

— Wanjiru Wins Chicago Marathon Slugfest —

by Sean Hartnett & Charlie Mahler

After assembling a stellar field for the '10 Chicago Marathon, race director Carey Pinkowski noted, "This was an opportunity to put together a race of young stars that we thought could be special." Very special indeed as the result was the 'Thriller in the Loop' that decided not only the Chicago title but both the men's and women's '09-10 World Marathon Major champions.

Kenyan Sammy Wanjiru was the last man standing in an epic slugfest with Ethiopian Tsegaye Kebede as he successfully defended both his Chicago and WMM title. In women's competition, Russia's Liliya Shobukhova passed breakaway leader Astede Bayisa of Ethiopia in the 21st mile to also defend her Chicago title, clinch the WMM crown and set a new Russian record in 2:20:25.

A day before the race Kebede was looking forward to competing with Wanjiru asserting, "I like a good fight. In London I ran alone for many kilometers and there was no one to challenge.

"I am most happy when the guys are with me and we are fighting the whole way," the Ethiopian mused as he crouched into a pugilist pose and punched away to make his point.

Wanjiru was just hoping that he would be ready for the fight after losing a week of training to stomach parasites: "Weeks ago my stomach was real bad and I was about 70 percent today. When I was

starting the race today I didn't think about my injury because Kebede has 50 points for the majors, and me the same. Now the problem was who was going to finish first."

If there was any disappointment, it came by way of warm weather. While well short of the debilitating heat of '07, temperatures which rose from 60 to 70+

degrees precluded what looked to be a potential sub-2:05 race in more conducive temperatures.

Whatever the weather, Wanjiru's focus was on place, not the pace. "You don't think about the finish time," he said. "It is like the Olympics or World Championships; everybody thinks about the medal. Today was like that. I was thinking who was going to finish first. Kebede is my friend but today was about fighting together. He is my friend but when you go to the race you must fight each other."

Setting off in the morning shade, a pack of eight competitors followed efficient pacing through the opening 15K in 44:23—a robust 2:04:51 pace. As the course opened up to the sun and temperatures rose, the pace eased until the final pacer stepped off at 30K (1:29:36).

Almost immediately Kebede punched-up the pace, systematically dispatching some huge talents. Boston record-holder Robert K. Cheruiyot was the first to go, followed by Deribe Merga. As Kebede and Wanjiru traded pace jabs, the Kenyan trio of Laban Moiben, Vincent Kipruto and Wesley Korir was cut loose, leaving Ethiopian Feyisa Lilesa to contend with the diminutive duo.

Rounding the corner onto Michigan Avenue at 37K, Kebede surged to a 10-meter lead as Wanjiru fell behind Lilesa. But try as he might, Kebede could not break free as he had in London. A kilometer later Lilesa closed in on Kebede pulling Wanjiru back into the race as he seemed to hit a full sprint to close the gap.

Lilesa's stay at the front was short-lived, and by 39K the two 23-year-old flyweight fighters were left to slug it out like Ali



Wanjiru's title defense also brought him the World Marathon Majors crown for a second consecutive season

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and Frazier over the final 3K in a race for the ages. Kebede kept pounding away like Smokin' Joe, seemingly knocking Wanjiru repeatedly to the ropes and all but putting the Kenyan Olympic champ away four or five times.

Yet while we have learned to never underestimate Wanjiru's inane road racing skills honed in his formative years in Japan, this race was a full measure of the champion's heart, as he simply would not surrender.

"At 30 kilometers I was losing hope," Wanjiru admitted, "but what I think about in my mind is, Never give up. I tried to push my body because I know today I was not in good shape but I push my body until the last kick."

Wanjiru rallied to extend the fight and at times played an Ali rope-a-doper move, purposely easing back to gauge Kebede's efforts, then surging back, sometimes on the left then on the right, and always keeping Kebede guessing what might come next.

Wanjiru appeared refreshed after the 40K aid station as his stride remained fluid with his distinctive palms down arm motion while Kebede's limbs were pulled tight, seeming punched out by his efforts. Indeed the Ethiopian said "I thought I could attack all the way to the finish, but I was losing power."

