

— Rain Squall Douses Geb's WR Attempt —

by Sean Hartnett

Haile Gebrselassie's bid to better his own marathon record and score a million-dollar bonus in the audacious Dubai Marathon was undone by an unexpected rain squall that doused any hopes of a 2:03 clocking.

Despite an early-race shower, Haile was on

2:03:48 pace at 27K when the rain returned. As the weather progressed from a cold drizzle to a downpour he slogged home in a respectful 2:05:29, the No. 8 performance ever.

With Gebrselassie himself holding the three fastest clockings, the sight of him, running head down into the squall over the final kilometers makes this a very impressive performance considering that only Paul Tergat, Sammy Korir, Martin Lel and Sammy Wanjiru have ever run faster.

After the race, the man of a thousand smiles, flashed a big smile of acceptance as he exclaimed "Everybody expected me to set the World Record, but when I see this weather I am really pleased to have run 2:05 today. This is my best time in this type of weather."

Running has truly gone international in this century with significant new events establishing a niche amongst historic competitions.

Accordingly, Dubai has evolved into the Bonneville Flats of the marathon world—a most favorable setting for a land speed record, and the pot-of-gold bonus to boot.

A day before, Haile had exuded confidence as he noted, "Maybe 2009 will be very good year. I have had great preparations, and I regained speed last year in the 10,000. I have confidence that I can again run under 2:04, maybe even 2:03:30 is a possibility."

This year's route seemed to match that

potential as esteemed British surveyor Paul Hodgson re-orientated the dead flat out-and-back course to have the prevailing winds at the runners' backs along the 20K finishing straight.

Yet as the runner gathered in darkness for the 06:30 start, the first drops of rain fell from the sky. "I had some concerns already at the beginning," Geb admitted, adding "but I had to set them aside. Competing is not always about thinking of the time, because then if you see the rain, I already defeat myself, and that is a bad tactic."

Escorted by Kenyan pacemakers Joseph Ngolepus, Jonathon Kiplimo and John Kales, Haile set out for a targeted 61:45 opening half. After an uneven opening 14:50 for the first 5—run through an intermittent rain—the pacers over-corrected the pace with a 14:22, clocking 29:12 at 10K—2:03:13 pace. As the sky brightened a bit at sunrise, Haile settled into a very steady 2:56 pace, passing 15K in 43:49 (14:37), 20K in 58:29 (14:40) and reaching half way exactly in 61:45.

Moments later the record attempt began to unravel after making the 180-degree turn-around towards the finish as the squall transformed the expected aiding sea breeze into a cold headwind.

Haile admitted "I knew it would be very difficult when I turned back at half way when the wind comes to me and when I see the dark clouds in front. Even before that I lost a lot of my energy. You know the way I run I'm not perfect for these conditions; the rain and the surface. See it is not only the rain from the sky, the asphalt was also too wet. My foot slips and it splashes cold water on your legs."

Pressing to keep pace, Haile reached 25K in 73:17 (14:48), but when the rain set in some 15K from the finish, the pack of four slowed to over a 3:00 kilometer clip. The pacers pushed to 32K, then as the rain and head-

Not exactly
conducive to
fast times!



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winds picked up, Haile was on his own and already in trouble.

"Actually, I was very good to 30K" he recalled, "but then the problems start. It was very difficult when you turn back and you expect the wind behind, and you get rain and cold wind from all sides."

Managing just a 15:11 split at 35K (1:43:28), record hopes were abandoned as Haile expressed his frustration as he dispatched his fluid bottle with disgust. By 37K the weather had become just miserable and it was remarkable that he covered the last 5K at a 15:10 clip to close out the race.

The heavy rains must have washed away any disappointment with his misfortune as Haile asserted "I can't complain, as honestly speaking this is my best time in these conditions. When I see how wet it is, I forget to run for a time, and was thinking of how to prevent what happened in London or in some other races where there was rain. With weather like this there is also a chance to drop out with a hamstring problem. That would have destroyed the day. So I can accept it."

