

Drake Relays 10 km 1988 to 1992

"The Best Runners ever to run in Central Iowa"

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 outgrew 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 Alcalá, 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	Patrick Billing, 27, Roseville, MN	30:40	1990
Jesus Herrera, 29, Boulder, CO	28:45	1991	Tim Schmid, 34, Kansas City, MO	30:40	1992
Sean Wade, 26, San Francisco, CA	28:45	1992	Barnaba Korir, 23, Ames	30:42	1989
Paul Ruget, 27, Denton, TX	28:47	1989	Paul Morgan, 25, Minneapolis, MN	30:43	1992
Roberto Ramirez, 24, Boulder, CO	28:49	1991	Scott Brink, 30, Wyoming, MN	30:44	1989
Silvio Guerra, 23, Ecuador	28:49	1992	Sam Sitonik, 33, Albuquerque, Nm	30:46	1989
Patrick Sang, 26, Ames	28:53	1990	Rusty Collins, 25, Kansas City, MO	30:48	1992
Thom Hunt, 33, Coronado, CA	28:54	1991	Simon Gutierrez, 23, Tucson, AR	30:48	1989
Brett Burt, 25, Boulder, CO	28:57	1991	Bill Ford, 25, Ames	30:49	1991
Manuel Vera, 40, Mexico	28:58	1991	Benji Durden, 37, Boulder, CO	30:52	1989
Dave Cuadrado, 27, Arvado, CO	29:00	1990	Eric Woodard, 26, Brandon, SD	30:54	1990
Tom Ansberry, 25, Fridley, MN	29:01	1989	Harley Hanson, 21, Brookings, SD	30:54	1992
Chuck Trujillo, 24, Denver, CO	29:03	1990	Jim Robidoux, 24, Des Moines	30:57	1989
Mekonnen Tulu, 21, Albuquerque, NM	29:05	1991	Fred Binggeli, 38, Charlottvill, VA	30:59	1990
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	Women - Open		
Richi Martinez, 25, Albuquerque, NM	29:12	1989	(82 women under 6:15 minute pace - 38:45)		
Dennis Leck, 28, Northglenn, CO	29:12	1990	Janis Klecker, 29, Minnetonka, MN	31:44	1990
Joseph Leuchtmann, 26, St Louis, MO	29:12	1991	Monica Joyce, 31, Ysilanti, MI	31:48	1990
Timothy Dooling, 29, Omaha, NE	29:14	1989	Janis Klecker, 28, Hopkins, MN	32:10	1989
Pat McCarthy, 25, St Cloud, MN	29:15	1991	Libbie Johnson, 26, Ft Collins, CO	32:12	1991
Dan Hostager, 22, Boulder, CO	29:15	1992	Nan Doak-Davis, 27, Coralville	32:21	1989
Jim Cooper, 30, Atlanta, GA	29:19	1990	Janis Klecker, 30, Minnetonka, MN	32:23	1991
Doug Nelson, 30, Lakewood, Co	29:22	1989	Patty Murray, 23, Park Ridge, IL	32:37	1989
Rodney DeHaven, 24, Middleton, WI	29:23	1991	Inna Poushkariva, 27, Russia	32:42	1992
Peter Brett, 29, Australia	29:26	1992	Judy Chamberlain, 30, Golden, CO	32:51	1989
Mike Carney, 26, Des Moines	29:28	1989	Tina Tjungberg, 25, El Paso, TX	32:55	1990
Peter Renner, 31, New Zealand	29:30	1991	Diane Bussa, 30, Boulder, CO	32:57	1992
Aaron Ramirez, 24, Tucson, AZ	29:31	1989	Martha Tenorio, 25, Ecuador	32:58	1992
Carlo Retiz, 29, Boulder, CO	29:31	1991	Mary Level-Menton, 29, Cora Springs, FL	33:10	1992
Rafael Comenares, 28, Albuquerque, NM	29:35	1989	Cheri Sly, 24, Dexter, MI	33:12	1989
Mark Fluitt, 32, Lincoln, NE	29:43	1989	Susan Scites, 29, Louisville, CO	33:24	1990
Tjart Van Nieuwenhuizen, 25, Wichita, KS	29:46	1990	Cindy James, 30, Homewood, IL	33:26	1990
