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# John Hancock Keeps Marathon Running Strong

In its 16th year as the chief sponsor of the Boston Marathon, John Hancock will once again contribute a wide range of financial and support services to this year's event. This ongoing commitment between John Hancock and the Boston Athletic Association, which has directed the race since 1897, ensures the stability of the world's oldest annual marathon well into the next century.

John Hancock's landmark sponsorship began in 1986, when the Company provided the first-ever prize purse at Boston. Since then, John Hancock has continued to contribute services to the runners, public, surrounding communities, and media.

## **HELPING TO KEEP THE RACE RUNNING**

As principal sponsor of the 105-year-old race, John Hancock offers this year's prize purse of \$525,000. Runners, who make up one of the most competitive marathon fields worldwide, will compete for a part of this purse plus other performance bonuses.

In addition, John Hancock makes payment to eight cities and towns along the Boston Marathon route in appreciation of past and ongoing race support. The communities that graciously host the marathon route each spring are Hopkinton, Ashland, Framingham, Natick, Wellesley, Newton, Brookline, and Boston.

To support the thousands of local, national, and international media who arrive in the city to cover the race, John Hancock's Corporate Communications department assists in the production of an informative media guide, the coordination of the press materials, and the operation of the pressroom.

On race day, John Hancock also provides the use of several of its facilities in Copley Square, the service of 1,900 employee volunteers to assist with race-related tasks, and a giant television screen near the finish line for the public to view the race.

## **INSPIRING FUTURE MARATHONERS**

In the hope of inspiring future runners, the Company has also established the John Hancock Running and Fitness Clinics. These national educational programs are designed to teach young people the importance of health and fitness and how running plays an important role in both. Through these clinics, John Hancock brings elite international athletes into schools to demonstrate running techniques, training methods, and healthy lifestyles.

To date, more than 74,000 children nationwide have participated in John Hancock Running and Fitness Clinics. Top athletes who have volunteered their time and knowledge include former Boston Marathon winners Moses Tanui and Cosmas Ndeti of Kenya; Uta Pippig of Germany; and Americans Bill Rodgers, Keith Brantley, Kim Jones, and Olympic and Boston champion Joan Benoit Samuelson.

The original clinic staff included Johnny "The Elder" Kelley, who began his legendary Boston Marathon career in 1928, and 1986 Marathon winners Rob de Castella of Australia and Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway.

# Boston Marathon 2001 Men's Open Biographies

## **MOSES TANUI**

**Age: 35 (8/20/65)**

**Eldoret, Kenya**

**PB, NR: 2:06:16 (Chicago, 1999)**

Tanui's tenacity, consistency, and rigorous training over two decades continue to result in marathon times that are among the world's fastest. Twice a Boston champion and one of the city's favorite runners, Tanui has finished Boston six times. In his thrilling 1998 win, Tanui sprinted ahead of countryman Joseph Chebet in the final 200 meters and won by a slim three seconds. His 2:07:34 remains the third-fastest time in the race's 104-year history. In another dramatic finish last year, Tanui could have used those winning three seconds. Dueling with training partner Elijah Lagat and Ethiopian Gezahegne Abera in the final miles, Tanui began the push 400 meters out, but was reeled in by Lagat and Abera, who finished "one-two" with identical times. In the closest top three finish ever run at Boston, Tanui crossed the line three seconds back in 2:09:50. Tanui's first win at Boston's 1996 Centennial Marathon in 2:09:15 ended the streak of three-time winner Cosmas Ndeti. Other Boston finishes include fifth in 1997 (2:11:38), second in 1995 (2:10:22), and tenth in 1994 (2:09:40). Tanui has ranked among the world's top marathoners since his 1993 debut at New York. Track & Field News named him #3 in 1998 for his Boston win and his fifth place finish at Chicago (2:09:43). In 1999 he received the #3 position from Running Times for his stellar 2:06:16 second place at Chicago (the third-fastest marathon of all-time and Kenyan national record). Tanui set the precedent as a top echelon athlete with a 1991 World Championship gold medal in the 10,000 meters and 1990 and 1991 silver medal performances at the World Cross Country Championships. In 1993, he was the first man to break one hour in the half-marathon, posting a world's best 59:47. He also placed eighth in the 1988 and 1992 Olympic 10,000 meters. Additional highlights include first at the 1997 Chuncheon International Marathon in 2:09:01; first at the 1997, '98, and '99 Kyoto Half-Marathon (62:20, 61:34, 61:06); and third at the 2000 Chicago Marathon in 2:07:47.

## **BONG-JU LEE**

**Age: 30 (10/11/70)**

**Seoul, Korea**

**PB, NR: 2:07:20 (Tokyo, 2000)**

One of the most celebrated runner-ups in marathon history, Lee missed the 1996 Atlanta gold by three seconds in the closest finish in Olympic history. He settled for the silver in 2:12:39. His second place 2:08:26 finish at the 1996 Dong-A International Marathon in Kyong-ju was the second fastest time recorded that year. In 1998, his 2:07:44 second place at the Rotterdam Marathon was good for a national record performance. And in 2000, Lee's performance at the Tokyo Marathon wasn't good enough for the win, but it bettered his national record to 2:07:20. Despite the near misses, Lee has his share of prestigious victories. He won the 1992 and 1993 Korean Championship Marathon, the 1993 Honolulu Marathon, the 1995 Dong-A Marathon (2:10:58), and the Fukuoka Marathon in 1996 (2:10:48). Track & Field News named him the #1 marathon runner in the world in 1996. At the 13th Asian Games held in Bangkok, Thailand, in December of 1998, Lee brought home the gold for his country with a 2:12:32 marathon in sweltering conditions. Among his other races, he holds the national record in the half-marathon (1:01:04, Tokyo) and ran the 1997 Chuncheon Marathon, in freezing winds, placing fifth in 2:10:33. In 1999, Lee ran the London Marathon and in 2000 competed at the Sydney Olympics placing 24th. In December of last year Lee placed second at the Fukuoka Marathon in 2:09:04. At his only Boston Marathon appearance Lee placed 11th in 1994 with a time of 2:09:57. That year produced a stellar men's field with 11 runners finishing under 2:10.

