

Runners Ready For Marathon

A field of 73 runners will go to starting line Sunday afternoon in Cavendish for the third annual P.E.I. Roadrunners CBCT-FM Island Marathon.

Although the field is smaller than last year's, it is still one of the bigger marathon fields in Canada. The Island will be represented by 35 runners while three other provinces and two American states.

The race gets underway at noon in the National Park and winds up 26 miles, 385 yards later in Charlottetown at the foot of University Avenue.

Tom Olsen, of Nova Scotia, will not be taking part in the marathon this year after having won the first two Island marathons. But Gerard Campbell of Glace Bay, Tom Conway of Halifax and Bill MacEachern of Westville, who has won four Island races this year, are likely to contend for the title.

The youngest entrant in the race is 12-year-old Ronnie Lund while the oldest is 61-year-old Lawrence MacInnis. There are six teenagers in the race and four entrants over 50.

Runners in the marathon are hoping to get the same kind of support this year as they did last year. Fans in North Rustico and other spots along the route greeted the runners with applause, horn honking, vocal cheering and drumming on cooking pots.

Drivers are asked to be especially careful along the marathon route. After it starts in Cavendish, the runners proceed along the shore road for five miles before arriving in North Rustico. From there it follows Highway 6 through South Rustico, joins Highway 7 at Oyster Bed Bridge, turns on to Highway 2 at Milton and then follows the Lower Malpeque Road and the Trans Canada into Charlottetown.

Main intersections will be patrolled by RCMP and city police. The roads will remain

open for public use but drivers are recommended to reach their destinations by alternate routes where possible.

Joan Baird will address the banquet for the Roadrunners tonight. Using her background in working with the handicapped, she will talk on the success of the disabled in sport. The banquet is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Confederation Centre. Tickets are \$8 per person.

Island Roadrunners plan runner's clinic

A runner's clinic which is open to the public will be held in conjunction with the P.E.I. Roadrunners-CBCT FM Island Marathon on Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to noon.

The clinic will be held at the West Royalty Fitness Centre (The Spa).

Featured will be two guest speakers, Dr. Douglas MacMichael of Charlottetown and Freeman Churchill of Halifax.

Dr. MacMichael will be speaking on the prevention of injuries to runners. Dr. Mac-

Michael is an orthopedic specialist who has a practice in Charlottetown.

Mr. Churchill will take on "the obsession of running" and how to live with it.

Freeman Churchill is familiar to many Island runners since he formerly resided on the Island and was a member of the P.E.I. Roadrunners Club. This spring, he ran the Boston Marathon in 2 hours, 34 minutes and 43 seconds.

In addition to the speakers, there will also be short films on running and a display of the latest in running gear put on by several of the most prominent running gear companies.

The clinic is open to the general public as well as entrants in the Island Marathon. There is no admission fee.

FIRST ISLAND WINNER

Wyatt Wins Island Marathon

By GARTH HURLEY

Jim Wyatt, Crossroads, became the first Islander to win the 26-mile marathon as he crossed the finish line with a time of 2:49.31 on Sunday.

"At this stage it's hard to believe," said Wyatt following his win. "Quite unreal."

The 39 year-old Wyatt was the first of four Island runners that crossed the finish line ahead of their mainland competitors in the third annual Island Marathon.

Paul Wright of Bedeque crossed the line at 2:51.46 for second place. Ewen Stewart was third and Don Pridmore of Charlottetown was fifth. Stewart was clocked at 2:54.37

while Pridmore finished at 2:57.36.

Jean Faucher of James Park, N.B. was the first mainland runner to finish. Faucher was fifth at 2:58.42.

Wyatt's time was well off the mark set by last year's winner Tom Olsen of Sydney Mines, N.S. Olsen set a course record with a time of 2:04.33. Olsen captured the first two Island Marathons, but did not return to seek a possible third consecutive title because of injury.

Wyatt said he was worried about how his time would be when he finishing up the last miles of the marathon.

"I needed a time of two hours fifty minutes or better to

qualify for next's years Boston Marathon."

