



CLOSE BATTLE

Paul Wright, LEFT, of Bedeque and Philip Easter of Sherwood run almost neck and neck Sunday in the Keppoch area during the Island Marathon. Wright was second overall finisher and top Islander in a time of 2:42:44 while Easter was third overall in 2:43:32. (See Story, Photo Page 10. Photo By Nigel Armstrong.)



A RACE WELL RUN

Paul Wright of Bedeque and Phillip Easter, Sherwood, congratulate each other on fine marathon finishes Sunday. The two runners, who finished second and third respectively, fought

each other for much of the 26-mile race with Wright just nipping Easter. Wright's time was two hours, 42 minutes and 44 seconds with Easter crossing the finish in 2:43:32. The

race was won by Bert deVriese of Toronto in a time 2:40:14. At RIGHT is race official Kenny Campbell (Photo by Brian McInnis) See stories, pictures pages 9, 10.



TORONTO RUNNER SNARES MARATHON

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."

NEW 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.

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 apparent 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.



.....Summerside's Ken Doucette takes a well-earned

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.

Half-Marathon Finishers

Following is a list of runners that completed the P.E.I. Roadrunners Half-Marathon Sunday, September 1:

In order of finish: Ken Doucette (Summerside), 1:18.41; Stephen MacKenzie (Pictou, N.S.), 1:21.17; Don Pridmore (Charlottetown), 1:21.24; Robert Jobe (New Glasgow, N.S.), 1:21.42; Jim Wyatt (Toronto, Ont.), 1:21.45; Rebecca Richards (Middleton, N.S.), 1:22.28; Richard Jamer (Slemon Park), 1:23.33; Stephen Moores (Greenwood, N.S.), 1:24.13; Kevin Murphy (Riverview, N.B.), 1:25.31; Vincent MacDonald (Dartmouth, N.S.), 1:25.43; Terry Hampel (Dartmouth, N.S.), 1:25.44; Ralph Murphy (Greenwood, N.S.), 1:26.11; Bob Sagor (Antigonish, N.S.), 1:27.15; Jim MacDonnell (New Glasgow, N.S.), 1:28.44; John White (Trenton, N.S.), 1:29.13; Garry Smith (Halifax, N.S.), 1:29.16; Tim Westhaver (Halifax, N.S.), 1:29.48; Bob Reid (Pictou, N.S.), 1:30.06; Gary Hilton (Dartmouth, N.S.), 1:30.34; Alfred Groom (Summerside), 1:31.22; Don Reeves (Summerside), 1:31.22; Alex Coffin (Saint John, N.B.), 1:31.41; Linnell Edwards (Charlottetown), 1:32.02; Blaine Paterson (Halifax, N.S.), 1:32.03; Maurice Tierney (Cornwall), 1:33.11; Chris Butt (Dartmouth, N.S.), 1:33.26; Frank Hubley (Dartmouth, N.S.), 1:35.38; David

Wood (Springhill, N.S.), 1:37.09; Jim White (Crossroads), 1:37.27; Doris MacPhee (Souris), 1:38.13; Ena MacPherson (Halifax, N.S.), 1:38.49; Glenn Smiley (Charlottetown), 1:39.33; Gene Harvey (Middleton, N.S.), 1:40.23; Ray Vallieres (Charlottetown), 1:40.53; Lauchie MacLure (Dover), 1:41.51; Dennis Edgecombe (Montague), 1:42.40; Albert Mosher (Charlottetown), 1:42.52; John McQuaid (Charlottetown), 1:44.38; Brian Bradley (Bunbury), 1:46.34; Marie Harvey (Middleton, N.S.), 1:47.11; Peter McGonnell (Charlottetown), 1:47.45; Wayne Fraser (Sherwood), 1:48.27; Rhonda Cooper (Charlottetown), 1:48.56; Tacy MacEachern (Charlottetown), 1:49.59; Joe Gillan (Charlottetown), 1:50.14; Dianne Bradley (Charlottetown), 1:50.38; Tanya Gregory (Charlottetown), 1:50.41; Donald Smith (Charlottetown), 1:51.54; Dan O'Brien (Saint John, N.B.), 1:52.02; Karen Mellish-May (Charlottetown), 1:59.36; Judy MacLean (Sherwood), 2:00.11; Stephen Jenkins (Borden), 2:00.59; Ian Glass (Charlottetown), 2:02.56; Mel Arsenault (Charlottetown), 2:02.56; Jeanne Jamer (Slemon Park), 2:10.



.....Marathon winner Bert deVriese hits the finish line.

52 Runners Complete Island Marathon

Following is the complete list of runners who completed the Island marathon and their times.