## **ELIJAH LAGAT**

**Age: 34 (6/19/66)**

**Nandi District, Kenya**

**PB: 2:07:41 (Berlin, 1997)**

Defending Boston Marathon champion, Lagat had the finishing kick and tactical experience to win the closest race in Boston Marathon history. Taking his starting position at Hopkinton for the first time, Lagat ran the late stages of the race in a tight group with compatriot and training partner Moses Tanui and Ethiopian Gezahegne Abera. Working against a headwind, Lagat reacted with patience to Tanui's push at 26 miles and sustained his effort until unleashing all he had in the final 200 meters. Abera pressed on to finish second, earning the same 2:09:47 as Lagat, with Tanui three seconds back. For his Boston victory, Lagat was named to the Kenyan Olympic Marathon team. Lagat's rise to world class status has been fast and furious, and he expects to stay on top for awhile. Lagat brings one of the fastest personal best times to Boston this year and has a long list of top finishes. He was the winner of the 1997 Berlin Marathon (2:07:41) and the champion of the 1998 Prague Marathon (2:08:52). Other notable finishes include seventh at the 1996 Rotterdam Marathon in 2:11:54, second at the 1997 Turin Marathon in 2:09:19, tenth at the 1998 Chicago Marathon in 2:10:33, fifth at the 1999 Paris marathon in 2:08:50, and sixth at the 1999 New York City Marathon in 2:09:59. Lagat extends his talents to the half-marathon as well, recording the fourth-fastest time in 1999 with his first-place 60:24 finish at the Route du Vin Half-Marathon in Grevenmacher, Luxembourg. In preparation for Boston 2001, Lagat placed fourth at the hilly and competitive San Blas Half-Marathon in February.

**GEZAHEGNE ABERA****Age: 22 (4/23/78)****Addis Ababa, Ethiopia****PB: 2:07:54 (Fukuoka, 1999)**

This young Ethiopian ran away with the gold medal at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, posting a time of 2:10:11. Combined with a duel-to-the-wire second place finish at the Boston Marathon and a fifth place 2:09:45 at the Fukuoka International Marathon, Abera was named the #1 marathon runner in the world in 2000 by Track & Field News. In the closest finish in Boston Marathon history, Abera and winner Elijah Lagat of Kenya earned the same time of 2:09:47. Abera will challenge Lagat again this year. In his three short years as a marathoner, Abera has established the precedent of closing strong in the top races. Abera's fastest marathon was recorded in Fukuoka in 1999 when he shattered his personal best by six minutes to win in 2:07:54. At that race, he battled France's Mohamed Ouadi over the final two kilometers, making his move with 400 meters to go and winning by a slim second. In his first marathon in 1998, Abera placed third at the Addis Ababa Marathon (run at altitude) in 2:17:28. At his first race in the U.S., Abera finished fourth at the hilly 1999 Los Angeles Marathon in 2:13:59. Five months later, he was the first of his countrymen to cross the line at the World Championships in Seville, finishing 11th. Abera recorded his fastest half-marathon (60:30, fifth place) at the 2000 Broloppet Half-Marathon, a race which starts in Copenhagen, Denmark and finishes in Malmo, Sweden.

**PETER GITHUKA****Age: 39 (2/14/62)****Miharati, Kenya/Norristown, Pennsylvania PB 2:08:02 (Chicago, 2000)**

One of the most prolific road runners of the past decade and current world record holder in the 8K, Githuka added the marathon to his resume in 1998 with a 2:11:20 eighth place finish at the New York City Marathon. In 1999 he ran the Boston Marathon, finishing sixth in 2:14:03, and in 2000 he finished fourth at the Chicago Marathon in a personal best 2:08:02. His 22:03 world 8K record stands from his win at the 1996 Crazy Eights 8K in Kingsport, Tennessee. Since that record, Githuka has consistently placed among the top finishers in most of the major U.S. road races. Among his races in 2000, Githuka set the course record at San Diego's America's Finest City Half-Marathon with a 62:24, won the Virginia Ten Mile, placed fourth at the U.S. 10K Classic, and second at the Hartford 5K. In 1999, he won the Virginia Ten Mile; placed second at both the U.S. 10K Classic and the Philadelphia Distance Run 21K (61:37, personal best); and fourth at the Bix 7 Miler and the Crazy Eights 8K. In 1997 and 1998, Githuka was ranked the #2 road racer in the world by Runner's World. Githuka trains on trails and roads in the Valley Forge National Park and in Kenya where he competes in many cross country and track championships. Githuka saved the life of a young boy a few years ago in Kenya, and said, "When I am home in Kenya, the boy waits for me to pass along the road I travel home on daily."

**SHEM KORORIA****Age: 28 (9/25/72)****Kapsokwong, Kitale, Kenya****PB 2:09:32 (New York, 1999)**

Kororia made a name for himself with a stunning 59:56 win at the 1997 World Half-Marathon Championships in Slovakia. He duelled with a tight field in the final stretch, before out kicking Moses Tanui by three seconds for the win. Kororia was fifth at the World Half-Marathon Championships in 1994, recording a 61:16. With a personal best 7:33.13 in the 3,000 meters and a 13:02.80 in the 5,000 meters, Kororia has the speed to close fast in major races. At the 1995 World Championships in Sweden, he won the 5,000 meters bronze medal. His best 10K is a 27:18.02, recorded in Brussels in 1995. Kororia has a prolific background as one of the top Kenyans to race in Europe on the cross country circuit, the roads and track. Highlights of his career include wins at the 1994 Valencia Half-Marathon in 61:33, the Bern, Switzerland Ten Miler in 1995 and 1999, the International De La Seine-Saint Denis in 1995 and 1996 (42:44), and the 1997 Splendid International Half-Marathon in 60:23. In 1998, Kororia made his marathon debut at the New York City Marathon finishing ninth in 2:11:27. The next year at New York, he improved to third place in 2:09:32. Last year he ran New York again, placing third in 2:12:33. Also in 2000, Kororia finished 13th at the London Marathon in 2:12:28 and won the Circuito di Voltaggio in Italy.

**DAVID MORRIS****Age: 30 (5/17/70)****Albuquerque, New Mexico****PB 2:09:32 (Chicago, 1999)**

Morris set an American record with a sizzling 2:09:32 at the 1999 Chicago Marathon, beating his personal best by nearly six minutes. For his efforts, he was awarded the #1 national rank from USATF, Track & Field News, and Running Times, and was awarded Runner of the Year honors from Runner's World. In 2000, he recorded the second fastest American time of the year with a seventh place 2:12 at Chicago. (Khalid Khannouchi set a new American record of 2:07:01 with his 2000 Chicago win.) A computer science graduate of the University of Montana and an All-American in the 3,000 and 10,000 meters, Morris won the U.S. Half-Marathon Championships in 1997. With a 13:44 personal best at 5,000 meters and a 61:08 best in the half-marathon, Morris relocated to Japan to hone his speed to the marathon distance and take a disciplined approach to training. He became a member of the Honda Hamamatsu Corporate Team. Working four hours a day and training the rest of the time, Morris competed year round in the Japanese racing circuit. In 1998 he came to Pittsburgh to compete in the 1998 U.S. Marathon Championships. His 2:15:25 third place improved upon his 1995 Columbus Marathon debut (2:21:15, fifth) and his 1997 Houston Marathon (2:23:10, fourth). As a preview of what was to come at the 1999 Chicago race, Morris won the Japanese All-Corporate Half-Marathon in 62:00, a time that was the fastest half-marathon run by an American in 1999. A U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials qualifier in 1996 (10th) and 2000 (38th), Morris is intent on making the U.S. Olympic team in 2004. He now resides in the U.S., dedicating all his time to training. This is Morris's first Boston Marathon and he wants to be among the top five finishers.

