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The 20th Drake Relays Marathon added a new feature, a 10 Kilometer. This was not to be a normal 10 km, it was to be the best Iowa has ever seen. After an experimental 1988 first year, the race got serious inviting athletes from throughout the world. Almost \$80,000 was offered in prize money the next four years with \$23,000 offered in 1991 alone. While the weather never did the race any favors, the times were spectacular. The 10 kilometer did have its critics, some saying it took away from the marathon, it did. Others quietly pointed out the course went downhill, it did and runners loved it. What follows is a too brief history and records of the greatest 10 kilometer in Iowa history.

In 1988 Bill Rodgers and Priscilla Welch graced the inaugural race. The race was accommodated in the stadium, with thousands of relay fans in attendance but this created a late start (11:45 a.m.). Hometown favorite, Mike Carney, easily won in 30:36 and former ISU runner Suzanne Youngberg turned in an excellent 34:58. Bill Rodgers, 40, ran 33:52 and Priscilla Welch, 43, clocked a 35:30.

In 1989 the action really heated up. A stadium start again, late in the morning was greeted by 45 degree weather and windy, it didn't stop the "good times". Yobes Ondieki blazed to a 27:46, unbelievable. Yobes a few years later was the first runner ever to break 27 minutes at 10 km on the track. Behind Yobes were 18 men breaking 30 minutes - what a field of runners. The women's race was just as impressive with Janis Klecker scoring a 32:10 edging probably Iowa's best female runner ever, Nan Doak-Davis. 11 women broke 35 minutes.

In 1990 the race had outgrown the stadium start so it started on Forest Street adjacent to the stadium with a normal mid-morning start. This was a race to the finish with a large pack still in contention with less than a mile to go. Ashley Johnson ran a 28:06 narrowly beating Rodney DeHaven by 2 seconds. Janis Klecker won the women's title barely beating out Monica Joyce running a 31:44. The mens and women's field was equally as impressive as the previous year although the weather was colder - a reasonable day for running but not for sitting in the stands at the Relays.

In 1991 the race had good weather and almost reached 2000 runners. But it seems that big time racing was catching on throughout the US, prize money was almost becoming the norm (\$100,000 given out at Iowa races alone the previous year). Never-the-less the Drake 10 kilometer continued to be something special as Rafael Zepeda won in 28:15. Libbie Johnson broke Janis Klecker's 2 year streak beating Janis by 11 seconds while running a 32:12.

In 1992 it was apparent this might be the last year of big time money. The strain of putting on an Iowa favorite, the Drake Relays Marathon, along with a national class 10 kilometer was just too much for everyone. Nicely winners from opposite sides of the globe won, Australian Sean Wade ran a 28:45 and Russian Inna Poushkariva ran a 32:42.

The Drake Relays 10 Kilometer was fun. International as well as local runners got to rub shoulders and speed to personal records. It was broadcast live, every minute of it locally. It was a short lived race that made a transition for the road races at the Drake Relays. The following year, 1993, the marathon at 25 years called it quits too. The 10 kilometer and marathon are as different as night and day but their stories have lived on for years.

Fortunately the road races of Drake did not die completely, they started a new 8 kilometer and half-marathon that combined forces to be called the Drake Relays On-the-ROADS.

Men - Open

(95 men under 5 minute pace - 31:00)

