



Fighting for the finish line

Nearly 4,000, including a team of war vets wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan, race in third annual Marathon of the Palm Beaches.

By DAVID ROGERS
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Lift a bottle of Gatorade and toast the athleticism, determination and commitment of the roughly 4,000 people who participated Sunday in the third annual Marathon of the Palm Beaches.

Most were sleek, sculpted and handled the long road race with confidence. A few, like third-place half-marathon runner Macdonald Ondara, limped across the finish line.

(Difficulties aside, Ondara finished 13.1 miles in 1:11:02.)

Whether they ran 26.2 miles, the half-marathon, or the team relay, all put in a tremendous effort, fighting for fast times or just to finish. High humidity and temperatures in the 70s slowed the racers along the course, held on streets along and near the Intracoastal Waterway in West Palm Beach and Lake Worth.



Klotsche
Presented a \$5,000 donation from the Circumnavigators Club to the Achilles Track Club's Freedom Team.

Kenyan Charles Kiplogat, 30, now of Sante Fe, N.M., won the men's division with a time of 2:25:39. His pace was 5:34.

In a triumph for older runners, Ramila Burangulova, a muscular 45-year-old from Russia who lives in Tampa, won the women's division with a time of 2:49:21. Her pace was 6:28.

Neither time set a course record.

Two Somerset, N.J., residents recorded their own personal best times, in a manner of speaking. Half-marathon runners Dave Thompson and Dana Ahrena, both 30, stopped long enough at mile marker No. 4 to get married.

Just over 1,000 people ran the marathon, about 3,000 ran the half-marathon and 27 teams of four participated in the relay competition, according to race spokesman Eric Haley.

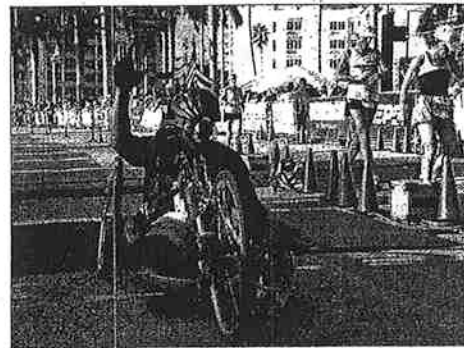
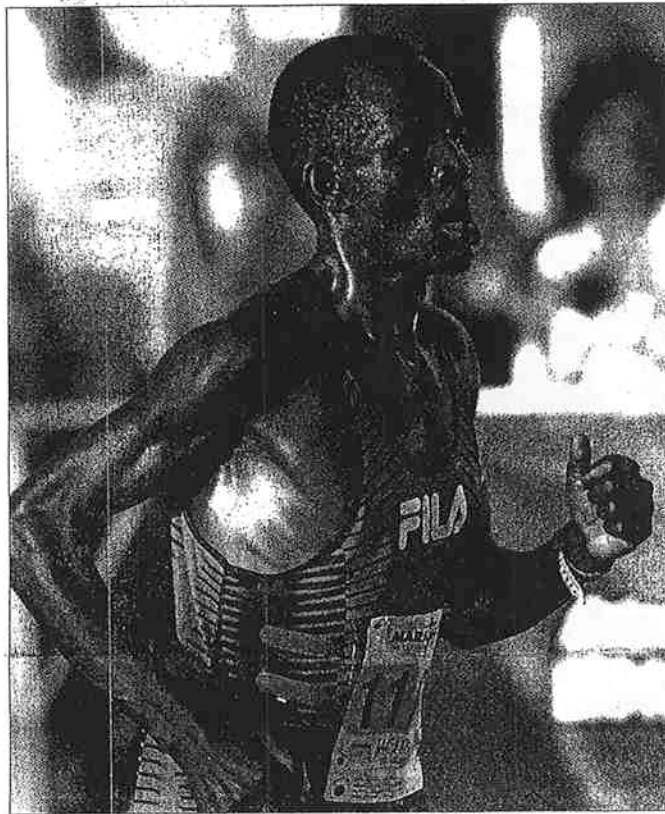
Among those participating in the full marathon were several members of the Achilles Track Club's Freedom Team. That team is comprised of wounded American vet-

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Left: The Marathon of the Palm Beaches started on time at 6:30 a.m.