Pressed by a media group that couldn't believe that there was no disappointment in missing the record and million-dollar bonus,

Haile asserted, "If you think about the money first you can not run. I have been chasing this kind of problem for many years, once on the track I missed a million dollars by one second.

"Everyone thinks I think only about the one million dollars, but the race for me is not just for the money. I can make this money in any way, in business or sport. I have to do something special, something for history. Today if I break the record, that record is worth more than any amount."

He concluded with a bemused smile. "What, you want me to complain to God? You know that the rain is a blessing in a desert like Dubai. Really, let me accept this. To challenge this kind of weather, and then when I hear that this is the eighth-fastest time, I think that is wonderful.

"After the race today I see that I still have more chances to break the marathon record. Believe me this is a lot for me, it tells me that I'm a true marathon runner."

DUBAI MARATHON

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, January 16 (rainy & cold)—

1. Gebrselassie (Eth) 2:05:29 (x, 8 W);
2. Chimsa (Eth) 2:07:54 PR;
3. Wondimu (Eth) 2:08:41 PR;
4. Melese (Eth) 2:10:59;
5. Tesfaye (Eth) 2:11:42;
6. Kemboi (Ken) 2:12:14;
7. Ademasu (Eth) 2:12:23;
8. T. Tola (Eth) 2:12:56;
9. Fekadu (Eth) 2:15:01;
10. Kinyaniui (Ken) 2:15:23;
11. Tesfaye (Eth) 2:16:27 PR.

- Women: 1. H. Kiprop (Ken) 2:25:35; 2. Petrova (Rus) 2:25:53 PR; 2. Getaneh (Eth) 2:26:37 PR; 3. Kuma (Eth) 2:26:51 PR; 4. Adere (Eth) 2:27:47; 5. Diriba (Eth) 2:28:26 PR; 6. Bayisa (Eth) 2:29:13; 7. Seboka (Eth) 2:30:10; 8. Gigi (Eth) 2:34:22.

— Indoor Track Is A Go! —

POLE VAULT SUMMIT

Reno, Nevada, January 2-3 (altitude 1372)—

- PV: 1. Niedermeyer (unat) 18-4½ (5.60); 2. Quiller (Asics) 18-½ (5.50); 3. tie, Gensic (USAF) & Mondschein (PVP) 17-8½ (5.40); 5. Mack (Nik) 17-8½;

6. Lanaro' (Mex) 17-4½ (5.30); 7. Hysong (Nik) 17-4½; 8. tie, Hoste (unat) & Hollis (unat) 17-4½; 10. Litchfield (PocTC) 17-4½; 11. Steddum (unat) 17-4½.

VAULT SUMMIT WOMEN

- PV: 1. Johnson (Nik) 14-7¼ (4.45); 2. Murer' (Bra) 14-7¼; 3. Janson (Nik) 14-3¼ (4.35); 4. Holliday (NBal) 13-11¼ (4.25); 5. Dragila (Nik) 13-11¼;... nh—Asay (unat).
Coll: 1. Kayes (Akr) 13-7¼ (4.15).

