



Michael Wardian Wins 2010 ING Hartford Marathon, Jeannette Faber Wins Second Straight Women's Marathon

HARTFORD, OCTOBER 9, 2010 – The ING Hartford Marathon stepped off its 17th annual event with more than 12,000 participants in the marathon, half-marathon and 5K races. A brand new half marathon course accommodated a significant increase in runners in that race, accounting for about 6,000 participants. With the expansion of the “New England’s Finest” Elite Program, now in its third year, multiple place finishers represented the New England and New York areas. Recognized as a State Championship Race by Road Runner’s Club of America, the ING Hartford Marathon lived up to its “Greenest Road Race in America” reputation with expanded efforts to reduce waste and achieve sustainability.

In the closest finish in 17 years, Michael Wardian, of Arlington, VA, won the marathon, crossing the finish line in 2:24:38. In the women’s race, New England’s Finest Elite runner Jeannette Faber of Somerville, MA, took first place for the second straight year, winning with a time of 2:41:06.

Top five men’s marathon winners are:

2:24:38 Michael Wardian, 36, of Arlington, VA
2:25:01 Pat Tarpy, 28, of Providence, RI
2:25:10 Jeff Howley, 30, of Providence, RI
2:27:17 Brendan Callahan, 29, of Middletown, CT
2:32:19 Keven O’Neil, 40, of North Kingstown, RI

Top five women’s marathon winners are:

2:41:06 Jeannette Faber, 28, of Somerville, MA
2:47:09 Michelle Lowry, 33, of Woodland Hills, UT
2:51:43 Eileen Combs, 32, of Schenectady, NY
2:54:49 Mary-Lynn Currier, 46, Canton, CT
2:56:00 Helen Dinan, 30, of Bellingham, MA

In the 13.1 mile men’s half marathon, 2009 men’s runner-up Darese Deniboba of Bronx, NY, took first place with a time of 1:05:24. New England Finest Elite runner Lucas Meyer of Ridgefield, CT, took second place with a time of 1:06:59. With a time of 1:07:48, Mathew Kiplagat of Irvington, NY, took third place.

New England’s Finest Elite runners came in strong with all three women’s place finishers in the women’s half marathon. Kim Smith of Providence, RI, set a new course record coming in at 1:11:37. Heather Cappello, of Arlington, MA, came in second with a time of 1:15:04. With a time of 1:19:40, Katie Twarog of Providence, RI, came in third.

In the 5K men’s race, New Paltz, NY runner Harbert Okuti took first place and set a course record of 14:01. Placing second with a time of 14:44 was Ruslan Savchuk of Wethersfield, CT. With a time of 15:23, Chris McCormack of Manchester, CT, came in third.



Leading a sweep of CT-The winner of the women's 5K was Lindsay Holmes of Middletown, CT, with a time of 18:33. Kaelin Baker, a 14-year-old from Farmington, CT, came in second with a time of 19:26. With a time of 19:45 to win third place was Pamela Karkut of Farmington, CT.

About the ING Hartford Marathon

First run in 1994, the ING Hartford Marathon consists of a marathon, half marathon, relay event, competitive race walk, 5K and children's fun run.

The Hartford Marathon Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 1994 to create and manage fitness events to benefit the local community. Located in Glastonbury, Connecticut, the Hartford Marathon Foundation organizes more than 25 annual athletic events, including the ING Hartford Marathon. For more information, visit www.inghartfordmarathon.com.

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