

Motorists Asked To Be On Lookout For Runners

Runners in the P.E.I. Roadrunners - CBCT-FM Island Marathon will be depending on drivers to keep an eye out for them

tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon so that the perfect safety record of the Marathon will be maintained.

The roads from Cavendish to Charlottetown on which the Marathon will be held will remain open to traffic, but drivers are asked to yield to runners.

For the safety of the runners, the RCMP and the Charlottetown City Police will be patrolling many of the key intersections. The RCMP will provide a lead car to guide the front runners safely along the route and they will monitor traffic at some of the busy intersections.

Once the runners reach the City, the City Police will take over in patrolling intersections along University Avenue.

The P.E.I. Roadrunners Club will also have volunteers, who will be prominently identified by orange vests, to assist with traffic.

In the first three years of the marathon there have been no runners injured in collisions, but there have been some close calls.

"When runners get tired they tend to lose their ability to react to the traffic around them. Drivers should be aware of this and give the runners lots of room," said an official of the P.E.I. Roadrunners Club.

Of particular concern is University Avenue. Runners will be directed to stay to the east side of University Avenue so that they will be facing traffic as they head into the downtown.

The first runners should reach this segment of the course at about 2:30 p.m. and it is expected that the final

Tomorrow's P.E.I. Marathon

Route



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runners will be on the course up to 4:30.

The Marathon starts at 12:00 noon in the National Park at Cavendish, and

heads into Charlottetown via the park road, highways 6, 7 and 2, and the Lower Malpeque Road and the Trans

Canada Highway.

If possible, drivers are urged to use alternate routes so as to avoid traffic tie-ups.

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.

This year's Marathon is being dedicated to the memory of Michael Thomas, an Islander who was one of Canada's best long distance runners in the 1909 to 1912 period.

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Support From Fans Boost For Runners

P.E.I. has acquired a reputation for plentiful fan support for Island Marathon runners and that is one of the key ingredients for the success of the event, say race organizers.

"Runners like to have spectators cheer them on over the long 26 mile distance. Believe me, it makes a big difference for them to know that they have support from spectators," said race director Jim Wyatt of the P.E.I. Roadrunners Club.

During the three years that the Island Marathon has been held, the fan support has been particularly strong in the Rustico area.

One Massachusetts couple, who ran the race in 1980, wrote back to the Roadrunners Club to express their surprise at the cheering that helped them along that section of the race.

SHOW FANS

"We have a race here called the Boston Marathon which is reputed to have the best race fans in the world. You should bring the people of North Rustico down here to show these fans what real enthusiasm is," their letter stated.

With a relatively small population base and running community, the Island Marathon depends very heavily on attracting out-of-province runners to make it a major marathon competition. Organizers say that one of the important factors in attracting and keeping runners is the positive response they get from spectators.

Although road racing is not a popular spectator sport in Canada, marathons do have an appeal that has attracted large crowds in cities such as Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Vancouver.

Part of the appeal is the long distance of the race - 26 miles, 385 yards. It is one of the truly great challenges in sport.

As a sporting event, marathoning offers the human drama of a race that depends very much on strategy, endurance and will.

Interested persons to come out and watch the runners. The race starts at 12 noon on Sunday at Cavendish in the National Park and ends in downtown Charlottetown.

Tuesday, September 7th, 1982

Marathon Weekend Features Plenty Of Activities

CHARLOTTETOWN — Although the race itself is the main event of the weekend, many other functions take place around this Sunday's 4th Annual Island Marathon.

Probably the most important to most of the runners is the carbohydrate-loading banquet Saturday night. Not only is this an enjoyable social evening both for the runners and everyone else who attends, but also its an excellent source of carbohydrates necessary to build up energy reserves in the muscles for the 26.2 mile trek the following day.

This year's banquet features guest speaker Dr. Johnny Miles Williston from New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. Dr. Williston was the founder of the Johnny Miles Marathon, which honors Johnny Miles of Nova Scotia, two time winner of the Boston Marathon.

Dr Williston has been a friend to many of the current group of Island runners as they visited New Glasgow to run his marathon. Also on the program that evening will be the official dedication of the fourth running of the Island Marathon to the memory of Michael Thomas, one of the finest runners produced in P.E.I.

Thomas dominated running on P.E.I. and the Maritimes in the early 1900's.

TICKETS

Tickets for this event, which is to be held at the Idle Oars Restaurant in North Rustico, are available at a cost of \$8.00 by calling Rosemary Faulkner at 569-2765 in the evenings, or Judy at Sport P.E.I. (892-9178).

