

'Laps for Love' ultramarathon hosted at Sedgwick County Park despite extreme heat

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WICHITA, Kan. (KWCH) - As people in Wichita deal with extreme heat, one group is hosting a 'last man standing' ultramarathon.

Runners have completed over 130 miles over dozens of hours during the 'Laps for Love' marathon.

Every hour, runners complete a lap around Sedgwick County Park and then rest until the next start.

Race Director Joseph Hamer said the whole event is a fundraiser for a local non-profit to support Wichitans dealing with housing insecurity. He said that all they've been focusing on is heat safety throughout the entirety of the marathon.

"Most importantly, it's important to start early. It's important to stay on top of your sodium, and just drink. If you're not using the restroom, you're probably not drinking enough water. It's so important to stay on top of it," said Hamer. "If you're trying to play catch up, then yeah, your race is probably gonna be over here today."

Hamer said the field had whittled down to just two runners as of Sunday afternoon.