

# NEWS RELEASE



## IMMEDIATE RELEASE



### Race Day Results, Sunday, August 18

**Edmonton, August 18, 2019**— Edmonton was Living Active at the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the Servus Edmonton Marathon. It was another record-breaking year of participation, and running records fell in ideal conditions marking this year as one of the fastest ever. It was also a celebration of community activity with the excitement spreading across several neighbourhoods and ending in front of cheering fans in front of the Edmonton Convention Centre.

In the men's marathon, David Mutai and Kip Kangogo quickly distanced themselves from the field. Mutai was stronger on this day and won his first Servus Edmonton Marathon in 2:20:07. He is a four-time Edmonton half marathon winner. In the women's race, Red Deer cross-country running coach, Kari Elliot, was incredibly consistent and held off Caroline Gecker of Boulder, CO.

Evan Esselink successfully defended his men's half marathon title but had to work for it. He took the lead at 18 km and didn't look back. In the women's half marathon, another event record fell as Menigstu Emebet of Toronto set a new time of 1:10:32. Hirut Beyene Guangul, who travelled from Ethiopia, finished second while Canadian Dayna Pidhoresky came third.

**\*\*ALL RESULTS ARE UNOFFICIAL\*\***

#### Marathon Results:

Male:

First: David Mutai, Etobicoke, ON, 2:20:07 \*NEW EVENT RECORD.  
Second: Kip Kangogo, Lethbridge, AB, 2:23.28  
Third: Collin Jarvis, Oakland, California. 2:27:30, \*UNOFFICIAL NEW WORLD RECORD among those with an ostomy. Came into the race with a goal to beat the previous record of 2:38:00 (U.S., not ratified by an official body).

Female:

First: Kari Elliott, Red Deer, AB, 3:01:02  
Second: Caroline Gecker, Boulder, Colorado, 3:06:34  
Third: Anna Kessler, Edmonton, AB, 3:08:42

#### Half Marathon Results:

Male:

First: Evan Esselink, Vancouver, BC, 1:05:07. The 2018 winner prevails again!  
Second: Chris Balestrini, London, ON, 1:05:42  
Third: Ahmed Osman, Flagstaff, Arizona, 1:05:55

Female:

First: Menigstu Emebet, Toronto, ON, 1:10:32. \*NEW EVENT RECORD.  
Second: Hirut Beyene Guangul, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 1:15:03  
Third: Dayna Pidhoresky, Vancouver, BC, 1:15:25

### 10 km Results:

Male:

First: Leonard Chesoo, Edmonton, AB, 30:24  
Second: Richard Reid, Victoria, BC, 31:53  
Third: Zain Syed Ahmed, Calgary, AB, 32:15

Female:

First: Melissa Paauwe, Calgary, AB, 36:51  
Second: Vanessa Trofimenkoff, Ft. Saskatchewan, AB, 37:24  
Third: Taylor Carlin, Edmonton, AB, 37:37

**Edmontonian, Natalie Shanahan**, gave everything in pursuit of a Guinness world record, finishing in 1:27:44. That would have given her the record for the fastest half marathon pushing a double stroller with twin daughters...if she had run three days earlier. On Friday, a new record was verified (1:25:36), nearly 10 minutes faster than the previous one. Nevertheless, she beat her goal time of 1:30:00, exceeding expectations and posting a fantastic run. Her focus now turns to the IAU 24 Hour World Championship in Albi, France this October

**Noel D'Arcy** came through in a time of 3:53:04. He had to abandon his bid for a Guinness world record for fastest half marathon in full firefighting gear due to an issue. Despite that, he gamely finished the course with a 75-pound oxygen cylinder strapped on for nearly four hours. We call that a success. He is fundraising for the Terry Fox Foundation.

[Chris Koch](#), an inspirational marathon competitor born with no arms or legs, completed the marathon with a time of 3:55:24. He achieved his goal, breaking the four-hour barrier. He propelled himself on a longboard with one leg stump and is fundraising for The War Amps, the Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program in particular.

[Milania Cadrain](#), a six-year-old from Saskatoon who had both legs amputated at birth, finished the 5 km event in 40:53:00. She also used a longboard and was met at the finish line by Chris Koch who had earlier finished his marathon. It was a heartwarming scene. The duo is fundraising for The War Amps. It was at a Child Amputee (CHAMP) event where they first met and started their close friendship.

**Collin Jarvis** won third in the marathon in 2:27:30, and also set an unofficial world record for the fastest marathon among those wearing an ostomy. In 2013, he was captain of both track and cross-country teams at UC Berkeley and defending PAC 12 champion in the 3 km steeplechase. Then, he fell ill with ulcerative colitis and had to have emergency surgery to remove his large intestine. We are happy to see him back in good form after such a long road back.

[Chen Penbin](#), Zhejiang, an ultra-running star in China, finished the marathon in 4:01:02.

### **About the Servus Edmonton Marathon Family Festival Weekend:**

- The 28<sup>th</sup> edition takes place August 16, 17, 18, and is a signature event on the City of Edmonton sports and events calendar.
- The Servus Edmonton Marathon connects to the City of Edmonton Live Active Strategy, creating healthy and active citizens.
- The marathon is known as “The Friendly Marathon,” because of its fast course, excellent organization, amenities, and volunteer and community participation.
- The marathon is a certified Boston qualifier. The course is flat and fast and offers stunning views of the River Valley as well as routes through beautiful historic neighbourhoods.
- Events include a pre-race party as well as walk/runs at 3 km, 5 km, 10km, half marathon and marathon distances. Kids and families can enjoy the ABC Activities and 1 km run/walk.
- Nearly 5,000 runners took part in 2018.

Schedule of events, interactive map and more: <http://www.edmontonmarathon.ca>

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