

## Stewart Tops P.E.I. Runners

BOSTON (Special) — Ewen Stewart, P.E.I.'s Marathon Man, turned in an exceptional clocking of two hours 47 minutes and 53 seconds at Monday's 83rd running of the Boston Marathon.

Stewart was one of five Islanders running the event. Only four were scheduled to start but P.E.I. team spokesman Don Harley said Don Pridmore, who made the trip to watch "figured the best way to see the race was to enter."

The five finished the event with other Island times turned in by Lance Miron 2:56:00; Pridmore 3:19:00, Parker Lund 3:25:00 and Harley 3:30:17.

"None of us ran into any problems," said Harley in a telephone interview with The Guardian Monday night. "For a first experience, this really blows your mind".

The five Islanders are all members of the P.E.I. Roadrunners Club and have been competing in marathon runs but this was their first Boston event.

Stewart's time put him high in the masters' class which had close to 900 runners. Harley said he was unable to determine exactly where Stewart placed in the final standings.

For Pridmore and Harley, their times were extremely good considering it took them four and one-half minutes just to reach the starting line when the race officially started.

"You just can't believe what it was like," Harley noted.



Wheelchair winner Ken Archer starts up Heartbreak Hill. Story, Page 39.

(Globe photo by Stan Grossfeld)

Ken Archer, a 30-year-old from Arkon, Ohio, kept turning around yesterday in his wheelchair because "I kept expecting someone to catch and pass me."

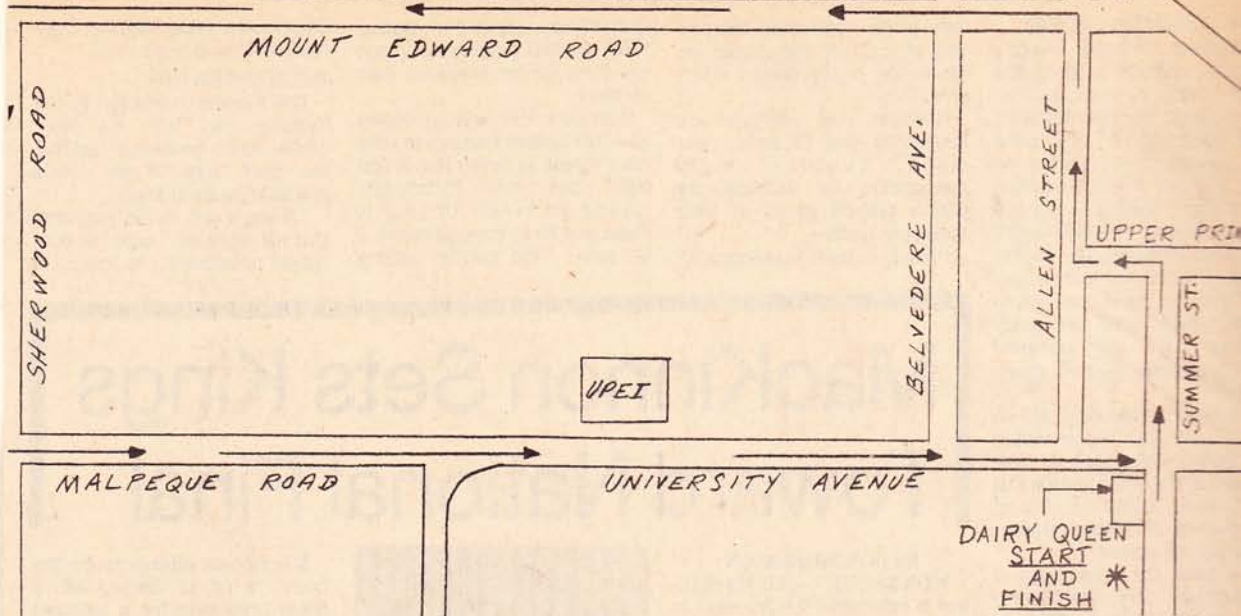
But Archer's fears were unfounded. He never relinquished his lead after the first couple of miles and rolled to an upset vic-

tory. He clocked 2:38.59 in the rain-drenched National Wheelchair Marathon, one minute ahead of George Murray of Tampa, Fla. The wheelchair race preceded the Boston Marathon by 15 minutes at the Hopkinton starting line.

1. Bill Rodgers, Melrose, Mass. ....	2:09.26
2. Toshihiko Seko, Japan .....	2:10.12
3. Robert Hodge, Lowell, Mass. ....	2:12.30
4. Tom Fleming, Bloomfield, N.J. ....	2:12.56
5. Garry Bjorklund, Minneapolis .....	2:13.14
6. Kevin Ryan, New Zealand .....	2:13.57
7. Bobby Doyle, Central Falls, R.I. ....	2:14.03
8. Randy Thomas, Wellesley, Mass. ....	2:14.12
9. Herman Atkins, Everett, Wash. ....	2:14.17
10. Richard Mahoney, Weymouth, Mass. ....	2:14.36
11. Jerome Drayton, Canada .....	2:14.47
12. Dean Matthews, Clemson, S.C. ....	2:14.48
13. Don Greig, New Zealand .....	2:14.49
14. Chris Stewart, New York .....	2:14.56
15. Tony Sandoval, Eugene, Ore. ....	2:15.23
16. Duncan MacDonald, California .....	2:15.28
17. Jeff Norman, England .....	2:15.44
18. Esa Tikkanen, Finland .....	2:16.00
19. Nobauki Takao, Tokyo .....	2:16.10
20. Frank Richardson, Ames, Iowa .....	2:16.20
21. Gunter Mielke, Germany .....	2:16.30
22. Oscar Miranda, Tampa, Fla. ....	2:16.31
23. Colin Kirkham, England .....	2:16.34
24. Steven Palladino, Calif. ....	2:16.41
25. William Sieben, Rahway, N.J. ....	2:16.44
26. John Lodwick, Eugene, Ore. ....	2:16.46

