

# D.C. Club Second in Team Count

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BOSTON, April 18—Jack Fultz, the 1976 Georgetown University graduate who won the 80th Boston Marathon a year ago, finished ninth in today's race. He was the top finisher among more than 150 Washington-area runners who entered America's most popular road race.

Fultz, 28, a 5-foot-4, 145-pound Coast Guard veteran who hails from Franklin, Pa., and now lives mostly out of a suitcase, was never among the front-runners. He conserved his strength wisely and made a late break to finish in 2:20.44, 25 seconds off the time he won with a year ago in record 100-degree heat.

The Washington Running Club finished an impressive second in the team standings, behind the Atlanta Track Club. Puerto Rico's Fan Blas Club had captured team honors the last two years.

Team position is decided by the cumulative results of the top three finishers. The WRC's trio was Phil Stewart of Washington, who finished 15th in 2 hours 22 minutes flat; Max White of Alexandria, 22d in 2:23.56, and Bruce Robinson of Silver Spring, 33d in 2:25.59.

The National Capital Track Club "A team" finished 22d; The Capital Hill Pacers 25th, and the Beltway Striders 26th.

The top area woman was Jenifer White of Alexandria and the Washington RunHers, ninth among the marathon's 126 female entries in 3:04.10.

Fultz almost did not make it to the starting line. He is staying with friends on Beacon Hill rather than in any of the hotels around the Prudential Center where most of the runners congregate, and rode by private car instead of bus to the start in the western suburb of Hopkinton.

His party followed what they thought was a parade of race-bound cars through the winding back roads toward Hopkinton's Village Green, but found to their dismay that they were trailing a funeral procession.

Recharting their course, they made it to the starting line minutes before the noon starter's gun. Fultz did not have time to pick up his official number—No. 1, in deference to his position as defending champ—and ran the first six miles with a makeshift number drawn by felt tip pen. He picked up his real number at the first checkpoint in Framingham.

Fultz did not have a winning effort in him today, but he was satisfied because he felt he made the most effective use of his available energy.

"I was beginning to wonder if I would even finish in the top 10 midway through the race," he said. "My legs were tired and tight. I knew I had to slow down, give up the pace if I was going to get through the hills (which in Boston come about 18 miles into the 26-mile, 385-yard course, just when a runner's endurance is ebbing and his "wall of pain" strikes).

"I let the people I was running with go and tried to save just enough to finish," Fultz added. "I effectively ran out of the race today . . . I don't think I had it in me to go any faster."

9, Jack Fultz, Washington, 2:20.44; 15, Phil Stewart, Washington, 2:22.00; 22, Max White, Alexandria, 2:23.56; 33, Bruce Robinson, Silver Spring, 2:25.59; 58, Robert Thurston, Washington, 2:29.56; 103, Wayne Roe, Hyattsville, 2:34.17; 138, Karl Neander, Washington, 2:36.08; 147, Ben Beach, Washington, 2:36.18; 193, Craig Andersen, McLean, 2:39.50; 205, Thomas Mullen, Woodbridge, 2:40.24.

298, Peter Monahan, Bethesda, 2:44.47; 308, Jim Isenberg, Greenbelt, 2:45.20; 310, Steve Mahieu, Joppa, 2:45.20; 323, Richard Jamborsky, Reston, 2:45.44; 325, Ray Morrison, Silver Spring, 2:45.46; 340, Peter Nye, Alexandria, 2:46.10; 372, Chandler Robbins, Washington, 2:46.51; 373, Charles Johnson, Columbia, 2:46.51; 389, Charles Hipp, Columbia, 2:47.37; 391, Dennis Leach, Springfield, 2:47.39.

400, Henry Denver, Gaithersburg, 2:48.00; 404, Bradford Mudge, Baltimore, 2:48.08; 406, Dan Rincon, College Park, 2:48.13; 434, Michael Ward, Elkridge, 2:49.07; 435, Robert Parker, Arlington, 2:49.08; 444, John Kelly, Annandale, 2:49.32; 454, Daniel Gonzalez, Washington, 2:50.00; 485, Harvey Walsh, Annapolis, 2:50.53; 523, David Reunig, Annapolis, 2:51.54; 526, Bill Triantos, Bethesda, 2:52.02.

544, Paul McCarthy, Alexandria, 2:52.20; 550, David Schaller, Washington, 2:52.26; 579, Stephen Yeagle, Baltimore, 2:53.14; 584, Alfred Cortez, Woodbridge, 2:53.20; 600, Eamonn McEvilly, Centreville, 2:53.52; 609, Paul Haaga, Washington, 2:54.07; 610, Karl Vehrs, Manassas, 2:54.08; 614, Phillip Bishop, Lexington Park, 2:54.15; 640, Lester Page, Bowie, 2:55.05; 651, Robert Mitchell, Washington, 2:55.20.

653, Sean O'Connor, Washington, 2:55.24; 674, Arthur Duhalme, Vienna, 2:55.58; 683, Steve Slix, Alexandria, 2:55.06; 688, Les Kinion, Baltimore, 2:56.11; 693, Don Lynch, Woodbridge, 2:56.16; 705, Charles Wright, Annapolis, 2:56.28; 711, Vincent Fuller, Arlington, 2:56.37; 726, Ralph Jackson, Washington, 2:57.01; 742, Rea Heatherington, Annapolis, 2:57.16; 752, Timothy Oldham, Beltsville, 2:57.33.