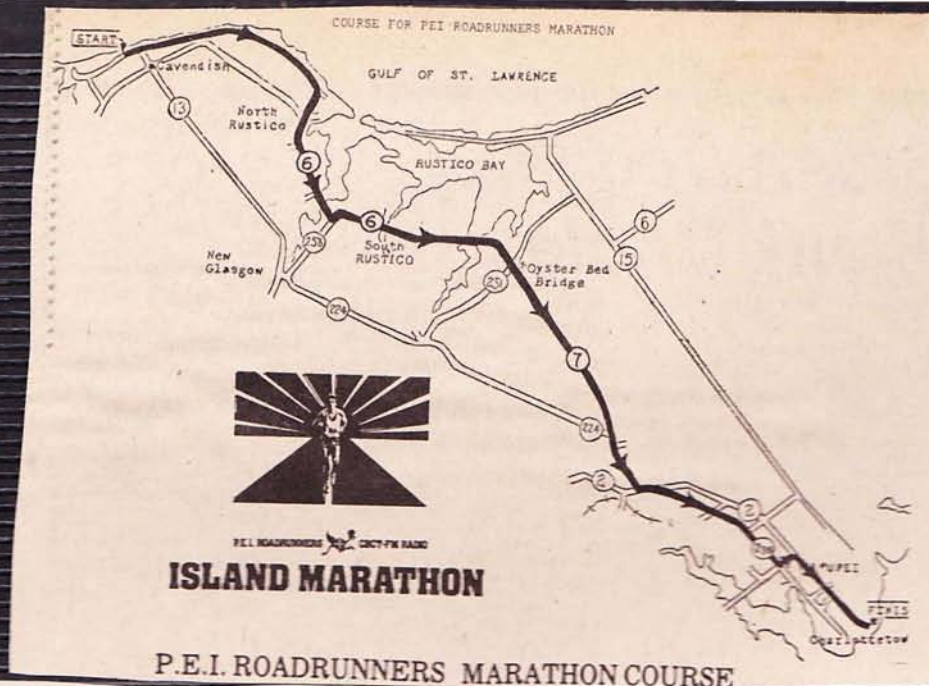
Also on the agenda for Saturday is a social run at 7:30 a.m. led by Ewen Stewart, noted Island runner. This will be a slow paced 2-mile run

and other runners are welcome to join the marathoners and meet them. The social run starts and finishes at Smitty's Pancake House in the University Mall. Following the run, the marathoners will be treated to buttermilk pancakes, courtesy of Smitty's at 8:00 a.m.

There will be a running clinic at the West Royalty Fitness Centre (The Spa) on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to noon for

which details will be released later. The clinic will be including speakers, film, and equipment displays. All runners are welcome to attend. Following the marathon, the awards presentation and post-race clam chowder will also take place at The Spa.

Altogether, runners can look forward to a busy weekend whether they are competing in the marathon.



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Quality Field Entered In Island Marathon

Entries to date indicate that there will be a quality field for next Sunday's (September 12) fourth running of the Island Marathon.

Eleven of the first 57 runners registered have previously run marathons in faster times than Jim Wyatt's winning time of 2:49.31 in

the 1981 version of the marathon. Four runners, three from U.S.A. and one from Ontario, have previous marathon times better than the course record of 2:35.52 set by Tom Olsen in 1980.

Topping the list of entries is Dr. Tim Loftus from Florida who was one of the top 100 marathoners in the U.S. in 1981 as a result of a 2:22.47 time in the Boston Marathon.

Dr. Loftus finished fifth in the Island Marathon in 1980 but has been consistently running in the 2:20s since and has already stated that his aim is to lower the course record this year. Dr. Loftus will have competition from a number of others on the tough Cavendish to Charlottetown course. Norm Patenaude of Sudbury, Ontario has a previous best time of 2:24.42 in 1973 and has run many marathons in the 2:30s. The veteran runner has more than 75 marathons altogether.

Bill Koehler of Maryland is registered although there is some doubt as to whether he will be able to attend. Koehler came second in the Island Marathon in 1980 to Olsen's record-setting finish, and has recorded a time of 2:32.45 since.

Another of the top runners registered is James Jones of Brooklyn, New York who recorded a 2:29.37 in the Fiesta Bowl Marathon in 1978. Jones is very much an unknown factor in the race. Also registered is Gerard Campbell of Glace Bay,

Nova Scotia who has won the Ben Buffett Memorial Marathon for the last two years with times in the high 2:30s.

