

Equinox Marathon 2003

Notes on Performances of Statistical Interest

Women:

- Tina Devine became the first four-time winner among women.
- The 30.2 second difference between first and second places was the 2nd closest finish ever. The closest was 7 seconds in 1970, and the next-closest behind this year was in 1993.
- Tina Devine became the fifth 40+ winner. The others were Marcie Trent (ages 52-55-58), Susan Faulkner (43), Dolly Lefever (42), and Bobbi Fyten (40).
- The average age for the women's podium was 42+ (Devine 41, Personett 30, Lanford 48, McDonough 42, and McWayne 50).
- Age Group Record for 50-59 was set by **Dorli McWayne-3:54:12**
- age records were set:
 - Ø Age 48 – Jane Lanford – 3:41:51 (3rd overall)
 - Ø Age 50 – Dorli McWayne – 3:54:12 (5th overall)
 - Ø Age 71 – Ruth Knapman – 10:02:08 (196th overall)
- Tina Devine's winning time of 3:40:48 was the third-fastest of her four wins behind 1998-3:21:21 and 1997-3:27:51, and ahead of 1996's 3:57:10.
- Tina Devine's time of 3:40:48 (#41) was one of four top 100 times for women. Others were Colleen Personett (44th), Jane Lanford (48th) and Laura McDonough (52nd-her 3rd best time)
- After the 1986 race, there were more men's performances under 3:00:00 (33x) than women's performances under 4:00:00 (32x); since that time, there have been 101 additional women's times under 4:00:00, but only 16 more men's times under 3:00. The equivalent standards now, in round numbers, are 3:00:00 for men, and 3:43:00 for women.
- Personett and Lanford joined the elite sub 3:43:00 club. Devine and McDonough were already members.
- Devine's win improved her position in the "Best of the Best" rankings from 4th to 2nd.
- Colleen Personett, 11 years younger than the next-youngest of the top five women, was the only "podium rookie."
- This was Devine's 9th podium appearance, Lanford's 5th, McDonough's 2nd and McWayne's 2nd.

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Men:

- Kevin Brinegar won his fifth Equinox in 7 years. Only Stan Justice and Bob Murphy, with six wins each, have won more race than Brinegar.
- Brinegar's winning margin of 16:31.9 was the widest winning margin ever for men. The next-widest margin was 13:40 recorded 30 years ago in the 1973 race.
- Brinegar became only the 2nd person to win the race and the Spirit of the Equinox Marathon in the same year (Stan Justice was co-winner of the Spirit award in 1986 along with Bob Murphy)
- Brinegar's winning time of 2:51:18 is number 14 on the all-time list.
- This was Brinegar's fourth sub 3:00:00 time, tying him with Everett Rubel. Bob Murphy (9) and Stan Justice (8) have run the most sub-3's, and they are the only runners with more sub-3's than Brinegar and Rubel.
- From 1978 through 1989 3:00:00 was broken 33 times; in the 12 races since 1989, 3:00:00 has been broken only 12 times
- The men's winning time was faster than 3:00:00 for the 6th year in a row. The record is 12 years in a row (1978-1989)
- There were no new members of the sub-3 hour club.
- No new Age Group Records were established.
- Five age records were set:
 - Ø Age 55 – Jim Decur – 3:32:55 (14th overall)
 - Ø Age 59 – Tom Wickwire – 4:15:50 (72nd)
 - Ø Age 65 – Gordon Ludt – 6:02:27 (130th)
 - Ø Age 76 – Jack Townshend – 7:37:24 (199th)
 - Ø Age 78 – Ray Patterson – 7:19:52 (197th)
- Wayde Leder's fourth-place finish meant that there was a 40+ finisher on the podium for the fourth year in a row, and 8 of the last 10 years. In 1998 40+ runners finished 2-3-4 (Andy Holland-Dave Covey-Rocky Reifentuhl)

- Prior to this year, Brinegar had 5 podium finishes, 2nd place Matias Saari had one, and 5th-place Wayde Leder had two.
- Third-place Christian Psoch and fourth-place Jason Tinsley each recorded their first podium finish – in what for each of them was the first marathon of their lives.
- The 34-year-old Brinegar’s position in the “Best of the Best” rankings didn’t change – he’s third. But now he’s only 34 points behind Murphy and 37 points behind Justice. Justice had four wins and two runner-up finishes after the age of 34, and Murphy had three wins and 1 runner-up finish after the age of 34. If Brinegar approaches those results, he will join the two legends of the Equinox far ahead of the rest of the pack. See the statistical summary “Legends of the Equinox.”