

homeless, but also to support the homeless children of Cleveland Public Schools (Project Act). Director of Project Act, Marcia Zashin, offered great support and media coverage during the race. Charlie Kozlesky, the state Department of Education coordinator for education of the homeless children, is no stranger to raising money for children — he has participated in and directed the Woodsfield Children's Hospital Charity Run for many years — and he accepted the challenge to run across the state. And Kevin Courtright, being an ultrarunner and knowing "first hand" how challenging and difficult a race of this kind is as a result of being a support crew for a previous Run Across Ohio, decided he wanted to accept the challenge, too.

Usually the event is run during winter months when it has been very cold with lots of snow. The weather still would not cooperate this year even though the date was moved to April. This year the runners still got some snow, plus they had to contend with rain, hail, and 50 mph headwinds. This uncooperative weather made it extremely difficult for the runners and their support crews.

Regis and I were the support crew for Kevin, and Katherin Cannon, a VISTA worker for Project Act, was the support crew for Charlie. Since Kevin and Charlie ran the first four days together, crewing was made easier for us, plus we were together each evening — Wednesday's stop, for example, brought us into the Open Shelter in Columbus where Mary Beitel offered her help and support. By the end of the third day both runners suffered from injuries. Charlie had shin splints and Kevin had problems with his Achilles. The runners managed to suffer through the day on Thursday, but on the last day on Friday Charlie was only able to run for about four hours before his injury forced him to drop out. Kevin, still moving painfully, was able to complete the race and finish at Fountain Square, in Cincinnati, late Friday.

Thanks go to the Project Act Committee, contributors, and especially to the runners for their super fine efforts.

Diana and Regis Shivers

## El Reno 50 Km

El Reno, Okla. May 25, 1996  
Trails; paved, gravel, and dirt roads; rolling hills

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| 1. Chisholm Deupree | 4:14:00 |
| 2. J. D. Shaw       | 4:38:00 |
| 3. Harry Deupree    | 5:44:20 |
| 4. Jimmy Sallis     | 5:44:21 |
| 5. Debbie Deupree   | 5:49:49 |
| 6. Stan Carrier     | 6:27:25 |
| 7. Mike DeMoss      | 6:27:26 |
| 8. Tony Howard      | 6:27:27 |

The first annual Memorial Day El Reno 50 Km Run was held in beautiful western Oklahoma. The temperatures were warm,

and there was very little wind (unusual!) and a beautiful sunrise. The course circled Lake El Reno and turned west where runners met rolling hills, wheat fields, and lots of sun.

Chisholm Deupree took the lead from the start and held it all the way. J. D. Shaw ran a strong race, but could not catch Deupree. The field of runners included veterans like Harry Deupree (the "father" of Oklahoma ultrarunning), Debbie Deupree, and Jimmy Sallis, as well as newcomers Mike DeMoss and Stan Carrier.

Tony Howard (R.D.)

## Brew to Brew 42 Mile

Kansas City, Mo., to Lawrence, Kan.  
Country roads March 17, 1996

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Matt Brisch, 28, KS       | 5:14:34 |
| 2. Steve Riley, 42, KS       | 5:37:11 |
| 3. Raul Flores, 40           | 5:46:33 |
| 4. Marla Rhoden, 40, KS      | 6:28:26 |
| 5. Brad Rhoden, 42, KS       | 6:28:27 |
| 6. Bob Sample, 39, KS        | 6:18:46 |
| 7. Jerry Bartram, 49         | 6:55:47 |
| 8. Bill Woolsey, 44          | 6:51:15 |
| 9. Robert Boehm, 45, KS      | 7:03:44 |
| 10. Bruce Gilbert, 46, KS    | 7:05:35 |
| 11. Joe Equels, 40, KS       | 7:13:25 |
| 12. Mike Schupp, 44          | 7:24:09 |
| 13. Peter Ross-Gotta, 43, KS | 8:57:20 |

18 starters

The lure of beer attracted 701 runners to the second annual 42-mile run from the Boulevard Brewery in Kansas City, Missouri, to the Free State Brewery in Lawrence, Kansas. Fourteen miles of the route follow the bank of the Kansas River, the rest is on rural roads.

Most of the runners were on relay teams, but 18 entered the solo division. The race was easier this year, with aid stations

every four miles instead of every six, and the overall course two miles shorter. Competition in the solo division was somewhat low-key because four of the lead contenders were tuning up for Boston. With 100 relay runners milling around each aid station it was hard for some runners to find the water table; we will mark them with helium party balloons next year. Because of the focus on the relay division (we expect 1,000 in 1997), solo entrants must be strong, independent runners.

We received many enthusiastic comments about the race, the new route, and the food at the end. To demonstrate how easy the course is, the race director will run it himself next year, and give an award to any who beat him (on the basis of age/sex corrected times, of course!). Also, after two years of perfect weather, we absolutely guarantee sleet and rain driven by 40-mile-per-hour gales. Next year's date is Sunday, March 9, 1997.

Lou Joline (R.D.)

## Rocky Mountain 50 Mile

Laramie to Cheyenne, Wyo. May 26, 1996  
Hilly roads

### 50 miles

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Bjorn Grass, 35, GER       | 7:32:25  |
| 2. Dennie Grunstad, 37, CO    | 7:43:29  |
| 3. Theresa Daus-Weber, 41, CO | 7:59:00  |
| 4. Mike Degner, 46, CO        | 8:07:06  |
| 5. Chris Keleher, 36, UT      | 8:46:55  |
| 6. John Ooley, 41, OK         | 8:52:11  |
| 7. Nick Bassett, 51           | 9:05:02  |
| 8. Rick Rochelle, 32, CO      | 9:08:24  |
| 9. Shannon Rochelle, 31, CO   | 9:35:12  |
| 10. Don Kelley, 54, TX        | 9:42:42  |
| 11. Fiona Winkler, 40, UT     | 9:54:04  |
| 12. Charles Fritz, 47, MT     | 10:07:12 |
| 13. Ellen Ives, 42, UT        | 10:35:22 |

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