

P.E.I. Marathon All Set For Sunday

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The first event is a runners clinic to be held Saturday morning at the West Royalty Fitness Centre from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Speakers will talk on topics such as the prevention of running injuries and there will be films and displays of the latest in running gear.

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The race itself will begin at 12:00 noon in the National Park near Cavendish. It will follow a 26.2 mile route to downtown Charlottetown.

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Olsen plans return for Island marathon

Tom Olsen, winner of the first two P.E.I. Roadrunners CBCT-FM Island Marathons, will be back to defend his title at this year's Island Marathon.

The 26 year-old runner from Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, has informed race organizers that he plans to be back to the Island and will be aiming at his third consecutive victory in the event.

Last year Olsen covered the 26 mile 385 yard distance in two hours, 34 minutes and 32 seconds to run the fastest marathon of the year in the Maritimes. That was almost six minutes better than his winning time in 1979.

This year Olsen has won a number of regional road races and has improved his time over last year. If the conditions are right, Olsen feels that he may be able to break the two hour 30 minute barrier at the Island Marathon.

Olsen is not the only runner from Sydney Mines who may be fighting for the lead in the Island Marathon on Sunday, September 13. Lauchie MacKinnon, last year's fourth place finisher, will also be entered in the race.

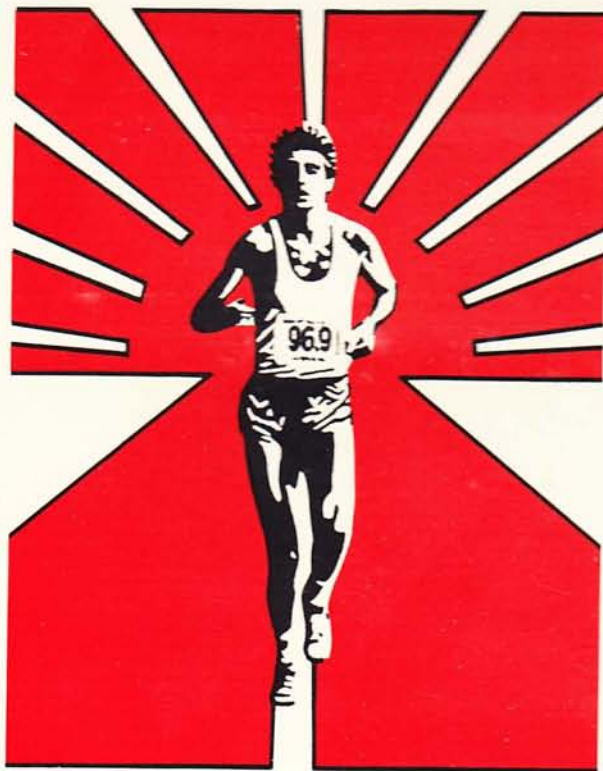
MILES HOMETOWN

As residents of Sydney Mines, Olsen and MacKinnon have quite a reputation to live up to. Sydney Mines was the home town of one of Canada's best ever long distance runners, Johnny Miles. Miles won the Boston Marathon in 1926 and set marathon records that remained in Canada for decades.

The Island Marathon will start at 12 noon near Cavendish in the National Park and will finish in downtown Charlottetown in front of Province House. More than 100 runners from the Maritimes and New England are expected to compete in the race.

Runners intending to enter who have already done so should contact Sport P.E.I. at 894-8879.

Anyone wishing to assist with the P.E.I. Roadrunners CBCT-FM Island Marathon on September 13 is urged to contact the P.E.I. Roadrunners Club.



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RACE DETAILS

- Begins at 12 noon at Cavendish (transportation from Charlottetown provided, change facilities available).
- Splits at one mile and every three miles.
- Water, sponge and refreshment stations every three miles.
- Traffic control & Medical.
- All entrants receive an information kit (includes detailed map, course description, list of events, tourist information, etc.)

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Instead of running the marathon this year, Claybourne will be acting as the official starter.

After successfully completing the marathon two times, Claybourne decided to put running aside for awhile to have her first child. Still, she wanted to be part of the festivities that go along with the race, so she volunteered to be the official starter.

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Marathon, Fox Run Will Share Part Of Same Course Sunday

Although they are separate events, the P.E.I. Roadrunners - CBCT-FM Island Marathon and the 'Terry Fox Run' in Charlottetown will share part of the same course and the finish line when they are held this Sunday.

Organizers for the Island Marathon point out that it is only coincidence that the two events are being held on the same day, but they add that it is very appropriate that a marathon is being held on the day that the memory of Terry Fox is being honored.

The Island Marathon is be-

ing held for the third consecutive year on the middle Sunday of September. This year's date, September 13, was also chosen all across Canada as the day for the 'Terry Fox Run'.

"Our Marathon has no direct connection to the Terry Fox 'Marathon of Hope' but we think that the two events can actually complement one another quite nicely," an Island Marathon organizer said.

