

Haskell Indian JC reigns as champion

Stuber wins, SMC runner-up

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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.



First Place Men's Marathon — Eric Stuber, Lansing, CC, Lansing, Michigan — 2:22.12.

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 2:27," said Stuber after the race, "and 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 Fredrico) Moreno was the defending champion and I figured he'd be right up there, but I've been thinking about this for six months."

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

Led by third-place finisher Nelson Begay (2:25.46), Haskell

earned the 1984 NJCAA crown after Delbert Begay (2:34.55) and Dennell Begay (2:35.26) came across the finish line in 7th and 8th place, respectively.



First Place Women's Marathon — Debbie Thomas, Macomb CC, Warren, Michigan — 3:06.18.

Stuber was a winner by better than two minutes over Golden Valley Lutheran's Almayeha Tulu (2:24.27), while Brevard College's Marty Humphrey was fourth in 2:26.53.

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

Macomb's Debbie Thomas was the 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 Feldpausch.

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 Lusk (2:27.57), while Moreno became only the eighth JUCO 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

1. Eric Stuber, Lansing CC	2:22.12	**2:22.12
2. Almayehu Tulu, Golden Valley Lutheran	2:24.27	**2:24.27
3. Nelson Begay, Haskell Indian JC	2:25.46	**2:25.46
4. Marty Humphrey, Brevard College	2:26.53	**2:26.53
5. Al Lusk, Southwestern Michigan College	2:27.57	**2:27.57
6. Fredrico Moreno, Southwestern Michigan College	2:28.29	**2:28.29
7. Delbert Begay, Haskell Indian JC	2:34.55	2:34.55
8. Dennell Begay, Haskell Indian JC	2:35.26	2:35.26
9. Scott Colver, Danville CC	2:36.15	2:36.15
10. Doug Burdick, Cayuga CC	2:36.23	2:36.23
11. Tom Moris, Golden Valley Lutheran	2:36.38	2:36.38
12. William Badger, Monroe CC	2:37.43	2:37.43
13. Jessie Delafuente, Oakton CC	2:38.02	2:38.02
14. Gordon Snaden, Brevard College	2:38.34	2:38.34
15. Chris Smith, Hagerstown College	2:38.36	2:38.36
16. Patrick O'Grady, Brevard College	2:38.45	2:38.45
17. Jeff Bristow, Schoolcraft College	2:39.14	2:39.14
18. Scott Bonner, Mohawk Valley CC	2:41.52	2:41.52
19. Steve Wroblewski, Southwestern Michigan Col.	2:42.25	2:42.25
20. Andy Coots, Alfred State College	2:43.06	2:43.06
21. Dennis Fabian, Macomb CC	2:44.50	2:44.50
22. Ron Abraira, Monroe CC	2:45.08	2:45.08
23. Frank Lum, Hagerstown College	2:45.19	2:45.19
24. John Fillyau, Brevard College	2:45.49	2:45.49
25. Joe McGurran, Golden Valley Lutheran	2:46.16	2:46.16
26. John Stiner, Alfred State College	2:46.30	2:46.30
27. Garth Wilson, University of Minnesota	2:51.19	2:51.19
28. Jim Coots, Alfred State	2:52.39	2:52.39
29. James Rubey, Oakton CC	2:53.32	2:53.32
30. Brian Lenz, Dodge City CC	2:55.10	2:55.10
31. Andy Hart, University of Minnesota	2:55.10	2:55.10
32. Keith O'Dean, Lansing CC	2:57.27	2:57.27
33. Dave Long, Hagerstown College	2:57.58	2:57.58
34. Ricky Shapie, Macomb CC	3:00.47	3:00.47
35. Adam Egberman, Parkland JC	3:05.00	3:05.00
36. Steve Leuder, University of Minnesota	3:06.00	3:06.00
37. Debbie Thomas, Macomb CC	3:06.18	* **3:06.18
38. Tom Falsley, Cayuga CC	3:08.03	3:08.03
39. Jamie Bolmer, Dodge City CC	3:10.27	3:10.27
40. Linda Gorinac, Macomb CC	3:23.51	**3:23.51
41. James Blodgett, Monroe CC	3:25.00	3:25.00
42. Andrea Kern, Macomb CC	3:25.25	**3:25.25
43. Malcolm Fekete, Mohawk Valley CC	3:28.16	3:28.16
44. Leon Archer, Spoon River College	3:28.16	3:28.16
45. Denise Budd, Lansing CC	3:48.42	3:48.42
46. Bill Terry, Oakton CC	3:53.53	3:53.53
47. Ann Young, Mohawk Valley CC	4:15.10	4:15.10
48. Tammy Decker, Lansing CC	N/A	N/A

*First Woman Finisher

**All-American Honors

TEAM RESULTS

MEN	Pts.
1. Haskell Indian JC (Lawrence, KS)	18
2. Southwestern Michigan College (Dowagiac, MI)	27
3. Brevard College (Brevard, NC)	30
4. Golden Valley Lutheran (Golden Valley, MN)	32
5. Monroe CC (Rochester, NY)	58
6. Hagerstown CC (Hagerstown, MD)	60
Lansing CC (Lansing, MI)	60
8. Alfred State College (Alfred, NY)	63
9. Oakton CC (Des Plains, IL)	69
10. University of Minnesota (Waseca, MN)	78
11. Mohawk Valley College (Utica, NY)	80

WOMEN

1. Macomb CC (Warren, MI)	6
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