CLEMSON INVITATIONAL

Clemson, South Carolina, January 10 (200m unbanked)—

Prep Indoor Leaders

BOYS

55.....	6.21 D. Smith (Md)
60.....	6.69A J. Rankin (Co)
200.....	21.39 F. Greene (NC)
300.....	34.21 J. Thomas (NY)
400.....	47.73 Ant. Hendrix (NC)
500.....	1:05.42 T. Sykes (Va)
600.....	1:20.41 T. Livingston (NY)
800.....	1:53.36 T. Livingston (NY)
1000.....	2:30.41 T. Livingston (NY)
Mile.....	4:10.61 A. Springer (RI)
3000.....	8:27.21 A. Springer (RI)
2M.....	9:11.95+ B. Peavey (Va)
55H.....	7.15 W. Davis (NC)
60H.....	7.79 W. Davis (NC)
4 x 200.....	1:27.02 New Bern (NC)
4 x 400.....	3:19.28 New Bern (NC)
4 x 800.....	7:51.07 Morris Hills (NJ)
SpMed.....	3:35.73 Charlestown (Ma)
DisMed.....	10:17.50 Westerly (RI)
HJ.....	7-2½ E. Kynard (Oh)
PV.....	17-0(A) J. Whitt (Ok)
LJ.....	25-1¼ M. Goodwin (Tx)
TJ.....	49-¾ J. Artis (Va)
SP.....	69-7¾ S. Saenz (Tx)
Wt.....	74-9 A. Faldermeyer (NY)

GIRLS

55.....	7.04 T. Pinckney (Ga)
60.....	7.52 A. Collier (Tx)
200.....	24.22 A. Collier (Tx)
300.....	38.88 Ch. Francis (NY)
400.....	55.48 Ch. Francis (NY)
500.....	1:15.49 N. Woodford (Va)
600.....	1:31.13 P. Francis (NY)
800.....	2:08.41 S. Brown (Il)
1000.....	2:53.16 Cl. Francis (NY)
1500.....	4:41.72 G. Rodriguez (NH)
Mile.....	4:54.40 E. Lipari (NY)
3000.....	9:50.21 E. Lipari (NY)
2M.....	10:38.66 E. Lipari (NY)
55H.....	8.01 J. Jackson (NY)
60H.....	8.55 D. Flemings (Tx)
4 x 200.....	1:40.38 Cardozo (NY)
4 x 400.....	3:51.55 Cardozo (NY)
4 x 800.....	9:24.53 St John Villa (NY)
SpMed.....	4:05.59 Hempstead (NY)
DisMed.....	11:59.71 BH-Balston Lake (NY)
HJ.....	5-9 T. Butts (Va)
PV.....	13-2½ M. LeLeux (La)
LJ.....	19-10¾ T. Harris (Va)
TJ.....	40-6½ K. Shepherd (Va)
SP.....	47-9 M. Kurzdorfer (NY)
Wt.....	58-4¾ L. Chambers (Ga)

- 60: 1. Ford (Clem) 6.59.
HJ: 1. Miller (GaT) 7-4¼ (2.24).
TJ: 1. Jordan (GaT) 51-2¾ (15.61); 2. Stephens (SCSt) 50-7¼ (15.42).
Women: HJ: 1. Sinkler (Clem) 5-10 (1.78); 2. Taylor (Al) 5-10.
LJ: 1. Sinkler 20-½ (6.11).

NCAA Indoor Leaders

MEN

60.....	6.59 J. Ford (Clemson)
200.....	21.18 R. Dixon (Hampton)
400.....	47.31 J. Orr (Michigan St)
800.....	1:51.29 D. Ulrey (Arkansas)
Mile...	4:05.61 C. Rombough (Minnesota)
3000.....	8:05.55 B. True (Dartmouth)
60H...7.58 J. Richardson (South Carolina)	
4 x 400.....	3:13.19 Texas A&M
DisMed.....	9:58.87 George Mason
HJ.....7-4¼ (2.24) J. Miller (Georgia Tech)	
PV.....	18-½ (5.50) J. Scott (Kansas)
LJ.....25-6 (7.77) M. Woods (Norfolk St)	
TJ.....	53-1½ (16.19) A. Black (Louisville)
SP.....	64-8 (19.71) Z. Lloyd (Arizona)
Wt...73-0 (22.25) S. Wardhaugh' (Boise St)	
Hept.....	5332(A) M. Kosk' (BYU)