27. David Babiracki, Granada Hills, Calif. ....	2:16.49
28. Dick Hooper, Alhambra, Calif. ....	2:16.50
29. Ron Wayne, Alameda, Calif. ....	2:17.02
30. Richard Sayre, Akron, Ohio .....	2:17.17
31. Curtis Alitz, West Point, N.Y. ....	2:17.25
32. David Harper, San Diego, Calif. ....	2:17.31
33. Trevor Wright, England .....	2:17.35
34. Tim Nickevich, Berkeley, Calif. ....	2:17.38
35. Lee Fidler, Stone Mountain, Ga. ....	2:17.44
36. Scott Wyatt, Toluca Lake, Calif. ....	2:17.48
37. Kevin McCarey, Eugene, Ore. ....	2:17.50
38. William Gavaghan, Indianapolis, Ind. ....	2:18.00
39. Keith Brown, Newtonville, Mass. ....	2:18.04
40. Thomas Howard, Canada .....	2:18.09
41. Kenji Takamo, Tokyo .....	2:18.10
42. Robert McOmber, Bowling Green, Ohio .....	2:18.15
43. David Clark, England .....	2:18.28
44. Clifford Karthaus, Lincoln, Neb. ....	2:18.31
45. Walter Saeger, Dayton, Ohio .....	2:18.40
46. James Rafferty, Flushing, N.Y. ....	2:18.54
47. Kerk Lazaridis, England .....	2:18.57
48. Bruce Robinson, Silver Springs, Md. ....	2:19.03
49. Kevin McDonald, Greenville, S.C. ....	2:19.10
50. Falko Will, Germany .....	2:19.23

DAIRY QUEEN BUNNY HOP  
10,000 METERS (6.2 MILES)  
ROAD RACE



## ROADRUNNERS OPEN '79 RACE SEASON

The Bunny Hop Race, the first event of the P.E.I.

Roadrunners Club 1979 roadrace schedule takes

place Saturday at 2:00. The race, sponsored by Dairy

Queen, is open to both male and female runners and covers a six and one-quarter mile course, (see map)

Trophies will be presented to the top male and female finisher with medallions to the top three in the following

categories: men under 20-29, 30-39, 40 and over. Certificates will be given to those who finish. To enter

call Sport P.E.I. at 894-8879. Registration fee is \$1.

### — 'The Bunny Hop' —

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All those who participate will receive a roadrunner certificate. Entries will be accepted until April 12 by phoning Sport P.E.I. at 894-8879. The registration fee is one dollar.

## Armitage Cops Bunny Hop

Nineteen year-old Mike Armitage won the 10,000 meters (6¼ mile) spring Bunny Hop Saturday in a time of 36:33. The race is sponsored by Dairy Queen.

The top female and youngest female runner was Sherry McKenna, 15, who completed the course in 53:32. The youngest male to run the course was nine-year-old Peter Blane. He came across the finish line just ahead of his father in a time of 71:48.

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## BUNNY HOP WINNERS BEAM

Allan Stewart, RIGHT, of the Dairy Queen in Charlottetown, presents the top male and female runner award to Mike Armitage and

Sherry McKenna following the running of the Dairy Queen's Spring Bunny Hop Saturday. Mike, 19, was the overall winner of the 10,000

meter (6¼ mile) race with a time of 36:35. Sherry, 15, was the top female with a time of 53:32 and was also the youngest female to finish the

course. Peter Blane, 9, was the youngest runner to cross the finish line. Mr. Stewart also ran the race.

## Fitness Centre Captures First Challenge Fun Run

The West Royalty Fitness Centre recently held its first Annual Winter Challenge with

P.E.I. Road Runner's Club.

On the new indoor track (a rubberized surface with

banked corners) the Centre invited members of the Road Runner's Club to race in one, two and three mile events. Sponsored by Moosehead Breweries, a trophy was awarded to the West Royalty Fitness Centre as the winning team of the competition (a total of 35 points over the Road Runner's 32 points). As the first indoor track meet in P.E.I., all running times have been recorded for future competitions to challenge.

