

— Novice Cheruiyot Wins Hot Chicago Marathon —



by Charlie Mahler

Chicago, Illinois, September 12—Evans Cheruiyot weathered temperatures that climbed into the 80s and the aftermath of

fellow Kenyan Emmanuel Mutai's brash midrace surge to win the Bank of America Chicago Marathon.

Running in only his second 26-miler, the

field's fastest half-marathoner (59:05 for 3rd at the '07 World Half Champs) broke away from eventual runner-up David Mandago at 39K claiming his first World Marathon Majors title in 2:06:25. Mandago ran 2:07:37.

It was only the second marathon of the 26-year-old Cheruiyot's career, his previous exposure being a 2:09:16 win in Milan in December of '07.

After pacesetters brought the pack through 15K in 44:42, which was spot-on the 1:02:45–1:03:00 halfway pace race organizers had requested, Mutai, 4th in London, hurried the race's fourth 5K with a 14:31, reducing the lead pack from 11 to 3.

Among those set adrift was Japanese-based Kenyan Daniel Njenga, six-times in the Chicago top-3, but never the victor.

The surviving trio passed halfway in an overreaching 1:02:27. At 29K, Mutai faded (to 6th in a whopping 2:15:36) leaving Cheruiyot and Mandago to sort things out. Cheruiyot covered a Mandago surge at 37K, and then separated for his victory.

Without a pacesetter of their own, Chicago's women mosed through their opening half in 1:16:03.

Russia's Alevtina Biktimirova, this spring's Boston runner-up, upped the tempo after halfway with a 5:13 mile and, stunningly, winnowed the large, sweaty lead group to just herself and compatriot Lidiya Grigoryeva. Out the back went Beijing gold medalist Constantina Dita of Romania and two-time defender Berhane Adere of Ethiopia.

The fleet Grigoryeva, the '07 Boston champ with 30:32.72 chops on the track, followed Biktimirova until 20 miles and then surged to a comfortable 2:27:17 win.

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World Men's Leaders

100.....	9.69 U. Bolt (Jam)
200.....	19.30 U. Bolt (Jam)
400.....	43.75 L. Merritt (US)
800.....	1:42.69 A. Kaki (Sud)
1500.....	3:31.49 D. Komen (Ken)
Mile.....	3:49.38 A. Baddeley (GB)
St.....	8:00.57 P. Koech (Ken)
3000.....	7:28.48+ K. Bekele (Eth)
5000.....	12:50.18 K. Bekele (Eth)
10,000.....	26:25.97 K. Bekele (Eth)
110H.....	12.87 D. Robles (Cub)
400H.....	47.25 A. Taylor (US)
Mar.....	2:03:59 H. Gebrselassie (Eth)
20W.....	1:16:43 S. Morozov (Rus)
50W.....	3:34:14 D. Nizhegorodov (Rus)
4 x 100.....	37.10 Jamaica
4 x 400.....	2:55.39 United States
HJ.....	7-9¼ (2.38) Y. Rybakov (Rus)
.....	7-9¾ (2.38) A. Silnov (Rus)
PV.....	19-9¾ (6.04) B. Walker (US)
LJ.....	28-7¾ (8.73) I. Saladino (Pan)
TJ.....	58-3i (17.75) P. Idowu (GB)
SP.....	73-6i (22.40) A. Nelson (US)
DT.....	235-10 (71.88) G. Kanter (Est)
HT.....	277-3 (84.51) I. Tikhon (Blr)
JT.....	297-1 (90.57) A. Thorkildsen (Nor)
Dec.....	8832 B. Clay (US)

CHICAGO MARATHON

Chicago, Illinois, October 12 (warm conditions) (results combine separate pro and open sections)—

1. E. Cheruiyot' (Ken) 2:06:25 PR (second marathon) (1:02:27/1:03:58) (\$140,000); 2. Mandago' (Ken) 2:07:37; 3. Cherigat' (Ken) 2:11:39; 4. W. Korir' (Ken) 2:13:53 (debut); 5. Lauret' (Hol) 2:15:10; 6. E. Mutai' (Ken) 2:15:36; 7. Reneau' (US) 2:16:20; 8. W. Kipsang' (Ken) 2:16:41; 9. Njenga' (Ken) 2:17:33; 10. R. Limo' (Ken) 2:18:48; 11. result unavailable; 12. Freeman (AsicsA) 2:20:43; 13. Arusei' (Ken) 2:20:48; 14. Cheromei' (Ken) 2:22:01; 15. Wagner (Ca) 2:22:17; 16. Fujiwara' (Jpn) 2:23:10; 17. Cheboiboch' (Ken) 2:23:22; 18. Ware (Il) 2:23:50;... rabbits—L. Kipkosgei (Ken), Cheboiywo (Ken).

