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## Kenyan wins Boston Marathon

BOSTON (AP) — A Kenyan won the Boston Marathon. Surprisingly, it was not Ibrahim Hussein, the two-time defending champion and three-time winner.

Instead, it was little-known Cosmas N'deti, a 23-year-old running only his second marathon. He swept into the lead about two miles from the finish and beat Kim Jae-Yong, the first elite Korean in the race in 43 years, by about 70 yards Monday, in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 33 seconds.

N'deti, 11th at the halfway point of the 26-mile, 385-yard race, made his big move over the second half of the race, when most marathoners generally wilt, particularly over the draining stretch of Heartbreak Hill. The chance of such a comeback appeared even slimmer Monday because of the unusual heat — 60 degrees at the start, 73 at the finish.

"In Kenya, I was training in very high mountains," N'deti said. "So I was feeling nice when I was climbing the hills here."

N'deti is only one of two Kenyans ever to fail a drug test. After finishing second at the 1988 World Junior Cross Country Championships at Auckland, New Zealand, he tested positive for a stimulant and was banned for three months.

N'deti, who made his marathon debut in December, finishing second at Honolulu, also said he was not bothered by the heat, which took its toll on

many of the other top runners.

While N'deti was scoring a major upset, there was little surprise in the women's field, as Olga Markova of Russia won for the second year in a row, in 2:25:27, the fastest in the world this year.

Markova, the leader almost throughout, became the first women's repeat winner since Rosa Mota of Portugal won in 1987-88.

This time, Markova was on a mission. After winning Boston last year in 2:23:43, the fastest in the world for 1992, she was not given a place on the Unified Team for the Olympics, because she skipped the team's qualifier at Los Angeles and elected to run at Boston.

"I wanted to make a point," the smiling, satisfied Markova said, after beating Olympic gold medalist Valentina Egorova of Russia.

The 1984 Olympic champion, Joan Benoit Samuelson, also competed Monday, marking the first time two women's Olympic marathon gold medalists were in the same race.

Neither Egorova nor Samuelson, however, gave Markova her closest competition. The runner-up was Kim Jones of Spokane, Wash.

However, Jones, also the second-place finisher in 1991, was more than 41 minutes back, in 2:30:00.

"It was very warm out there," said Jones, the top-ranked women's marathoner in the U.S. in 1986, 1989 and 1991.

Egorova, who challenged Markova and 1991 winner and 1991 world champion Wanda Panfil of Poland early in the race, failed to finish among the top 15. So did Panfil.

The 35-year-old Samuelson wound up sixth in 2:35:43.

"I went out with the leaders, but I said there was no way I could hold on," Samuelson said. "So I dropped back."

"I had trouble with my leg going up the hills. The leg bothered me, but I came back every time. My time is disappointing, but it was important to finish in this competitive field."

The men's race, meanwhile, was competitive throughout. Because of the weather, the men went out conservatively, and for more than half the race, several runners took turns in the lead.

At 18 miles, the front of the pack had dwindled down to unheralded Lucketz Swartbooi of Namibia, running his third marathon, and Kim, winner of the 1992 Seoul Marathon. Closing on them was N'deti, second at the 1992 Tokyo Half-Marathon and 10th at the 1992 World Cross Country Championships.

At the 24.3-mile point, N'deti caught the front-running Swartbooi, ran alongside him for 40 seconds, then surged into the lead.

"I was watching him," N'deti said. "When you are running with somebody, you can tell if he is tired."



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