

Air Expo 5K runners race down the runway

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Despite Hurricane Floyd's attempt to wash out the run, Charleston AFB's "Race on the Runway" held Sunday on the tarmac was a huge success.

More than 120 runners and walkers arrived at the flightline to cruise what's considered the "fastest and flattest course in Charleston." The 3.1 mile course took the participants from in front of the Nose Dock hangar to the south end of ramp and back, circling numerous C-17 and C-141 aircraft.

"Although most people enjoy this run simply for the opportunity to be on the flightline, we did offer some great prizes," said Steve Parrish, race director.

The top male and female overall winners received a round trip airline ticket to anywhere in the continental United States, provided by United Airlines. Cash prizes were presented to the top three military teams, as well as the top three finishers in the masters category, and the overall second and third place finishers. Other prizes were given to the top finishers in each age category.

The winners were as follows:

Wing Commander Category

Col. Rod Bishop	437 th AW	28:13
Col. Ed Stickler	315 th AW	"withdrew because of steep competition"

Overall Women's Winner

Shawn Baldy	19:48	airline ticket
Therese Killeon	21:46	\$100
Laura Goodman	23:07	\$50

Overall Men's Winner

Irving Batten	15:45	airline ticket
Marc Embler	16:27	\$100
James Youngquist	16:39	\$50

Master Women's

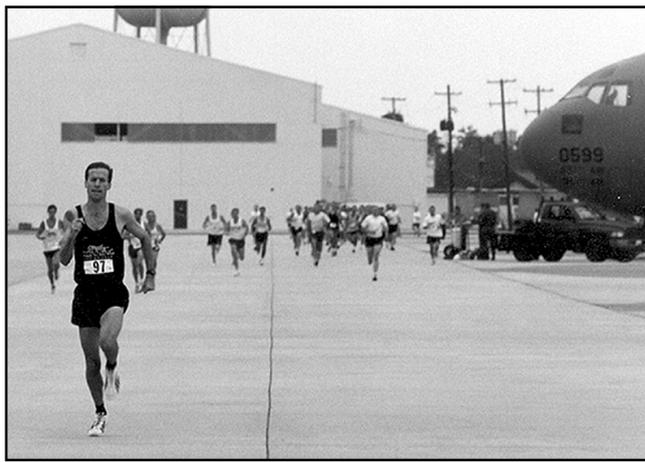
Nancy Curry	23:57	\$100
Nitsa Calus	24:26	\$50

Master Men's

Bob Schlau	16:54	\$100
James Scheer	18:55	\$50

Military Team

Navy EOD	81	\$350
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photos by Senior Airman Jerome Suson

Irving Batten was the overall men's winner with a time of 15:45.

14 AS Team 1	101	\$100
14 AS Team 2	157	\$50

Male Age 15-19

Chad Donnell	22:07
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Female Age 20-24

Tina Kizer	24:20
Jana Day	24:55
Celeste Rodriguez	24:57

Male Age 20-24

Ken Borrer	19:28
Phil Lynch	21:51
Joseph Dickens	26:08

Female Age 25-29

Amanda Yezerki	24:36
Brooke Staley	24:54
Jennifer Strickland	25:12

Male Age 25-29

Ryan Lowry	18:59
Chris Wyckoff	19:44
Robert Blake	20:17

Female Age 30-34

Susan Strobel	24:56
Katie Cutie	25:52
Amy DiMatteo	27:57

Male Age 30-34

Brian Lata	19:46
William Arbeiter	20:59
Brian Robins	21:04

Female Age 35-39

Suzanne Stovall-Cla	26:09
Barbara O'Grady	28:17
Dawn Joyce	30:53

Male Age 35-39

Ron Deramus	17:36
Wayne Norton	22:46
Thomas Griffin	22:50

Female Age 40-44

Janet Osborne	27:39
Barbara Clayton	27:51
Judy Razon	29:57

Male Age 40-44

Ken Wolf	19:15
Michael Pierce	20:04
Christopher Aiken	23:28

Female Age 45-49

Melanie Hughes	28:27
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Male Age 45-49

Daniel Clapper	19:37
Nohare Kresge	22:21
Ralph Ruocco	22:55

Female Age 50-54

Dorothy Anderson	26:15
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Male Age 50-54

Paul Brown	19:34
Gary Melville	22:13
Michael Hughes	24:25

Male Age 55-59

Roman Marks	22:54
Robert Williams	32:21

Male Age 60+

Frank Blackett	28:15
Robert Millard	41:28

FOOTBALL FORECAST

Swami gets swamped

By The Swami

Week one and week two NFL action is now history, and because of Hurricane Floyd, week three is also history (no paper was printed last week).

In week one action, I received 51 entries and managed to beat 40 of them with my 8-7 record. There were a mere 11 people that managed to get by me. If my measly record of 8-7 beat so many people, everyone's in trouble. That was a "warm-up" week.

The big winner of week one is some retired guy by the name of "Lovegod" Navitsky. Whoever this person is had a record of 11-4, edging Michael Crawford and Gregory Arceneaux. Navitsky has won himself a round of golf at Wrenwoods golf course, compliments of the Services Squadron. From what I've heard this guy needs all the practice he can get to get his handicap into double digits.

Week two only got worse for me (another "warm-up" week). I finished with an ugly 7-8

record. I think someone is tampering with my computer. If this continues I will start an investigation.

The winner of week two is John Woodruff. Woodruff beat out Rick Edwards and Earl Parmenter by having a closer tie breaker score. They all had records of 11-4.

Everyone is lucky week three will be nixed because I was sure to put a spanking on all of you!

We will resume with week four. All you armchair quarterbacks better hit the books, especially Brian Welch. This guy has finished last both weeks. I thought I was doing badly. I've let enough people win. The party is over! I'm still picking my Jets to win this week and the Cowboys to lose.

I also want to let everyone know that I am working with the folks in the Public Affairs office to set up an e-mail account if you want to e-mail your picks in. Look for more information on this next week. Hey, want to hear some Cowboy jokes?

WEEK 4

NAME/RANK _____
 DUTY PHONE _____
 SQUADRON _____
 COMMENTS _____

SUNDAY		
ARIZONA	@	DALLAS
BALTIMORE	@	ATLANTA
CAROLINA	@	WASHINGTON
JACKSONVILLE	@	PITTSBURGH
KANSAS CITY	@	SAN DIEGO
NEW ENGLAND	@	CLEVELAND
NEW ORLEANS	@	CHICAGO
NY JETS	@	DENVER
PHILADELPHIA	@	NY GIANTS
ST. LOUIS	@	CINCINNATI
TAMPA BAY	@	MINNESOTA
TENNESSEE	@	SAN FRANCISCO
OAKLAND	@	SEATTLE

Monday night		
BUFFALO	@	MIAMI

TIE BREAKER SCORE _____
 SWAMI'S SCORE: 47

Swami rules: (1) Circle your selections of each match-up and pick the tie breaker score—combined score of both teams, without going over; (2) Turn entries into the Airlift Dispatch office, room 224 of the Wing Headquarters building by 4:00 p.m., Sept. 24; (3) The Swami's picks are in bold face type; (4) All ties go to the Swami; (5) Can only submit one entry per week.