**SILVIO GUERRA****Age: 32 (9/18/68)****Quito, Ecuador****PB, NR: 2:09:49 (Chicago, 1997)**

Versatility at varied distances and a decade of experience mark the talent Guerra brings to his third Boston Marathon. Guerra is the Ecuadorian national record holder in the marathon, 10K, and 5K and the 1999 South American 5,000 and 10,000 meters champion. He represented his country at the marathon distance at the Sydney Olympics, placing 14th. In 1996 he ran the 10,000 meters at the Atlanta Olympics. Guerra's best Boston finish was in 1999 when he broke from the lead pack at 16 miles and led for the next six miles before Joseph Chebet caught him and surged ahead. Guerra finished second behind Chebet in 2:10:19. Last year, Guerra stayed with the front runners through Wellesley, before dropping back to finish tenth in 2:14:18. In his debut marathon, Guerra placed 10th at the 1997 Tokyo International Marathon in 2:14:02. In the fall of the same year, he shaved more than four minutes off his time to run Chicago in 2:09:49, good for eighth and a national record. In his only other marathon finish, Guerra ran a 2:12:30 11th-place at Paris in 1998. Career highlights include a win at the 1995 McGill International 10,000 meters in 27:47.8 (NR), third at the 1999 San Blas Half-Marathon in 63:40, and fourth at the Sao Silvestre 15K in '93, '96, and '98. In 1998, he broke Khalid Khannouchi's course record with a 64:08 win at the Coban Half-Marathon in Guatemala. Three months later, he ran a personal best 62:45, finishing in seventh place at the Rio de Janeiro Half-Marathon. Guerra has run the Boulder Boulder 10K nine times, finishing third last year in 29:54. Also in 2000, Guerra won the Medellin Half-Marathon, placed third at the South American Cross Country 12K Championships, placed fourth at the Bogota International Half-Marathon, and finished fifth in 44:10 at the Sao Silvestre 15 K. Guerra comes from a family of five brothers and five sisters. Two of his sisters and three brothers run competitively, and his mother runs for fun. Guerra wants to be among the top five finishers at Boston this year and has trained in Boulder, Colorado and Quito, Ecuador.

**DAVID KIPTUM BUSIENEI****Age: 26 (12/10/74)****Kabiet, Kenya****PB: 2:10:38 (Amsterdam, 2000)**

For many Kenyan marathon runners, the Boston Marathon is the most prestigious marathon in the world to run. For that reason, Busienei chose Boston as the place to make his debut last year. Stepping above his inexperience, Busienei proved his talent by leading a seasoned field through the half-way mark and staying with the tight group until mile 22. When the front runners broke apart, Busienei held on for a stellar fifth place finish in 2:11:26. In the fall of 2000, after placing fourth at the Rio de Janeiro Half-Marathon, Busienei bettered his marathon time to 2:10:38 with a third place finish at the Amsterdam Marathon. Busienei also shines at the shorter distances as a cross country and half marathon specialist. As champion of the Belfort, France Half-Marathon in 1998, Busienei's 60:54 course record ranked as one of the fastest half-marathons of the year. In 1999, he placed second at the Pietramurata Half-Marathon in 61:37 and second at the 1999 KAAA Mosoriot, Kenya Senior Men's 12K in 39:36.79. In January of 2000 Busienei placed second at the Belfast Cross Country Challenge 8K in 25:05 and followed that race with a third place finish at the 9.7K Lille Cross Country Challenge in 27:55. This year he finished third at the Nandi District Cross Country Championships in the senior men's 12K, covering the distance in 37:34. Busienei is coached by Dr. Gabriele Rosa, and trains at Moses Tanui's Kaptagat training camp in Eldoret, Kenya. His goal at his second Boston Marathon is to improve both his time and place.

**MAKHOSONKE FIKA****Age: 29 (1/20/72)****Cape Town, South Africa****PB: 2:10:39 (Paris, 1999)**

Fika is learning how to unleash his international road, track, and cross country experience in a marathon. In his 1999 debut, he placed eighth at the Paris Marathon in 2:10:39. He followed that showing with a 17th place finish at the IAAF World Marathon Championship. At the Boston Marathon last year, Fika finished a strong 14th. He closed 2000 with a personal best half-marathon at the South African Championships in Durban, finishing 10th in 62:23, and placed ninth at the December Fukuoka Marathon. Fika represented South Africa at the World Cross Country Championships from 1995-97, the Commonwealth Games in 1998, and the IAAF World Half-Marathon Championships in 1997 and 2000. In 1999 he placed second at the South African 10,000 meters Championships in 28:36, seventh at the 10K Road Championships in 28:41, and sixth at the national half-marathon race in 62:49. This past year he finished second in the 10,000 meters at the Stellenbosch South African Championships in 28:49.03 and 12th at the 10K Championships in 28:39. Fika, nicknamed "Shonks" by his teammates, hopes that with better preparation and more experience, he'll run faster times at the marathon distance. His goal is to win a major international marathon. He is coached by Dave Spence and runs with teammates Laban Nkete and Motsehi Moeketsane at a training camp in Port Elizabeth and at altitude. In preparation for the Boston Marathon, he won the 2001 Cape Town Half-Marathon in March.

