

Mike Peveto Wins Men's Marathon

Mickey Doane Repeats as Women's Champion; Brevard Takes Team Title

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Paced by a trio of freshmen, including individual champion Mike Peveto, Brevard College captured team honors in the ninth annual NJCAA National Marathon Championships.

The North Carolina junior college tallied a scanty eight points to win its first national championship in any sport, and easily outdistanced runner-up Golden Valley Lutheran which wound up with 23 markers.

Host Southwestern Michigan College was third with 33 points, while Barton County (Kan.) was next with 38 tallies.

Golden Valley, of Minneapolis, Minn., had carded team honors the past two years, and coach Sev Legred's Royals again were one of the pre-race favorites, but Brevard literally "ran away" with the national championship.

The individual race was one of the most thrilling head-to-head clashes since the event's inception in 1974, with Peveto just edging Roadrunner freshman Armando Garza by a mere 19 seconds.

A veteran of five previous marathons, Peveto finally passed Garza with just over 800 yards left in the 26-mile, 385-yard journey through Cass and Van Buren counties, winning with a time of 2:27:15 — the sixth fastest clocking in NJCAA history.

St. Louis (Mich.) native Garza, however, did establish the new SMC record with his 2:27:34 clocking, and became the 11th Roadrunner to earn NJCAA All-American status in the event.

Peveto was supported by teammates Gerald Hutchinson and Jim Hickey, as they finished third and fourth, respectively in 2:28:39, although they crossed the downtown Dowagiac finish line together.

The trio of Brevard runners, Garza and three others set the early pace and ran together for just better than eight miles, before Pima College (Ariz.) marathoner Ted Zimmerman fell back to leave a group of six.

Barton County's Bruce Washburn, who later finished fifth in 2:28:52, dropped back a little later and it was a pack of five which was still running together at the 15-mile marker.

The only difference was that Garza and Brevard's Hutchinson had assumed a slight lead over Peveto, Hickey and Barton's Brian Renshaw, while several Golden Valley runners began to make their move toward the lead pack.

But two miles later, Garza had scooted out to a lead of some 100 yards, with all three Brevard runners trailing a comfortable distance behind.

On a day which, weather-wise, was considered perfect for a marathon, the sun finally peaked through the clouds when the leaders hit the 18-mile mark, while cool and breezy conditions still prevailed to make things bearable.

Just past the 19-mile mark, Garza's lead was narrowed to about 20 yards, as Peveto was trying to make his move, and the pair of JUCO standouts ran neck-and-neck at the 21-mile marking.

The sun ducked behind the clouds again less than a mile later, and that spurred Garza to reassume the lead, as he stepped out to a 25-30 yard advantage just short of 22 miles into the race. By the 23-mile mark his lead had increased to 35-40 yards and then about 70 yards by mile No. 24.

At the 25-mile marker, however, Peveto had shortened Garza's lead to 15 yards and was coming on strong using a bit of strategy to accomplish his goal.

"Coach (Norm Witek) came by at the 25-mile marker and told me we had the team title wrapped up," said Peveto after the race, "so he told me to gamble if I wanted to. I sprinted for 15 seconds, then later for 20 seconds and finally I caught him (Garza) right in front of his coach."

The 19-year-old Peveto also established a personal best for himself in Saturday's race, with his previous best coming in the 1980 Houston Marathon as a junior in high school.

Peveto's 2:29:33 clocking in Houston established him as the top marathoner in his age-group in the United States, but it wasn't until Saturday that he was truly satisfied with his efforts.

"Man, that's the greatest thrill in the world," he beamed afterwards. "My whole freshman year had been a disappointment until here."

Peveto has averaged "120 miles since Jan. 1" in training for the NJCAA event, and the Louisiana native peaked at 135 miles per week two months before Saturday's race.

As for his teammates running so close to him for nearly the entire race, Peveto noted, "We didn't plan on running together, it just worked out that way."

The blond-haired and slender Peveto also praised Roadrunner Garza for his first-ever Marathon effort, saying "that's an awesome time for a first marathon and he did all the work."

Garza, disappointed but not demoralized, noted he had run "it just like I wanted, I just got beat."

But the excitement didn't end in the men's portion of the race, as defending women's champion Mickey Doane of Golden Valley established a new women's record with her 2:47:22 clocking.

Doane was again the first woman across the finish line and 34th overall to

break, by just four seconds, the standing women's record set by former Corning (N.Y.) standout Kelly Bowdy in the 1980 NJCAA Marathon.

Doane might well have run her second-ever marathon a trifle faster had it not been for the fact she had an inflamed tendon in her left ankle.

"I think I could have run better if my foot was better," said Doane after the race; her foot emerged in a bucket of ice. "I had a really good pace going, but in the in-between miles I slowed down because I didn't see anybody and I started thinking about my foot. I was really dragging."



Mickey Doane of Golden Valley Lutheran winning Women's Marathon title.



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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS — MEN

1. Mike Peveto, Brevard	2:27.15
2. Armando Garza, Southwestern Michigan	2:27.34
3. Gerald Hutchinson, Brevard	2:28.39
4. Jim Hickey, Brevard	2:28.39
5. Bruce Washburn, Barton Co.	2:28.52
6. Rick Taplin, Golden Valley	2:29.43
7. Tony Banovich, Barton Co.	2:31.17
8. Kevin Olson, Golden Valley	2:31.42
9. Mark Paetzel, Golden Valley	2:31.50
10. Edmund Bruni, Mohawk Valley	2:33.18
11. John DesRosiers, Macomb	2:35.08
12. Kent Patterson, Southwestern Michigan	2:35.42
13. Art Freeman, Parkland	2:36.38
14. Gerard Grabowski, Oakland	2:37.24
15. Tim Ross, Golden Valley	2:37.33
16. Tom Kickham, Florissant Valley	2:37.53
17. Gary Morgan, Oakland	2:38.17
18. Paul Dedrich, Macomb	2:38.21
19. Paul Degrood, Golden Valley	2:38.50
20. Tom Barrer, Golden Valley	2:38.51
21. Michael Ariola, Mohawk Valley	2:38.55
22. Dave Johnson, Golden Valley	2:39.15
23. Rod Cundon, Gateway Tech.	2:39.42
24. Steve Rosenblum, Oakton	2:39.51
25. Greg Wallace, Golden Valley	2:40.45

TEAM SCORES — MEN

1. Brevard, NC	8
2. Golden Valley, MN	23
3. Southwestern Michigan	33
4. Barton County, KS	38
5. Macomb County, MI	47
6. Oakland, MI	52
7. Florissant Valley, MO	64
8. Lansing, MI	78