WOMEN

60.....	7.17 M. Ahoure (Miami)
200.....	23.59 J. Beard (Texas A&M)
400.....	54.03 F. McCorory (Hampton)
800.....	2:06.39 G. Gall (Michigan)
Mile.....	4:48.00 L. Waite (Rice)
3000...9:26.68 L. Van Dalen' (Stony Brook)	
60H.....	8.06 T. Ofili (Michigan)
4 x 400.....	3:37.91 Texas A&M
DisMed.....	11:42.33 Georgetown
HJ.....	6-3¼ (1.91) D. Hooker (Texas)
PV.....	14-4 (4.37) A. Rue (Minnesota)
LJ.....	21-3¼ (6.48) J. Maduka (Cornell)
TJ...46-½ (14.03) K. Williams' (Florida St)	
SP...55-10½ (17.03) M. Kevkhishvili' (Florida)	
WT....68-6½ (20.89) L. Groves (Missouri)	
Pent.....	4048(A) A. Menlove (BYU)

VIRGINIA TECH INVITATIONAL

Blacksburg, Virginia, January 9–10 (200m banked) (1/9—60, 60H, Wt)—

60: 1. Wells (Tn) 6.69; 2. Newman (NCAT) 6.70.

60H: 1. Rolle (Tn) 7.87; 2. Massenburg (Norf) 7.87; 3. Walker (Hamp) 7.90.

4 x 200: 1. Hampton 1:27.57.

PV: 1. Mondschein (unat) 18-2½ (5.55); 2. Hall (VaT) 17-3 (5.26); 3. Samaniuk (unat) 17-3.

LJ: 1. Alexander (NCAT) 25-4½ (7.73).

Wt: 1. Porter (unat) 70-9 (21.56).

VIRGINIA TECH WOMEN

(1/9—300, 500, 60H, Wt)

300: 1. McCorory (Hamp) 37.84.

500: 1. Washington (VT) 72.23; 2. Spruiel (NCAT) 72.24.

60H: 1. Castlin (VT) 8.25.

Wt: 1. Campbell (unat) 77-10¼ (23.73) (74-¼, 77-10¼, 77-7¼, 76-8¼, f, 74-9¾) (22.56, 23.73, 23.65, 23.37, f, 22.80).

HILTON MEMORIAL

Houston, January 16 (200m unbanked)—

Teams: 1. Rice 82¼; 2. UTSA 68¼; 3. Houston 65¼; 4. UT Arlington 56; 5. SF Austin 43; 6. Texas State 40.

60: 1. Bolden (unat) 6.63; 2. Kimmons (adi) 6.64.

Mile: 1. Solares' (Mex) 4:03.34.

Wt: 1. Charfreitag' (Svk) 75-9¼ (23.09) (f, 75-8¼, 75-9¼, 74-4¼, f, 74-11) (f, 23.07, 23.09, 22.66, f, 22.83); 2. Bortoluzzi' (Fra) 71-2¾ (21.71).

HILTON WOMEN

Teams: 1. Rice 117; 2. Texas 101; 3. Houston 63; 4. Louisiana Tech 50; 4. UAB 50; 6. SF Austin 43.

60: I-1. Guy (unat) 7.38. II-1. Anderson (Tx) 7.39.

Mile: 1. Waite' (Rice) 4:48.00.

60H: 1. Adigun (Hous) 8.34.

HJ: 1. Hooker (Tx) 6-3¼ (1.91).

LJ: 1. Sesay (unat) 20-4¼ (6.20).

SP: 1. Brown (Tx) 52-8¾ (16.07).

VT HOKIE INVITATIONAL

Blacksburg, Virginia, January 16–17 (200m banked) (1/16—60, TJ)—

60: 1. Makusha' (FIS) 6.68.

PV: 1. Mondschein (unat) 18-½ (5.50).

LJ: 1. Woods (Norf) 25-6 (7.77); 2. Vinston (Norf) 25-1¼ (7.66).

TJ: 1. Davis (NC) 51-5½ (15.68).

SP: 1. Ayeeni' (Va) 61-8¼ (18.80).

HOKIE WOMEN

(1/16—1000, 60H, TJ)

1000: 1. Infeld (Gtn) 2:49.30.

