



# NOTES OF STATISTICAL INTEREST

from the 2005 race

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## Winning Times

Julie Udchachon's 3:20:24 was the second-fastest winning time, behind only Susan Faulkner's course record 3:18:16. Mike Kramer's 2:47:02 was the 7<sup>th</sup>-fastest winning time, and was only the third sub-2:50 winning time since 1986. (Kevin Brinegar's 2:47:29 in 1999, and 2:48:20 in 2003 were the others.)

## Victory Margins

Udchachon so far is specializing in wide victory margins. She followed up last year's 3<sup>rd</sup>-widest margin with the 4<sup>th</sup>-widest margin this year (21:49 over Kristen Rozell's 3:42:13). Kramer's victory margin of 2:20 over Matias Saari (2:49:22) is the 15<sup>th</sup> narrowest among men.

## Course Records

Once again, the course record was not broken.

## Age-Class Records

Udchachon established a new mark in the 30-39 class, and Jane Lanford set a new mark in the 50-59 class with a 3:51:25.

## Year-by-Year Age Records

Four women's and two men's year-by-year age records were set this year.

For women:

Age 35: Udchachon set the age 35 record, surpassing Tina Devine's 3:27:51, set in 1998.

Age 44: Laura McDonough set the age 44 record, surpassing fellow Anchorage runner Georgia Gustafson's 3:49:08 set in 1990.

Age 50: Jane Lanford set the age 50 record, breaking Dorli McWayne's mark of 3:54:12, set two years ago

Age 52: Dorli McWayne made up for her loss of the age 50 record by setting an age 52 record of 4:05:05, beating Olivia Moreton's 1999 mark of 4:20:44.

Men's Records:

Age 48: Wayde Leder ran a 3:12:45 to beat Ron Noel's 21-year-old record of 3:16:14

Age 57: Jim Decur, holder of the age 53-54-55-56 records, added the age 57 record to his quiver with a 3:31:04, surpassing Hubert Jodwalis' record of 4:09:24 by 53 minutes and 9 seconds.

### 100 Fastest Women's Times

The first six women recorded times that pushed them into the top 100 times. Udchachon has the third-fastest time ever, 2:08 behind the record. The others with times in the top 100 were Kristen Rozell (51<sup>st</sup> – 5 marks on the list), Laura McDonough (57<sup>th</sup> – 6 marks on the list), Ann Farris (first appearance on the list in 75<sup>th</sup>), Christine Cannard (another first timer, now ranked 96<sup>th</sup>), and Jane Lanford (98<sup>th</sup> – 5 marks on the list).

Rozell's was the 14<sup>th</sup>-fastest time among runners-up, and McDonough's was the 9<sup>th</sup>-fastest third place time ever. McDonough's fastest time ever, 3:39:59 was only good for 7<sup>th</sup> place in 2002, her 2<sup>nd</sup>-fastest time earned her a 6<sup>th</sup> place in 2001, and her 3<sup>rd</sup>-fastest nabbed a 4<sup>th</sup> place for her in 2003. Her third-place time this year was her 4<sup>th</sup>-fastest of her six on the top 100 list.

Bumpees from the women's 100 list included two former champions from 30 and 31 years ago, and two runners who recorded their times in the fastest-ever mass finish in 2001:

Mel Langdon	1974	3:51:39	1 <sup>st</sup>
Alice Hisamoto	1989	3:51:59	4 <sup>th</sup>
Mary Barrett	2001	3:52:29	10 <sup>th</sup>
Alison Meadow	2001	3:52:46	11 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Coe	1975	3:52:54	1st

Maryellen LaBerge's fifth-place 3:52:34 from 1995 was bumped off the list, but Maryellen remains on the list with a 3:47:24, which was good enough for third place in 1988, and a third-place 3:51:02 in 1990.

### 100 Fastest Men's Times

Only the first three men made the top 100 list. Kramer's time is the 10<sup>th</sup>-fastest ever, Saari's the 15<sup>th</sup>-fastest, and Brinegar's time is the 31<sup>st</sup>. This is Saari's first appearance on the top 100 list. Kramer has recorded five of the top 100 times, and Brinegar six of the top 100. This year's 2:55:39 was Brinegar's 3<sup>rd</sup>-fastest time.

This year's top three was one of the fastest ever. Only in 1980-1981-1982 did the third-place finisher have a faster time than Brinegar's 2:55:39. Saari's time would have been good enough to win 30 of the 41 previous events.

Bumped from the men's 100 list was former champion Mike Fairchild's 33-year-old mark, as well as two runners who recorded times in the fast 1998 race:

Andy Holland	1998	3:05:01	6 <sup>th</sup>
Jens Beck	1998	3:05:12	7 <sup>th</sup>
Mike Fairchild	1972	3:05:15	1 <sup>st</sup>

### Sub 3:45 / Sub 3:00 Clubs

There were no new inductees into the women's sub-3:45 club. The membership remains at 29. Matias Saari became the 27<sup>th</sup> member of the men's sub-3:00 club.

### 25 Fastest Men and Women

Udchachon moved from fourth-fastest to third-fastest woman on the all-time list, overtaking Tina Devine's 3:21:21 by 57 seconds. Kramer moved into fourth place on the all-time list, just nudging

Brinegar back by one spot, surpassing Brinegar's 1999 time by 27 seconds. Saari vaulted from virtually nowhere into the sixth position on the all-time list with his first sub-3:00 effort.

### Multiple and Consecutive Winners

Udchachon became the 12<sup>th</sup> multiple winner among women, and became, simultaneously, the seventh back-to-back champion for women. Kramer became one of four men to have won three or more times (joining Justice, Murphy and Brinegar). He also joined those three as a back-to-back winner.

### Who Da Man? / Who Da Woman?

In these rankings, Udchachon advanced from 15<sup>th</sup> to a tie for 11<sup>th</sup> (with four other two-time champions) with her 2<sup>nd</sup> win. Rozell moved up one position into a tie for 18<sup>th</sup> with 2002 Champion Susan Faulkner. McDonough, with her second third-place finish to go along with a previous fourth place is now ranked 30<sup>th</sup>.

Brinegar held onto his third-place ranking with his third-place finish. He leads Kramer, who leapfrogged Allen Doyle while moving from fifth to fourth, by 14 points. Saari is now tied for 10<sup>th</sup> on the list with Harlow Robinson. If Saari continues over the next two-to-three years as he has for the past two-to-three years, he should move into the top five or six.

### New Legends?

Although she has only run the event two times, Udchachon seems deserving of a position among the Legends of the Equinox. With two victories, and the 3<sup>rd</sup>-fastest and 7<sup>th</sup>-fastest runs of all time, she has established quite a record in a short time. If she returns to race again, as she says she will, one more performance comparable to what she has done the last two seasons will certainly cement her place on this list. None of the other Legends ran in 2005.

Kramer, with his third win locks down a spot among the Legends, while Brinegar added to his already-impressive laurels. Saari will have to prove he is capable of more superlative performances, and add a win or two or three to earn a spot in this august group.

### The Best Never to Have Won

Unfortunately for Kristen Rozell and Laura McDonough, they remain on this list. They continued to pile up impressive records with their second- and third-place finishes, respectively. Maybe next year.

Matias Saari may now be recognized as one of this group with his sterling runner-up sub-2:50, to go along with previous finishes of second, third and fifth.

### Other notes

An interesting coincidence at the top of the women's result list: Udchachon won for the second time, Rozell was runner-up for the second time, and McDonough was third for the second time.