Yobes Ondieki, Albuquerque, NM 27:46 1989

Ashley Johnson, 28, Bowling Green, OH 28:06 1990

Rodney Dehaven, 23, Middleton, WI 28:08 1990

Noel Berkeley, 25, Norman, OK 28:11 1990

Rafael Zepeda, 29, Boulder, CO 28:15 1991

Gordon Sanders, 29, Dayton, OH 28:17 1990

Francisco Pacheco, 28, Coyocan, Mexico 28:21 1990

Patrick Sang, 25, Ames 28:25 1989

Barnaba Korir, 24, Ames 28:25 1990

Pablo Ceron, 31, Mexico City, Mexico 28:26 1990

John Bowden, 32, Fort Collins, CO 28:27 1989

William Musyoki, 24, Albuquerque, NM 28:27 1991

Gerardo Alcala, 28, Mexico City, Mexico 28:34 1990

Jeff Smith, 27, Lakewood, CO 28:37 1989

Jeff Jacobs, 25, Roscoe, IL 28:38 1990

Jonah K Koech, 20, Ames 28:43 1989

Marty Flynn, 25, Clemson, SC 28:45 1989

Jesus Herrera, 29, Boulder, CO 28:45 1991

Sean Wade, 26, San Francisco, CA 28:45 1992

Paul Ruget, 27, Denton, TX 28:47 1989

Roberto Ramirez, 24, Boulder, CO 28:49 1991

Silvio Guerra, 23, Ecuador 28:49 1992

Patrick Sang, 26, Ames 28:53 1990

Thom Hunt, 33, Coronado, CA 28:54 1991

Brett Burt, 25, Boulder, CO 28:57 1991

Manuel Vera, 40, Mexico 28:58 1991

Dave Cuadrado, 27, Arvado, CO 29:00 1990

Tom Ansberry, 25, Fridley, MN 29:01 1989

Chuck Trujillo, 24, Denver, CO 29:03 1990

Mekonnen Tulu, 21, Albuquerque, NM 29:05 1991

Roberto Rameriz, 24, Mexico City 29:07 1992

Pablo Ceron, 31, Mexico 29:08 1991

Bob Verbeek, 28, Ames 29:09 1989

Mike Carney, 27, Des Moines 29:09 1990

Richi Martinez, 25, Albuquerque, NM 29:12 1989

Dennis Leck, 28, Northglenn, CO 29:12 1990

Joseph Leuchtmann, 26, St Louis, MO 29:12 1991

Timothy Dooling, 29, Omaha, NE 29:14 1989

Pat McCarthy, 25, St Cloud, MN 29:15 1991

Dan Hostager, 22, Boulder, CO 29:15 1992

Jim Cooper, 30, Atlanta, GA 29:19 1990

Doug Nelson, 30, Lakewood, Co 29:22 1989

Rodney DeHaven, 24, Middleton, WI 29:23 1991

Peter Brett, 29, Australia 29:26 1992

Mike Carney, 26, Des Moines 29:28 1989

Peter Renner, 31, New Zealand 29:30 1991

Aaron Ramirez, 24, Tucson, AZ 29:31 1989

Carlo Retiz, 29, Boulder, CO 29:31 1991

Rafael Comenares, 28, Albuquerque, NM 29:35 1989

Mark Fluitt, 32, Lincoln, NE 29:43 1989

Tjart Van Nieuwenhuizen, 25, Wichita, KS 29:46 1992

Steve Kogo, 27, Albuquerque, NM 29:50 1989

Peter Williams, 28, Wichita, KS 29:51 1989
Dennis Smithhisler, 24, Wichita, KS 29:53 1989
Curt Shelman, 31, Wichita, KS 29:54 1990
Peter Williams, 31, Ft Collins, CO 29:55 1992
Eugene Leontyev, 29, Stavropol, USSR 29:58 1990
Mike Carney, 29, Ames 29:58 1992
Curt Shelman, 33, Wichita, KS 30:07 1992
Mike Carney, 28, Ames 30:10 1991
Dale Bradley, 34, Lincoln, NE 30:11 1992
Kip Limo, 21, Ames 30:12 1991
Mark Fluitt, 33, Lincoln, NE 30:17 1990
Lance Mason, 25, Colorado Springs, CO 30:17 1992
Jon Van Arkel, 31, Springfield, MO 30:18 1990
Mike Schmidt, 29, Wichita, KS 30:18 1992
Dale Bradley, 33, Lincoln, NE 30:20 1991
Craig Cassen, 22, New Hope, MN 30:22 1990
Noel Harvey, 28, Madison, WI 30:23 1989
Glenn Magrum, 28, Terrytown, NY 30:24 1991
Pat McCarthy, 26, Colorado Springs, CO 30:24 1992
Terry Drake, 31, Overland Park, KS 30:25 1989
Ron Moran, 29, Omaha, NE 30:26 1992
Harley Hanson, 21, Rosholt, SD 30:27 1991
Jim Robidoux, 27, Oskaloosa 30:27 1992
Tim Blackstone, 28, Sioux Falls, SD 30:28 1990
Mark Fluitt, 35, Lincoln, NE 30:29 1992
Jeff Massmann, 27, Hendricks, MN 30:31 1991
Mike Carney, 25, Des Moines 30:36 1988
Dave Avenson, 29, Cohasset, MN 30:32 1992
Mark Anderson, 31, Boulder, CO 30:37 1992
Patrick Billing, 27, Roseville, MN 30:40 1990
Tim Schmid, 34, Kansas City, MO 30:40 1992
Barnaba Korir, 23, Ames 30:42 1989
Paul Morgan, 25, Minneapolis, MN 30:43 1992
Scott Brink, 30, Wyoming, MN 30:44 1989
Sam Sitonik, 33, Albuquerque, Nm 30:46 1989
Rusty Collins, 25, Kansas City, MO 30:48 1992
Simon Gutierrez, 23, Tucson, AR 30:48 1989
Bill Ford, 25, Ames 30:49 1991
Benji Durden, 37, Boulder, CO 30:52 1989
Eric Woodard, 26, Brandon, SD 30:54 1990
Harley Hanson, 21, Brookings, SD 30:54 1992
Jim Robidoux, 24, Des Moines 30:57 1989
Fred Binggeli, 38, Charlottvill, VA 30:59 1990
Women - Open
(82 women under 6:15 minute pace - 38:45)
Janis Klecker, 29, Minnetonka, MN 31:44 1990
Monica Joyce, 31, Ysilanti, MI 31:48 1990
Janis Klecker, 28, Hopkins, MN 32:10 1989
Libbie Johnson, 26, Ft Collins, CO 32:12 1991
Nan Doak-Davis, 27, Coralville 32:21 1989
Janis Klecker, 30, Minnetonka, MN 32:23 1991
Patty Murray, 23, Park Ridge, IL 32:37 1989
Inna Poushkariva, 27, Russia 32:42 1992
Judy Chamberlain, 30, Golden, CO 32:51 1989