Steve Kogo, 27, Albuquerque, NM	29:50	1989	Leslie Seymour, 28, Minneapolis, MN	33:29	1989
Peter Williams, 28, Wichita, KS	29:51	1989	Libbie Johnson, 25, Fort Collins, CO	33:29	1990
Dennis Smithhisler, 24, Wichita, KS	29:53	1989	Laurie King, 28, Rosemount, MN	33:36	1989
Curt Shelman, 31, Wichita, KS	29:54	1990	Marie Boyd, 31, Rochester, MN	33:49	1991
Peter Williams, 31, Ft Collins, CO	29:55	1992	Marsha Tenorio, 24, Boulder, CO	33:56	1991
Eugene Leontyev, 29, Stavropol, USSR	29:58	1990	Kathryn Evans, 27, Ft Collins, CO	34:01	1991
Mike Carney, 29, Ames	29:58	1992	Susan Scites, 30, Naperville, IL	34:13	1991
Curt Shelman, 33, Wichita, KS	30:07	1992	Kathryn Evans, 26, Wales	34:13	1992
Mike Carney, 28, Ames	30:10	1991	Ann Ringlein, 34, Lincoln, NE	34:18	1992
Dale Bradley, 34, Lincoln, NE	30:11	1992	Karen Lutzke, 26, Macomb, IL	34:19	1989
Kip Limo, 21, Ames	30:12	1991	Alicia Mundahl, 24, Boulder, CO	34:19	1992
Mark Fluitt, 33, Lincoln, NE	30:17	1990	Anne Hare, 26, Mt View, CA	34:20	1991
Lance Mason, 25, Colorado Springs, CO	30:17	1992	Suzi Morris, 31, Leucadia, CA	34:22	1989
Jon Van Arkel, 31, Springfield, MO	30:18	1990	Angelica Almeida, 26, San Francisco, CA	34:23	1991
Mike Schmidt, 29, Wichita, KS	30:18	1992	Cheri Sly, 25, Ann Arbor, MI	34:27	1990
Dale Bradley, 33, Lincoln, NE	30:20	1991	Cindy James, 31, Homewood, IL	34:32	1991
Craig Cassen, 22, New Hope, MN	30:22	1990	Suzanne Youngberg, 26, Des Moines	34:36	1990
Noel Harvey, 28, Madison, WI	30:23	1989	Larisa Emolyanenko, 26, Stavropol, USSR	34:38	1990
Glenn Magrum, 28, Terrytown, NY	30:24	1991	Louise Mohanna, 29, Cario, NE	34:41	1991
Pat McCarthy, 26, Colorado Springs, CO	30:24	1992	Kathryn Evans, 25, Wichita, KS	34:44	1989
Terry Drake, 31, Overland Park, KS	30:25	1989	Louise Marie Mohanna, 28, Cario, NE	34:45	1990
Ron Moran, 29, Omaha, NE	30:26	1992	Evelyn Adire, 24, ??, AL	34:51	1989
Harley Hanson, 21, Rosholt, SD	30:27	1991	Catriona Dowling, 34, Lincoln, NE	34:52	1992
Jim Robidoux, 27, Oskaloosa	30:27	1992	Kathy Molitor, 36, Dubuque (?)	34:56	1990
Tim Blackstone, 28, Sioux Falls, SD	30:28	1990	Suzanne Youngberg, 24, Des Moines	34:58	1988
Mark Fluitt, 35, Lincoln, NE	30:29	1992	Yoli Casas, 27, Boulder, CO	35:00	1991
Jeff Massmann, 27, Hendricks, MN	30:31	1991	Louise Mohanna, 30, Cario, NE	35:03	1992
Mike Carney, 25, Des Moines	30:36	1988	Anita Kelly, 27, Ames	35:11	1992
Dave Avenson, 29, Cohasset, MN	30:32	1992	Priscilla Welch, 43, Boulder, CO	35:30	1988
Mark Anderson, 31, Boulder, CO	30:37	1992	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 Groom, 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, Hastings, 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, Hastings, 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, Charlottesville, 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