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American Daniel Vassallo and Dutch Mariska Kramer race to a Philly finish and capture 2010 Philadelphia Marathon

Victories cap off record-high field of runners and successful Marathon weekend of events.

PHILADELPHIA – November 21, 2010 – Daniel Vassallo, 25, of Wilmington, Massachusetts, and Mariska Kramer, 36, of the Netherlands were the top male and female finishers at the 2010 Philadelphia Marathon on Sunday, November 21, an ideal day for road racing; temperatures were perfect and skies were clear. A record 23,000 runners competed in the Marathon weekend's three events: the marathon, half marathon and the Rothman Institute 8K. More than 50,000 fans and friends lined the courses and cheered the runners on from curbside and from 25 Marathon Cheer Zones that lined the course in marathoning's Best Host City.

The Marathon Winners

Daniel Vassallo won the men's marathon, completing the 26.2-mile course in 2:21:28, two minutes nine seconds ahead of the second place finisher. Mariska Kramer won the women's division in 2:38:55.

Men's Race:

1. Daniel Vassallo, 25, Wilmington, Massachusetts, 2:21:28
2. David Bedoya, 33, Somerville, Massachusetts, 2:23:37
3. Ryan Bender, 27, Charlotte, North Carolina, 2:25:00
4. Ryan McGuire, 28, Middleburg, Pennsylvania, 2:26:05
5. Edward Callinan, Haddonfield, New Jersey, 2:26:29

Women's Race:

1. Mariska Kramer, 36, Netherlands, 2:38:55
2. Ramilia Buranglova, 49, Russia, 2:40:32
3. Emily Hulme, 26, Havertown, Pennsylvania, 2:44:30
4. Meghan Ridgley, 31, Reston, Virginia, 2:48:04
5. Jennifer Modiszewski, 30, Durham, North Carolina, 2:48:30

George Gallego took home the top award in the wheelchair division with a time of 2:34:34. The top Philadelphia finisher in the women's marathon was Abby Dean, 39, of Center City, who finished in 2:52:33, 9th female overall.

The Half Marathon Winners

The winner of the men's half marathon was Kiprotich Kirui, 25, of Kenya, covering the 13.1-mile course in a time of 1:04:02. Hirut Mandefro, 25, from Ethiopia, won the women's event in 1:17:52. Mandefro also came in 2nd in the Rothman Institute 8K on Saturday.

Men's Race:

1. Kiprotich Kirui, 25, Kenya, 1:04:02
2. Demesse Tefera, 28, Washington, DC, 1:06:19
3. William Rowland, 24, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, 1:07:59
4. Gregory Bielecki, 30, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1:08:08
5. Joshua Eddy, 23, Lebanon, New Hampshire, 1:08:20

Women's Race:

1. Hirut Mandefro, 25, Ethiopia, 1:17:52
2. Lauren Philbrook, 23, Hopkinton, Massachusetts, 1:17:57
3. Kara Haas, 40, Chelmsford, Massachusetts, 1:20:21
4. Emily McGregor, 24, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1:20:33
5. Heidi Bretscher, 24, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1:20:48

The Rothman Institute 8K Winners

The Rothman Institute 8K was held this year for the first time on Saturday of Race Weekend. Mourad Marofit, 28, of Morocco was the top male finisher with a time of 23:09, and Clara Grandt, 23, of Morgantown, West Virginia was the top female finisher with a time of 26:23.

Men's Race:

1. Mourad Marofit, 28, Morocco, 23:09
2. Adrian Blincoe, 31, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, 23:09
3. Linus Maiyo, 27, Royersford, Pennsylvania, 23:17
4. Rod Koborsi, 27, Boston, Massachusetts, 23:48
5. Michael McKeeman, 34, Ardmore, Pennsylvania, 23:56

Women's Race:

1. Clara Grandt, 23, Morgantown, West Virginia, 26:23
2. Hirut Mandefro, 25, Ethiopia, 27:48
3. Ellen Dougherty, 23, Ardmore, Pennsylvania, 28:22
4. Caitlyn Clark, 25, Worcester, Massachusetts, 28:51
5. Tatiana Mironova, 41, Hebron, Kentucky, 29:03

The prelude to the races, the two-day Philadelphia Marathon Health & Fitness Expo at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, attracted approximately 40,000 people to its exhibits, events and seminars on Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20. Approximately 200 youngsters took part in Saturday morning's Verizon Kids Fun Run and 800 people fueled their engines at the Runners' Buffet Dinner on the evening before the marathon and half marathon races.

Marathoning's best host city welcomed more than 23,000 athletes to Philadelphia for a family-friendly series of events over Philadelphia Marathon Race Weekend –always held on the weekend before Thanksgiving -- November 19-21, 2010. Produced and hosted by the City of Philadelphia, Marathon Race Weekend features four races in a city “born to run” -- the 17th annual Philadelphia

Marathon and Philadelphia Half Marathon, preceded by Saturday's Rothman Institute 8K and the Verizon Kids Fun Run. Other activities to welcome runners, families, friends, spectators, businesses and residents include a free two-day Health & Fitness Expo; a free course map complete with retail discounts and promotions; more than 20 spectator cheer zones; and a pre-race pasta party. Runners pass many of Philadelphia's famous attractions on the swift and scenic USATF-certified course, which is a Boston qualifier. Take the first step to experiencing 26.2 miles of fun, beauty, history and excitement by visiting www.philadelphiamarathon.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Full results available through Active.com,
<http://results.active.com/pages/page.jsp?eventID=1850469&pubID=3>

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