Wanjiru sensed his advantage, noting, "Kebede is a strong guy, he is a man. He was trying to move and when I was running in back of him I was trying to run my pace but at 41 kilometers I got him."

The course record-holder also drew confidence from his experience with Chicago's challenging finish.

"This course is real flat," Wanjiru explained. "The problem is how to get a good finish, because many people don't know about the finish. Kebede didn't know this course; me, I was here last year, and I was thinking about the last kick; it is real tough."

Heading for the turn onto the Roosevelt overpass 600 meters from the finish, Wanjiru accelerated sharply and pulled ahead only to ease back, letting Kebede seize the inside position heading up the crucial incline that led into the finish.

Wanjiru's final ploy played out perfectly as he cut loose in a full sprint that proved to be the knockout punch as he shot past Kebede who had at last, no counter.

Wanjiru sprinted home celebrating emphatically with his trademark straight-armed salute, stopping the clock in 2:06:24—a time that meant next to nothing in this battle to the finish. Kebede struggled home 19 seconds back—

a differential that belied the closeness of this titanic battle.

The 23-year-old Olympic champion savored his victory and said, "In my life I will not forget this day. It was a real tough day, it was like when I was running to win in Beijing."

The now two-time World Marathon Majors champion is also a great ambassador for the sport, as he added, "When I saw the finish in front of me I was very happy and I said hi to my fans that came today. You know today is Sunday, some people may go to picnic or go to the beach, but many people are coming to see the Chicago Marathon. I say thank you and next time come again and we do better."

If the men's race was an exhibition of fleet fisticuffs, the women's contest was a study in patient pacing by Shobukhova. The former 3000m indoor World Record-holder, played out nearly a half-minute of slack to Bayisa, confident that her strategy of reaching the finish-line in 2:20 would net her the victory upon arrival.

"I have my own plan when I run a marathon," this year's London champ, who crossed the Chicago half-way stripe in 1:10:00, said, "If some people run in front of me, I know I'm going to follow my plans; I will be able to catch them."

Her plan meant letting the 23-year-old Bayisa—who was joined for a time at the fore by countrywomen Mamitu Daska and Askale Tafa Margasa—dash off quick kilometers in the race's middle miles. When Bayisa cracked en route to the mile 21 banner, Shobukhova quickly came back into view and motored away in the lead without needing to accelerate.

The 32-year-old Russian ran strongly on, clicking off metronomic 5:21 miles to the line to take down Galina Bogomolova's '06 Russian Record by 22 seconds. Shobukhova's time is the 15th-fastest ever run by a woman and makes her the 10th-fastest performer of all-time. The race and marathon majors win netted her \$650,000, which is earmarked for a new hotel she and her coach-husband hope to build.

Bayisa held on for 2nd in 2:23:40. Another even-pacing Russian, Maria Konovalova, was 3rd 10-seconds back.

Next, Desiree Davila ran the 4th-fastest U.S. mark of all-time with her 2:26:20.

Irina Mikitneko of Germany—the runner-up to Shobukhova here last year who could have claimed the Marathon Majors title with a win and 5th-place or worse finish by the Russian—ran a pace that never engaged her in the racing. She finished 5th in 2:26:40.