DEFENDS TITLE

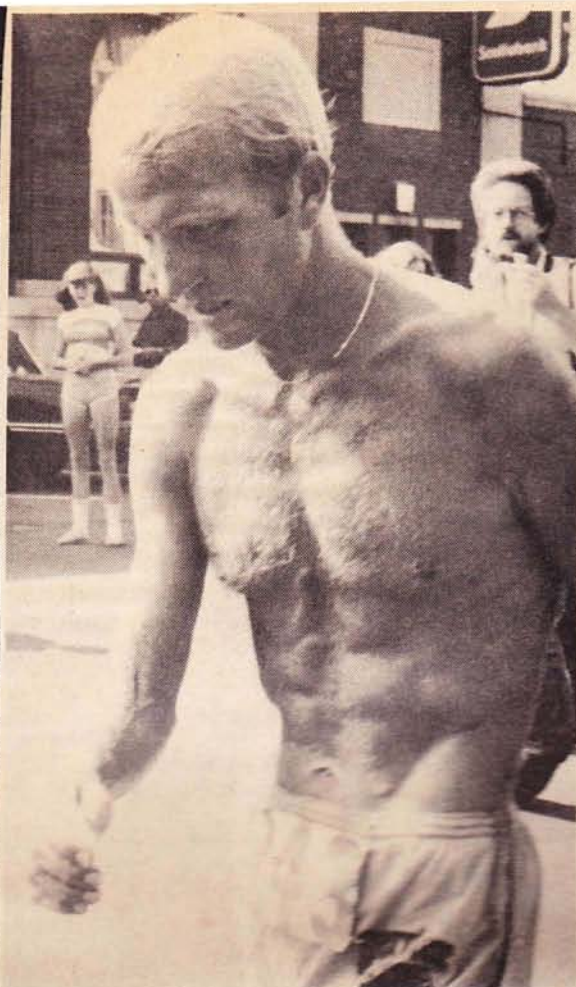
Among Island runners a number of familiar faces will be in evidence. Jim Wyatt of Crossroads, last year's champion, will return to defend his title and will receive competition from Don Pridmore, who recorded his best time at this year's National Capital Marathon in Ottawa.

Always a threat is Charlottetown veteran Masters runner Ewen Stewart, who still has the best time recorded by an Islander in the Marathon (2:47.01).

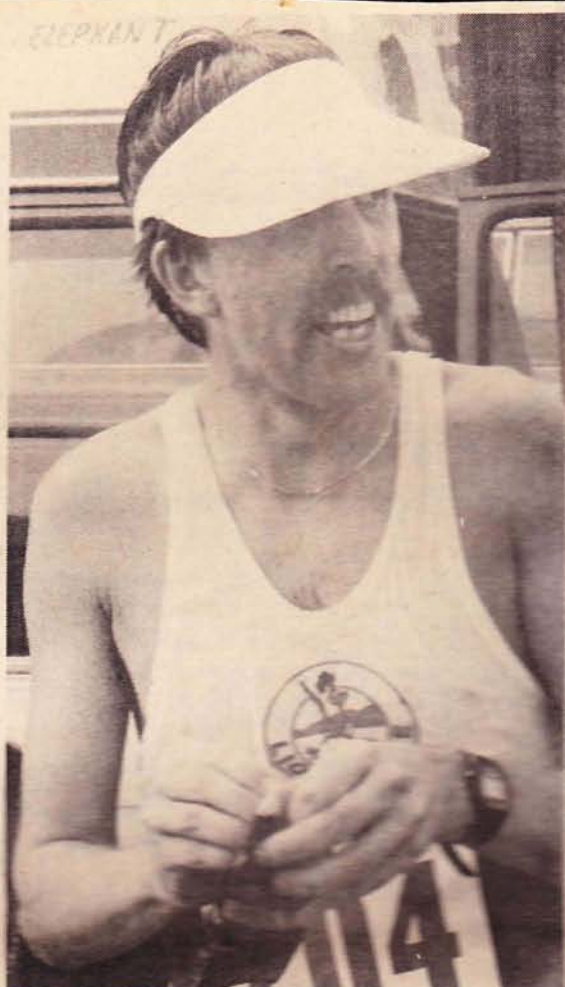
Many Island runners will be aiming at this mark, including Calvin DesRoches of Freetown, Carl Phillips of Tyne Valley, Phillip Easter of Sherwood, and Stew Freeman of North Granville.

Of the few women entered for the gruelling 26.2 mile test, early favorites are Michelyne Michaud of Moncton, N.B. and P.E.I.'s Eleanor Farrington of North Granville. Michelyne has a best time of 3:45 at Montreal this year, while Eleanor set her best time of 3:59 at New York last fall.

