thought I'd give it bell.' At 17K, he was 40 seconds up, but gradually faded. "I guess we have to go out and blow up at least once," he said. "If history repeats itself and I can find a way to stay skinny, maybe things will go my way next time." Both Bill and Hailo Ebbs ran one marathon where they learned a lot. "The same thing may happen to me."

Another member of the early leading pack, Jim Hatcher of Helena, Montana, who finished in 2:23:43, reported some leg tightening. Seventh coming out of Seward Park the second time, he hung on to get back to third. "I was pleased to finish where I did," Hatcher commented.

Greer, 23, in only his third marathon, appears to have a bright future in front of him. A competitive runner for just two years, Greer took over the lead from Braun and led for about a mile and a half until McClement joined him.

"I ran a 2:09 first half," he said, "but that was the pace I wanted. I just didn't have enough staying power." McClement paid tribute to him. "You were tough," he told Greer after the race.

Vital Statistics

Finishes: 1670
Male finishers: 1426
Female finishers: 244
Males under 3 hours: 257
Females under 3 hours: 6

Another rising star finished third in the women's race. This is 25-year-old Kathy Outlaw of Payapull, who not only ran her first marathon in 2:35:43, but only her third competitive race, for she has yet to run a 10K.

"I love running," she said after the marathon, "but I'd never raced before because I didn't want to take away my love of running. I'm very competitive, and I wanted to keep competition separate from running."

Outlaw plans on running Seattle in February, where she would like to go for about 2:45.

Seaside had been a big race earlier in 1982 for Ann Farrington, where she did a PR of 2:46:20. But she ran a personally different race, 2:55:55 in Seattle, to place fourth. Second for a while, it became "one of those days. I was coming off an Achilles problem, and it started acting up. It was the closest I've ever come to quitting," she said.

But if things were difficult for Farrington, they were the opposite for O'Donnell, whose 2:45:52 is another PR for the transplanted Canadian, now living in Portland.

The 39-year-old O'Donnell, one of the most graceful, ebullient people in the sport, passed Volk in Seward Park. But it was until about 35K that she realized she was first.

"Then I started getting really excited about winning it for the third time," she said. "I'll be 40 next year, and I'm revelling in getting better all the time." One reason for her constant improvement [he'd ran 2:46:28 in Japan two months earlier in the World Masters Marathon for another PR] is her attitude toward competitive running. "I love running, skiing, playing tennis," she said. "But

Wendy O'Donnell finishes in a PR 2:45:52

I don't make running a chore. When running becomes a hassle, I back off. I'm more interested in getting a PR in than pointing for somebody. My goal here was to run 2:45, not to win or to worry about who was in front of me."

The 20 runners who ran the Seattle Marathon as part of the Community Home Health Care team maintained the group's perfect record. In five years of running at the Greek Marathon, and in the first year now at Seattle, every CHHC runner has completed the course.

The group raised nearly $50,000 in pledges for Community Home Health Care.

Not only that, CHHC put together an aid station and the medical aid tent, with assistance from Kelley-Ross Pharmacy, which donated all the medical supplies for the race, and the Providence Sports Medicine Clinic, which provided medical personnel.

If you'd like to participate in the group's program, which features several months of coaching support, contact Susan Hebert at 285-4044.

A few last random statistics.

Last finisher was 68-year-old Andy Webster of Sequim, in 6:08:36. Last woman was Louise Goff, 30, from Tacoma, in 6:42.

The largest age divisions in both sexes were 30-39: 98 of 244 women (40%) and 631 of 1426 men (44%).

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