CHICAGO MARATHON

Chicago, Illinois, October 10 (warm, high 60s–70s)—

1. Wanjiru (Ken) 2:06:24 (6th sub-2:07; avg. 2:05:58) (1:02:37/1:03:47) (\$115,000 including \$40K time bonus); 2. Kebede (Eth) 2:06:43 (also 6th sub-2:07; avg. 2:05:55) (1:02:37/1:04:06); 3. Lilesa (Eth) 2:08:10;
4. W. Korir (Ken) 2:08:44; 5. Kipruto (Eth) 2:09:08; 6. R. Kiprono Cheruiyot (Ken) 2:09:28; 7. Moiben (Ken) 2:10:48;
8. Hartmann (US) 2:11:06 (1:05:11/1:05:55); 9. Harroufi (Mor) 2:13:01; 10. Sayenko (US) 2:14:27; 11. Morgan (US) 2:14:55; 12. Humphrey (US) 2:15:49; 13. Rizzo (US) 2:16:12; 14. Terfa (Eth) 2:17:43;
15. Arciniaga (US) 2:18:12; 16. Young (US) 2:19:01; 17. Canaday (US) 2:19:18; 18. Ch. Johnson (US) 2:19:31; 19. J. Davis (US) 2:19:53; 20. Delaney (US) 2:20:34;
21. Dumm (US) 2:20:46; 22. Sharp (US) 2:20:58; 23. Mull (US) 2:21:01; 24. Fogel (US) 2:21:17; 25. Elam (US) 2:21:18; 26. Ryf (US) 2:21:18; 27. Joslyn (US) 2:21:23;
28. Folk (US) 2:21:38; 29. Fecht (US) 2:21:46; 30. Chavez (US) 2:22:09; 31. Payne (US) 2:22:19; 32. Zarins (US) 2:22:49; 33. Krah (US) 2:23:15; 34. Hensley (US) 2:23:34;
35. Pool (US) 2:23:36; 36. Molyneux (GB) 2:23:52; 37. Moore (US) 2:23:59; 38. Horwitz (US) 2:24:24; 39. Warick (Can) 2:24:40; 40. Brown (US) 2:25:43.

CHICAGO WOMEN

Women: 1. **Shobukhova (Rus) 2:20:25 (WL) (10, 15W) (1:10:00/1:10:25) (\$115,000 including \$40K time bonus)**; 2. Bayisa (Eth) 2:23:40 (1:09:45/1:13:55); 3. Konovalova (Rus) 2:23:50;

4. **Davila (US) 2:26:20 (AL) (4, 9 A) (1:13:07/1:13:13)**; 5. Mikitenko (Ger) 2:26:40; 6. Daska (Eth) 2:28:29; 7. Lewy-Boulet (US) 2:28:44 (1:13:07/1:15:37); 8. Yoshida (Jpn) 2:29:45; 9. Chaofeng (Chn) 2:30:35;

10. Moody (US) 2:30:53 (30, x A); 11. Docherty (NZ) 2:32:17; 12. Magarsa (Eth) 2:32:24; 13. Gomez (US) 2:32:51; 14. Machida (Jpn) 2:33:21; 15. De Reuck (US) 2:34:12; 16. White (US) 2:35:02;

17. McMahan (US) 2:36:01; 18. Yelling (GB) 2:37:14; 19. Houck (US) 2:37:16; 20. Moeller (US) 2:37:28; 21. Wells (US) 2:37:39; 22. Skunda (US) 2:37:59; 23. Nukuri (Bur) 2:39:08; 24. T. Storage (US) 2:40:14; 25. Baumert (US) 2:41:17;

26. Thompson (US) 2:41:28; 27. Becque (US) 2:44:03; 28. Bracy (US) 2:44:34; 29. Sakamoto (Jpn) 2:44:47; 30. Kroshus (Can)

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2:44:59; 31. Marty (US) 2:45:09; 32. High (US) 2:45:29; 33. Clemens (US) 2:46:15; 34. Bernard (US) 2:46:16; 35. Rzepecki (US) 2:46:17; 36. K. Storage (US) 2:46:20; 37. Snowden (Can) 2:46:26; 38. Santa Maria (US) 2:46:31; 39. Brownlee (GB) 2:46:41; 40. Empey (US) 2:46:59; 41. McHale (US) 2:47:03; 42. Viele (US) 2:47:13;

43. Benoit-Samuels (US) 2:47:50; 44. Russell (US) 2:48:54; 45. Hocking (US) 2:48:54; 46. Eberly (US) 2:49:09; 47. Hernon (US) 2:49:17; 48. Lickteig (US) 2:49:20; 49. Keller (US) 2:49:31; 50. Chouinard (US) 2:49:46.