In Thursday's paper, the list of the half-marathon runners will be printed, while on Friday, the 10 Kilometres runners will be presented:

MARATHON RESULTS

Bert deVrien (Toronto, Ont), 2:40.14; Paul Wright (Bedeque), 2:42.44; Philip Easter (Sherwood), 2:43.32; Salam Hashem (Charlottetown), 2:45.44; Walter Williams (Dartmouth, N.S.), 2:45.44; Donald Campbell (St. Eleanors), 2:53.03; Glenn Chenell (Pictou, N.S.), 2:56.56; Carl Phillips (Tyne Valley), 2:01.28; Ewen Stewart (Charlottetown), 3:06.31; Bill MacEachern (Westville, N.S.), 3:09.33; Ian Griffin (Chelton), 3:11; Kenneth McClair (Newport, N.S.), 3:12.21; Beverly Williams (Dartmouth, N.S.), 3:14.53; Terry Moore (Dartmouth, N.S.),

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), 3:23.59; Jake Baird (Charlottetown), 3:24.58; Jim Millican (Quispamsis, N.B.), 3:26.18; Christopher Hollebene (Bedford, N.S.), 3:27.33; Eric Manuel (Charlottetown), 3:28.55; Ninian LeBlanc (Charlottetown), 3:30.07; Harvey Bernard (Crossroads), 3:31.17; Mike Sullivan (Bunbury), 3:31.17; John Campbell (Dartmouth, N.S.), 3:32.25; Parker Lund (Charlottetown), 3:33.17; Helen Flynn (Sherwood), 3:34.28; Don Harley (Charlottetown), 3:34.48; Perry Mailman (Summerside), 3:36.20; Kenneth Jones (Tignish (3:36.48), Carel Schoch (Charlottetown), 3:36.58; Allen Boertien (Sowan), 3:37.56; Blair Macrott (Charlottetown), 3:38.56; Peter MacPherson (Halifax, N.S.), 3:39.51; David Edmond (Greenwood, N.S.), 3:41.46; Reagh Ellis (Souris), 3:41.46; Tom Corcoran (Charlottetown), 3:42.10; Paul Burnley (Summerside), 3:43.22; Butch Postma (Charlottetown), 3:47.07; Lambert Pauley (Belfast), 3:48.39; John Lund (Vaudreuil, Que.), 3:49.45; Roy Rodd (Charlottetown), 3:50.16; Douglas MacNevin (Charlottetown), 3:51.40; Donald MacInnis (Charlottetown), 3:56.46; Elaine Gallant (Riverview, N.B.), 4:02.57; Marian Grant (Charlottetown), 4:06.51; Mary Smith (Dartmouth, N.S.), 4:06.51; Eleanor Freeman (North Granville), 4:19.30; Francis O'Donnell (Vernon), 4:20.58; Shane MacClure (Souris), 4:26.27; Barry Quessel (Winsloe), 4:54.46.

rest.

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.

Island Marathon 10K Finishers

Following are the runners that completed the 10 Kilometre Run in the Island Marathon recently:

In order of finish: Mike Hamilton (Middleton, N.S.), 33.34; Randall MacNeill (Milton), 34.36; Mark Dunphy (Halifax, N.S.), 36.12; Tony Isaacs (Summerside), 36.15; Curtis DesRoche (St. Eleanors), 36.34; Marlene Costain (Charlottetown), 36.36; Danny Viney (Wolfville, N.S.), 37.32; Neil Robertson (Charlottetown), 37.48; Scott Forbes (New Glasgow), 37.51; Wayne Gerrior (New Glasgow, N.S.), 38.01; Ken Blum (Belfast), 38.26; Eddie Violette (Greenwood, N.S.), 38.38; Terry DeLong (Chester Basin, N.S.), 39.01; Terry Thomas (Rothesay, N.B.), 39.16; Brooke Gregory (Sherwood), 39.37; Roy Logan (Halifax, N.S.), 40.18; Carl Cooper (Charlottetown), 40.42; Blair Paquet (Souris), 42.24; Dorothy Gregory (Sherwood), 42.44; Helena Piccinini (Halifax), 42.48; Tom MacDonald (Souris), 42.55; Dennis Jamieson (Albany Plains, P.I.), 43.28; Barry Kneabone (Cornwall), 43.59; Gordon Wanica (Fall River, N.S.), 44.40; Chris MacKinnon (Charlottetown), 44.47; Malcolm Hutt (Stellarton, N.S.), 45.07; Bush

Dumville (Charlottetown), 45.30; Bernard Greene (Halifax, N.S.), 46.01; Tom Carr (Halifax, N.S.), 46.22; Michele Granger (Dartmouth, N.S.), 46.26; David Balfour (New York, N.Y.), 46.39; Shawn Graham (Montague), 47.00; Philip Muise (Charlottetown), 47.11; Eugene Rossiter (Charlottetown), 47.24; Murtle Jenkins-Smith (Charlottetown), 47.45; Roy Scantlebury (Cornwall), 49.17; Bruce Hamilton (Toronto, Ont.), 49.37; Samera Balfour (New York, N.Y.), 49.55; Clair Sagot (Antigonish, N.S.), 50.44; Jack Stewart (Charlottetown), 51.59; Joe Murphy (Charlottetown), 52.22; Wayne Bernard (Charlottetown), 52.28; Peter Gallant (West Royalty), 52.30; Allan MacDonald (Charlottetown), 52.38; Ian MacLean (Charlottetown), 52.45; Sandra Milligan (Quispamsis, N.B.), 53.07; Sandra Schwartz (Halifax, N.S.), 53.57; Westhaver (Halifax, N.S.), 54.00; Susan Paterson (Halifax, N.S.), 54.05; Zena Tooze (Halifax, N.S.), 54.10; Rosetta Bernard (Crossroads), 54.15; Vanessa Lund (Charlottetown), 55.33; Kay Lund (Charlottetown), 55.34; Errol MacLure (Murray River), 56.23; Rosemary Faulkner (Southport), 58.10; Velda Nicholson (Southport), 58.11; Frank Butler (Pleasant Grove), 1:00.45.