

Women's National Marathon

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15 under 3 hours in National Marathon Championships

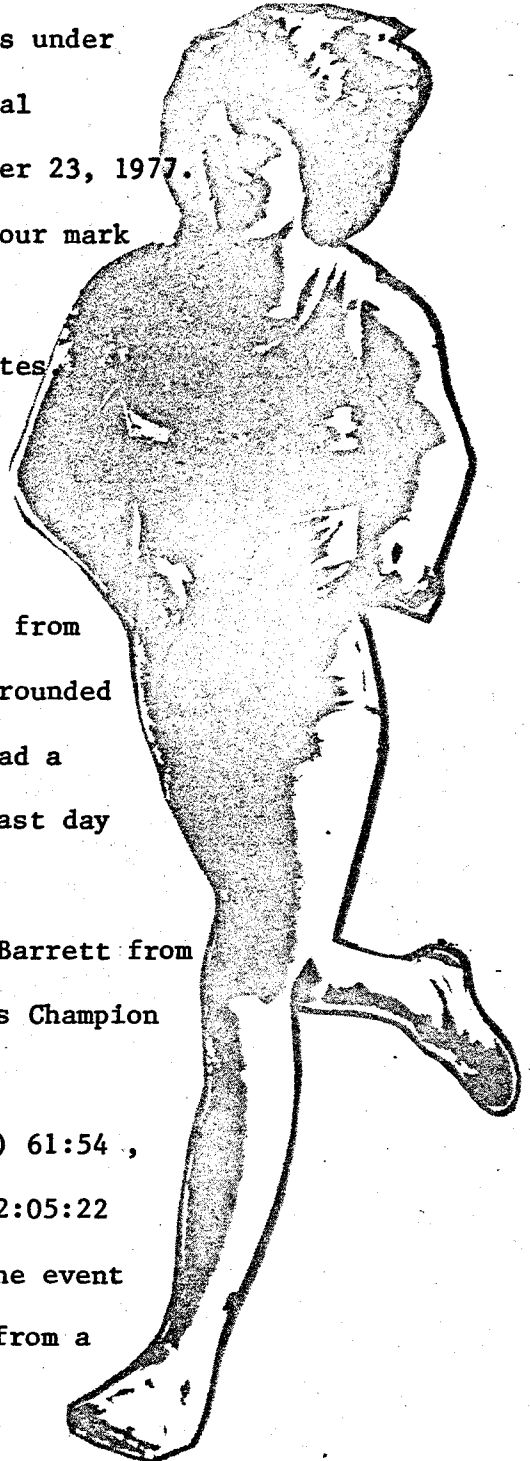
MINNEAPOLIS, OCT. 23--Leal-Ann Reinhart, competing for the San Fernando Valley Track Club of California, led 15 finishers under 3 hours with a time of 2:46:34 at the AAU National Marathon Championships in the Twin Cities, October 23, 1977.

It was the most women ever under the three hour mark in one race, in this, the first ever women's only National Championship Marathon in the United States. Leal led from six miles onward and topped second place finisher Cindy Dalrymple of Hawaii by less than three minutes.

Nina Kuscik from New York, Judy Gumbs-Leydig from California and Jill Hanson of Delano, Minnesota rounded out the top five. Each runner in the top five had a personal best time for the race held on an overcast day with a temperature in the low 40's.

First Junior (under 19) was 16 year old Diane Barrett from Fresno California in 2:51:49. Defending Master's Champion Ruth Anderson of California repeated in 3:09:54.

Leal's splits were: (5-mile) 31:06, (10 mile) 61:54, (Halfway) 1:21:25, (15 mile) 1:33:19, (20 mile) 2:05:22 and (25 mile) 2:38:25. It was her first win in the event and her fourth marathon. Her times have dropped from a 3:05 first marathon to 3:02, 2:50 and 2:46.



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The West Valley Track Club team of Judy Gumbs-Leydig, Penny DeMoss and Joan Ulyot won the team title with 26 points. The Twin Cities Track Club was second with 33 points. (Jan Arenz, Judy Lutter and Hanson made up the TC team).

Eighty-eight runners started the race and 79 finished. 31 runners were under 3 hours and 30 minutes, 48 under 4 hours, 71 under 5 hours and 78 under 6. The final finisher came in at 6:40:08.

Burnis Hicks, the over 60 world recordholder in a time of ~~5:00:23~~, ^{4:54} *failed in her attempt*, ~~broke her~~, *to set a new* record with a time of 5:06:51. Master's winner Anderson is 47.

The largest number of finishers under three hours in a women's event was 7 at the Culver City Marathon last year. So this year's National Championship will go down in the record books as the fastest mass finish in the history of the event.

The Award presentation after the event took place at the Governor's Mansion in St. Paul, Minnesota. Pottery prizes were awarded to all finishers by Governor Rudy Perpich, Honorary Chairperson for the event, State Senator Emily Anne Staples of Plymouth and Marathon Chairman Dr. John O'Leary.

New Balance Shoes sponsored the event along with the Minnesota Distance Running Association and Meters and Miles magazine.