60H: 1. Ivy (NC) 8.18; 2. Castlin (VaT) 8.28.

HJ: 1. Wilson (Clem) 5-10 (1.78).

LJ: 1. Nelson (unat) 21-0 (6.40); 2. Sinkler (Clem) 20-5 (6.22); 3. Ford (NC) 20-¼

(6.10).

TJ: 1. Williams' (FIS) 46-½ (14.03) (6, =7 C); 2. Swanagan (FIS) 43-3 (13.18); 3. Mamona' (Clem) 42-10¼ (13.06); 4. Sinkler 42-4 (12.90).

HOLIDAY INN INVITATIONAL

Lincoln, Nebraska, January 16–17 (200m banked)—

60: 1. I. Williams (Nik) 6.63; 2. Jelks (Nik) 6.67; 3. Edwards (Nik) 6.70.

200: 1. Williams 20.81; 2. Edward (BartCC) 21.10; 3. Jelks 21.17.

60H: II-1. Faulk (Nik) 7.71.

HJ: 1. Jonas (Nik) 7-4½ (2.25); 2. Hamilton (Nb) 7-1½ (2.17).

TJ: 1. Gordon (Nb) 50-7¼ (15.42).

Women: 400: 1. Saka' (NbO) 53.36.

HJ: 1. Bullock (Nb) 5-10 (1.78).

PV: 1. Willer (Nb) 13-9¾ (4.21).

SP: 1. Sharp (Nb) 51-0 (15.54).

KENTUCKY INVITATIONAL

Lexington, Kentucky, January 16–17 (290m unbanked—oversized track)—

60: 1. Rowland (Aub) 6.66; 2. Wells (Tn) 6.69.

200: 1. Lawrence (Ga) 20.77; 2. Wells 20.90.

400: I1. Smith (Fl) 47.04; 2. Masheto' (Il) 47.07; 3. Acevedo' (Ky) 47.16.

60H: I-1. Richardson (SC) 7.65; 2. Mitchum (adi) 7.71; 3. Thomas (Ky) 7.83.

4 x 400: I-1. Florida 3:09.14; 2. South Carolina 3:09.34; 3. Kentucky 3:09.61. II-1. Georgia 3:09.65; 2. Illinois 3:09.97.

Field Events

LJ: 1. Taylor (Fl) 25-4 (7.72); 2. Smith (Louis) 25-2½ (7.68).

TJ: 1. Black (Louis) 53-1½ (16.19); 2. Odetunde (Ms) 50-8 (15.44); 3. Parker (Ga) 50-8 (15.44).

SP: 1. Mešić' (Fl) 62-½ (18.91); 2. Scott (Ky) 59-10¼ (18.24).

Wt: 1. Porter (unat) 72-5¾ (22.09).

DT: 1. Scott (Ky) 194-3 (59.20); 2. Madison (Ky) 180-10 (55.13).

KENTUCKY INVITATIONAL WOMEN

60: 1. Ahoure (Mia) 7.17 (=10, x C; =8, x AmC); 2. Brookins (SC) 7.33; 3. Kidd (unat) 7.37.

200: 1. Kidd 23.43.

400: 1. Rodriques (SC) 53.52.

3000: 1. Bowman (Tn) 9:11.31.

60H: 1. Carruthers (unat) 8.15; 2. Moss (unat) 8.20; 3. James (CFI) 8.30.

Field Events

HJ: 1. Harris (Aub) 6-2¼ (1.89).

TJ: 1. Nambawa (MTn) 43-3¼ (13.19).

SP: 1. Kevkhishvili' (Fl) 55-10½ (17.03); 2. Alexander' (Tn) 54-7¼ (16.64); 3. Medieros (Fl) 51-2¼ (15.60).

DT: 1. Angell (Ky) 155-8 (47.46); 2. Alexander' 152-8 (46.53).

MINNESOTA OPEN

Minneapolis, January 17—

60: 1. Stevens (Exec) 6.59; 2. Kabia (Mn) 6.64.

