

200 Participants Expected At Island 'New Look' Marathon

WRIGHT RETURNS TO DEFEND TITLE

Marathon Attracts Large Field

A field of approximately 200 runners is expected to assemble at the Charlottetown Mall parking lot Sunday morning for the seventh annual P.E.I. Roadrunners' Island Marathon.

The new-look marathon, sponsored by National Video and CFCY Radio, will incorporate for the first time a half-marathon and a 10 km run. The marathon itself is expected to attract some 75 runners, up considerably over last year's 54 entrants. Another 75 are expected to run the 10 km, while about 50 will run the half-marathon.

The starting time is 9 a.m. with the new out and back course considered faster and flatter than the previous Cavendish to Charlottetown route. Federal Environment Minister Tom McMillan will be the official race starter.

Paul Wright of Lower Bedeque will be seeking to defend his title. He won last year's marathon in a time of 2:44:24. However, he has a personal best marathon time of 2:41:28. A challenger for this year's crown will likely be Bert Devries of Toronto, who boasts a marathon time of 2:33:13.

TOP CONTENDER

Among the top contenders in the half-marathon will be Ken Doucette of CFB Summerside. The Nova Scotia native has a personal best time for the distance of 1:10. Former Roadrunner Jim Wyatt is also entered in the half-marathon. He has a personal best time of 1:15:49.

Along with the many runners, the event requires over 100 volunteers. These people are involved in everything from registrations to water and timing stations. Others who will be contributing their services are members of the

Charlottetown Boys Club, who will be course guides, the St. John Ambulance, city police, RCMP and 15 members of the 721 Communications Regiment. The official computer which will provide results is supplied by Norcom Ltd.

The marathon runners will travel down Mount Edward Road (from Towers road) to Belvedere Avenue, then down North River Road, through Brighton, Victoria Park to Grafton Street. Crossing the bridge the runners will travel through Southport and Keppoch and back to the start.

Motorists are requested to be cautious if driving in the area. Residents along the route are encouraged to come out and support the runners.

The awards presentation which will follow at the Charlottetown Mall is open to the public. It is expected to take place at approximately 2 p.m.

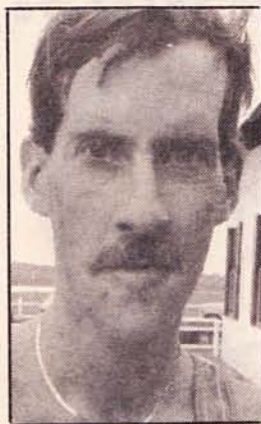
Following are runners that were registered on Friday.

Fred Affleck, Charlottetown; Mel Arsenault, Charlottetown; Jake Baird, Charlottetown; Conrad Belliveau, Sherwood; Harvey Bernard, Crossroads; Dave Blum, Belfast; Ken Blum, Belfast; Brian Bradley, Bunbury; Dianne Bradley, Charlottetown; Paul Burnley, Summerside; Frank Butler, Pleasant Grove; Chris Butt, Dartmouth, N.S.

John Campbell, Dartmouth, N.S.; Donald Campbell, St. Eleanors; Gordon Chapman, Picton, N.S.; Alex Coffin, Saint John, N.B.; Patrick Cooke, Crossroads; Carl Cooper, Charlottetown; Tom Corcoran, Charlottetown; Terry De Long, Chester Basin, N.S.; John Derry, Charlottetown; Bert Devries, Toronto; Ken Doucette, Summerside; Brian Dunn, Cornwall;

Philip Easter, Sherwood; Dennis Edgecombe, Montague; David Edmond, Greenwood, N.S.; Linnell Edwards, Charlottetown; Reagh Ellis, Souris; Alex Fancy, Sackville, N.B.; Rosemary Faulkner, Southport; Marina Fay, Charlottetown; Helen Flynn, Sherwood; Wayne Fraser, Sherwood; Eleanor Freeman, N. Granville; Stewart Freeman, N. Granville;

David Gallant, Charlottetown; Wayne Gernor, New



Paul Wright

Glasgow, N.S.; Ian Glass, Charlottetown; Charles Grant, Greenwood, N.S.; Bob Gray, Southport; Bernard Greene, Halifax, N.S.; Brooke Gregory, Sherwood; Dorothy Gregory, Sherwood; Tanya Gregory, Charlottetown; Ian Griffin, Chelton.