**LABAN NKETE****Age: 30 (11/13/70)****Port Elizabeth, South Africa****PB: 2:12:30 (Boston, 2000)**

Racing with the front runners at Boston last year, Nkete took the lead from miles 18 to 21. His gutsy move bettered his marathon personal record by nearly two minutes and gave him a seventh place finish in 2:12:30. In October of 2000, Nkete finished 12th at the Chicago Marathon in 2:14:50. New to the marathon distance, Nkete made his debut in 1999 in Reims, France, finishing ninth in 2:14:15. A South African representative at the World Cross Country Championships in 1994, 1995, and 1997, and the former South African Junior 10K record holder and Junior Cross Country Champion, Nkete has dedicated himself to improving his times at the longer distances. In 1999 he ran a personal best half-marathon at the South African Championships in Durban, placing fifth in 62:40. Three months later he ran a personal best road 10K at the South African Championships, placing fifth in 28:35. (His track best is 28:26.20.) Nkete also ran the final leg for the South African team at the 1999 Chiba Ekiden Relay in Japan, bringing the silver medal to his team and recording the second-fastest overall split for his leg. Nkete improved his half-marathon best in 2000, placing sixth at the South African Half-Marathon Championships in 61:35. Nkete is a correctional officer who took six weeks unpaid leave to prepare for Boston. He has been training for Boston at the Pretoria and Max Africa Training Camp in Port Elizabeth and at altitude with teammates Makhosonke Fika and Motsehi Moeketsana.

**MOTSEHI MOEKETSANA****Age: 31 (2/2/70)****Colleen Glen, South Africa****PB: 2:12:47 (Berlin, 2000)**

After recording a personal best 61:22 at the 2000 South African Half-Marathon Championship in August, Moeketsana ran to a personal best marathon in September when he finished eighth at the Berlin Marathon in 2:12:47. Also in 2000, Moeketsana placed third at the South African 10K Championships in 28:16 and represented his country at the IAAF World Half-Marathon Championships in Veracruz, Mexico. In 1999, Moeketsana placed ninth in the Italian Marathon in 2:15:28, second in the Vodacom Half-Marathon in 62:47, second in the Safari SAD Half-Marathon, and recorded a personal best in the 10,000 meters with a fourth place 27:58.82 at the ABSA meet. In 1998 Moeketsana placed fourth in the South African 10K Championships in 28:26 and placed third in the Old Mutual Victory Race 5K in 14:02. Moeketsana trains in Bloemfontein and at the Max Africa training camp in Port Elizabeth with Boston 2001 teammates Laban Nkete and Makhosonke Fika. He plans on a strong showing at his Boston Marathon debut.

**ROD DEHAVEN****Age: 34 (9/21/66)****Madison, Wisconsin****PB: 2:13:02 (Chicago, 1998)**

DeHaven took on the best American marathon runners at the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials in Pittsburgh and fought through quad-busting hills and high humidity to win in 2:15:30. He followed that May success with an eighth place finish at the U.S. Olympic Trials 10,000 meters and a 63:06 win at the U.S. Half-Marathon Championships in Parkersburg, West Virginia. The Parkersburg win marked the third time DeHaven has held the national title at that distance and was the second fastest half-marathon run by an American in 2000. Because of qualifying standards, DeHaven was the only American representative at the Sydney Olympic Marathon. A month after the Olympics, he ran to a 29:09 fourth at the U.S. 10K Championships. Additional 2000 highlights include wins at the Naples, Florida Half-Marathon (63:12, course record) and at the Stanford Invitational 10,000 meters (28:17.25). Nationally, Track & Field News named DeHaven the #2 marathon runner and #7 10,000 meters runner for the year. He also won the USA Road Racing Circuit championship (for the second time, 1998 being the other) and Running Times named him the #1 road racer in the country. In 2001, DeHaven placed fifth (44:38) at the U.S. 15K Championships held at the Gate River Run 15K. A 16-time Division II All-American while attending South Dakota State, DeHaven made his marathon debut at the 1994 Twin Cities Marathon, placing fifth. In 1998 he set a personal best 2:13:01 at Chicago. The following year he competed at the Boston Marathon, placing 18th and was also the fastest American at the World Marathon Championships in Seville. Runner's World named him the #1 American Road Racer in 1998 and '99. DeHaven started running track in the fourth grade. At age ten he ran a 15.2 mile road race in South Dakota. He said of the experience, "I was third to last in 2:41, but I was definitely hooked on running from that point." De Haven is married, has two children, and works as a computer programmer. He trains regularly with marathon runner and Boston 2001 competitor Mark Coogan. DeHaven looks to better his personal best this year at Boston.

**MARK COOGAN****Age: 34 (5/1/66)****Attleboro, Massachusetts****PB: 2:13:05 (Charlotte, 1996)**

A Massachusetts native, Coogan represented America at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Marathon after a hard fought second-place, personal best finish at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Charlotte. One of the most versatile American runners, Coogan has been national road champion at the 5K, 10K, 12K, 15K, and marathon distances and made the national cross country team eight times. He debuted at the Boston Marathon in 1994 and said of the experience, "Not even the Olympics seems to have the energy that Boston does." His 2:13:24 Boston finish qualified him for the 1995 Pan-Am Games where he won a silver medal (2:15:21). Recruited to play basketball at several colleges, Coogan decided to hone his track skills at the University of Maryland where he specialized in the steeplechase. After college he concentrated on the 5,000 (13:23.72) and 10,000 meters before advancing to the marathon. His proudest accomplishment remains becoming the first Massachusetts resident to break the four minute barrier in the mile (3:58.81, Dedham, Massachusetts, 1989). Coogan qualified for last year's Olympic Marathon Trials at the Chicago Marathon in 1998, where he ran 2:15:33. In 1999, he placed second at the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., and at the 2000 Olympic Trials in Pittsburgh, placed third. Even though he was among the top three at the Trials, he did not attend the Olympics because of qualifying standards. In October, he ran the Chicago Marathon, placing 13th in 2:15:10. Also in 2000, Coogan won the Shamrock Shuffle 8K (22:59) and the Boston Race for the Cure. He was ranked the #2 U.S. Road Racer of the Year by Running Times in 2000. Coogan is married to 1992 Olympian Gwyn Coogan and has two daughters. He has been training in Madison, Wisconsin with Boston 2001 competitor Rod DeHaven and hopes to place among the top runners at Boston this year.