USATF WOMEN'S 10K CHAMPS

Tufts 10K, Boston, Massachusetts, October 11—

Results: 1. Huddle (RI) 32:00 (third consecutive title); 2. Rhines (Ca) 32:16; 3. McGregor (Mn) 32:45; 4. Rothstein (Az) 33:14; 5. Grandt (WV) 33:24; 6. Conley (Ca) 33:46; 7. Duwell (Az) 33:49; 8. Allen (Az) 33:54; 9. Nehus-Vergara (In) 33:59; 10. Williams (Co) 34:12; 11. Thomas (Co) 34:25; 12. Slade (Co) 34:29; 13. Donovan (Ma) 34:41; 14. Armstrong (Mn) 34:43; 15. McWalters (Ma) 34:52.

— Collegiate XC —

PAUL SHORT INVITATIONAL

Lehigh, Pennsylvania, October 1—

Teams: 1. Georgetown 34; 2. Virginia 98; 3. James Madison 169; 4. Cornell 198; 5. Columbia 205; 6. Guelph (Canada) 207; 7. Richmond 222; 8. La Salle 315; 9. New Hampshire 352; 10. Colgate 377.

8K: 1. Chelanga' (Lib) 23:34; 2. Heineking (Va) 23:49; 3. Benford (Rich) 23:52; 4. Taya' (Gtn) 23:54; 5. Gillespie (WM) 24:00;

6. Llano (Rich) 24:01; 7. Hanko (Navy) 24:03; 8. Van Ingen (Bing) 24:04; 9. Boorsma' (Guelph) 24:06; 10. Kelsey (Md) 24:08;

11. Kigen' (Lib) 24:09; 12. Woodard (WM) 24:12; 13. Lumbar (Gtn) 24:12; 14. Shaw (Dart) 24:14; 15. Edelman (Corn) 24:15; 16. Gonzalez (Rider) 24:15; 17. Lundy (Md) 24:18; 18. Collins (Va) 24:19; 19. Heymann (SunyP) 24:20; 20. Spooner (Tn) 24:24;

21. Genest' (Guelph) 24:27; 22. Proudfoot' (Guelph) 24:28; 23. Hilton (LHaven) 24:29; 24. Quinn (Rich) 24:31; 25. Foley (Va) 24:35; 26. Baird (Penn) 24:35; 27. Poland (Col) 24:36; 28. Royer (Dart) 24:38; 29. Kenimer (Dart) 24:38; 30. Soderman (App) 24:39;

31. Bean (Gtn) 24:39; 32. Brett' (Guelph) 24:40; 33. Tyler (Gtn) 24:40; 34. Merra (Col) 24:40; 35. Livingston (Army) 24:41; 36. McDonnell (StJos) 24:41.

PAUL SHORT WOMEN

Teams: 1. Virginia 132; 2. Georgetown 149; 3. William & Mary 170; 4. Dartmouth 179; 5. Guelph (Canada) 206; 6. Richmond 224; 7. Columbia 227; 8. Liberty 308; 9. Cornell

321; 10. Binghamton 335.

6K: 1. Infeld (Gtn) 20:04; 2. DeRoo (Colg) 20:10; 3. Parris (JM) 20:15; 4. Jones (Gtn) 20:20; 5. Strehler (Va) 20:26;

6. Chambers (Gtn) 20:27; 7. Garcia (Va) 20:28; 8. Alstine (Rich) 20:28; 9. Cliff (Guelph) 20:29; 10. Gay (Va) 20:31; 11. Kasper (Gtn) 20:37; 12. Tomlin (Gtn) 20:40; 13. McDonough (Col) 20:48; 14. McCafferty (Gtn) 20:54; 15. Harman (JM) 20:55;

16. Traynor (Rich) 20:56; 17. Stevens (Gtn) 20:58; 18. Klugh (Lib) 20:58; 19. McMahon (Corn) 20:59; 20. Nobles (JM) 21:00;

21. Kovach (Penn) 21:01; 22. Pavlus' (StLaw) 21:06; 23. Balouris (WM) 21:06; 24. Burns (Colg) 21:09; 25. Caudle (App) 21:11; 26. Kellner (Corn) 21:15; 27. Bushman (Lib) 21:17; 28. Schultz (NMSt) 21:17; 29. Drouin (Col) 21:17; 30. Fitzpatrick (NH) 21:19.