This was the last chance Wyatt had to qualify for the Boston Marathon as a Masters runner.

Having four Islanders top the field shows that Island runners are improving said Wyatt.

"We're getting better. This shows that we are getting more depth in our team."

HARD TO BEAT

The combination of wind and heat was hard to run in said Wyatt. He said he believes the combination of the two plus the grueling hill throughout the course slowed most of the mainland runners down.

Bill MacEachern Westville, N.S., led throughout most of the race. At the 19 mile mark the mainland runner had to drop back as cramps forced him to slow his pace. At this point Wyatt took the lead. The Island runner had a 100 yard lead over Paul Wright at the 23 mile mark and stretched the lead as he moved closer to the finish line.

Monica Lapointe of St. Eleanors was the top female finisher. She finished with a time of 3:50.10.

Fifty three of the 69 starters finished the grueling 26 mile race.

The following are the award winners.

TOP WINNERS

Championship Trophy donated by Tourism Industry Association of P.E.I. presented to Jim Wyatt Crossroads 2:49.31.

Second place trophy donated by Tweel's Gift Shop presented to Paul Wright Bedeque 2:51.46. Third place trophy donated by Moosehead Breweries presented to Ewen Stewart Charlottetown 2:54.37. Fourth place

trophy donated by Tim Horton's presented to Don Pridmore Charlottetown 2:57.36. Fifth place award donated by Bonnie Brae Restaurant Cornwall presented to Jean Faucher James Park N.B. 2:58.42.

TOP FEMALE FINISHERS

First place award donated by McDonald's Restaurant presented to Monica LaPointe St. Eleanors 3:50.10. Second place award donated by Henderson and Cudmores presented to Eleanor Farrington New Glasgow 4:20.21. Third place award donated by Holman's of P.E.I. presented to Kim Scholefield Bunbury.

FIRST ISLANDER

Award donated by Rodd Motor Inn presented to Jim Wyatt Crossroads.

FIRST COUNTY FINISHERS

Kings County Award donated by Scott's Gift Shop Montague presented to Phillip Lutwick Montague 3:18.42.

Queens County Award donated by Paul's Flowers Charlottetown presented to Jim Wyatt Crossroads.

Prince County Award donated by Mid-West Sales and Service Ltd. Miscouche presented to Paul Wright Bedeque.

AGE CATEGORY AWARDS

Men 20 and under-gold Calvin DesRoche Freetown 3:11.32; silver Joanathon Orlowski Covehead bronze Dean MacMillan West Covehead.

Men 21-29 - gold Paul Wright Bedeque; silver Jean Faucher James park N.B.; bronze Terry Morris Dartmouth N.S.

Men 30-39 - gold Jim Wyatt Crossroads; silver Don Pridmore Charlottetown; bronze Timothy Doyle Halifax N.S.

Men 40-49 - gold Lawrence Macinnis (61) Goldboro N.S.; silver Bob Wigmore (52) Charlottetown; bronze John Bennett (59).

Women 20 and under - gold Monica LaPointe St. Eleanors.

Women 21-26 - gold Kim Scholefield Bunbury.

Women 35 and over - gold Eleanor Farrington New Glasgow

Master Award (Men 40 and over) donated by the family of the late Harry Harley presented to Ewen Stewart Charlottetown.

Masters award (women 35 and over) donated by Taylor Jewellers Ltd. presented to Eleanor Farrington.

Team Award donated by Johnny Miles for top team from one province presented to P.E.I. team consisting of Jim Wyatt Paul Wright Ewen Stewart Don Primore and Calvin DesRoches.



ISLANDERS WINS MARATHON

Jim Wyatt, Crossroads, crosses the finish line to win the Third Annual Island Marathon, Sunday. Wyatt

became the first Islander to capture the 26-mile run with a time of 2:49.31. (See story page 9).



WELL DONE JIM

Jim Wyatt, 38, of Crossroads gets a hug from his wife and a chance to catch his breath after finishing the

26-mile Island marathon Sunday in the fastest time of 2:49.31. He is the first Islander to win the race

which followed a route from Cavendish to the Cenotaph on Grafton street.

