

DERBY FESTIVAL UPDATE

2009 Kentucky Derby Festival: April 11 – May 1

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KORIR WINS MINIMARATHON IN NEAR RECORD TIME

Heat makes conditions challenging for runner

April 25, 2009. Louisville, KY. – Unseasonably warm weather conditions and sunny skies welcomed 12,000 registered runners as the Kentucky Derby Festival Marathon and miniMarathon presented by Walmart went off this morning. Two-time University of Louisville All-American Wesley Korir, a native of Kenya, captured the men's miniMarathon title for the second year in a row with a time of 1:04:12, the second-fastest mini time in the 36-year history of the event. Pacharee Chaitongsri of Bangkok, Thailand, won the women's miniMarathon in 1:25:20 and Matt Davis of Bowling Green, Ky., won the mini wheelchair division with a time of 56:11. Danny Fisher of Columbus, Ind., was the men's marathon winner in 2:41:32. Debbie Cropper of Anchorage, AK, won the women's marathon with a time of 3:15:05.

In the miniMarathon Open competition, the Marine Electric team, comprised of Tim Wheatley, Chuck Crowley, Joe Nail, Mike Amburn and Steve Blake, finished first with an average time of 1:31:22. The Norton Healthcare team finished second in 1:32:46; Chemistry Comets finished third in 2:03:34. Lexmark Team 1 captured the miniMarathon Corporate competition with an average time of 1:30:15. Humana Team #1 finished second in 1:36:07; Lexmark Team 2 finished third in 1:44:51.

The top finishers in the 2009 **Derby Festival miniMarathon**:

MEN'S WHEELCHAIR DIVISION

<i>PLACE</i>	<i>FINISHER</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>HOMETOWN</i>
First	Matt Davis	0:56:11	Bowling Green, KY
Second	Matthew Porterfield	0:57:28	Knoxville, TN
Third	Grant Berthiaume	1:108:17	Tucson, AZ

MEN'S DIVISION

<i>PLACE</i>	<i>FINISHER</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>HOMETOWN</i>
First	Wesley Korir	1:04:12	Louisville, KY
Second	Boonthung Srisung	1:09:01	NA
Third	Theo Martin	1:10:32	NA

WOMEN'S DIVISION

<i>PLACE</i>	<i>FINISHER</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>HOMETOWN</i>
First	Pacharee Chaitongsri	1:25:20	Bangkok, Thailand
Second	Shelley Cameron	1:28:06	Louisville, KY
Third	Janelle Ralph	1:29:04	Terre Haute, IN

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The top finishers in the 2009 **Derby Festival Marathon** were:

MEN'S DIVISION

<i>PLACE</i>	<i>FINISHER</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>HOMETOWN</i>
First	Danny Fisher	2:41:32	Columbus, IN
Second	Ryan Althaus	2:44:26	Louisville, KY
Third	Krzysztof Bak	2:46:20	NA

WOMEN'S DIVISION

<i>PLACE</i>	<i>FINISHER</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>HOMETOWN</i>
First	Debbie Cropper	3:15:05	Anchorage, AK
Second	Ryanne Fortney	3:24:01	Owensboro, KY
Third	Alli Sauer	3:25:27	Goshen, KY

Fisher and Cropper each were awarded \$3,000 for winning the Marathon. Korir, Chaitongsri and Davis each received \$500 for winning the miniMarathon.

Complete race results can be found by logging onto www.derbyfestivalmarathon.com. The 2009 Derby Festival Marathon and miniMarathon were sponsored by Walmart. Race support was provided by Jewish Sports Medicine, Louisville Water Company, active.com and UPS.

Through a partnership with the PNC Foundation, the Kentucky Derby Festival Foundation will contribute \$50 to Every1Reads for every entry in the PNC Grow Up Great Team Challenge, the Derby Festival races' team competition in the Marathon and miniMarathon. The races were utilized by 14 official charity partners this year, helping to raise money for their respective organizations under the direction of the Kentucky Derby Festival Foundation, the Derby Festival's charitable arm.

The Derby Festival is an independent community organization supported by 4,000 volunteers, 400 businesses and civic groups, Pegasus Pin sponsorships and event participation. It entertains more than 1.5 million people annually. This involvement has made the Festival the largest single attended event in Kentucky and one of the leading community celebrations in the world.