HJ: 1. Fisher (unat) 7-1 (2.16).

Women: PV: 1. Rue (Mn) 14-4 (4.37) (7, x C; 6, x AmC).

DEMPSEY PREVIEW

Seattle, January 17 (307m unbanked—oversized track)—

600: 1. Brown (Asics) 78.39; 2. Abbott (Wa) 78.98.

800: 1. McGrath (unat) 1:50.29; 2. Primm (UCLA) 1:50.53; 3. Thornton (unat) 1:51.09; 4. Rupp (Or) 1:51.33.

Mile: 1. Rupp 4:10.13; 2. Sherer (NYAC) 4:10.17;... 6. Rohatinsky (Nik) 4:14.98.

60H: 1. Bradley (Stan) 7.85.

HJ: 1. Lindsey (unat) 7-2½ (2.20).

LJ: 1. Frederick (unat) 25-8¼ (7.83).

DEMPSEY WOMEN

Mile: 1. Goucher (Nik) 4:39.51.

3000: 1. Goucher 9:03.47; 2. Begley (Nik) 9:08.01.

LJ: 1. McKinney (unat) 21-0 (6.40); 2. Youngblood (Or) 20-6½ (6.26).

— Prep Highlights —

O'LEARY LID-LIFTER

Madison, New Jersey, December 18—

SP: 1. Vena (Morristown) 66-9½ (soph-class record—old 66-6 Vena in series; previous record 65-7¾ Bookout [Stroud, Ok] '00).

PASSARELLI INVITATIONAL

Madison, December 29—SP: 1. Vena 67-8¼ (6, x HS) (soph-class record).

SOUTHERN MARYLAND MEGA

Landover, Maryland, January 3—60: 1. Smith (Westlake, Waldorf) 6.21 (=10, x HS).

USATF ALL-COMERS

Boulder, Colorado, January 3—SP: 1. Finley (Buena Vista) 68-0 (6 HS).

POLE VAULT SUMMIT

Reno, January 3—PV: 1. Whitt (North, Norman, Ok) 17-0 (=15, x HS)

Girls PV: 1. Kennard (Rockwall, Tx) 12-10

DARTMOUTH RELAYS

Hanover, New Hampshire, January 10—SP: 1. LaBonte' (Can) 51-5; 2. Kurzdorfer (Lancaster, NY) 47-9. Open Wt(1/11): 1. Kurzdorfer 56-6 (11, x HS).

LSU CLASSIC

Baton Rouge, January 10—Girls PV: 1. LeLeux (Catholic, New Iberia) 13-2½ (=12, x HS).

ARKANSAS INVITATIONAL

Fayetteville, January 10 (200m banked)
—200: Heats: II-1. Greene (New Bern, NC) 21:39 (14, x HS). Mile: 1. **Verzbicas (Lincoln-Way Central, New Lenox, IL) 4:15.43 (frosch-class record—old 4:21.20, Perkins [Watertown, WI] '05).**

3000: 1. **Verzbicas 8:29.16 (frosch-class record—old 8:41.28 Deak [Maclay, Tallahassee, FL] '01).**

4 x 200: 1. **New Bern 1:27.02 (3 HS).**

LEWIS INVITATIONAL

Houston, January 17—60: 1. Goodwin (Rowlett) 6.76. LJ: 1. **Goodwin 25-1¼ (10, x HS).**

SP: 1. **Saenz (Rio Grande City) 69-7¾ (4, x HS).**

— Road Results —

USATF HALF-MARATHON

Houston, January 18—

1. Keflezighi (Ca) 61:25; 2. Ritzgenhein (Or) 61:35; 3. Gotcher (Az) 62:09; 4. Carlson (Az) 62:21; 5. Sell (Mi) 62:36; 6. Bizuneh (Az) 62:40; 7. Vega (Mn) 62:55;

8. Dobson (Ca) 63:12; 9. Young (Co) 63:25; 10. Cabada (Co) 63:31; 11. King (Or) 63:49; 12. Watson (Penn) 63:51; 13. Sayenko (Wa) 63:52;

14. Hamilton (Co) 63:57; 15. Eggleston (NY) 63:58; 16. Morgan (Mi) 64:09; 17. Reyes (Ca) 64:19; 18. Arciniaga (Mi) 64:24; 19. Briney (Az) 64:55; 20. Glaab (Co) 65:01.