CHICAGO WOMEN

1. Grigoryeva' (Rus) 2:27:17; 2. Biktimirova' (Rus) 2:29:32; 3. Shimahara' (Jpn) 2:30:19; 4. Tomescu' (Rom) 2:30:57; 5. Davila (Mi) 2:31:33 PR 10; 6. De Reuck (Co) 2:32:25; 7. Bekele' (Eth) 2:32:41; 8. Higgins (Az) 2:33:06 PR; 9. O'Neill (Ca) 2:34:04 PR; 10. Adere' (Eth) 2:34:16; 11. Hood' (Can) 2:35:09; 12. Pirtea' (Rom) 2:35:39; 13. Gomez (Co) 2:35:41; 14. Tola' (Eth) 2:38:13; 15. Dublinski (Ga) 2:42:06; 16. Thorvilson (Ar) 2:44:28; 17. Torres (Az) 2:45:04.

WORLD HALF-MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, October 12—
Point-to-point course; temperature in low 70s with light winds.

Team titles decided by 3 fastest of 5 max runners.

Individual prize money: \$30,000, \$15,000, \$10,000, \$7000, \$5000, \$3000; team prize money \$15,000, \$12,000, \$9000, \$7500, \$6000, \$3000.

MEN

- Teams: 1. Kenya 3:07:24 (*third straight win*); 2. Eritrea 3:09:40; 3. Qatar 3:10:52; 4. Ethiopia 3:11:47; 5. Brazil 3:14:07; 6. Rwanda 3:15:02; 7. Japan 3:15:28; 8. Spain 3:16:58; 9. Russia 3:18:12; 10. United States 3:20:50; 11. South Africa 3:21:09; 12. France 3:23:59; 13. Botswana 3:24:53; 14. Venezuela 3:26:44; 15. Ecuador 3:32:12; 16. Argentina 3:35:36.

Individuals: 1. Tadese (Eri) 59:56 (*third straight win*) (14:06, 13:49 [27:55], 14:07 [42:02], 14:43 [56:45], 3:11);

2. Makau (Ken) 61:54 (28:23); 3. Hassan (Qat) 61:57 (28:24); 4. Kibiwot (Ken) 61:58 (28:23); 5. Nakao (Jpn) 62:05 (29:05); 6. Disi (Rwa) 63:03; 7. Dinkesa (Eth) 63:04;

8. dos Santos (Bra) 63:14; 9. Maregu (Ken) 63:32; 10. Rashed (Qat) 63:57 PR; 11. Rukundo (Rwa) 64:02; 12. Tesfay (Eri) 64:04; 13. Wondimu (Eth) 64:11;

14. Assefa (Eth) 64:32; 15. Cáceres (Spa) 64:39; 16. Shelley (Aue) 64:44; 17. Mora (Ven) 64:45; 18. Tesfaye (Eth) 64:57; 19. Al-Dawoodi (Qat) 64:58;

20. da Silva (Bra) 65:07; **21. Lehmkuhle (US) 65:17**; 22. Setone (SA) 65:20; 23. Rybakov (Rus) 65:38; 24. Theury (Fra) 65:38; 25. Aherfom (Eri) 65:40 PR;

26. Galán (Spa) 65:42; 27. de Lima (Bra) 65:46; 28. de Almeida (Bra) 65:52; 29. Teame (Eri) 65:56 PR; 30. Rybakov (Rus) 65:59; 31. Smith (Can) 66:10;

32. Kitaoka (Jpn) 66:26; 33. Lemayev (Rus) 66:35 PR; 34. Díaz (Spa) 66:37; **35. Koborsi (US) 66:46**; 36. Zaman (Qat) 66:50; 37. Ietani (Jpn) 66:57; 38. Moswasi (Bot) 67:08;

