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**ISLAND MARATHON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1982**

WELCOME FROM THE SPONSORS

CBCT-FM in Charlottetown and the P.E.I. Roadrunners Club are pleased once again to sponsor the ISLAND MARATHON. This race, with its unique course and setting, has been greatly enjoyed by runners as can be attested by their comments.

We think we have one of the most scenic marathon routes in Canada and we invite you to test yourself against it. Once again this year there will be plenty of prizes, plenty of memories and plenty of Island hospitality. We invite you to be a part of the Island Marathon.

Pat Reilly
Station Manager, CBCT

Don Pridmore
President, PEI Roadrunners Club

GOES SEPTEMBER 12

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Pridmore, Farrington Atop Road Running Standings

CHARLOTTETOWN (Release) — Don Pridmore and Eleanor Farrington find themselves atop the standings in the Men's and Women's 1982 Grand Prix Road Running competition.

Pridmore, of Charlottetown, rolled up 106 points over the first six road races in the province. Points are awarded according to the place of finish with 25 points going to the winner, 20 for second and one less point for each succeeding position.

Close behind Pridmore are Carl Phillips of Tyne Valley with 99 points, and Jim Wyatt of Crossroads with 95. Next in line is Stew Freeman of North Granville with 59.

Farrington, also of North Granville, has a more comfortable margin in the Women's division. Her 102 points places her well ahead of Gerianne McCarthy of Morell, who has 79, and Monica LaPointe of St.

Eleanors, who has tallied 75 points.

Marlene Costain of Miminegash is fourth with 65 points and Rosemary Faulkner is fifth with 62.

The standings can change very quickly this year under the new format. Only the runner's six best races will be used to tabulate a runner's total. Wyatt, for instance, could jump into the lead with his next race since he had entered only five races, whereas Pridmore and Phillips had each run six.

There are 18 races on the P.E.I. roadrunners Club race schedule, so there will be numerous opportunities for runners who are lower down in the standings to challenge for a top spot.

One runner who may not have time to mount a challenge is the Women's two-time Grand Prix winner, Monica LaPointe.

LAPOINTE TO B.C.

LaPointe will be moving to British Columbia in August.

Her departure will bring about a real loss to the Women's road running scene since she has led the way during the past three years with quality running performances.

The Grand Prix standings were published in the July edition of the P.E.I. Roadrunners Club Newsletter. They do not include any of the July road races.

Leaders in the various age categories are as follows:

Men Under 20 — 1. Phillip Easter and Steven Simmons (51); 3. Dean MacMillan (27).

Men 20 - 29 — 1. Calvin DesRoches (34); 2. Julien Gallant (27); 3. Allan Mason (19).

Men 30-39 — 1. Don Pridmore (106); 2. Carl Phillips (99); 3. Jim Wyatt (95).

Men 40-Over — 1. Stew Freeman (59); 2. Ewen Stewart (47); 3. Salam Hashem (27).

Women 25-Under — 1. Gerianne McCarthy (79); 2. Monica LaPointe (75); 3. Marlene Costain (65).

Women 25-Over — 1. Eleanor Farrington (102); 2. Rosemary Faulkner (62); 3. Sue Ouellett (17).

Marathon Dedicated To Michael Thomas

The Fourth Annual P.E.I. Roadrunners - CBCT-FM Marathon is being dedicated to the memory of Michael Thomas, probably the best distance runner ever produced by Prince Edward Island.

The announcement was made by the P.E.I. Roadrunners Club, organizers of the marathon, which is to be held this year on Sunday, September 12.

The Club also announced that to mark the occasion, Michael Thomas' daughter, Blanche Doucette of Saint John and granddaughter Virginia Doucette of Toronto, have been named race patrons and will be in attendance at the race.

Michael Thomas was

inducted into the P.E.I. Sports Hall of Fame in 1980 for his illustrious running record from the 1909 to 1912 period. It was a time when running was in a golden age and when Thomas was the best amateur runner in Eastern Canada, and one of the better runners in North America.

Michael (Mick) Thomas of Lennox Island was born in 1885 and was already in his mid-twenties before father John A. MacDonald encouraged him to take up running competitively. Eventually, Thomas would be compared to another legendary Indian runner of the day, Tom Longboat.

Thomas won the Charlottetown Patriot 10-Mile Race in 1909, 1910, and 1911 before crowds of thousands to establish himself as the Island's foremost runner.

MADE NAME IN HALIFAX

It was in Halifax, though, that he made his name known throughout the region. The Halifax Herald-Mail Star 10-Mile Road Race was generally considered the most prestigious contest in Eastern Canada. For three consecutive years from 1910 to 1912, the great Michael Thomas, as the Halifax newspapers called him, went unbeaten against top regional and North American distance runners.

The crowds for these races were estimated at 25,000. These were not the only crowds that Thomas encountered. Upon his return to Charlottetown in 1910, Thomas was met by the most rousing reception in the city's history. He was escorted before

thousands of cheering fans to the Arena Bank, which was covered for the occasion in the colors of Thomas' Abeqweit Track team.

Michael Thomas was the first Islander to run the famed Boston Marathon in 1911. He would finish 26th in Boston with an excellent time under the circumstances. Each runner at that time depended on an accompanying cyclist to provide water. Thomas' cyclist, unfortunately, had an accident which left Thomas unaccompanied for most of the race. Still, he covered the 26-mile distance in 2 hours and 52 minutes.

WAS INSPIRATION

Michael Thomas was the first of many great Mic-mac runners in P.E.I. including Barney Francis and John Paul, and provided an inspiration for native runners.

As patrons for the 1982 Island Marathon, the Doucettes join illustrious company. In 1979 the first annual patrons were Gordon Bennett and Steve Paprowski. Johnny Miles, a four-time winner of the Boston Marathon, and Wallace Rodd, a leading Island runner in the 1930s, were the patrons in 1980. In 1981, the International Year of the Disabled Person, the patrons were Tommy Kays and Phil Bower, Island athletes who have performed very well in national competitions for the blind.

The Island Marathon will cover a 26-mile, 385-yard route, from Cavendish to Charlottetown on September 12. The race, which is sponsored by CBCT-FM, is expected to draw a good number of Island, Canadian, and American runners.

Doucett To Start Marathon

The P.E.I. Roadrunners Club has announced that Mrs. Blanche Doucett, the daughter of former Island great runner Michael Thomas, will be the official starter for the P.E.I. Roadrunners-CBCT-FM Island Marathon on Sunday.

Mrs. Doucett, who is this year's race patron, will be travelling from Saint John to attend the race.

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