USATF WOMEN

1. Lewy Boulet (Ca) 71:47; 2. Jaske (Or) 72:06; 3. Reuck (Co) 72:14; 4. Davila (Mi) 72:23; 5. Rudolph (RI) 72:34; 6. White (Mi) 72:38; 7. Nicolini (Mn) 72:41;

8. Anderson (ut) 73:10; 9. Slattery (Ca) 73:23; 10. Storage (Oh) 73:50; 11. O'Neill (Ca) 74:04; 12. Storage (Oh) 74:17; 13. Higgins (Az) 74:24; 14. Newberry (Va) 74:31;

15. McKaig (In) 74:38; 16. Armstrong (Mn) 74:57; 17. Begay (Az) 75:39; 18. Hagobian (Ma) 75:41; 19. Liienthal (Mn) 75:45; 20. Williams (Co) 76:32; 21. Kinsman (Oh) 76:44.

XIAMEN MARATHON

Xiamen, China, January 3—

Men: 1. Muturi (Ken) 2:08:51 PR; 2. Terfa (Eth) 2:09:01 PR; 3. Kisri (Mor) 2:10:33 PR; 4. Kurgat (Ken) 2:11:00.

Women: 1. R. Chen (Chn) 2:29:52; 2. Y. Zhang (Chn) 2:32:57; 3. J. Wang (Chn) 2:33:58; 4. A. Feng (Chn) 2:35:05 PR.

TIBERIAS MARATHON

Tiberias, Israel, January 8—

Men: 1. Ja. Kipkoech (Ken) 2:08:07 PR; 2. Mucheru (Ken) 2:09:37 PR; 3. Ph. Boit (Ken) 2:10:55 PR; 4. S. Bungei (Ken) 2:10:58.

Women: 1. I. Kosgei (Ken) 2:39:07 PR; 2. Addis (Eth) 2:42:43 PR.

HOUSTON MARATHON

Houston, January 18—

Men: 1. Merga' (Eth) 2:07:52 (course record—old cr 2:10:04 Keitany [Ken] '89) (\$45,000); 2. B. Cheruiyot' (Ken) 2:11:33; 3. Abramov' (Rus) 2:12:21; 4. Kavutu' (Ken) 2:16:06; 5. Smith' (Can) 2:16:16.

Women: 1. Erkesso' (Eth) 2:24:18 (course record—old cr 2:24:50 Tune [Eth] '08) (\$45,000); 2. Olaru' (Rom) 2:27:25; 3. Kortchaguina' (Can) 2:30:43; 4. Gromova' (Rus) 2:31:28; 5. Akor (Ca) 2:37:53.

ROCK 'N' ROLL ARIZONA

Tempe, Arizona, January 18 (point-to-point)—

Men: 1. M. Kigen' (Ken) 2:10:36; 2. Kebede' (Eth) 2:10:36; 3. Te. Bekele' (Eth) 2:14:17; 4. K. Nigusse' (Eth) 2:14:26; 5. Mogaka' (Ken) 2:14:52.

Women: 1. Shurkhno' (Ukr) 2:31:22; 2. Getnet' (Eth) 2:33:03; 3. Mengistu' (Eth) 2:33:32; 4. Legesse' (Eth) 2:35:34; 5. Meyerhoff (Az) 2:35:52.

— IAAF XC Meets —

ANTRIM

Permit #3; Antrim, England, January 3—

9K: 1. I. Merga (Eth) 24:32; 2. B. Kiprop (Uga) 24:34; 3. Lemoncello (GB) 24:49; 4. Ndayisenga (Bur) 25:08; 5. Lakhali (Fra) 25:21.

