the chemical recycling process as opposed to the mechanical recycling of post-consumer PET bottles.

Lennox Lewis retains WBC world Heavy-weight crown, with an eight round knockout over Mike Tyson.

XIX Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Wellman develops a hollow fibre filled with a polymer that activates blood flow to improve athletes' strength and endurance; first called Holofiber, it is later branded Celliant.

Brazil beats Germany in football's 17th World Cup in South Korea & Japan.

Balloonist Steve Fossett becomes the first person to fly solo around the world nonstop in a balloon.

Serena Williams beats sister Venus to win Wimbledon women's title.



2003

Introduction of Lenpur, a high-end viscose extracted from pine-wood, by Italian company Texinpro (for Textile in Progress) in conjunction with spinner Maclodio.

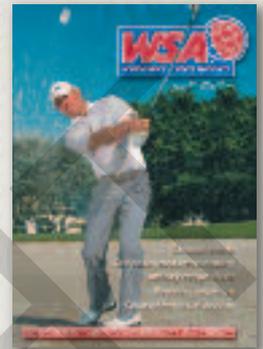
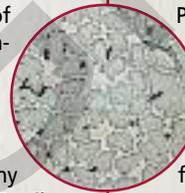
Annika Sorenstam becomes the first woman to play the PGA Tour in 58 years; wins 49th LPGA Championship.

Only three days after a previous record, Sherpa Lakpa Gelu climbs Mount Everest in 10 hours 56 minutes.

110th Wimbledon Women's Tennis won by Serena Williams again beating her sister Venus Williams. 117th Wimbledon Men's Tennis won by Roger Federer against M Philippoussis.

David Hempleman-Adams becomes the first person to cross the Atlantic Ocean in an open-air, wicker-basket hot air balloon.

Lionel Messi makes his official debut for FC Barcelona.



2004

P2i develops Ion-Mask, a nano-tech finish developed for the British armed forces, and marketed in 2007, consisting of a very fine hydrophobic layer on a three dimensional product (shoes).

The NGO Max Havelaar Foundation launches an ethical cotton certification process, the international FairTrade label's first non-food application.

Super Bowl XXXVIII: New England Patriots beat Carolina Panthers.

The first bamboo fibre reaches the market, coming from Japan, China and Korea. With Lenpur and lyocell, their combined popularity contributes to the renaissance of a whole family of "new age" cellulose fibres.

The Boston Red Sox win the World Series for the first time in 86 years.

Barry Bonds hits his 700th career home run in baseball.



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