39. Gwebu (SA) 67:08; 40. Kibore (Qat)

World Women's Leaders

100.....	10.78 T. Edwards (US)
200.....	10.78 S. Fraser (Jam)
400.....	21.74 V. Campbell-Brown (Jam)
800.....	49.62 C. Ohuruogu (GB)
1500.....	1:54.01 P. Jelimo (Ken)
3000.....	3:59.75i G. Burka (Eth)
Mile.....	4:18.23 G. Burke (Eth)
St.....	8:58.81 G. Galkina (Rus)
5000.....	8:27.93i M. Defar (Eth)
10,000.....	14:11.15 T. Dibaba (Eth)
100H.....	29:54.66 T. Dibaba (Eth)
400H.....	12.43 L. Jones (US)
Mar.....	52.64 M. Walker (Jam)
20W.....	2:19:19 I. Mikitenko (Ger)
50W.....	1:25:11 O. Kaniskina (Rus)
4 x 100.....	42.24 Jamaica
4 x 400.....	3:18.54 United States
HJ.....	6-9 (2.06) B. Vlašić (Cro) (twice)
PV.....	16-6¾ (5.05) Y. Isinbayeva (Rus)
LJ.....	23-4½ (7.12) N. Gomes (Por)
TJ.....	50-6 (15.39) F. Mbango (Cam)
SP.....	68-10 (20.98) N. Ostapchuk (Blr)
DT.....	218-2 (66.51) N. Grasu (Rom)
HT.....	253-8 (77.32) O. Menkova (Blr)
JT.....	237-2 (72.28) B. Špotáková (CzR)
Hept.....	6733 N. Dobrynska (Ukr)

- 67:10 PR; 41. Mosalagae (Bot) 67:12; 42. Cabrera (Par) 67:26 PR; 43. Semyonov (Rus) 67:40; 44. Jaouen (Fra) 67:41;

45. Hakizimana (Rwa) 67:57; 46. Irimia (Rom) 68:11 PR; 47. Faurshou (Den) 68:14; 48. Kozłowski (Pol) 68:24; 49. Nishimura (Jpn) 68:34;

50. Guerra (Ecu) 68:36 PR; 51. dos Anjos (Bra) 68:38; 52. Soke (SA) 68:41; **53. Sundell (US) 68:47**; 54. Mokono (Ken) 68:49; 55. Sanguinetti (Arg) 69:08 PR;

56. Pillco (Per) 69:51 PR; 57. Joly (Swi) 69:56 PR; 58. Forde (Guy) 70:20 PR; 59. Gabaseme (Bot) 70:33; 60. Almache (Ecu) 70:34 PR;

61. Sánchez (Ven) 70:36 PR; 62. Moreau (Fra) 70:40 PR; 63. Mdluli (Swa) 70:47; 64. Zamora (Uru) 71:01; 65. Matviychuk (Ukr) 71:12; 66. Blandria (Ven) 71:23 PR;

67. Mokoka (SA) 71:45; 68. Videla (Arg) 71:53; 69. Tucker (Aus) 72:04; 70. Pérez (Mex) 72:42; 71. Jones (Tri) 73:01; 72. Buenaño (Ecu) 73:02 PR;

- 73. Gildea (US) 74:06**; 74. Comba (Arg) 74:35; 75. Naël (Fra) 74:50 PR; 76. Blanco (Pan) 74:50 PR; 77. Wang (Chn) 75:19 PR; 78. López (Par) 75:33 PR;

79. Cuahtepitzi (Mex) 76:53 PR; 80. Jiménez (DR) 77:39 PR; 81. Benedetti (Arg) 77:44 PR; 82. Sánchez (Ven) 78:02; 83. Kihara (Jpn) 80:05; **84. Kirkpatrick (US) 80:50**;

85. Chan (MAC) 85:14 PR; 86. Núñez (Arg) 88:24 PR;... dnf—Mthangayi (SA), Mogsu (Ken), Rogers (Nls), Merga (Eth).

The Titles Of T&FN Issues

If you're sharp-eyed, you might notice that the most recent issue (Usain Bolt cover) isn't called "October 2008"; it's "2008 Olympic Edition." The next issue will be called "November/December," not just "November."

Due to the needs of our newsstand distributors, we needed to make our dating even earlier, hence this little tweak.

