The Niagara 100 Km, 50 Mile, 50 Km Foot Race
Saturday, June 27, 1998
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

SAME OLD FACES, SAME OLD HEAT

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by Ed Alexander

Brian Teason and Daniele Cherniak returned to the scene of earlier triumphs along the Niagara River, and did so impressively. Unfortunately for most other runners at the Niagara 100 km, 50 Mile, 50 Km Road Race last June 27, so did the heat of previous years. The race started in Niagara-on-the-Lake at the mouth of the Niagara River and followed the Niagara Parkway trail along the river to Fort Erie at the other end of the river, thence returning to the starting place, with the 50 km runners being bussed to Fort Erie for their start and the 50 mile division runners turning back some 10 km before the turnaround in Fort Erie.

Teason, of Coral Springs, FL, made his debut in 1995, winning the 50 mile division. Perhaps finding the ambient temperature more refreshing than the forest fire stoked atmosphere he left at home, this year he torched Peter Holubar's 1993 course record of 3:30:00 by almost 18 minutes in the 50 km division.

No stranger to the 50 mile distance, Cherniak, of Cohoes, NY, won the 50 mile division outright in 1993. Now five years older, she dropped a remarkable 25 minutes off the course record she set back then of 6:54.

As usual, the 109 starters enjoyed cooler temperatures, an overcast sky, and a refreshing wind from the north at the 6:00 am start (7:05 for the 50 km). By 10:00 am, however, the cloud cover was burned off, the breeze extinguished, and the temperature soared to around 30C (86F). The end result was a record number of finishers over the official 14 hour time limit. Perhaps most dramatically affected was 19 year old speedster Ryne Melcher, who was only 10 minutes behind winner Victor Hickey at the 50 km turnaround, but fell to 1:24:00 off the pace in finishing second, and requiring medical attention at the finish.

Hickey from CFB Meaford, having already qualified for the Canadian 100 km team in Victoria earlier this year, was glad to be able to run conservatively in the prevailing conditions.

Bonita Neglia, of Breslau, ONT, ran 40 minutes off Deanna Lindsay's 1997 course record of 9:14:14 to take the women's 100 km prize, while Steve Webster, of West Olive, Michigan, took the men's 50 mile division in 6:17:24.

1997 Canadian 100 km team member Deanna Lindsay, from North York, ONT, paced the 50 km women all the way, only to be overcome in the last 10 km by eventual winner Cathy Kuenehan of Kitchener, ONT, whose 4:01:59 was only 100 seconds off the course record.

9 year old Taylor Harthun, who admitted feeling a little tired and sore after setting a new personal best of 7:59:27 in the 50 km, ran with his father in a "go as you please" manner.

Within hours of finishing, as they lounged about in the dining area of the upscale Queen's Landing Hotel and felt the cooling breezes wafting up from the marina on the Niagara River below, the 103

tired finishers' thoughts gradually turned from regrets about slow times and painful finishes to more anticipatory and optimistic hopes for the next race.