Mike Hamilton, Middleton, N.S.; Terry Hampel, Dartmouth, N.S.; Don Harley, Charlottetown; George Harper, Moncton, N.B.; Gene Harvey, Middleton, N.S.; Marie Harvey, Middleton, N.S.; Salem Hashem, Charlottetown; Christopher Hollebene, Bedford, N.S.; Malcolm Hutt, Stellarton, N.S.

Jeanne Jamer, Selmon Park; Richard Jamer, Selmon Park; Dennis Jamieson, Alberry Plains; Stephen Jenkins, Borden; Myrtle Jenkins-Smith, Charlottetown; Robert Jobe, New Glasgow, N.S.; Kenneth Jones, Tignish; Bob Kenny, Charlottetown.

John Land, Vaudreuil, Que.; Gordon Lawlor, Charlottetown; Gerard Legere, Robichaud, N.B.; Parker Lund, Charlottetown; Vanessa Lund, Charlottetown.

Allan MacDonald, Charlotte-

town; Jim MacDonnell, New Glasgow, N.S.; Bill MacEachern, Westville, N.S.; Donald MacInnis, Charlottetown; Christopher MacKinnon, Parkdale; Ian MacLean, Charlottetown; Judy MacLean, Sherwood; Lauchie MacLure, Dover; Randall MacNeill, Milton; Douglas MacNevin, Charlottetown; Doris MacPhee, Souris; Ena MacPherson, Halifax; Peter MacPherson, Halifax; Perry Mailman, Summerside; Eric Manuel, Charlottetown; Blair Marriott, Charlottetown; David Matthews, Springhill, N.S.; Peter McGonnell, Charlottetown; John McQuaid, Charlottetown; Karen Mellish-May, Charlottetown; Terry Moore, Dartmouth, N.S.; Terry Morris, Dartmouth, N.S.; Albert Mosher, Charlottetown; Philip Muise, Charlottetown; Ralph Murphy, Greenwood, N.S.

Roger Nicholson, Southport; Dan O'Brien, Saint John, N.B.; Blaine Paterson, Halifax, N.S.; Susan Paterson, Halifax, N.S.; Pearson Pauley, Belfast; Kevin Peters, Souris; Carl Phillips, Tyne Valley; Helena Piccinini, Halifax; Butch Postma, Charlottetown; Rebecca Richards, Middleton, N.S.; Roy Rodd, Charlottetown; Eugene Rossiter, Charlottetown; Jacques Roussel, Tracadie, N.B.

Carel Schoch, Charlottetown; Paul Schwartz, Halifax, N.S.; Sandra Schwartz, Halifax, N.S.; Leigh Sentner, O'Leary; Graham Shaw, Montague; Glenn Smiley, Charlottetown; Gary Smith, Halifax, N.S.; Ewen Stewart, Charlottetown; John Stewart, Stanhope; Mike Sullivan, Bunbury; Zena Tooze, Halifax, N.S.; Johnny Trail, Hoyt, N.B.

Danny Viney, Wolfville, N.S.; Eddie Violette, Greenwood, N.S.; Joanne Wats, Charlottetown; Marg Westhaver, Halifax, N.S.; Tim Westhaver, Halifax, N.S.; David Wood, Springhill, N.S.; Sheila Wood, Springhill, N.S.; Paul Wright, Bedeque; Jim Wyatt, Toronto.

INVITATION

All runners in the Summerside area, particularly those who ran the Brothers Two 10 Km. There is still time to register for the 10 Km. division of the Island Marathon—a quality road race on Sunday, September 1. Post registration at the Spa, West Royalty, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Saturday, August 31.

McMillan To Start Island Marathon

CHARLOTTETOWN (IIS) — Honorable Tom McMillan, the newly-appointed Federal Minister of Environment, will be the official starter for the Island Marathon on Sunday, September 1.