Tina Tjungberg, 25, El Paso, TX 32:55 1990
Diane Bussa, 30, Boulder, CO 32:57 1992
Martha Tenorio, 25, Ecuador 32:58 1992
Mary Level-Menton, 29, Cora Springs, FL 33:10 1992
Cheri Sly, 24, Dexter, MI 33:12 1989
Susan Scites, 29, Louisville, CO 33:24 1990
Cindy James, 30, Homewood, IL 33:26 1990
Leslie Seymour, 28, Minneapolis, MN 33:29 1989
Libbie Johnson, 25, Fort Collins, CO 33:29 1990
Laurie King, 28, Rosemount, MN 33:36 1989
Marie Boyd, 31, Rochester, MN 33:49 1991
Marsha Tenorio, 24, Boulder, CO 33:56 1991
Kathryn Evans, 27, Ft Collins, CO 34:01 1991
Susan Scites, 30, Naperville, IL 34:13 1991
Kathryn Evans, 26, Wales 34:13 1992
Ann Ringlein, 34, Lincoln, NE 34:18 1992
Karen Lutzke, 26, Macomb, IL 34:19 1989
Alicia Mundahl, 24, Boulder, CO 34:19 1992
Anne Hare, 26, Mt View, CA 34:20 1991
Suzi Morris, 31, Leucadia, CA 34:22 1989
Angelica Almeida, 26, San Francisco, CA 34:23 1991
Cheri Sly, 25, Ann Arbor, MI 34:27 1990
Cindy James, 31, Homewood, IL 34:32 1991
Suzanne Youngberg, 26, Des Moines 34:36 1990
Larisa Emolyanenko, 26, Stavropol, USSR 34:38 1990
Louise Mohanna, 29, Cario, NE 34:41 1991
Kathryn Evans, 25, Wichita, KS 34:44 1989
Louise Marie Mohanna, 28, Cario, NE 34:45 1990
Evelyn Adire, 24, ??, AL 34:51 1989
Catriona Dowling, 34, Lincoln, NE 34:52 1992
Kathy Molitor, 36, Dubuque (?) 34:56 1990
Suzanne Youngberg, 24, Des Moines 34:58 1988
Yoli Casas, 27, Boulder, CO 35:00 1991
Louise Mohanna, 30, Cairo, NE 35:03 1992
Anita Kelly, 27, Ames 35:11 1992
Priscilla Welch, 43, Boulder, CO 35:30 1988
Julie Litoff, 29, Iowa City 35:49 1992
Kelly Kruell, 29, Minneapolis, MN 35:54 1989
Beverly Lynch, 27, Tiffin, OH 35:57 1989
Grace Wilson, 31, Atlanta, GA 36:05 1990
Annette Craighead, Ft Collins, CO 36:05 1991
Ann Courtney, 33, Prairie Du Chien, WI 36:11 1991
Jane Asimus, 37, Cedar Falls 36:34 1989
Kim Schneckloth, 23, Mt. Prospect, Ill. 36:34 1991
Annette Craighead, 27, Kansas City, MO 36:35 1989
Sheila Geere, 27, Minneapolis, MN 36:39 1991
Kimberly Spranger, 24, Des Moines 36:43 1990
Becky Clairmont, 31, Mankato, MN 36:44 1989
Linda Groon, 23, Brookings, SD 36:52 1992
Kris Wallace, 31, Des Moines 37:10 1989
Karla Burds, 20, Des Moines 37:17 1990
Tina Atchley, 23, Indianola 37:19 1992
Patty Grogan, 28, Davenport 37:21 1992
Elaine Vandyck, 35, Des Moines 37:38 1989

