



LAPOINTE TOP FEMALE IN MARATHON

Monica LaPointe accepts clock for being first female finisher in the Island Marathon Sunday from Ken Campbell, awards chairman

for the P.E.I. Roadrunners Association. The third annual marathon, covering 26 miles, was won by Jim Wyatt

of Crossroads. Defending champion Tom Olsen was unable to defend his title because of injuries.



JIM WYATT of Crossroads, P.E.I. accepts trophy after winning the 26 mile Island Marathon Sun-

day from Ken Campbell, awards chairman for the P.E.I. Roadrunners Associa-

tion. Wyatt won the race in two hours 49 minutes and 31 seconds to become the first

Islander to win the marathon. Monica LaPointe was the first female finisher.

Wyatt puts Island runners on map with 2:49.31 win in 26-mile race

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."

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 FIVE 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 Brass 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 Orlovski 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



JIM WYATT (left), of Crossroads, crosses over the finish line of the Third Annual P.E.I. Roadrunners - CBCT-TV FM Island Marathon in a time of 2:49:31, to become the first Islander to win the prestigious event. Wyatt led a flurry of Island runners to the finish, as Paul Wright (right), of Bedeque finished second (2:51:46), Ewen Stewart of Charlottetown was third (2:54:37), and Don Pridmore of Charlottetown was fourth (2:57:36).

Third Annual P.E.I. Marathon Results

Following are the official results of the Third Annual P.E.I. Roadrunners - CBCT-TV FM Island Marathon, held last weekend:

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| 1. Jim Wyatt (2 hours:49 minutes.31 seconds). | 17. Ronnie Drake (3:27.19). | 36. Barry Gill (3:54.46). |
| 2. Paul Wright (2:51.46). | 18. Simon Laporte (3:29.57). | 37. Thomas C. Brooks (3:55.15). |
| 3. Ewen Stewart (2:54.37). | 19. Matt Smith (3:30.38). | 38. Donald Lightfoot (3:56.56). |
| 4. Don Pridmore (2:57.36). | 20. Parker Lund (3:30.51). | 39. Don Blane (3:57.35). |
| 5. Jean Faucher (2:58.43). | 21. Gary McLaughlin (3:31.16). | 40. Charles-Henri Landry (3:57.35). |
| 6. Bill MacEachern (3:00.17). | 22. Jonathon Orlowski (3:32.14). | 41. Eric Manual (4:11.45). |
| 7. Terry Morris (3:03.19). | 23. Fred Affleck (3:34.40). | 42. James Glennan (4:13.40). |
| 8. Timothy Doyle (3:07.29). | 24. Lawrence MacInnis (3:35.53). | 43. Eddie Bernard (4:14.50). |
| 9. Leo Glavine (3:08.45). | 25. Verner Smitheram (3:37.18). | 44. Ronald Gaudet (4:18.14). |
| 10. Calvin DesRoches (3:11.32). | 26. Don Mazer (3:37.18). | 45. Eleanor Farrington (4:20.21). |
| 11. Salam Hashem (3:12.34). | 27. Alan Preston (3:38.00). | 46. John S. Bennett (4:25.56). |
| 12. Kenneth Jones (3:18.12). | 28. John Thompson (3:38.18). | 47. Mike Dowling (4:38.25). |
| 13. Phillip Lutwich (3:18.42). | 29. Ninian Leblanc (3:39.03). | 48. Reggie MacInnis (4:39.25). |
| 14. Carl Phillips (3:18:53). | 30. Bob Wigmore (3:44.34). | 49. Ralph Murphy (4:39.29). |
| 15. Michel Ouellette (3:20.34). | 31. Ralph Saulnier (3:47.25). | 50. Gordon Chapman (4:39.33). |
| 16. Jake Baird (3:27.19). | 32. Dean MacMillan (3:47.51). | 51. Carl MacLeod (4:45.02). |
| | 33. Kenneth Lawless (3:49.34). | 52. Kim Scholefield (4:49.57). |
| | 34. Monica LaPointe (3:50.10). | 53. Ronnie Lund (5:11.38). |
| | 35. Brad Murray (3:51.47). | |

