Haskell Indian JC reigns as champion

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Eric Stuber celebrated his 21st birthday one week and one day early Saturday when he broke the downtown Dowagiac finish line tape as the 1984 NJCAA National Marathon champion.

The Lansing Community College freshman and native of Williamston broke away from a large pack of runners just past the nine-mile mark on the scenic course and was unchallenged for the last 17 miles.

Despite a painful cramp in his left leg between the 18-20 mile mark, Stuber gritted his teeth and came home with a new NJCAA record time of 2:22:12, something he didn't figure he was capable of.

"I heard the record was 2:25," said Stuber after the race, "I transferred from Michigan State to LCC just to run the marathon. Then I found out it was 2:23.57 and I thought I had absolutely no chance at that."

"I was hoping to win (the marathon). I knew (Southwestern Michigan College's Fredric) Moreno was the defending champion and I figured he'd be right up there, but I've been thinking about this for six months."

First and defending team champion SMC was unseated by Haskell with 27 points.

Led by third-place finisher Nelson Beggij (2:25:48), Haskell earned the 1984 NJCAA crown after Delbert Beggij (2:34:55) and Dennell Beggij (2:36:26) came across the finish line in 7th and 8th place, respectively.

Stuber was a winner by better than two minutes over Golden Valley Lutheran's Alemayeha Tulu (2:24:27), while Breda College's Marty Humphrey was fourth in 2:29:53.

Only six NJCAA women competed Saturday, including only Macomb Community College as a full three-person team.

Macomb's Debbie Thomas was first woman finisher with a time of 3:06:18 and her teammates and she were awarded the first-ever NJCAA Marathon championship trophy in the women's division.

Lansing Community College listed a full three-person team prior to the race, but lost Emily Pellsmauth.

Weather-wise, Saturday's cool and overcast conditions were considered ideal for a marathon and Gunn called the conditions the best they have ever been for this event.

Coach Ron Gunn's Roadrunners were paced by fifth-place finisher and NJCAA All-American Al Lask (2:27:57), while Moreno became only the eighth JUZO marathoner in the history of the event to rank as a two-time All-American with his sixth-place clocking of 2:28:29.

Moreno's time was a full two minutes faster than his winning time in 1983, while each of the top six times ranks as a Top 10 clocking in the 11-year history of this unique event.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

2. Alemayeha Tulu, Golden Valley Lutheran ................ **2:24.27
4. Marty Humphrey, Breda College ................................ 2:29.53
5. Al Lask, Southwestern Michigan College ..................... **2:27.57
6. Fredric Moreno, Southwestern Michigan College ............... **2:28.29
8. Dennell Beggij, Haskell Indian JC .......................... 2:28.57
9. Scott Gelver, Danville CC .......................... 2:29.51
10. Doug Burdick, Caryga CC .......................... 2:29.61
11. Tim Morris, Golden Valley Lutheran ................ 2:30.36
12. William Badger, Monroe CC .......................... 2:30.47
13. Reggie Delfaught, Oakton CC .......................... 2:30.61
14. Gordon Snaden, Breda College .......................... 2:30.64
15. Chris Smith, Hagerstown College ................ 2:30.81
16. Patrick O'Grady, Breda College .......................... 2:30.86
17. Jeff Bristow, Schoolcraft College ................ 2:30.91
18. Scott Bonner, Mohawk Valley CC .......................... 2:31.21
19. Steve Wronowski, Southwestern Michigan Col. .............. 2:31.41
20. Andy Coor, Alfred State College .......................... 2:31.69
21. Dennis Fabian, Macomb CC .......................... 2:32.10
22. Ron Alcarda, Monroe CC .......................... 2:32.19
23. Frank Lam, Hagerstown College ................ 2:32.25
24. John P filliard, Breda College ................ 2:32.49
25. Joe McGurran, Golden Valley Lutheran ................ 2:32.61
26. John Stiner, Alfred State College ................ 2:32.70
27. Garth Wilson, University of Minnesota ................ 2:33.19
28. Jim Coor, Alfred State College ................ 2:33.32
29. James Rubey, Oakton CC .......................... 2:33.57
30. Brian Lenz, Dodge City CC .......................... 2:34.10
31. Andy Hart, University of Michigan ................ 2:34.59
32. John O'Donnell, Lansing CC .......................... 2:35.10
33. Dave Mangel, Hagerstown College .......................... 2:35.11
34. Ramy Shapir, Macomb CC .......................... 2:35.27
35. Adam Egberman, Parkland JC ................................ 2:35.41
36. Steve Leider, University of Minnesota ................ 2:36.06
37. Debbie Thomas, Macomb CC ................ **2:36.18
38. Tom Fales, Caryga CC .......................... 2:36.72
39. Janie Balmer, Dodge City CC .......................... 2:37.26
40. Linda Gorina, Macomb CC .......................... 2:37.33
41. James Hodgett, Monroe CC .......................... 2:37.57
42. Andrea Kern, Macomb CC .......................... 2:38.07
43. Malcolm Felix, Mohawk Valley CC ................ 2:38.16
44. Leon Archer, Spoon River College ................ 2:38.26
45. Denise Budd, Lansing CC .......................... 2:38.45
46. Bill Terry, Oakton CC .......................... 2:38.61
47. Ann Young, Mohawk Valley CC .......................... 4:15.10
48. Tom Davis, Lansing CC .......................... 4:25.08

TEAM RESULTS

First Woman Finisher **All-American Honors

TEAM RESULTS

MEN
1. Haskell Indian JC (Lawrence, KS) ................ 118
2. Northwestern Michigan College (Dowagiac, MI) ................ 27
3. Breda College (Breda, NC) .......................... 30
4. Golden Valley Lutheran (Golden Valley, MN) ................ 32
5. Monroe CC (Rockford, IL) .......................... 38
6. Hagerstown CC (Hagerstown, MD) .......................... 60
7. Lansing CC (Lansing, MI) .......................... 60
8. Alfred State College (Alfred, NY) .......................... 63
9. Oakton CC (Des Moines, IA) .......................... 79
10. University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN) ................ 80

WOMEN
1. Macomb CC (Warren, MI) .......................... 6