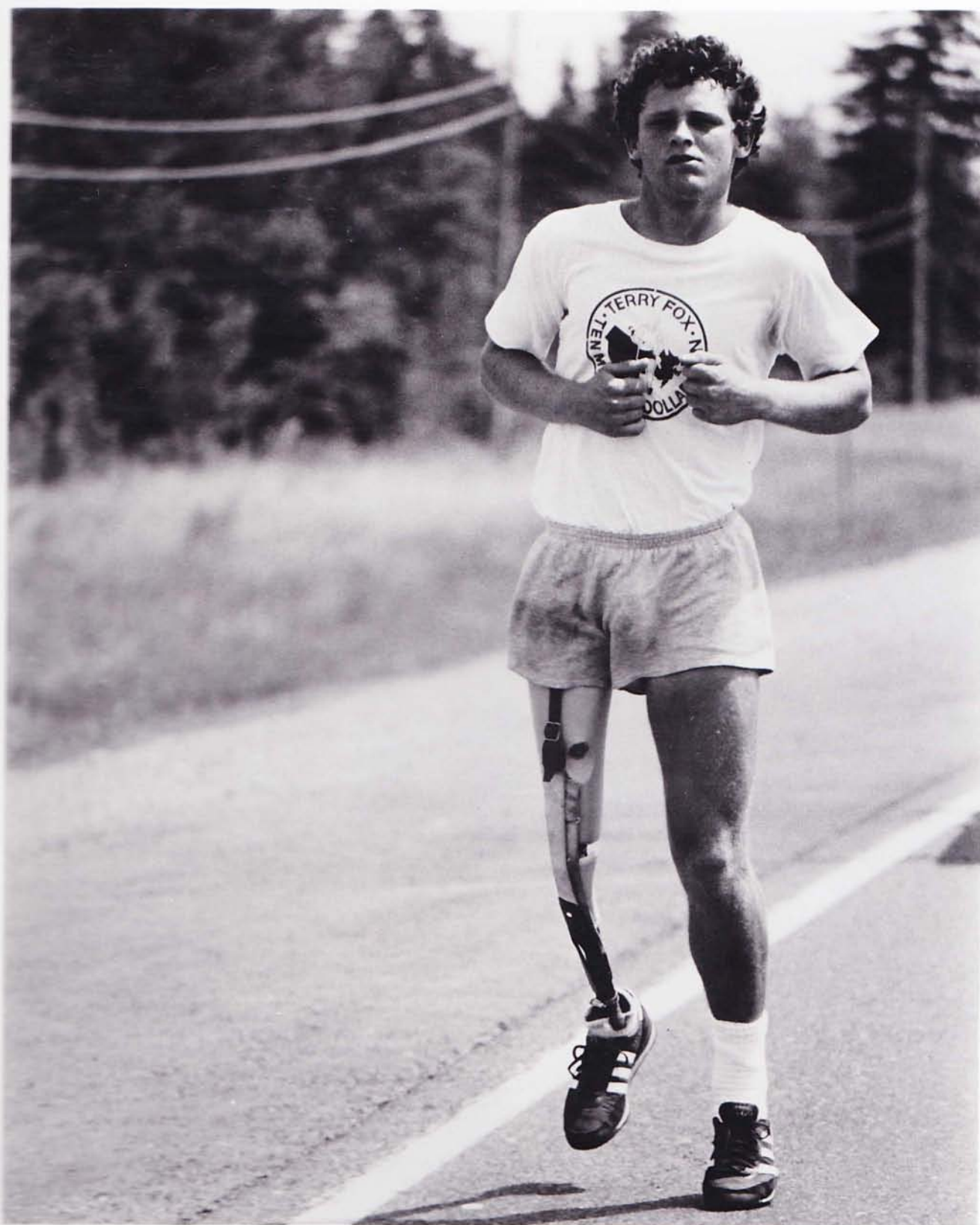
Both events will start at 12:00 noon. The Charlottetown 'Terry Fox Run' will begin and end at the foot of University Avenue by Province House. The Island Marathon will finish at the same spot.

Since the 'Terry Fox Run' is

10 kilometres, most participants should be able to walk or jog the course in under two and a half hours. Just after the last participants in the 'Terry Fox Run' cross the finish line, the first of the marathoners should be arriving from their 42.2 kilometer run from Cavendish.

"Many of our marathoners will probably have pledge sheets so that they too can raise money for cancer research," the organizer said.

"We hope that everybody will support the 'Terry Fox Run' in their community and that, if they have the opportunity, they will move out to the Island Marathon course to cheer on our runners as well," he concluded.



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The going was never easy, but in five months Terry Fox had run 3,339 miles in his Marathon of Hope for cancer research. On Sunday, September 13, Canadians are invited to run for Terry and perpetuate his dream.