It will NOT affect your subscription. The November/December issue will count as only one, so you will get 12 in the calendar year. But if your subscription was set to expire in, say, February, it will now expire with the March issue instead.

Thanks for bearing with us.

Cross Country Schedule

October

18.....Chile Pepper Invitational; Fayetteville, Arkansas
.....Pre-NCAA; Terre Haute, Indiana
25.....Atlantic Sun Conference; Macon, Georgia
.....Lone Star Conference; Kingsville, Texas
.....MEAC; Princess Anne, Maryland
27.....SWAC; Clinton, Mississippi
31.....Big East; Bronx, New York
.....Heps; Bronx, New York

November

1.....ACC; Chapel Hill, North Carolina
.....America East Conference; Cockeysville, Maryland
.....Atlantic 10 Conference; Charlotte, North Carolina
.....Big 12 Conference; Ames, Iowa
.....Big Sky Conference; Portland, Oregon
.....Big West Conference; Riverside, California
.....Colonial Conference; Centreville, Virginia
.....Conference USA; Memphis, Tennessee
.....Horizon League; Green Bay, Wisconsin
.....Metro Atlantic Conference; Lake Buena Vista, Florida
.....Mid-American Conference; Ypsilanti, Michigan
.....Missouri Valley Conference; Springfield, Missouri
.....Mountain West Conference; San Diego, California
.....Ohio Valley Conference; Cape Girardeau, Missouri
.....Pac-10 Conference; Eugene, Oregon
.....Patriot League; Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
.....Southern Conference; Spartanburg, South Carolina
.....Summit League; Shreveport, Louisiana
.....Sun Belt Conference; Bowling Green, Kentucky
.....WAC; Las Cruces, New Mexico
.....West Coast Conference; Belmont, California
2.....Big 10 Conference; Ann Arbor, Michigan
3.....SEC; Starkville, Mississippi
.....Southland Conference; Nacogdoches, Texas
8.....NCAA II Regionals (8 sites)
.....JUCO I Championships; Spartanburg, South Carolina
15.....JUCO III Championships; Warwick, Rhode Island
.....NCAA III Regionals (8 sites)
.....NCAA I Regionals

Great Lakes—West Lafayette, Indiana

Mid-Atlantic—Princeton, New Jersey

Midwest—Stillwater, Oklahoma

Mountain—Fort Collins, Colorado

Northeast—Bronx, New York

Southeast—Clemmons, North Carolina

South Central—Waco, Texas

South—Maryville, Tennessee

West—Stanford, California

.....NTN Heartland Regional; Sioux Falls, South Dakota
.....NTN Midwest Regional; Terre Haute, Indiana
.....NTN Northwest Regional; Boise, Idaho
22.....IC4A/ECAC; Bronx, New York
.....NAIA Championships; Kenosha, Wisconsin
.....NCAA II Championships; Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania
.....NCAA III Championships; Hanover, Indiana
.....NTN South Regional; The Woodlands, Texas
.....NTN Southwest Regional; Tempe, Arizona
24.....NCAA Championships; Terre Haute, Indiana
29.....NTN NE Regional; Wappinger Falls, New York
.....NTN Southeast Regional; Cary, North Carolina
.....Foot Locker Midwest HS; Kenosha, Wisconsin
.....Foot Locker Northeast HS; Bronx, New York
.....Foot Locker Southern HS; Charlotte, North Carolina

December

1.....Nike HS Team Nationals (NTN); Portland, Oregon
6.....AAU Youth Championships; Decatur, Alabama
.....Foot Locker West HS; Walnut, California
13.....Foot Locker HS Championships; San Diego, California
.....USATF Junior Olympics; Hanover County, Virginia
.....USATF Club Championships; Spokane, Washington
14.....European Championships; Brussels, Belgium

February '09

7.....USATF Championships; Derwood, Maryland

March '09

28.....World Championships; Amman, Jordan

WORLD HALF-MARATHON

WOMEN

Teams: 1. Ethiopia 3:30:59; 2. Kenya 3:31:24; 3. Japan 3:40:58; 4. United States 3:45:06; 5. Russia 3:48:47; 6. Brazil 3:51:11; 7. Argentina 4:00:51; 8. Venezuela 4:00:58; 9. Romania 4:02:44.