NOTRE DAME INVITATIONAL

Notre Dame, Indiana, October 1—

Teams: 1. Oregon 69; 2. New Mexico 78; 3. Florida State 99; 4. Tulsa 196; 5. Penn State 205;

6. UCLA 206; 7. Notre Dame 208; 8. Alabama 242; 9. UTEP 260; 10. Indiana State 288; 11. Arizona State 289; 12. Butler 292; 13. Villanova 306; 14. Utah State 326; 15. American 361.

8K: 1. Puskedra (Or) 23:39; 2. Kipruto' (NM) 23:45; 3. Centrowitz (Or) 23:46; 4. Fraser' (NM) 23:53; 5. Kemei' (Al) 24:00;

6. Gerrard (NM) 24:03; 7. McNally (Penn) 24:04; 8. Chirchir' (UTEP) 24:05; 9. Fout (FI) 24:08; 10. McKenna (UtSt) 24:09;

11. Bishop (NM) 24:10; 12. Engelhardt (AzSt) 24:10; 13. Dawson (Penn) 24:11; 14. Knight (UCLA) 24:13; 15. Jackson (NDm) 24:13; 16. Forrester (FI) 24:15; 17. Smyth (FI) 24:16; 18. Mercado (Or) 24:17; 19. Rickman (FI) 24:17; 20. Acosta (Or) 24:19;

21. O'Hare (Tuls) 24:19; 22. Rotich' (UTEP) 24:20; 23. Bor' (Al) 24:20; 24. Hales (Web) 24:22; 25. Menjo' (UTEP) 24:29; 26. Howell (UtSt) 24:29; 27. Dejarnette (Or) 24:30; 28. Rae (NDm) 24:30; 29. Kwiatkowski (Or) 24:31; 30. Disher (In) 24:31;

31. Roeder (But) 24:32; 32. Kane (Vill) 24:32; 33. Collin (Fres) 24:32; 34. Duncan' (Tuls) 24:35; 35. Matthews (UCLA) 24:36; 36. Stinson (Or) 24:38.

NOTRE DAME WOMEN

Teams: 1. Villanova 64; 2. Oregon 118; 3. Florida State 129; 4. New Mexico 143; 5. Stony Brook 153;

6. Washington 185; 7. Princeton 214; 8. Tulsa 232; 9. Arkansas 293; 10. Penn State 295; 11. BYU 302; 12. UCLA 338; 13. Iowa 366; 14. UC Santa Barbara 368; 15. Weber State 375.

5K: 1. L. Van Dalen' (SBr) 16:22; 2. Reid' (Vill) 16:26; 3. Kimaiyo' (UTEP) 16:27; 4. Banfich (Prin) 16:29; 5. Marino (Vill) 16:29;

6. H. Van Dalen' (SBr) 16:33; 7. Mimic' (Vill) 16:39; 8. Hasay (Or) 16:45; 9. Kosinksi

(Or) 16:46; 10. Gray (NM) 16:47;

11. Moreno (UCSB) 16:48; 12. Whiting (Tuls) 16:53; 13. Cummings (Prin) 16:54; 14. Campbell (Wa) 16:54; 15. McShine' (FIS) 16:56;

16. Senior (NM) 17:00; 17. Callister (Web) 17:01; 18. Murakami (UCLA) 17:03; 19. Smith (Vill) 17:04; 20. Winslow (FIS) 17:05;

21. Higginson (Prin) 17:06; 22. Gillespie (Ar) 17:08; 23. Parry (FIS) 17:09; 24. Keown (SBr) 17:10; 25. Lawrence (Wa) 17:10; 26. Fairchild' (Tuls) 17:13; 27. Waldron' (NM) 17:13; 28. Thompson (Or) 17:17; 29. Buckman' (Or) 17:17; 30. Flanagan (Wa) 17:18; 31. Lipari (Vill) 17:20; 32. Wright' (Tuls) 17:21.

WISCONSIN ADIDAS INVITATIONAL

Madison, Wisconsin, October 2—

Teams: 1. Indiana 43; 2. Wisconsin 75; 3. Princeton 112; 4. Syracuse 131; 5. Oklahoma 132; 6. Michigan State 191; 7. Florida 217; 8. North Carolina 225; 9. Ohio State 256; 10. Illinois 280.