50 K *(61 starters)*

Place	Name	City	Age	Sex	Time
1	TEASON, BRIAN	CORAL SPRINGS, FL	37	M	03:12:26
2	KUENEHAN, CATHY	KITCHENER, ON	28	F	04:01:59
3	SCHIAVONE, MICHAEL J.	LEWISTON, NY	42	M	04:02:21
4	SHINNO, AKIO	SCHENECTADY, NY	35	M	04:04:43
5	LINDSAY, DEANNA	NORTH YORK, ON	39	F	04:06:21
6	Snyder, John	Baden, ON	43	M	04:20:42
7	GRAHAME, STEPHANIE	MISSISSAUGA, ON	26	F	04:21:18
8	ROSASCO, Mark	BALTIMORE, MD	39	M	04:27:43
9	HUFMANN, PAUL E	CHELMSFORD, MA	47	M	04:28:10
10	ROSS, IAN		52	M	04:33:59
11	CAOUETTE, JOHN	PETAWAWA, ON	36	M	04:42:31
12	MCCLUSKEY, BOB	OAKVILLE, ON	50	M	04:47:59
13	REDOVTEY, JEFF	MIDLAND, MI	36	M	04:54:32
14	ROSASCO, Carole	BALTIMORE, MD	39	F	04:56:24
15	MALLETT, BILL	ANCASTER, ON	53	M	04:57:18
16	Inglis, Ross	St.Catharines, On	28	M	05:00:56
17	KRUG, TIM	NORTH EAST, PA	54	M	05:05:10
18	Khairallah, Nabil	St.Catharines	?	M	05:15:30
19	Garver, Beth	Pittsford, NY	?	F	05:15:51
20	REFFLE, KURT	KINGSVILLE, ON	44	M	05:21:17
21	DUNCAN, GORDON	KINGSVILLE, ON	51	M	05:21:34
22	STRUNTZ, ANTON	FREDERICK, MD	43	M	05:22:30
23	HYDE, PATRICK	ROCHESTER, NY	41	M	05:23:54
24	MENDE, GEORGE	OAKVILLE, ON	56	M	05:30:37
25	CAMPBELL, GRANT	BELWOOD, ON	39	M	05:31:49
26	BROOMFIELD, WILLIAM	FAIRPORT, NY	55	M	05:31:51
27	MONCRIEFFE, MARIE	WHITBY, ON	36	F	05:32:52
28	POTTER, MARGE	LONDON, ON	60	F	05:32:53
29	MACLEOD, ANDREW	NORTH YORK, ON	50	M	05:33:56
30	Goy, Bernice	ST. CATHARINES, ON	54	F	05:37:40
31	DEMBINSKI, TOM	FREDICKTOWN, OH	49	M	05:49:09
32	HARGEST, RANDY	LONDON, ON	34	M	05:52:35
33	Bailey, Wayne	St. Catharines	48	M	05:54:17
34	ELWOOD, BRIAN	TORONTO, ON	57	M	06:10:35
35	MONYAK, Jan	VIENNA, VA	40	F	06:11:47

36	MONYAK, Mike	VIENNA, VA	39 M	06:11:48
37	Goodsell, David	Niagara Falls, N.Y.	46 M	06:16:10
38	CLIFFORD, Cheri	PERRY, OH	37 F	06:39:10
39	CLIFFORD, Robert	PERRY, OH	45 M	06:39:11
40	TURNIPSEED, GENE	MADISON, WISCONSIN	65 M	06:41:16
41	HUNDLEY, KAREN	MADISON, WISCONSIN	56 F	06:41:17
42	ALEXANDER, EDWIN	HAMILTON, ON	53 M	06:55:17
43	LANG, DONALD	GLENDALE, CA	63 M	06:56:59
44	Weaver, Art	St.Catharines	47 M	07:01:18
45	Weaver, Kerri	St.Catharines	44 F	07:01:18
46	FRIEDMAN, LYNN A	Houston, TX	43 F	07:02:57
47	FRIEDMAN, LAWRENCE	Houston, TX	61 M	07:02:58
48	PLEET, DIAN	OTTAWA, ON	51 F	07:04:14
49	STEGGLES, ALAN	ROOTSTOWN, OH	59 M	07:14:30
50	HEROUX, JESS	Burlington, ON	52 M	07:41:29
51	MCNELLY, DON	ROCHESTER, NY	77 M	07:46:10
52	VAUGHAN, RACHEL	St. Catharines	44 F	07:46:11
53	KERSON, SHARON	CULVER CITY, CA	56 F	07:47:20
54	Millar, Valerie	St.Catharines	42 F	07:50:08
55	FRANK, NORM	ROCHESTER, NY	67 M	07:50:40
56	HARTHUN, TAYLOR	HAMILTON, ON	9 M	07:59:27
57	HARTHUN, GORD	HAMILTON, ON	43 M	07:59:28
58	REEVE, JIM	FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN	55 M	08:10:56
59	MARLOWE, RICK	WOODVILLE, OH	45 M	08:11:08
60	GOIN, HUNTER	COLUMBUS, IN	68 M	10:46:38