Vicki Coyle, 29, Sioux City 37:41 1990
Claudia Scott, 39, Marion 37:43 1990
Ann Westby, 21, Brookings, SD 37:44 1992
Lisa Hilby, 26, Minneapolis, MN 37:48 1991
Cindy Schroeder, 26, Minneapolis, MN 37:52 1992
Kim Puterbaugh, 19, Cavour, SD 37:57 1992
Deirdre Van Sickle, 29, Phoenix, AZ 38:05 1991
Julia Wilson, 27, Ames 38:08 1989
Pamela Uhrich, 28, Hasting, NE 38:11 1990
Jane Asimus, 36, Cedar Falls 38:15 1988
Colleen Baskerville, 34, Cedar Rapids. 38:15 1991
Vicki Coyle, 27, Brookings, SD 38:16 1988
Patty Grogan, 27, Davenport 38:23 1991
Lisa Hilby, 27, Minneapolis, MN 38:29 1992
Angi Baker, 19, Hasting, NE 38:31 1990
Kathleen Freeland, 27, Des Moines 38:35 1990
Tracy Donahue, 26, Edina, MN 38:35 1992
Sharon Stubler, 27, Edina, MN 38:37 1992
Miriam Otten-Hill, 24, Licking, MO 38:42 1990

Men 35-39

Mark Fluitt, 35, Lincoln, NE 30:29 1992
Benji Durden, 37, Boulder, CO 30:52 1989
Fred Binggeli, 38, Charlottvill, VA 30:59 1990
Dave Johnson, 35, Lincoln, NE 31:18 1991
Rich Fuller, 35, Davenport 31:24 1992
Barney Klecker, 37, Hopkins, MN 31:34 1989
Bob Becker, 37, Mooresville, NC 31:38 1989
Barney Klecker, 38, Minnetonka, MN 32:11 1990
Raul De Anda, 37, Des Moines 32:17 1989
Joseph Hanson, 37, Madison, WI 32:17 1991

Men 40-44

Manuel Vera, 40, Mexico 28:58 1991
Web Loudat, 42, Albuquerque, Nm 31:04 1989
Fred Binggeli, 40, Charlottesville, VA 31:40 1992
Rick Scupham, 40, West Des Moines 31:51 1989
Jim Pollard, 40, Boone 32:38 1992
Curt Hoegh, 40, Clive 32:55 1992
Dennis Stewart, 41, Higginsville, Mo 33:09 1990
Dennis Stewart, 42, Higginsville, Mo 33:25 1991
Bill Rodgers, 40, Boston, MA 33:52 1988
Don Zile, 41, Des Moines 34:01 1988

Men 45-49

Bruce Mortenson, 48, Minnetonka, MN 33:51 1992
Jack Beattie, 47, Boulder, CO 35:22 1989
Paul Gryte, 47, Nevada 35:42 1992
Steve Collis, 47, West Des Moines 36:17 1992
Carl Pursell, 47, Des Moines 36:26 1992
Leon Fox, 46, Perry 36:27 1989
Ronald McKay, 46, Chariton 36:30 1990
Carl Purscell, 45, Des Moines 36:34 1990
Marc Ayers, 45, Des Moines 36:39 1989