The Hillsborough MP will be the starter for an expected field of 200 runners, who have entered either the full marathon, half-marathon or the 10K run. The starting time will be 9:00 a.m.

A native of Charlottetown, McMillan was educated at St. Dunstons

University, Queen's University, UNB and Trent University. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1979; was re-elected in 1980 and again in 1984, when he was appointed Canada's first full-time Minister of Tourism. Last week he was promoted to Minister of Environment.

Race Co-ordinator, Dave Manoville, said, "We are indeed pleased that the Minister could find time in his busy schedule to act as our race starter."



ENVIRONMENT MINISTER
Tom McMillan gets 'em started at the Island Marathon Sunday at the Charlottetown Mall. Over 160 runners battled harsh winds and chilly temperatures in three events - 10k run, half-marathon, and marathon. First to cross the finish line in the

marathon was Bert deVriese of Toronto, who is shown in the photo below accepting the marathon trophy by sponsors representatives Dave Holland of CFCY Radio and Phil Manovill of National Video. deVriese won the marathon in a time of 2:40:14. (2-9-85-35-11) (2-9-85-60A-10)

deVriese Conquers High Winds

By Garth Hurley

Bert deVriese of Toronto conquered strong winds and cool temperatures to capture the seventh running of the P.E.I. Roadrunners Club's Island Marathon Sunday in Charlottetown.

deVriese, a 38-year-old high school English teacher, completed the new marathon course in two hours, 40 minutes and 14 seconds.

Defending marathon champion Paul Wright of Bedeque was second in a time of at 2:42:44, while Philip Easter of Sherwood was third in 2:43:32.

deVriese was considered to be Wright's biggest challenger before the race and the Toronto runner led the race from the start with Wright in hot pursuit. But, deVriese prevailed and in the final kilometres was able to pull away and gain his first Island Marathon win.

"I was running scared there for a while," said deVriese, who was vacationing on P.E.I. with his wife. "Wright was gaining on me from near the 20-mile mark on."

"I had an one minute lead at the half-way mark."

Salem Hashem of Charlottetown finished ahead of Walter Williams of Dartmouth by a stride to finish fourth overall and set a men's Master's record time of 2:45:44. Hashem's time breaks Ewen Stewart's former mark of 2:47 set in 1979.

Hashem was awarded the Harry Harley Memorial Trophy for winning the division during award ceremonies following the marathon. The Masters division is for runners 40 years and over.

The first female to cross the finish line was Beverly Williams of Dartmouth. She finished in a time of 3:14:53 and 13th overall.

Helen Flynn of Sherwood had the best time for women's Master's, 35 years and over, and was second female overall with a time of 3:34:58.

parent mix up, the times were slower than normal for this distance as many of the leaders missed the turning point in front of the Queen Charlotte High School and had to double back.

Ken Doucette of CFB Summerside won the half-marathon with a time of 1:18:41, finishing second was Stephen MacKenzie of Pictou, N.S., at 1:21:17. Rebecca Richards of Middleton, N.S., was the top female in a time of 1:22:28.

A total of 55 runners took part in the half-marathon while 57 runners entered the 10k event.

A new marathon course was introduced to the field of 52 runners. Instead of the usual Cavendish to Charlottetown route, runners started early Sunday morning at the Charlottetown Mall, made their way through Charlottetown, across Hillsborough Bridge, through Southport and Keppoch and then back to the Charlottetown Mall.

"The new course is two to three minutes faster than the old one, but it's still a challenge," said Wright. "If it wasn't for the wind I think my time would have been under 2:40."

STRONG WINDS
But the blustering east wind had to be the big story in the race, swelling the runners' times by three to four minutes. Most runners agreed the Belvedere Avenue and the Hillsborough Bridge sections of the course were the worst.

"The wind affected my time a great deal," said deVriese, who holds a personal best marathon time of 2:33 set in Toronto three years ago.