Individuals: 1. Kiplagat (Hol) 68:37 (*third straight win*) (15:43, 15:48 [31:31], 16:11 [47:42], 16:59 [1:04:41], 3:56);

2. Aselefech (Eth) 69:57 PR (31:41); 3. Chepchumba (Ken) 70:01 (31:45); 4. Getaneh (Eth) 70:03 PR (31:46); 5. Arusei (Ken) 70:12 (31:44); 6. Gelan (Eth) 70:59 PR;

7. Mombi (Ken) 71:11; 8. Habtamu (Eth) 71:13; 9. Talpos (Rom) 71:16; 10. Akaba (Jpn) 71:39; 11. Mengistu (Eth) 72:03 PR; 12. Zegegrish (Eri) 72:16;

13. Félix (Por) 72:56; 14. Wangui (Ken) 72:58; 15. Centeno (Spa) 73:01; 16. Díaz (Spa) 73:30; 17. Baldaia (Bra) 73:42; 18. Syreva (Rus) 74:08;

19. Ohira (Jpn) 74:27; 20. Bikta-sheva (Rus) 74:33; **21. White (US) 74:37**; 22. Machida (Jpn) 74:52; 23. Yamashita (Jpn) 75:05; **24. McMahan (US) 75:14**;

25. Nicolini-Lemkuhle (US) 75:15; 26. Nyiransabimana (Rwa) 75:23; **27. Herbst-Lucke (US) 75:25 PR**; 28. Møller (Den) 75:30; 29. Godoy (Arg) 75:31 PR;

30. Steffens (US) 76:02 PR; 31. Bardelle (Fra) 76:17 PR; 32. Gruca (Pol) 76:46; 33. Díaz (PR) 76:52 PR; 34. dos Santos (Bra) 77:04; 35. Montilla (Ven) 77:19;

36. Fernández (Col) 77:27; 37. Tavengwa (Zim) 78:30; 38. Oubouhou (Fra) 78:39; 39. Sánchez (Mex) 78:49; 40. Nicholls (GB) 78:52; 41. Maldonado (PR) 79:28;

42. Amaya (Ven) 80:01; 43. Aryasova (Rus) 80:06; 44. Ramírez (Mex) 80:18; 45. Guimarães (Bra) 80:25; 46. Calizaya (Bol) 80:34 PR; 47. Ross-Cope (GB) 80:43;

48. Sklyarenko (Ukr) 81:11; 49. Preussler (Arg) 82:29 PR; 50. Martínez (Arg) 82:51 PR; 51. Luca (Rom) 83:37 PR; 52. Jaimes (Ven) 83:38 PR; 53. Rebolledo (Chl) 84:18 PR;

54. Jiang (Chn) 86:20; 55. Todoran (Rom) 87:51; 56. Rodríguez (Ven) 88:49; 57. Faria (Bra) 89:11; 58. de la Rosa (DR) 89:30 PR; 59. Redón (Uru) 91:20;

60. Fong (MAC) 98:08 PR;... dnf—Ivanova (Rus), Van Schalkwyk (SA), Vallés (PR), Rezende (Bra), Mfunzi (SA).

USATF WOMEN'S 10K CHAMPS

Tufts 10K, Boston, Massachusetts, October 13—

1. Huddle (RI) 32:52; 2. Aliyu' (Eth) 32:52; 3. Naser' (Eth) 32:55; 4. Rudolph (RI) 33:05; 5. Metivier-Baillie (Az) 33:13; 6. Donoghue (Pa) 33:14;

7. Anderson (Ut) 33:34; 8. Moody (Co) 33:50; 9. Dryer (Co) 33:57; 10. McWalters (Ma) 34:00; 11. Zemba (Mn) 34:01; 12. Donovan (Ma) 34:12;

13. Akbar (Va) 34:16; 14. Alyanak (Oh) 34:17; 15. Williams (Co) 34:35; 16. Hagobian (Ma) 34:43; 17. Owens (Ia) 34:47; 18. Storage (Oh) 34:48;

19. McCandless (NY) 34:49; 20. Hastings (Az) 34:57; 21. Armstrong (Mn) 34:59; 22. Messner-Vickers (Co) 35:04; 23. Enman (Vt) 35:06; 24. Donahue (Ma) 35:20; 25. Conlon (NY) 35:28.

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