8K: 1. Cabral (Prin) 23:29; 2. Bayer (In) 23:30; 3. Poore (In) 23:31; 4. Krause (Wi) 23:33; 5. Peacock (Wi) 23:36;

6. Ahmed' (Wi) 23:45; 7. Hlaselo' (FI) 23:46; 8. Turner (In) 23:47; 9. Adams (Nb) 23:51; 10. Mayhew (In) 23:52;

11. Leung (Prin) 23:52; 12. Watchempino (NC) 23:53; 13. Sorrell (Ok) 23:57; 14. Weeks (Syr) 23:57; 15. Carey (Prov) 23:57;

16. Tyner (AF) 23:59; 17. Medrano (Syr) 23:59; 18. Connor (Wi) 24:00; 19. Williams (Ok) 24:01; 20. Hubers (In) 24:01;

21. Alex (Ok) 24:02; 22. Kremeske (Il) 24:02; 23. Stilin (Prin) 24:03; 24. Wasinger (Ks) 24:03; 25. Thode (Ia) 24:04; 26. Izewski (FI) 24:04; 27. Murdock (Syr) 24:04; 28. Schwab (Ok) 24:09; 29. Cunningham (NC) 24:09; 30. Grosskopf (MiSt) 24:11.

WISCONSIN WOMEN

Teams: 1. Syracuse 89; 2. North Carolina 98; 3. Michigan State 109; 4. Michigan 113; 5. Indiana 151; 6. Harvard 157; 7. Florida 195; 8. San Francisco 205; 9. Nebraska 248; 10. Texas A&M 256.

6K: 1. Browning' (FI) 20:14; 2. MacLeod (MiSt) 20:15; 3. Hursey (Syr) 20:17; 4. Schaa' (NC) 20:21; 5. Crofford (Nb) 20:22;

6. Tauro (Mi) 20:25; 7. Pease (In) 20:25; 8. Green (MiSt) 20:27; 9. Richardson (Harv) 20:28; 10. Calka (EnMi) 20:31; 11. Penney (Syr) 20:31; 12. Stowe (Ks) 20:32; 13. Blanchard (In) 20:32; 14. Sisson (Wi) 20:35; 15. Verplank (NC) 20:40; 16. Pagano (Syr) 20:41; 17. Stolfing (USF) 20:41; 18. Smith (Mi) 20:41; 19. Desarle (Syr) 20:42; 20. Devlin (TxAM) 20:45; 21. Addison (Mi) 20:47; 22. Taylor (NC) 20:48; 23. Buscomb (Pur) 20:48; 24. Mack (Harv) 20:50; 25. Lucena (NC) 20:50; 26. Boyle (unat) 20:50; 27. Groenewou (Il) 20:51; 28. Comfort (Wi) 20:51; 29. Barinova' (Nb) 20:51; 30. Krchova' (USF) 20:52.

— MEET/RACE SCHEDULE —

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Pro-Circuit Meets

September

16.....Discus Challenge; Tallinn, Estonia
18–19.....Décastar Multis; Talence, France
19.....Super Meet; Kawasaki, Japan

International Championships

October

6–12.....Commonwealth Games; New Delhi, India

November

12–27.....Asian Games; Guangzhou, China

Road Racing

† = USATF Championship race

§ = IAAF Gold Label race; ‡ = IAAF Silver; ¶ = IAAF bronze

September

19.....Great North Half; S Shields, England §
.....CVS Downtown 5K; Providence, Rhode Island †
.....Philly Half; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
26.....Half-Marathon; Lisbon, Portugal §
.....World Marathon Major; Berlin, Germany §
.....Marathon; Toronto, Ontario ‡

October

3.....USATF 10M Champs; Minneapolis, Minnesota †
.....Rock & Roll Half-Marathon; San José, California
.....Marathon; Cologne, Germany
.....USATF mMarathon Champs; Minneapolis, Minnesota †
10.....World Marathon Major; Chicago, Illinois §
.....Eindhoven, Holland
11.....Tufts Women's 10K, Boston, Massachusetts †
16.....World Half-Marathon Champs; Nanning, China
31.....Classique, Cassis, France ‡
24.....Great South Run, Portsmouth, England §