Don DeNoon, 48, Carbondale, IL 36:39 1992

Men 50-54

Patrick Murphy, 51, Cedar Rapids 35:30 1992
Mike Bender, 51, Adel 36:06 1992
Larry Cheever, 51, Des Moines 36:23 1989
Eugene Wren, 50, Kansas City, KS 36:23 1991
Guy Ealey, 52, Newton 36:28 1992
Guy Ealey, 50, Newton 36:43 1990
Richard Wootton, 53, Overland Park, KS 36:52 1992
Bill Duggan, 53, Dubuque 37:01 1990
William J Koehn, 53, Des Moines 37:07 1989
Jim Floyd, 50, West Des Moines 37:31 1992

Men 55-59

Oleg Morozov, 56, Overland Park, KS 37:16 1991
Jim Schleisman, 55, Jefferson 39:35 1989
Jim Schleisman, 58, Jefferson 39:38 1991
Jim Schleisman, 56, Rockwell City 39:50 1990
Donald Herrington, 55, Burnside 41:08 1989
Don Muff, 55, Ames 41:21 1992
Jim Schleisman, 58, Jefferson 41:34 1992
Kenneth Lane, 59, Ames 41:59 1990
Ronald Billings, 56, Des Moines 42:02 1989
Tom Newell, 56, Urbandale 42:08 1992

Men 60 & Over

Gene Harding, 60, Des Moines 40:41 1991
Gerald Witten, 61, Emporia, KS 41:14 1991
Bob Bartling, 64, Brookings, SD 42:00 1991
Bob Bartling, 61, Brookings, SD 42:02 1988
Gordon Richer, 60, Winterset 42:33 1988
Bob Bartling, 65, Brookings, SD 43:47 1992
Bernard Phillips, 61, Leawood, KS 43:55 1990
Don Novak, 62, Waterloo 43:59 1992
Gordon Rischer, 63, Winterset 44:08 1991
Gordon Rischer, 62, Winterset 44:14 1990

Women 35-39

Kathy Molitor, 36, Dubuque 34:56 1990
Jane Asimus, 37, Cedar Falls 36:34 1989
Elaine Van Dyck, 35, Des Moines 37:38 1989
Claudia Scott, 39, Marion 37:43 1990
Jane Asimus, 36, Cedar Falls 38:15 1988
Claudia Scott, 38, Marion 38:50 1989
Janelle Swanberg, 38, Davenport 38:53 1989
Elaine Van Dyck, 38, Des Moines 38:53 1992
Elain Vandyck, 36, Des Moines 39:11 1990
Janelle Swanberg, 37, Davenport 39:20 1988

Women 40-44

Priscilla Welch, 43, Boulder, CO 35:30 1988
Linda Schissel, 43, Minneapolis, MN 40:02 1992
Claudia Scott, 40, Marion 40:10 1991

Irene Humphries, 41, Nauvoo, IL 41:23 1992
Faye Berger, 44, Golden Valley, MN 41:38 1992
Judith Muller, 43, Altoona 41:54 1992
Claudia Scott, 41, Marion. 42:17 1992
Rae Gene Burger, 44, Des Moines 42:29 1989
Phyllis Pearson, 42, Des Moines 42:46 1990
Nancy Kapheim, Davenport 43:06 1988

Women 45-49

Rae Gene Burger, 47, Clive 43:50 1992
Rae Gene Burger, 45, Des Moines 43:51 1990
Shirley Hanson, 48, Duluth, MN 44:58 1992
Barbara Van Skike, 47, Saginaw, MN 46:39 1991
Norma Wessel, 49, Des Moines 47:49 1990
Dody Burkey, 47, Cedar Rapids 48:03 1992
Norma Wessel, 48, Des Moines 48:09 1989
Jean Gifford, 49, West Des Moines 48:25 1988
Patricia Goodwin, 45, Edina, MN 48:25 1992
Pauline Lundgren, 45, Omaha, NE 48:39 1989

Women 50 & Over

Jean Gifford, 51, West Des Moines 45:39 1990
Jan Gillum, 53, Des Moines 47:35 1989
Jan Gillum, 54, Des Moines 47:47 1990
Jean Gifford, 50, West Des Moines 48:08 1989
Betty Keeney, 52, Ames 48:51 1990
Betty Keeney, 53, Ames 49:43 1991
Jan Gillum, 55, Des Moines 49:44 1991
Betty Keeney, 51, Ames 49:50 1989
Pat Neff, 60, Beaman 49:55 1990
Beverly Allison, 51, Madrid 49:57 1989
Pat Neff, 59, Beaman 50:00 1989

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