Even without the addition of late entries, this year's Island Marathon promises to provide many interesting matchups for spectators to watch along the Cavendish to Charlottetown course.



Tim Loftus



Bob Legge

Loftus Sets New P.E.I. Marathon Standard Of 2:32.36

By Erskine Ashley

Tim Loftus of Miami, Florida broke the Island marathon record by 2 minutes and 16 seconds, with a sizzling time of 2:32.36, under very warm conditions Sunday in the Fourth P.E.I. Roadrunners - CBCT-FM Island Marathon.

Loftus set a gruelling pace for himself and was at the half-way mark (Oyster Bed Bridge) in just over an hour and 10 minutes.

The old record (2:34.52) set by Tom Olsen of Nova Scotia, slowly disappeared as Loftus entered the home stretch with just over 2 hours and 30 minutes

gone. Spectators were on hand at the finish line, and encouraged him on with loud applause the last quarter of a mile.

Loftus said he was very tired, and warm. Summer weather, with very warm temperatures, took its toll on the runners, forcing many of them to slow their pace. Loftus was hoping to finish in under 2 hours and 30 minutes, but he said he was "satisfied" with his run.

The 26.2 mile course is classed as a very stiff course, with rolling hills and very few straight stretches.

Bob Legge, of North Vancouver, British Col-

umbia finished second with a time of 2:49.04, while last year's winner, Jim Wyatt of Crossroads, P.E.I., finished third in a time of 2:51.41.

P.E.I. COPS TEAM TITLE

The Prince Edward Island runners captured the team championship, finishing with five in the top seven. The five Island runners were Wyatt, Mark McCosham (2:59.43); Ewen Stewart (3:00.39); Carl Phillips (3:01.09), and Don Pridmore (3:01.29).

Eleanor Farrington of North Granville, P.E.I., captured the Master (40-Over) Womens title with a finishing time of 4:23.40. Ewen Stewart was the Master Men's Champion in a time of 3:00.39. First Novice runner was Philip Easter of

Sherwood (3:09.14); Youngest Runner was Ronnie Lund (13) of Mermaid, and Oldest Runner was Lawrence McInnis (62) of Goldboro, N.S.

1. Tim Loftus (Fla. - 2:32.36); 2. Bob Legge (B.C. - 2:49.04); 3. Jim Wyatt (P.E.I. - 2:51.41); 4. Mark McCosham (P.E.I. - 2:59.43); 5. Ewen Stewart (P.E.I. - 3:00.39); 6. Carl Phillips (P.E.I. - 3:01.09); 7. Don Pridmore (P.E.I. - 3:01.29); 8. Terry Morris (N.S. - 3:03.08); 9. Calvin DesRoches (P.E.I. - 3:03.45); 10. Philip Easter (P.E.I. - 3:09.14); 11. Pierre Michaud (N.B. - 3:11.28); 12. Dick Walsh (Va. - 3:12.58); 13. Kevin Cox (N.S. - 3:12.23); 14. Ray Mason (P.E.I. - 3:18.16); 15. Roger Hewlett (P.E.I. - 3:18.25); 16. Willie MacDonald (P.E.I. - 3:21.34); 17. Fred Affleck (P.E.I. - 3:24.23); 18. Jack Poruznik (N.S. - 3:26.06); 19. Jonathan Orlovski (P.E.I. - 3:29.05); 20. Nimir LeBlanc (P.E.I. - 3:34.01); 21. Stew Freeman (P.E.I. - 3:34.06); 22. Leo Sheehy (N.B. - 3:35.09); 23. Kent Leslie (N.S. - 3:35.09); 24. Lawrence McInnis (N.S. 3:35.21); 25. Jake Baird (P.E.I. - 3:46.21); 26. Ronnie Drake (P.E.I. - 3:46.21); 27. Barry Dunford (P.E.I. - 3:52.37); 28. Gordon Chapman (N.S. - 3:54.16); 29. Don Blaine (P.E.I. - 3:55.54); 30. Don Harley (P.E.I. - 3:56.02); 31. Fulton Macintosh (P.E.I. - 3:56.48); 32. Micheline Michaud (N.B. - 3:58.25); 33. Serge Lusselle (N.B. - 3:58.25); 34. David Gallant (P.E.I. - 4:06.34); 35. Kenneth Jones (P.E.I. - 4:03.03); 36. Bryan Skinner (N.S. - 4:03.50); 37. Dave Manovil (N.S. - 4:05.13); 38. Lambert