Women's 5.6K: 1. Twell (GB) 18:25; 2. Byrne (Ire) 18:26; 3. Murray (GB) 18:32; 4. Brown (US) 18:35; 5. Ryan (Ire) 18:44.

U.S. Indoor Schedule Invitationals

January

23..... Notre Dame Invitational; Notre Dame, Indiana
23-24..... Razorback Invitational; Fayetteville, Arkansas
..... Terrier Invitational; Boston, Massachusetts
24..... Cherry & Silver Invitational; Albuquerque, New Mexico
..... New Balance Games; New York, New York
..... Tom Jones Memorial; Gainesville, Florida
30..... Millrose Games; New York, New York
30-31..... Mountain T's Invitational; Flagstaff, Arizona
..... National Invitational; University Park, Pennsylvania
..... Washington Invitational; Seattle, Washington

February

6-7..... Armory Collegiate Invitational; New York, New York
..... Husker Invitational; Lincoln, Nebraska
..... McCravy Memorial; Lexington, Kentucky
..... Meyo Invitational; Notre Dame, Indiana
..... Virginia Tech Elite; Blacksburg, Virginia
7..... Reebok Boston; Roxbury Crossing, Massachusetts
12-14..... Iowa State Classic; Ames, Iowa
13..... Carolina Invitational; Chapel Hill, North Carolina
13-14..... Tyson Invitational; Fayetteville, Arkansas
14..... Husky Classic; Seattle, Washington
19-21..... Simplot High School; Pocatello, Idaho
20-21..... VaTech Challenge; Blacksburg, Virginia

March

1..... George Mason Last Chance; Fairfax, Virginia
6..... Arkansas Last Chance; Fayetteville, Arkansas
..... LSU Invitational; Baton Rouge, Louisiana
6-7..... Wilson Invitational; Notre Dame, Indiana
7..... Iowa State Last Chance; Ames, Iowa
..... Virginia Tech Last Chance; Blacksburg, Virginia
..... Washington Last Chance; Seattle, Washington

Conference Championships

February

20..... Metro Atlantic; New York, New York
20-21..... America East; Boston, Massachusetts
..... Atlantic 10; Kingston, Rhode Island
..... Southland; Houston, Texas
20-22..... Patriot; Annapolis, Maryland
21-22..... Big East; New York, New York
26-28..... ACC; Blacksburg, Virginia
..... Mountain West; Air Force Academy, Colorado
..... WAC; Nampa, Idaho
27-3/1..... SEC; Lexington, Kentucky
27-28..... Big Sky; Flagstaff, Arizona
..... Big 12; College Station, Texas
..... Conference USA; Houston, Texas
..... MAC; Kent, Ohio
..... Mountain Pacific; Seattle, Washington
..... New England; Boston, Massachusetts
..... Ohio Valley; Charleston, Illinois
28-3/1..... Big 10 (m); University Park, Pennsylvania
..... Big 10 (w); Bloomington, Indiana
..... Heps; Cambridge, Massachusetts
..... Horizon; Greencastle, Indiana
..... Missouri Valley; Cedar Falls, Iowa
..... Southern; Clemson, South Carolina
..... Sun Belt; Jonesboro, Arkansas

March

7-8..... IC4A; Boston, Massachusetts
..... ECAC; Roxbury Crossing, Massachusetts

National Championships

February

28-3/1..... USATF; Roxbury Crossing, Massachusetts

March

5-7..... NAIA; Johnson City, Tennessee
6-7..... JUCO; Lubbock, Texas
13-14..... NCAA; College Station, Texas
..... NCAA II; Houston, Texas
..... NCAA III; Terre Haute, Indiana
13-15..... National Scholastic HS; New York, New York
14-15..... Nike HS; Roxbury Crossing, Massachusetts

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Razorback Invitational,
New Balance Games**