— First Island Winner —

Wyatt Leads Flurry Of Island Runners Over Marathon Finish Line

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Wyatt, the 38-year-old
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runners - CBCT-TV FM
Marathon in a time of
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A good crowd was on hand to meet the runners and cheer them on to the final leg of the race, and the Saint John Ambulance Service were there to provide blankets and refreshments.

Wyatt said he felt pretty good this morning after the race, and he was out and ran 9 miles before going to work. "I run with Ewen Stewart all the time, so I was glad to see him do so well."

"My goal for the marathon was to have a time under 2:50," said Wyatt, "so I could qualify for the Boston Marathon this Fall. This is my last year as being able to register as a youngster, because I turn 39 in the fall and will have to register as a Master next year."

Wyatt has only been running the last year and a half, and last year finished 15th overall in the P.E.I. Marathon and was the fourth Island finisher in a time of 3:00:48. Wyatt showed a vast improvement this year.

"The marathon was great and I really enjoy running," said Wyatt.

Due to the past mail strike, not as many entries were handed in for the Marathon, and only 69 started the journey. When the final runner crossed the finish line, a total of 53 runners had completed the course.

Following are the results:

TOP MALE RUNNERS

1. Jim Wyatt of Crossroads, P.E.I. (Tourism Industry Association of P.E.I. Trophy), 2:49:31; 2. Paul Wright of Bedeque, P.E.I. (Tweel's gift Shop Trophy), 2:51:46; 3. Ewen Stewart of Charlottetown, P.E.I. (Moosehead Breweries Trophy), 2:54:37; 4. Don Pridmore of Charlottetown (Tim Horton's Trophy), 2:57:36; 5. Jean Faucher of James Park, N.B. (Bonnie Brae Restaurant Trophy), 2:58:42.

TOP FEMALE RUNNERS

1. Monica LaPointe of St. Eleanors, P.E.I. (McDonald's Restaurant Trophy), 3:50:10; 2. Eleanor Farrington of New Glasgow, P.E.I. (Henderson and Cadmore Trophy), 4:20:21.



They're Off

Sixty-nine runners started the Third Annual P.E.I. Roadrunners - CBCT-TV FM Marathon at Caven-dish Sunday, with 53 of them com-pleting the 26-mile, 385 yard course.

Jim Wyatt of Crossroads was eventual winner, in a time of 2:49 and became the first Islander ever win the race.

FIRST ISLANDER

Jim Wyatt (Rodd Motor Inn Trophy).

FIRST COUNTY

1. Phillip Lutwick of Montague (Kings County Award donated by Scott's Gift Shop), 3:18:42; 2. Jim Wyatt (Queens County Award donated by Paul's Flowers); 3. Paul Wright (Prince County Award donated by Mid-West Sales and Service Ltd. Miscouche).

MEN 20-UNDER

Gold - Calvin DesRoches of Freetown (3:11:32); Silver - Jonathon Orlowski of Covehead; Bronze - Dean MacMillan of West Covehead.

MEN 21-29

Gold - Paul Wirght of Bedeque; Silver - Jean Faucher of James Park, N.B.; Bronze - Terry Morris of Dartmouth.

MEN 30-39

Gold - Jim Wyatt of Crossroads; Silver - Don Pridmore of Charlottetown; Bronze - Timothy Doyle of Halifax.

MEN 40-49

Gold - Ewen Stewart of Charlottetown.

MEN 50-Over

Gold - Lawrence McInnis of Goldboro, N.S. (61); Silver - Bob Wigmore of Charlottetown (52); Bronze - John Bennett (59).

WOMEN 20-UNDER

Gold - Monica LaPointe of St. Eleanors.

WOMEN 21-26

Gold - Kim Scholefield of Bunbury.

WOMEN 35-OVER

Gold - Eleanor Farrington of New Glasgow.

TEAM TROPHY

P.E.I. - Jim Wyatt, Paul Wright, Ewen Stewart, Don Pridmore and Calvin DesRoches