**RODERIC DE HIGHDEN****Age: 32 (1/15/69)****Victoria, Australia****PB: 2:13:53 (Fukuoka, 1999)**

Two-time Olympian in the marathon, de Highden secured a spot on the 2000 team by winning the Australian Marathon Trial Championships held at the 2000 Host City Marathon in Sydney. Of his Olympic race, de Highden said that representing his country in a home Olympics has been his proudest running accomplishment. At the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, de Highden placed 23rd and in the same year ran a 2:14:26 for fourth at the Beppu Marathon in Japan. In 1997, de Highden ran a personal best 62:30 at the Tokyo City Half-Marathon and placed third at the Australian 10,000 meter Championships. The next year he improved his position to second at the Australian 10,000 meter Championships. His best marathon time was recorded at the 1999 Fukuoka Marathon, where he finished 17th in a stellar field. That same year he was champion at the Burnley Half-Marathon in 62:39. He has raced in the Chiba Ekiden Relays, leading the Australian team to second ('95), third ('99), and third ('00), and won the 1995 Gold Coast Marathon in 2:13:58. Additional highlights of 2000 include fourth at the Australian 12K Cross Country Championships, fourth at the City to Surf 14K, and fourth at the Gold Coast Half-Marathon. De Highden trains in Melbourne in East Kew on five golf courses located in the area. He is married to Celeste and works part-time in e-commerce for a large department store. In his first Boston showing, de Highden wants to run 2:09.

**JOSH COX****Age: 25 (8/9/75)****El Cajon, California****PB: 2:13:55 (Chicago, 2000)**

The youngest runner at the 2000 Olympic Marathon Trials in Pittsburgh, Cox is poised to make his mark in American distance running. Qualifying for the Trials at his debut marathon in 1999, Cox ran a 2:19:58 at the Rock N Roll Marathon in San Diego. At the Trials, although he had to stop several times because of nausea, Cox placed a respectable 18th. He then increased his training to 130 plus miles per week and shaved more than six minutes off his debut time to finish 10th at the 2000 Chicago Marathon in 2:13:55. A graduate of Liberty University, Cox ran cross country and was competitive in the longer track distances earning All East honors in the 10,000 meters. Showing strength and versatility, Cox turned to ultra running in 1997 and won the Mountain Masochist 50 Mile Trail Run in Virginia in a course record 6:57:10. Additional highlights of 2000 include placing fifth at the Virginia Ten Miler in 49:53, placing eighth at the New Haven 20K in 62:41, and competing for the American team at the Hanji Aoki Cup Chiba Ekiden Relays in Japan. This year, he was a pacer at the Los Angeles Marathon in March. Cox trains at the Discovery USA Camp near San Diego and hopes to be a member of the 2004 Olympic marathon team competing in Athens.

**JE-KYUNG KIM****Age: 23 (3/5/78)****Yongin-City, Korea****PB: 2:13:57 (Chunchon, 2000)**

At the young age of 23, Kim already has three impressive marathon showings. At the Chunchon Marathon in Korea in October of 1999, Kim placed second with a time of 2:15:58. A year later, he was champion at the 2000 Chunchon Marathon, improving his time by over two minutes to 2:13:57. The same year, he also competed at the 71st Dong-A International Marathon in Seoul, Korea, finishing in tenth place. Kim will run the Boston Marathon as his first international marathon outside of Korea. He is preparing for his debut at the Boston Marathon with countryman and Boston 2001 competitor Bong-ju Lee. Kim would like to improve his personal best time and has been training in Kosung and Cheju, Korea and at altitude in Albuquerque, New Mexico with his teammates. His long-term goal is to win an Olympic gold medal at the marathon distance.

**ABEBE GEZAHEGNE YIMER****Age: 20 (12/10/80)****Addis Ababa, Ethiopia****PB: 2:17:40\* (Addis Ababa, 2000)**

Following in the footsteps of one of his country's greatest distance runners, Yimer is a protégé and training partner of Olympic champion and Boston 2001 competitor Gezahegne Abera. A new talent who joined the national team only this year, Yimer has never competed internationally. He ran his first marathon, the Abebe Bikila Marathon, last year in his hometown at 7,000 feet above sea level. His time was an impressive 2:17:40. Yimer is coached by Tolossa Kotu and has recorded a 63:20 half-marathon and a 28:54 10K. Both of these races were also run at altitude. Yimer hopes to stay with the leaders at this year's Boston Marathon and make an international name for himself and his country.

\*Run at 2,400m of altitude.

**SIMON MPHULO****Age: 25 (8/18/75)****Port Elizabeth, South Africa****PB: DNF (Boston, 2000)**

Mpholo is a young cross country and track specialist transitioning to the marathon distance. This year, he placed second at the South African Senior Men's 12K Cross Country Championships in Umtata, in 35:36.93. In March, he ran to third place in the 10,000 meters (28:22.95) at the South African Championships in Durban. Last year he qualified for the South African World Cross Country 12K team with a second-place finish at the 2000 Trials. His proudest running moments have been running cross country races in France and beating top runners like Abdella Behar. In 2000, Mpholo placed fourth at the South African 10,000 meters Championships in Stellenbosch (28:56.57) and set his 10,000-meter personal best on the track, running a 28:37.72 in Port Elizabeth. The same year, Mpholo raced to a personal best 14:05:27 in the 5,000 meters. His half-marathon best was set in 1999 with a 63:02 third at the Provincial Half-Marathon Championships held in Port Elizabeth. Mpholo toed the starting line at Boston last year and led the pack through the halfway mark in 65:41. The strong headwinds took their toll, however, as Mpholo dropped from the race. Mpholo trains in Johannesburg and Port Elizabeth at the Max Africa Training Camp. At Boston this year, he wants to run a strong race and make a name for himself as one of the best runners from South Africa.

**JOSHUA CHELANG'A****Age: 28 (4/7/73)****Baringo, Kenya****Debut**

Chelang'a makes his marathon debut at Boston this year. A cross country, track, and road talent, he has made his mark as a versatile runner. At the 1999 IAAF World Cross Country Championships in Belfast, Chelang'a placed fourth, covering the 12K distance in 39:05. Less than two weeks later, he ran to first place (61:41) at the Gualtieri Half-Marathon in Italy. He followed those successes with a string of road wins on American soil beginning with first place at the Crescent City Classic 10K in New Orleans. His 27:45 placed him in a three-way tie for the second fastest 10K run in the world in 1999. Next was a win at the Sallie Mae 10K (28:17) in Washington, D.C., followed by a win at the Lilac Bloomsday 12K in 34:18. His fastest half-marathon (61:02) was recorded in 1997 at the Splendid International Half-Marathon in Gualtieri, Italy. In 2000, Chelang'a placed eighth at the Nairobi IAAF Cross Challenge and ran a 13:16.76 at the Golden Gala Meeting 5,000 meters in Rome and a 27:49.9 at the Barakaldo Meeting 10,000 meters in Bilbao. On the roads, he placed second at the Arco, Italy 10K in 28:17, missing first by one second to countryman Paul Kosgei and placed second at the Miglianico, Italy 10.4K in 30:31. Chelang'a also ran an impressive 46:25, fifth place finish, at the Cherry Blossom 10 Mile in Washington, D.C. At the 2000 Kenyan Olympic Trials in the 10,000 meters, Chelang'a placed seventh in a deep field which included the world's best runners. This year, Chelang'a ran a series of cross country races including the Nairobi International Cross Country IAAF World Cross 12K Challenge (eighth), the Kenyan Armed Forces Cross Country 12K Championships (eighth) and the Kenyan Cross Country 12K Championships/World Cross Team Trials (seventh). Chelang'a also competed in the Fila Eldoret Half-Marathon, placing third in 62:33.