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RESULTS

OCT. 23, 1977

POSITION	RACE NUMBER/STATE	TIME	RUNNER
1.	644 (CA)	2:46:34	LEAL ANN REINHART
2.	664 HAWAII	2:49:11	CINDY DALRYMPLE
3.	636 NY	2:50:28	NINA KUSCSIK
4.	641 CA	2:50:46	JUDY GUMBS-LEYDIG WVTC
5.	617 MN	2:50:48	JILL HANSON TCTC
6.	677 CA	2:51:49	DIANE BARRET (SR)
7.	619 CA	2:52:06	TENA ANEX ARC
8.	672 CA	2:52:44	PENNY DEMOSS WVTC
9.	668 MICH	2:55:33	KAREN MCKEACHIE
10.	624 CA	2:56:40	MARIE ALBERT
11.	631 MN	2:57:48	JAN ARENZ TCTC
12.	646 WI	2:59:03	MARY BANGE
13.	602 CA	2:59:06	SUE KRENN SDTC
14.	693 CA	2:58:17	JOAN ULLYOT WVTC
15.	666 MONTANA	2:59:41	JENNIFER TUTHILL LAC
16.	643 CA	3:01:59	MARILYN TAYLOR WVTC
17.	633 MN	3:06:25	JUDY LUTTER TCTC
18.	611 CA	3:09:54	RUTH ANDERSON (M) (NorCALSRs)
19.	665 Iowa	3:10:41	CHERYL WESTRUM
20.	671 Missouri	3:11:13	KAREN KOKESH St. Louis TC
21.	637 MN	3:14:20	VAL BOGOSHEK 1
22.	622 Colorado	3:15:46	CYNTHIA IKE
23.	676 HAWAII	3:15:57	NANCY SKRIMSTAD
24.	604 CA	3:18:29	DONNA GOODIN (M) SDTC
25.	653 TENN.	3:19:42	MARY LINDAHL
26.	659 MN	3:19:42	JUSTINE ANN MALINSKI
27.	632 MINN. MN	3:22:06	HELEN CHAMBERS SUSAN CUSHMAN
28.	615 MN	3:23:31	KRISTIN OARN
29.	627 ORE.	3:23:38	NANCY CHURCH
30.	621 MN	3:25:04	ROSEMARY PETERSON
31.	645 MN	3:28:19	CHERYL HULTMAN
32.	659 MN	3:30:31	AMY MYERS
33.	638 MN	3:31:38	CAROL KLITZKE
34.	618 MN	3:31:53	CHERYL GROSSMAN
35.	662 NEB	3:32:25	PATRICIA HEGG
36.	690 MN	3:32:27	KAREN DIKMEYER
37.	647 WI	3:32:36	LAUREL HOFMANN
38.	606 WI	3:32:52	MARY BELLING (M)
39.	651 MICH	3:32:44	LINDA STORINS

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40.	686	3:38:49	CAROL HOVEY
41.	623	3:40:37	SOFIA NUNEZ
42.	697	3:40:48	HEATHER KINDEM
43.	660	3:42:16	M.M. DENNIS HOSTETTER
44.	674	3:44:00	SANDRA RUCHONIEMI
45.	629	3:44:05	LINDSAY BLATTNER
46.	674	3:44:13	LISA BOULAY
47.	607	3:51:52	BEVERLY ANDERSON (M)
48.	657	3:59:40	TERRY SCHMIDT
49.	634	4:06:42	ELIZABETH HINZ
50.	603	4:06:47	YVONNE MONSAURET (M)
51.	601	4:06:50	ARLENE BLUM
52.	700	4:08:51	JAN BUECKLER
53.	673	4:11:51	MRS. HENRY VOLPE
54.	689	4:13:09	KARINA NEQUIN
55.	612	4:13:45	LIZ KLITZKE (M)
56.	694	4:14:22	ANITA MILLER
57.	653	4:14:22	JOANNE MARSHALL MAULDIN
58.	648	4:15:55	EILEEN MAYNEW
59.	650	4:18:12	LINDA PETERSON
60.	649	4:18:14	RENEE PERKINS
61.	682	4:19:19	ANN KOSTRUBALA SDTC
62.	655	4:20:52	TERESA CLITSONE SDTC
63.	687	4:22:06	MICHELLE BIGELOW
64.	692	4:22:06	HOLLY BAYSINGER
65.	616	4:23:15	LILL WAGNER
66.	610	4:26:24	PAT WIESNER (M)
67.	684	4:27:11	VIDA NIEDORF
68.	661	4:27:54	CONNIE NELSON
69.	691	4:28:00	JOAN DUCKSTAD
70.	635	4:41:57	SUZANNE HEDSTROM
71.	609	4:52:53	ANNABEL MARSH (M) (54)
72.	675	5:02:46	MARYBETH GAFFANEY
73.	685	5:06:27	MYRA DERUSHA
74.	614	5:06:51	BURNIS HICKS (M) (64)
75.	608	5:09:42	KAY ATKINSON (M) (NORCAL SD)
76.	699	5:09:42	SUZANNE NORREY
77.	626	5:18:16	PEG BRENDEN

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78.	620	5:18:16 F	DEB WILSON
79.	688 / MICH	6:40:08 7:11:11	MARCI HALABIS
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81.	TEAM SCORE		
82.	WEST VALLEY TC (WVTC) - 26		
83.	TWIN CITIES TC (TCTC) - 33		
84.	SAN DIEGO TRACK CLUB (SDTC) 98 KEY		
85.	Nor CAL SENIORS #3 (LAC) Liberty Athletic Club		
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87.	(SDTC) SAN DIEGO TRACK CLUB		
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89.	(JR) = Juniors		
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