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National 8K Cross-Country Championships Return to Louisville - BOB ULLRICH

On Oct. 25, 1998 the USATF Masters 8K Cross-Country Championships returned to Louisville, Ky., where they have been contested five times in the 1990s. The race was held over a two-loop course at E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park, and hosted by the Victory AC, Metro Parks TC, and Mason-Dixon AC, all of Louisville, and Sawyer State Park. At race time, the temperatures were in the low 70s under sunny skies and low humidity as 88 runners from 11 states toed the starting line. The course was in top shape as more than a month of dry weather had rendered it hard and fast, and featured three small hills at half a mile, two miles, and 5 1/2 miles. Hay bales were placed at 1 1/2 and 3 miles to add a European flavor to the competition. As the gun sounded, Stan Clark; 43, Pewee Valley, KY, assumed the lead, was in first place by about 10 yards at the one-mile mark, and stretched his lead to finish first overall by 22 seconds in a fine time of 26:37. Clark's time was more than a minute slower than the course record 25:08, set by Steve Scott in 1996. Bob Carroll, 42, Forrestville, N.Y., was second in 26:58. The M50-54 group produced the grandmasters (50+) champion, Peter Hallop, 51, Ann Arbor, Mich., who won in 28:18. Other division winners included Dick Wilson, 66, Lawrence, Kansas, M65, 33:12, and Jim Forshee, 72, Ann Arbor, Mich., M70, 34:55. Edgar Morgan, 80, Louisville, was the oldest finisher, in 51:35. Jeanne Olash, 41, Louisville, won the women's race with a 30th-overall finish at 30:34. Robin Sarris-Hallop, 42, Ann Arbor, was second in 31:36. Ellen Nitz, 58, Milford, Mich., was the women's grandmasters winner with a 37:54. Team competition was spirited, as more than half of the race entrants also competed on 11 teams representing five running clubs. The M40+ winner was Runners Forum TC of Indianapolis. The M50+ title went to the Motor City Striders of Detroit. The well-represented Victory AC of Louisville won the M60+, W40+, and W60+ titles. Following the race, runners enjoyed a complimentary pizza buffet and soft drinks provided by Papa John's International. Other sponsors who made the Championships possible were Gateway Press of Louisville and the Brown-Forman Corporation of Louisville. The 8K Cross-Country Championships will return to Louisville on Oct. 24, 1999.

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Carole Langenbach

1998

Master 8k XC

10/25/1998

Louisville, KY

**E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State
Pk**

68/13

81

2-0-1-0-0/3W

2-4-1-0-0/7M

10 teams

1 8k race

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Stan Clark

x

x

Stan Clark

Gordon Benfield

Peter Hallop

Bill Delph

Ray Parrella

Dick Wilson

Jim Forshee

x

Edgar Morgan

x

x

x

Jeanne Olash

Jeanne Olash

Sandy Padgett

x

Ellen Nitz

Rose Taylor

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Runners Forum TC

Motor City Striders

Victory AC

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Victory AC
 x
 Victory AC
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1998

1998-Oct-25	40-44	Clark	Stan	43	M	Louisville	KY	8k	26:37	1
1998-Oct-25	45-49	Benfield	Gordon	na	M	Louisville	KY	8k	28:48	11
1998-Oct-25	50-54	Hallop	Peter	51	M	Louisville	KY	8k	28:18	6
1998-Oct-25	55-59	Delph	Bill		M	Louisville	KY	8k	30:33	29
1998-Oct-25	60-64	Parrella	Ray		M	Louisville	KY	8k	32:16	50
1998-Oct-25	65-69	Wilson	Dick	66	M	Louisville	KY	8k	33:12	57
1998-Oct-25	70-74	Forshee	Jim	72	M	Louisville	KY	8k	34:55	61
1998-Oct-25	75-79	x	x		M	Louisville	KY	8k		
1998-Oct-25	80-84	Morgan	Edgar	80	M	Louisville	KY	8k	51:35	68
1998-Oct-25	85-89	x	x		M	Louisville	KY	8k		

1998-Oct-25	40-44	Olash	Jeanne	41	F	Louisville	KY	8k	30:34	1
1998-Oct-25	45-49	Padgett	Sandy		F	Louisville	KY	8k	37:15	5
1998-Oct-25	50-54	x	x		F	Louisville	KY	8k		
1998-Oct-25	55-59	Nitz	Ellen	58	F	Louisville	KY	8k	37:54	7
1998-Oct-25	60-64	Taylor	Rose	61	F	Louisville	KY	8k	41:33	9
1998-Oct-25	65-69	x	x		F	Louisville	KY	8k		
1998-Oct-25	70-74	x	x		F	Louisville	KY	8k		
1998-Oct-25	75-79	x	x		F	Louisville	KY	8k		

1998-Oct-25	80-84	x	x	F	Louisville	KY	8k	
1998-Oct-25	85-89	x	x	F	Louisville	KY	8k	