"The course is very reasonable, but when you have wind conditions like this you can only run on how you feel, not on any pre-planned times."

marathon. Wyatt entered the half-marathon.

deVriese said he is planning on returning next year to defend his title. He said he enjoyed his stay on P.E.I. and the marathon.

The race was co-sponsored by CFCY Radio and National Video.

Following are the final results from the 1985 Island Marathon:

Bert Devriese, Toronto, 2:41:14; Paul Wright, Bedeque, 2:42:44; Philip Easter, Sherwood, 2:43:32; Salem Hashem, Charlottetown, 2:45:44; Walter Williams, Dartmouth, N.S., 2:45:44; Donald Campbell, St. Eleanors, 2:52:03; Glenn Chenell, Pictou, N.S., 2:56:56; Carl Phillips, Tyne Valley, 3:01:28;

Ewen Stewart, Charlottetown, 3:06:31; Bill MacEachern, Westville, N.S., 3:09:33.

Ian Griffin, Chelton, 3:11:00; Kenneth McClair, Newport N.S., 3:12:21; Beverly Williams, Dartmouth, 3:14:53; Terry Moore, Dartmouth, 3:15:07; David Ballum, Wolfville, N.S., 3:17:46; John Derry, Charlottetown, 3:19:22; Stewart Freeman, North Granville, 3:21:57; Kevin Peters, Souris, 3:23:50; Jake Baird, Charlottetown, 3:24:58; Jim Millican, Quispamis, N.B., 3:26:18.

Christopher Hollebone, Bedford, N.S., 3:27:33; Eric Manuel, Charlottetown, 3:28:55; Ninian LeBlanc, Charlottetown, 3:30:17; Harvey Bernard, Crossroads, 3:31:17; Mike Sullivan, Bunbury, 3:31:17; John Campbell, Dartmouth, 3:32:25; Parker Lund, Charlottetown, 3:33:17; Helen Flynn, Sherwood, 3:34:28; Don Harley, Charlottetown, 3:34:28; Perry Mailman, Summerside, 3:36:20.

Kenneth Jones, Tignish, 3:36:48; Carel Schoch, Charlottetown, 3:36:58; Allen Bower, Sowan, 3:37:56; Blair Marriott, Charlottetown, 3:38:56; Peter MacPherson, Halifax, 3:39:53; David Edmund, Greenwood, N.S., 3:41:46; Reagh Ellis, Souris, 3:41:46; Tom Corcoran, Charlottetown, 3:42:56; Paul Burnley, Summerside, 3:43:22; Butch Postma, Charlottetown, 3:47:07.

Lambert Pauley, Belfast, 3:48:39; John Land, Vaudreuil, Que., 3:49:45; Roy Rodd, Charlottetown, 3:50:16; Douglas MacNevin, Charlottetown, 3:51:46; Donald MacInnis, Charlottetown, 3:56:46; Elaine Gallant, Riverview, N.B., 4:02:37; Marian Grant, Charlottetown, 4:06:51; Mary Smith, Dartmouth, 4:06:51; Eleanor Freeman, 4:19:30; Francis O'Donnell, Vernon, 4:20:58; Shane MacClure, Souris, 4:26:17; Barry Quesnel, Winsloe, 4:54:46.

However, after being unable to hold his starting pace of six-minute miles, deVriese was able to make up some lost time by using a strong tail wind near the end of the race.

Also part of the marathon were a 10 kilometre run and a half-marathon, part of efforts by organizers to attract a larger field of runners.

Mike Hamilton of Middleton, N.S., won the 10k run with a time 33:34:72. The first Island and second overall was Randall MacNeil of Milton who clocked in at 34:36.

TOP FEMALE
Marlene Costain of West Royalty was the top female in the event at 36:26. Due to an ap-

This was the 15th marathon for the Toronto runner who entered Sunday's event after coming off a hip injury earlier this summer.