**TIMOTHY CHERIGAT****Age: 24 (12/29/76)****Chepkorio, Kenya****Debut**

In 2000, Cherigat competed internationally for the first time and quickly made his presence known as a talented runner at the half-marathon distance. At the Humarathon 21K in Vitry-sur-Seine, France, Cherigat ran to a personal best 61:23 for third place. In September, he came stateside and finished fourth at the Philadelphia Half-Marathon in 61:39 and placed seventh at the New Haven 20K in 62:25. The next month, he ran to a fifth place 1:41:09 at the Lidingsloppet 30K in Stockholm, Sweden; a fifth place 62:52 at the Route du Vin Half-Marathon; and a second place 62:25 at the Stroud, Germany Half-Marathon. At the 10K distance, he came in second at the Auckland Castle 10K and third at the Swansea Bay 10K in 29:09. Also in 2000, Cherigat was champion of the Mizuno Erawash Classic 10 Mile Road Race in a personal best 46:28. Cherigat is employed with the Kenyan Navy and hopes to make a fast debut at the 2001 Boston Marathon.

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## CATHERINE NDEREBA

**Age: 28 (7/21/72)**

**Nairobi, Kenya / Norristown, PA**

**PB: 2:21:33 (Chicago, 2000)**

Defending Boston Marathon champion, Ndereba set her sights on last year's race as the place to firmly establish herself as a world force in the 26.2-mile distance. Ndereba ran a comfortable first half, waiting until the top of Heartbreak Hill to join the leader and three-time champion Fatuma Roba. Matching Roba stride for stride, Ndereba pulled away in the final mile to claim her first marathon victory with a personal best 2:26:11. As the first Kenyan woman to win Boston, Ndereba said her victory remains the most important accomplishment in her prolific career. Not resting on her laurels in 2000, Ndereba went on to slash her personal best by nearly five minutes with a win at the Chicago Marathon in 2:21:33 (the fastest time of 2000 and fifth fastest time ever). World leader on the roads, Ndereba remains at the top from the 5K to the half-marathon. Ranked #1 by Runner's World for 2000, 1999, 1998, and 1996 and named Road Racer of the Year by Running Times in 1999, 1998, and 1996, "Catherine the Great" has slowed her pace only once, to give birth to daughter Jane in 1997. In 1999, she ran away with the world's fastest times for 5K (Riverfest Run, 15:09), 12K (Bay to Breakers, 38:37), 15K (Utica Boilermaker, 48:52), and 10 miles (Broad Street Run, 53:07, course record). Proving she's a contender at greater distances, Ndereba ran a personal best 69:23 for the individual bronze and team gold at the 1999 Palermo IAAF World Half-Marathon Championships, and improved her time to 69:02 with a course record at the 1999 Half-Marathon of Two Lakes. Debuting at the marathon distance at Boston in 1999, Ndereba was the only woman to keep pace with Roba up to the Newton Hills, but dropped to a 2:28:27 sixth place. She followed up her debut with a second-place 2:27:34 at the 1999 New York City Marathon. Additional highlights of 2000 include wins at the Utica Boilermaker (48:47, course record); Cooper River Bridge Run 10K (31:42); Tufts 10K; Beach to Beacon 10K; U.S. Classic 10K; Virginia 10 Miler; and the Philadelphia Distance Classic Half-Marathon (71:01). Ndereba also ran the fastest ten miler of the year (Crim 10 Miler, 53:01) and bettered her 10K time to 31:34 at the Yokohama Ekiden Relays. In early 2001, she competed in several Kenyan cross-country championship races and posted the fastest half-marathon time of the year with a personal best 67:54 win at the City Pier City Half-Marathon in the Netherlands. Ndereba regularly trains with her husband Anthony Maina and works as a telephone operator at the Kenyan Prisons.

## LORNAH KIPLAGAT

**Age: 26 (5/1/74)**

**Eldoret, Kenya**

**PB: 2:22:36 (Chicago, 2000)**

The fastest half-marathon and 10K runner in the world last year, and the current world record holder in the 20K, Kiplagat has also left her imprint on the marathon. Making her Boston debut in 2000, Kiplagat ran with winner and countrywoman Catherine Ndereba for the first half of the race before finishing fifth in 2:30:12. In the fall of 2000, she blazed to a 2:22:36, second place finish (to Ndereba) at the Chicago Marathon, turning in the third fastest time of the year. Her all time world's best 20K was a 63:54 win at the 2001 Twentig of Hans Verkerk in the Netherlands. Kiplagat's world's fastest 2000 half-marathon was a course record win at the City Pier City Half-Marathon in Den Haag, Netherlands in 66:56. She also set a course record at the Dam to Dam Half-Marathon (67:37) and broke her 1999 course record at the Dead Sea Half-Marathon in Ein-Gedi, Israel, with a 71:21. Proving her versatility, Kiplagat recorded the fastest 10K of 2000 at Atlanta's Peachtree 10K with a 30:52 course record. She then ran to a 35:02 Falmouth 7.1 Road Race course record. No other woman has won both of these highly competitive races in the same year. Kiplagat finished 2000 with six additional course records on the roads around the globe. In 1999 she won the Amsterdam Marathon in 2:25:30; the Grand Prix Bern 10-Mile in 53:29; and set course records in several Netherlands races. She is the '97 and '98 winner of the Berlin 25K and holds the second-fastest five-mile ever run in the world (25:09, Tilborg, 1997). Kiplagat won the Los Angeles Marathon in 1998 (2:34:03), and in 1997 (2:33:50). She placed tenth at Chicago in 1997, running with acute bronchitis. Kiplagat trains in the Netherlands and in Kenya with her coach Pieter Langerhorst. With her prize money, she has established a High Altitude Training Centre for young talented girls in Iten, Kenya. Kiplagat had mixed feelings about last year's race at Boston, having been in top marathon shape but experiencing less than stellar results with dehydration. Kiplagat said she is returning to Boston this year to "finish the job." Showing she is on track, she won February's World's Best 10K in Puerto Rico (31:37), beating a deep field which included Elana Meyer and Tegla Loroupe, and in March she set a world's best 20K time of 63:54 in the Netherlands.