November

7.....USATF Women's Marathon, New York City †
21.....Airtel Half-Marathon, Delhi, India §
31.....15K, Nijmegen, Holland ‡

December

31.....10K; Madrid, Spain ‡

CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

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October

9.....New Englands; Boston, Massachusetts
16.....Chile Pepper Invitational; Fayetteville, Arkansas
.....Dellinger Invitational; Springfield, Oregon
.....Pre-NCAA; Terre Haute, Indiana
28.....Southland Conference; Beaumont, Texas
29.....Heps; Bronx, New York
.....Metro Atlantic Conference; Hammonasset Park, Conn
.....Mountain West Conference; Laramie, Wyoming
30.....ACC; Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
.....America East Conference; Boston, Massachusetts
.....Atlantic Sun; Spartanburg, South Carolina
.....Atlantic 10 Conference; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
.....Big East; Kenosha, Jamesville, New York
.....Big 12 Conference; Stillwater, Oklahoma
.....Big Sky Conference; Spokane, Washington
.....Big West Conference; Riverside, California
.....Colonial Conference; Atlanta, Georgia
.....Conference USA; Tulsa, Oklahoma
.....Horizon League; Chicago, Illinois
.....MEAC; Princess Anne, Maryland
.....Mid-American Conference; Kalamazoo, Michigan
.....Missouri Valley Conference; Wichita, Kansas
.....Ohio Valley Conference; Nashville, Tennessee
.....Pac-10 Conference; Seattle, Washington
.....Patriot League; Easton, Pennsylvania
.....Southern Conference; Boone, North Carolina
.....Summit League; Carmel, Indiana
.....Sun Belt Conference; Bowling Green, Kentucky
.....WAC; Moscow, Idaho
.....West Coast Conference; Belmont, California
31.....Big 10 Conference; Madison, Wisconsin
.....SWAC; Clinton, Mississippi

November

1.....SEC; Columbia, South Carolina
6.....Lone Star Conference; Abilene, Texas
13.....NCAA Regionals

Great Lakes—Rochester, Michigan

Mid-Atlantic—State College, Pennsylvania

Midwest—Peoria, Illinois

Mountain—Salt Lake City, Utah

Northeast—Hammonasset Park, Connecticut

Southeast—Louisville, Kentucky

South Central—Waco, Texas

South—Hoover, Alabama

West—Springfield, Oregon

.....JUCO Championships; Spartanburg, South Carolina
.....JUCO III Championships; Selden, New York
.....NXN Heartland Regional; Sioux Falls, South Dakota
.....NXN Midwest Regional, Terre Haute, Indiana
.....NXN Northwest Regional; Boise, Idaho
13–14.....NCAA Div. III Regionals (8 sites)
20.....IC4A/ECAC; Bronx, New York
.....NAIA Championships; Vancouver, Washington
.....NCAA III Championships; Waverly, Iowa
.....NXN South Regional; The Woodlands, Texas
.....NXN Southwest Regional; Tempe, Arizona
20–21.....NCAA Div. II Regionals (8 sites)
22.....NCAA Championships; Terre Haute, Indiana
27.....NXN NE/NY Regional; Wappinger Falls, New York
.....NXN Southeast Regional; Cary, North Carolina
.....Foot Locker HS Midwest Reg.; Kenosha, Wisconsin
.....Foot Locker HS Northeast Reg.; Long Island, New York
.....Foot Locker HS Southern Reg.; Charlotte, North Carolina

December

4.....NCAA Div. II Championships; Louisville, Kentucky
.....Nike HS XC Nationals (NXN); Portland, Oregon
.....AAU Youth Championships; Orlando, Florida
.....Foot Locker HS West Regional; Walnut, California
11.....Foot Locker HS Championships; San Diego, California
.....USATF Junior Olympics; Hoover, Alabama
.....USATF Club Championships; Charlotte, North Carolina
12.....European Championships; Albufeira, Portugal

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5.....USATF Championships; San Diego, California

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(Chile Pepper, Pre-Nationals,
Dellinger Invite);
World Half-Marathon Champs