SAME CLUB

Island native Jim Wyatt, who is now studying law in Toronto, and deVriese are members of the same of running club and the former P.E.I. Roadrunner convinced him to travel to P.E.I. and enter the



BERT DEVRIESE, CENTER, gets some assistance at the finish line in the Charlottetown Mall the Island Marathon Sunday morning. Helping deVriese are his wife and Ken Campbell, a race official. (Photo By Brian McInnis)

High Winds Battle Marathon Runners; deVrien Edges Wright

Bert deVrien, a 38-year-old high school English teacher from Toronto, Ontario, battled, at times, "gale force" winds to win the seventh annual P.E.I. Marathon Sunday.

Showing no ill effects of a recent hip injury (suffered while running), deVrien hit the finish line in two hours, forty minutes and 14 seconds. Paul Wright (28), a farmer from Lower Bedeque, P.E.I., finished second in 2:42.44, and Philip Easter (19) of Sherwood, P.E.I., was third in 2:40.32.

Wright, who won the 1984 P.E.I. Marathon in 2:44.24, agreed with deVrien that the winds "meant at least four minutes difference" in the front-runners' final official times. "The wind was brutal," said Wright, "especially across the bridge (Hillsborough) and up past the Belvedere golf club."

"The wind was knocking me off stride over the bridge," said deVrien, who has a best personal time of 2:33.13 for a marathon (26.2 miles) run. I thought he (Wright) was going to catch me over the last few miles. He was gaining at the 20-mile mark."

Despite the windy event, deVrien is still impressed with Prince Edward Island. "You have the most beautiful province in Confederation," he told reporters.

DeVrien said his race plan was to "go out with six minute miles, and hold on as long as I could". At the half-way mark he had a "minute lead" on his nearest competition.

'NEW LOOK MARATHON'

The "new look" marathon, sponsored by National Video and CFCY Radio of Charlottetown, attracted 52 runners. Also incorporated in the event for the first time was a half marathon (13.1 miles) and a 10 kilometre run.

The marathon also featured a new "out and back" course considered to be faster and flatter than the previous Cavendish to Charlottetown route. Federal Environment Minister Tom McMillan officially started the races.

"Don't let anybody tell you this new course isn't hilly," said Paul Wright. "It's not as bad as the old course, but it's still got hills."

The top female runner in the marathon was Beverly Williams of Dartmouth, N.S., in a time of 3:14.53.

Don Campbell (37) of St. Eleanors, P.E.I., es-

tablished the best clocking for a first-time runner in the P.E.I. Marathon — 2:52.03. He finished sixth overall.

REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE!

With due respect to the marathon runners, the most remarkable performance of the day came in the half marathon event, won by Ken Doucette (36) of Summerside.

Doucette, a sergeant in the armed forces at CFB Summerside, literally sprinted to victory in 1:18.41, after taking a wrong turn. He was two minutes and 36 seconds ahead of second-place finisher Stephen MacKenzie of Pictou, N.S.

Apparently the mixup occurred at the turn-off at the Hillsborough Bridge area. Marathon runners were to cross the bridge to Southport and Keppoch before turning around and coming back to Charlottetown, and the finish at the Charlottetown Mall in West Royalty. Half marathon runners were not supposed to cross the bridge. Doucette, and several other runners did, before the faux pas was discovered by Doucette's wife.

"The person who was supposed to be there to direct us, wasn't," explained Doucette. "I figure I ran 1.2 miles off course, and I wasn't the only one."

Doucette said he then ran back to the spot where they were supposed to turn off, chatted with several runners, started jogging slowly, and asked his wife what he should do. "She said 'go for it', so I did," said Doucette.

The Trenton, N.S., native simply outclassed the other competitors in his wicked pace to the finish. His best-ever time in a half marathon is 1:10. He won the Harvest Festival (Kensington) half marathon in 1:14.03 on Sunday, August 25.

Since being transferred from Calgary to Summerside in July of this year, Doucette has entered five road races in P.E.I., and has been victorious in all five.

Rebecca Richards of Middleton, N.S. was the top female runner, recording her victory in a time of 2:22.28.

Also part of the new look was a 10-kilometre run, with 57 runners participating. There were 55 runners in the half-marathon.

Marlene Costain of West Royalty captured the female category in a time of 36.26, while Mike Hamilton of Middleton, N.S. was the top male in 33.34.