**FATUMA ROBA****Age: 27 (12/18/73)****Addis Ababa, Ethiopia****PB, NR: 2:23:21 (Boston, 1998)**

Three-time Boston Marathon champion, Roba returns to regain her crown after placing third at Boston last year. In the closest finish in the race's history, Roba confidently led through the Newton Hills before being joined by Kenyan Catherine Ndereba. Running stride for stride down Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street, Ndereba pulled away in the final mile while Irina Bogacheva from Kyrgyzstan closed in on the pair. Ndereba broke the tape first, and in a photo-finish lean, Bogacheva nipped Roba for second. Roba and Bogacheva earned identical 2:26:27 times. Among women, only Uta Pippig (1994–96) and Rosa Mota (1987–88, 90) have matched Roba's "three-peat" at Boston. Roba is the first African woman to win Boston (2:26:23, 1997) and posts the highest overall finish by a woman with 1999's 24th place 2:23:25. She holds the third (2:23:21, 1998) and fourth (2:23:25, 1999) fastest times in the race's history behind Pippig (2:21:45, 1994) and Joan Benoit-Samuels (2:22:43, 1983). On American soil, Roba is four for five at the 26.2-mile distance. The prelude to her Boston reign was a surprise gold medal 2:26:05 at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games (second-fastest marathon in 1996). She is only the fourth Olympic champion to win at Boston. In 1999, Roba won the Matsue Women's Half-Marathon in 1:10:54, the second-fastest time in the race's history; was fourth at the Seville Marathon World Championships in 2:28:04; and placed second at the Tokyo International Marathon with a 2:27:05. She won the 1996 Rome Marathon in 2:29:12 and the 1996 Marrakesh Marathon in 2:30:50. In March of 2000 she was champion at the Kyoto City Half-Marathon in 1:10:16, beating the second-place finisher by over two minutes. Roba is the Ethiopian national record holder and represented her country at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, finishing ninth in 2:27:38. She also ran several road races in the U.S. in 2000. This year, she has been racing on the cross country circuit in Spain with impressive results and has also lowered her personal best half-marathon time to 1:09:19 with another win at the Kyoto City Half-Marathon. Roba doesn't intend to end her groundbreaking results at Boston with a triple crown. This year she is intent on recording a fourth win for the history books.

**LUDMILA PETROVA****Age: 32 (10/7/68)****Novo Cheboksary, Russia****PB: 2:25:45 (New York, 2000)**

The 2000 New York City Marathon champion, Petrova improved on her personal best at New York by more than three minutes to claim her first major marathon win. A two-time Boston Marathon competitor, Petrova's former best was her 2:29:13, seventh place finish at Boston in 1999. She also ran Boston in 1997, finishing 17th. A high school track runner, Petrova took time off from the sport to raise a family of two girls. In 1993, she jumped back into competitive running and represented Russia in the 10,000 meters at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, placing 14th in the final (32:25.89). Turning to longer distances, she competed at the 1997 IAAF World Half-Marathon Championships, placing seventh in 70:02. In 1998, she won the Moscow Marathon in a course record 2:30:54 and followed up with a 2:30:26 at the European Marathon Championships in Budapest. Three months later she closed the year at the New York City Marathon with a fourth place finish of 2:31:09. As a preview of Boston 1999, Petrova won the Monterrey Half-Marathon in a course record 70:15. She also won the Indianapolis Half-Marathon and the Gum Tree 10K. Petrova had a productive year in 2000, beginning with runner-up status at the San Blas Half-Marathon in February. She was champion at the New Haven 20K, the Chris Thater Memorial 5K, and placed fifth with a personal best at the Lisbon Half-Marathon in a fast 69:26. At the Russian 10,000 meter Championships in July, she didn't qualify for her country's Olympic team in the event, but set a personal best 31:52.75. At the 2001 Yokohama Ekiden Relay in February, Petrova paced her team to a meet record by running the fastest stage two 10K leg (31:41). Petrova trains in the mountain city of Kislovodsk with country-woman and Boston 2001 competitor Irina Timofeyeva. Petrova wants to add Boston to her list of major marathon wins.

**LYUBOV MORGUNOVA****Age: 30 (1/14/71)****Moscow, Russia****PB: 2:26:33 (London, 2000)**

As champion of the 2000 Honolulu Marathon in December, Morgunova smashed the course record by over two minutes to record a time of 2:28:33. This feat was made more remarkable by the fact that Honolulu was her third marathon of the year. In April, she ran to a personal best at the London Marathon, posting a 2:26:33 eighth place finish, and in September, she represented her country at the Sydney Olympic Marathon recording a 23rd place 2:32:35. Additional highlights of 2000 included matching her 15K personal best at the European Women's 15K in Moscow (third, 49:45) and a third place personal best of 68:45 at the Broloppet Half-Marathon. A former cross-country skier, Morgunova started running in 1995. In 1997 she won the Twin Cities Marathon in Minneapolis in 2:30:43 and placed second at the National Marathon Championships in Moscow. In 1998 she was runner-up at the Beijing International Marathon in 2:28:51 and seventh at the European Championship Marathon in Budapest. She also turned in strong performances at the Nagoya Marathon (7th, 2:28:57), the Tokyo Half-Marathon (71:15), and the Portugal Half-Marathon in Setubal (first, 71:09). Morgunova's proudest running accomplishment was her 1999 victory at the Nagoya International Women's Marathon where she ran to a 2:27:43 win. Also in 1999, she placed second at the Amsterdam Marathon in 2:29:21, second at the Portugal Half-Marathon in Setubal, and first at the Zevenheuvelenloop 15K in the Netherlands in 49:45. Morgunova trains in Moscow or in the south of Russia in the city of Kislovodsk with her husband as coach and massage therapist. This will be her first Boston Marathon and she wants to place in the top three spots.

**WEI YANAN****Age: 20 (12/6/80)****Liaoning, China****PB: 2:26:34 (Beijing, 2000)**

Wei announced her presence on the international marathon scene with a thrilling debut win at the 2000 Beijing Marathon in October. Edging out her more experienced countrywoman Yingjie Sun by two seconds, Wei used her track speed to claim victory in the final stretch. Her 2:26:34 set a new record for the course. A month later, Wei ran to first place at the Seoul Half-Marathon in 72:37. In October of 1999, she ran one of the fastest 10K times of the year, recording a 31:49 in Beijing. Early in 2000, Wei placed third at Japan's Sendai Half-Marathon in 72:04. In June, she competed at the Chinese Olympic Trials in Liaoning Province in the 10,000 meters, finishing seventh in 32:46.75. This will be Wei's first Boston Marathon.