With 24 competitors in all, the entire challenge has set a precedent for outdoor joggers to keep working throughout the winter months. Individual awards (sponsored by Runner's World) were also presented to the following participants for significantly good times in specified events:

One Mile Run - Women - First, Carol Schurman (RR) 7:05 min.; Second, Hazel MacDonald (WRFC) 7:25 min.; Third, Karen Stewart (RR) 7:30 min. (18 yr. to 30 yr.) Men - First, Andrew Van Wiechen (WRFC) 5:20 min.; Second, Peter MacKinnon (WRFC) 5:21 min.; Third, Roy Mason (RR) 5:23 min. (31 yr. and over) - Men - First, Lawrence McLagan (WRFC) 5:10 min.; Second, Ewen Stewart (RR) 5:21 min.; Third, Bob Simmons (RR) 5:25 min.

Two Mile Run - Men's Open - First, Andrew Van Wiechen (WRFC) 11:03 min.; Second, Ewen Stewart (RR) 11:15 min.; Third, Lance Miron (RR), 11:25 min.

Three Mile Run - Men's Open - First, Lawrence McLagan (WRFC) 17:38 min.; Second, Ewen Stewart (RR) 18:00 min.; Second, Peter MacKinnon (WRFC) 18:00 min.; Third, Lance Miron (RR) 19:20

# Stewart Top Islander In Johnny Miles Run

NEW GLASGOW, N.S. (CP) — David Fudge of Dartmouth, N.S., won the fifth annual Johnny Miles Marathon here Sunday, covering the 26-kilometre course in two hours, 38 minutes and 17 seconds. Spectators lined the route that wound through the towns, New Glasgow, Trenton and Stellarton, as 148 runners, most of them from Nova Scotia, competed in windy, mild weather.

Ewen Stewart was the top P.E.I. runner in the event finishing 15th overall in a time of 2:59.28. Other Island runners included Lance Miron (3:02.21), Freeman Churchill (3:03.55), Terry Doyle (3:41.18), Ernie Maidment (3:44.06), Guy Comeau (3:59.24), Gerard Mitchell (3:49.48), Ray Mason (4:27.09) and Eric Manuel (4:27.10).

Fudge said if it had not been for the wind, he probably could have cut four or five minutes from his time which was eight seconds behind that of last year's winner, Patrick Burke, of Taeneck, N.J.

Burke, who won the Johnny Miles Marathon for the last two years, came in 10th, 2:56.06.

## Bill Ledwell

# Boston race had plenty of color

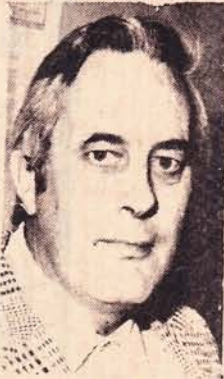
It is a well-known fact by this time that P.E.I. made a strong showing at the 83rd edition of the Boston Marathon earlier this week, where more than 8,000 distance-runners jammed the starting area at Hopkinton for the run of 26 miles, 285 yards, into downtown Boston.

Ewen Stewart, running in the Masters division for men 40 years of age and over, paced the Island delegation with a finishing time of 2 hrs., 47 minutes, which would have placed him well up in his category. It has not yet been established where Stewart placed among the Masters. That will be known when the official results are released.

Parker Lund, who finished in 3 hrs., 25 mins., said the relatively large delegation from P.E.I. will help his Roadrunners Club in the staging of its first P.E.I. marathon in September of this year. "We distributed several hundred P.E.I. Roadrunners Club brochures before the race, and we got a lot of publicity out of it," Lund explained. "Several runners, including one from Florida, asked for information and expressed interest. We also know more about marathon organization, and that will help," the Charlottetown elementary school principal stated.

The Islanders were located about 300 yards behind the starting line when the race got underway at 12 noon, but despite the huge mob of runners, there was no jostling or elbowing. Everything was very orderly, and the runners were in a rather light-hearted mood. The field included people of all ages, representing all 50 states of the USA, and 27 foreign countries.

Parker Lund told us last



night one guy ran the distance in a tuxedo, another in a Superman costume, and a gaggle of runners were out in wings and various masks—one really good runner wore a cow's head. But most of the entries were dead serious, and 12 runners in the field had finished marathon distances in times better than 2 hrs. 12 mins. An estimated 500 women competed, and about 100 people in wheelchairs. "The wheelchair entries were there to finish the race, and one fellow made it in well under three hours—he was really moving all the way," Parker reported.

Some other information furnished by Lund about the race: the entry fee was five dollars for everyone, regardless of ability. . . The whole organization of the race was flawless, and it was completed without any incidents. . . An estimated two million people lined the route, and only a few sections in the first half were not lined on both sides by people. . . The most enthusiastic cheering section was provided by the young ladies at Wellesley College, which was along the arly part of the route. . . The Islanders started five runners, and all of them finished: Ewen Stewart, Lance Miron, Don Pridmore, Parker Lund, and Don Harley.

## SPORT NOTES

### YOGA FOR RUNNERS

The P.E.I. Roadrunners Club will be conducting a beginner's Yoga program for its members and any others who are interested. Classes will be held once a week at St. Jean School starting this evening, from 7:30 to 9:00 and continuing for a period of eight weeks. The program instructor will be Mrs. Terri Sutherland. If interested

please contact Kay Lund 2-7544 before Thursday evening.