

Palmer wins first Bostonfest run

BOSTON (AP) — Andy Palmer, coach of the women's track team at nearby Brandeis University, picked up ground on the hills, charged into the lead less than five miles from the finish and won the first Bostonfest Marathon Sunday despite a late charge by Rhode Island school teacher Mark Skinkle.



ANDY PALMER

Palmer is a two-time winner of the Great Paper Chase sponsored by the Springfield Newspapers. A native of Madawaska on the tip of northeastern Maine, Palmer passed Mark Kimball with a friendly pat on the butt as the early leader faded badly and went on to cover the 26-mile, 385-yard course on the streets of Boston in 2 hours, 16 minutes, 25 seconds.

Skinkle, a 29-year-old distance runner from Warwick, R.I., closed strongly, but was unable to catch Palmer, settling for second place in 2:17.1. Jim Miller, 25, a former intercollegiate star from Burlington, Vt., was third in 2:18.48.

Paul Oparowski, 27, of Methuen was next in 2:19.11, followed by Douglas Sweazey, 26, of Brookline in 2:19.52.

Martha White, 23, of State College, Pa., an outstanding runner at shorter distances for several years, celebrated her first marathon by winning the women's race in 2:39.40. Kate Wiley of Harvard University was second in 2:43, followed by Patricia English of San Anselmo, Calif., in 2:44.11.

Sunday's race followed about six months after the traditional Boston Marathon, the "granddaddy" of distance running.

Palmer, 29, who has been in intensive training while earning his master's degree at Springfield College, Skinkle and Miller qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials set for next May in Buffalo, N.Y. The qualifying time was 2:19.4.

Kimball, 23, a former Boston University cross-country star, and his brother, Dean, 25, a one-time stand-out at the University of New Hampshire, tried to turn the race into their own private affair as they pulled away after five miles when veteran Vin Fleming began to fall back.

After eight miles on the run to the city's western outskirts past Harvard Stadium and back past Boston University, Mark inched in front.

Marathon Man

The two brothers from Atkinson, N.H., soon opened plenty of yardage on the field as they headed south.

At the halfway mark, reached in 1:06.20, Mark led by a couple of hundred yards. Then, on a couple of hills, Palmer moved into sole possession of third place, pulling away from a pack of about eight runners.

Mark continued to run a few steps behind the pace car with its electronic clock showing the mileage and time. He made the turn at the city limits and headed back toward downtown Boston and the finish about 9 1/2 miles away.

At 17 1/2 miles, Palmer charged past Dean Kimball and took aim on Mark far away. Palmer ran easily as Mark showed signs of tiring for the first time. At 21.4 miles, Mark came to a complete stop, walked a few steps and began jogging again, but he had run into "the wall."

"I became dehydrated after about 18 miles and my hamstrings were hurting," Kimball said after a gutsy performance in finishing 52nd in 2:36.42. "I looked around for a ride, but couldn't find one so I kept on running the best I could."

NHL

Table with NHL standings for the Eastern Conference, Central Division, and Western Conference. Columns include Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA.

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Union scorecard

Cartoon titled 'TANK McNAMARA' by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds. It depicts a man in a military uniform talking to a man in a suit, with speech bubbles about the Vietnam War and the Gulf of Tonkin incident.

NFL roundup

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Lions, 38-17

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Islanders, 6-2

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SuperSonics, 121-116

NBA. Seattle 121-116 vs. Portland. Seattle 121-116 vs. Portland. Seattle 121-116 vs. Portland.

Sabres, 5-4

NHL. Buffalo 5-4 vs. Montreal. Buffalo 5-4 vs. Montreal. Buffalo 5-4 vs. Montreal.

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NBA. Dallas 123-101 vs. Phoenix. Dallas 123-101 vs. Phoenix. Dallas 123-101 vs. Phoenix.

Cowboys, 38-20

National Football League By The Associated Press. National Conference. Dallas 38-20 vs. Cincinnati. Dallas 38-20 vs. Cincinnati. Dallas 38-20 vs. Cincinnati.

Browns, 25-19 (OT)

National Football League By The Associated Press. American Conference. Cleveland 25-19 vs. Houston. Cleveland 25-19 vs. Houston. Cleveland 25-19 vs. Houston.

Flames, 4-3

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National Football League By The Associated Press. American Conference. Buffalo 27-21 vs. New Orleans. Buffalo 27-21 vs. New Orleans. Buffalo 27-21 vs. New Orleans.

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Seahawks, 34-21

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