**ZHANG SHUJING****Age: 22 (5/78)****Liaoning, China****PB: 2:27:14 (Berlin 2000)**

Although she is young, Zhang is a seasoned performer at the marathon distance, finishing in the top five positions in seven marathons. Most recently she set her personal best at the 2000 Berlin Marathon with a 2:27:14 third place finish. She ran three additional marathons in 2000. In February, she placed second at the Hong Kong Marathon and two months later ran to a second place finish at the Jinan Marathon in 2:30:38. In October, a month after Berlin, Zhang placed fifth at the Beijing Marathon. Zhang first tested her marathon legs at the 1996 and 1997 Beijing Marathons, improving her time within a year by almost three minutes. In 1998, she finished third at the Macau International Marathon and fifth at the Tianjin Marathon. In 1999, Zhang competed at Beijing again and improved her previous best by more than three minutes to finish fifth in 2:32:19. Three weeks later, she placed second at the Dalian Marathon. Zhang hopes to set a personal best time at her first Boston showing.

**MALGORZATA SOBANSKA****Age: 31 (4/25/69)****Poznan, Poland****PB: 2:27:30 (Berlin, 1999)**

Sobanska is a seasoned talent at the marathon distance, counting ten top-five finishes since 1993, with eight of her marathons 2:30:00 or better. She was crowned champion at the 1995 London Marathon (2:27:43), claimed victory at both the 1998 (2:29:42) and 2000 (2:28:42) Cologne Marathons, and won the Cancun Marathon in 1999. At the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Marathon, Sobanska placed 11th for Poland in 2:31:52. In 1999, she started the year with a 73:18 win at the Polish Half-Marathon Championship in March and followed that a month later with a third place finish at the Nagano Commemorative Olympic Marathon in 2:31:02. In September she won the Pila 15K and the next week placed fourth at the Berlin Marathon in a personal best 2:27:30. Along with her Cologne Marathon win in 2000, Sobanska ran a strong 2:27:52 fourth place at the Tokyo Marathon. She participated in the IAAF World Cross Challenge, the Yokohama Ekiden Relay and placed third at the Polish Half-Marathon Championships in August. Other notable marathon finishes include fourth at the 1995 World Marathon Championships, third at the Berlin Marathon in 1993 and 1994, and third at the London Marathon in 1996. Sobanska started running in 1986 and debuted at the 1991 Carpi Marathon in Italy. She is married to Piotr Mankowski and has a daughter named Victoria. Sobanska is preparing for her first Boston Marathon in Portugal.

**IRINA TIMOFEYEVA****Age: 31 (4/5/70)****Cheboksary, Russia****PB: 2:27:46 (Paris, 1999)**

Timofeyeva debuted in 1996 with a win at the Tumen Marathon. In 1997 she came stateside and won the Hartford Marathon and placed second at the California International Marathon. The same year, she was the Russian 20K champion and placed third at the Russian 10,000 meter Championships. In 1998, Timofeyeva made her first Boston appearance and placed a respectable ninth in 2:32:32. She continued to gain experience with a runner-up spot at the Cancun Marathon. Her breakthrough came in 1999 with a series of strong half-marathons starting with the Naples Half-Marathon (second, 72:33), the San Blas Half-Marathon (third, 76:10), and the Russian Half-Marathon Championships (first, 1:11:02, personal best). In April, she ran to her proudest running moment placing second at the 1999 Paris Marathon in 2:27:46, a personal best by nearly five minutes. Not stopping there, she went on to finish fifth at the New York City Marathon in November. In 2000, Timofeyeva showed her consistency with third place finishes at both the Paris Marathon and the Chicago Marathon (2:29:13). Closer to home, she won the Siberian International Marathon and placed fourth at the Russian 10,000 meter Championships in a personal best 31:40:14. Also in 2000, she placed second at the Kyoto City Half-Marathon and won the GAZ Half-Marathon in Nizhny Novgorod in 71:09. Timofeyeva is married and has a son. She trains in a small mountain city called Kislovodsk and runs with countrywoman and Boston 2001 runner, Ludmila Petrova.

**BRUNA GENOVESE****Age: 24 (9/24/76)****Volpago del Montello, Italy****PB: 2:31:06 (Venice, 1999)**

A marathon novice, Genovese started running at age 14 and went on to become the Italian Junior 12K Champion in 1995 and the Under 21 Half-Marathon Italian Champion in 1998. Toeing the starting line of the 1999 Venice Marathon, Genovese's intention was to run only 30K, but during the early stages of the race she felt in tune and decided to go the distance. Her 2:31:06 was good enough for third place and an Olympic "A" qualifying time. A regular fixture on the Italian road racing circuit, this young talent usually takes one of the top three spots when she shows up to race. In 2000, Genovese competed at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships and the Italian National Cross Country Championships. In May she ran the Bern 10 Miler, placing fifth in 56:46 and followed that race with a 12th place finish at the internationally competitive Avon Running Global 10K Championships in Milan. In June, she was fifth at the Italian 10,000 meter Championships, and in November she won the Florence Half-Marathon in 76:31. Her half-marathon best was recorded in 2001 with a 71:56 win at the Napoli Half-Marathon in March. Genovese's coach is Salvatore Bettiol, a second and fourth place finisher at the New York City Marathon in 1988 and 1989.

## John Hancock Clinic Coaches

Fred Treseler brings over 30 years of coaching and athletic experience to his management of the John Hancock Running and Fitness Clinic Program. Every year since 1986, approximately 50 elite runners from more than 20 countries have instructed children in running and training techniques. To date, more than 74,000 children from 31 states have participated in these clinics. Treseler was the founding head coach and former general manager of the Boston Running Club. He has a reputation of successfully coaching athletes of various abilities including elite American distance runners, World Champions, and Olympians.

Bill Squires is internationally recognized for his coaching expertise. As coach of the Greater Boston Track Club (1974–80), he produced world class athletes including Bill Rodgers, Alberto Salazar, Bob Hodge, Greg Meyer, Randy Thomas, and Dick Beardsley. In 1980, Squires was named the United States Olympic Marathon coach. Formerly, he was the head coach of cross country and track and field at UMass-Boston and Boston State. While at Boston State (from 1965 through 1978) his teams won 49 titles, 16 of his athletes earned All-American status, and he was named "Coach of the Year" three times. Squires is also a former coach of Boston's Liberty Athletic Club, the nation's oldest women's running club.