50 Mile *(14 starters)*

PLACE	Name	City.	Age Sex	Time
1	WEBSTER, STEVE	West Olive, MI	44 M	06:17:24
2	CHERNIAK, DANIELE	COHOES, NY	36 F	06:29:12
3	D'ANGELO, LOU	Allison Park, PA	36 M	07:21:52
4	BARBER, DOUG	OWEN SOUND, ON	51 M	07:37:15
5	MARK, ED	NORTH YORK, ON	37 M	07:52:24
6	HAWKINS, JOHN	KITCHENER, ON	37 M	08:19:10
7	BOCOCK POWELL, SANDRA	GREENVILLE, VA	41 F	08:31:16
8	BROOKS, FREDRICK A	ETOBICOKE, ON	45 M	09:06:56
9	EGAN, EGOR	Halifax, NS	40 M	09:24:40
10	CROCE, VINCENT	E. NORWICH, NY	54 M	09:45:44
11	MAZELIS, RUTA	Euclid, OH	39 F	10:29:23

	12	RUNGE, AIMEE	TORONTO, ON	32 F	10:31:30
	13	MALMBERG, HELEN	TORONTO, ON	52 F	10:44:44

100 K *(34 starters)*

Place	Name	City	Age	Sex	Time
1	HICKEY, VICTOR W	MEAFORD, ON	41	M	08:03:00
2	MELCHER, RYNE	WATERLOO, ON	19	M	09:27:30
3	GRACIE, BOB	CRANBERRY TOWNS, PA	50	M	09:34:29
4	NEGLIA, BONITA	BRESLAU, ON	48	F	09:53:55
5	MICHALAK, LES	Burlington, ON	47	M	10:08:47
6	MARTIN, TONY	KITCHENER, ON	34	M	10:14:48
7	LeTourneau, Claude	CHARLESBOURG, PQ	51	M	10:16:39
8	WESTFAHL, KARIN	Waterloo, ON	26	F	10:28:23
9	BEAULIEU,GHISLAINE	ST. BRUNO, PQ	54	F	10:30:31
10	APPLE, ROB	LEWISBURG, OH	36	M	10:39:37
11	PURDY, BRUCE	MANCHESTER, MI	41	M	10:44:13
12	SAMSON, SERGE	CHARLESBOURG, PQ	47	M	11:08:16
13	DAVIS III, FRED F.	CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OH	50	M	11:15:36
14	SHINNO, KAZUE	SCHENECTADY, NY	31	F	11:20:16
15	THIBODEAU, LUC	ST. PHILIPPE, PQ	46	M	11:22:54
16	UPSHALL, CHARLIE	SCHOMBERG, ON	53	M	11:23:37
17	SACCO, JOHN	UXBRIDGE, ON	45	M	11:46:37
18	RINTOUL, KELLY	KITCHENER, ON	17	F	12:21:49
19	PARKER, HOWARD	SCARBOROUGH, ON	48	M	12:25:18
20	PHILIPPE, FRANK	Sudbury, On	31	M	12:29:49
21	JEPSON, FRED	BURLINGTON, ON	48	M	12:35:53
22	NESTOR, CAROLINE	TORONTO, ON	29	F	12:54:35
23	MOSES, JIM	KITCHENER, ON	63	M	13:03:04
24	Scholz, Monica	Jerseyville, ON	31	F	13:09:44
25	MAH, ESMOND	TORONTO, ON	48	M	13:42:26

Finishers over 14 hour time limit:

26	Hilton, Bruce	Bramalea, ON	60	M	14:00:27
27	Scannell, Art	King City, ON	39	M	14:11:21
28	Harrison, Joe	Stoney Creek, ON	54	M	14:16:13
29	Judge, Jack	Thunder Bay, ON	47	M	14:16:13
30	Lulin, Richard	Montreal, QC	50	M	?

(Results: Henri Ragetlie, RD)