Below: Moses Kororia, Chapel Hill, N.C. crosses the finish line in 1:05:34. Kororia finished first in the half marathon.



Left: Hilbert Caesar, York, Pa., acknowledges the applause from fellow teammates and supporters as he comes to a stop after crossing the finish line. Army Staff Sgt. Caesar, (ret.), lost his leg after an improvised explosive device detonated beneath his vehicle during a reconnaissance mission near the Baghdad International Airport in 2004.

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Mayo to sponsor beach erosion

Permits, construction likely to delay South End nourishment until ne

By MARGIE K/
Daily News Staff

Palm Beach Mayor Ja talk directly to South End about their badly eroded be

He will be the featured s cil of delegates meeting of T ation of Palm Beach. The session begins at 3:30 p.m. at the South Fire Station, 2185 S. Ocean Blvd.

The shoreline between the Ambassador II Condominium, 2780 S. Ocean Blvd., to La Bonne Vie, 3475 S. Ocean Blvd., is part of the town's long-term coastal management plan.

Under ideal circumstances, that shoreline segment will undergo a complete, \$13 million beach nourishment with sand dredged from off shore and pumped onto the

Town officials had in work would take place this

But permits are not yet unlikely work can begin, le ed, before the April to Novem blackout period put in place tles and their nests.

It is more likely work will next fall and winter.

"We're actively engaged state and federal permitin Manager Peter Elwell said.

Public Works Director F expects to meet with state ar mental regulators about the next month or two, and will Town Council at that time.

Brazil will accompany M day's meeting to address te the beach plan.

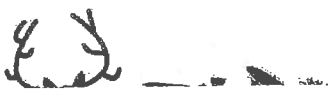
Citizens' Association Reeves said the topic is upper of South End residents.

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Engle takes first place, rider



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Melynda Schnee, of Elburn, Ill., heads to the finish line at the Marathon of the Palm Beaches. Schnee, was the women's first place finisher in her class for the full marathon, racing for the Achilles Track Club's Freedom Team. Schnee, who had to make the decision to have her leg amputated to save her life after a traffic accident, is a civilian mentor for the team. She had not slept for 24 hours prior to the race because the airline balked at allowing her special chair on board. She persisted, spoke with an airline vice president, and was eventually permitted to board another flight. She said her motto is, 'Failure is not an option.'

MARATHON

\$30,000 being raised for Freedom Team competitions.

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erans, many of whom lost one or both of their legs on tours of duty in Afghanistan or Iraq. Many rolled across the finish line in hand-cranked bicycles.

Palm Beacher Charles Klotsche was at the race to encourage members of the Freedom Team and to present a \$5,000 donation from the Palm Beach chapter of the Circumnavigators Club. The organization is comprised of people who have traveled around the world in one trip.

Klotsche, the chapter's president, said the club is committed to raising \$30,000 to allow 12 Freedom Team members to compete in three overseas marathons in 2007.

Four members will be able to compete in each marathon, which will take place in London, Berlin and Singapore. The chapter's fundraising and donations of frequent flier miles will also allow each member to take along a spouse or other companion, Klotsche said. The former Marine said he has a deep affection for disabled veterans, particularly Marines. Klotsche suffered an ankle injury in the early 1960s during a nighttime training exercise.

The chapter has about 2.5 million frequent flyer miles to donate for its new Globetrotter

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ELMER DINGLASON
Retired Navy Corpsman

marathon program, he said.

Klotsche said the international trips will give Europeans and Asians exposure to American service members who made major sacrifices while serving in ongoing conflicts.

"We'd like to make these guys ambassadors of goodwill for these two wars," he said.

Retired Navy Corpsman Elmer Dinglason, a double leg-amputee who accomplished his goal of finishing the Palm Beach race in under 2 hours, said he is interested in participating in one of the overseas marathons. "That sounds like a good deal to me," Dinglason said Sunday morning shortly after finishing the Palm Beach competition. "I'm going to have fun and travel and all I have to do is hand-crank. I'm getting good at it," he said.

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Dustin Tuller, Milton, Fla., who lost his legs because of injuries sustained from multiple gunshot wounds in Baghdad, Iraq, explains how he uses his handcrank chair to race in marathons. to Jaclyn Turenne.

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