

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Autumn Gold 20K  
State Championship Road Race  
October 4, 1980 | Ellsworth**



Rain drizzled down on Ellsworth Saturday, darkening the skies, turning on streetlights. Motorists peered through streaked windshields as traffic was stopped in all directions at the Rts. 1 and 3 intersection known as the triangle.

Oblivious to the downpour, T-shirt and shorts their only protection from the elements, the 144 runners formed up in front of McDonald's restaurant facing downtown Ellsworth.

Mayor Ruth Foster, introduced by race director Bob Booker as "Ellsworth's Old Gray Mayor," raised the starting pistol, fired the starting shot, and runners of all ages, men and women, started off on Ellsworth's first Autumn Gold 20-Kilometer road race. They covered the entire westbound lane from curb to curb. A deputy sheriff's cruiser glided along ahead of the race and another cruiser and an ambulance brought up the rear...

"There he is" came the shouts as lead runner Peter Brigham came in sight. Cameras were poised, rain wiped from lenses.

Then Hank Pfiffle appeared, then Ken Flanders, and Bob Winn, but the race clearly belonged to Peter Brigham as he crossed the finish line to cheers and applause in a time of 1:02:58.6, setting a state record for the state's first 20-kilometer road race...

Runner 38 brought the crowd to attention again. "The first women's coming in."

"Who is it?"

"Robin." Robin Emery of Lamoine crossed the finish line with comparative ease and a smile in a time of 1:19:05.7...

The runners congregated in small groups, many strangers at the beginning of the race now all bound together by a common experience.

(Ellsworth American - David Walsh)

Results:

1. Pete Brigham	1:02:58.6	43. Vance Stoddard	1:20:20
2. Hank Pfifle	1:03:31	44. Steve Palley	1:20:27
3. Ken Flanders	1:04:33	45. Dick Powell	1:20:40
4. Bob Winn	1:04:54	46. Bill Sayres	1:20:49
5. Kurt Lauenstein	1:05:19	47. Hubert Strom	1:21:11
6. Mike Gaige	1:05:58	48. Gary Googins	1:21:20
7. Danny Paul	1:07:35	49. Darrell Seekins	1:21:23
8. Mike Westphal	1:08:30	50. Kim Beaulieu	1:21:43*
9. Dan Barker	1:09:17	51. Bill Beardsley	1:21:59
10. John Gardner	1:09:41	52. Bob Jolicoeur	1:22:17
11. Tom Leonard	1:11:27	53. Berton Cleaves	1:22:18
12. John Daly	1:11:46	54. Larry Lunn	1:22:39
13. Deke Talbot	1:12:10	55. Charlie Nichols	1:22:39
14. Direk Bradt	1:12:15	56. Gary Grady	1:22:42
15. Steve Giles	1:12:23	57. Loren Ritchie	1:22:51
16. Steve Russell	1:12:24	58. Tom Swan	1:23:00
17. Chris Holt	1:12:41	59. Al Banfield	1:23:11
18. Steve Kozlovich	1:12:52	60. Jim Barr	1:23:12
19. Danny Cake	1:12:58	61. Carlton Mendell	1:23:26
20. Gary Cochrane	1:13:00	62. Bill Yates	1:23:32
21. John Pozniak	1:13:09	63. Fred Schmidt	1:23:52
22. Waldron Babbidge	1:13:23	64. Miguel Muniz	1:24:12
23. Lawson Noyes	1:13:41	65. Dave Gorczyca	1:24:13
24. Phil Stuart	1:13:46	66. Phil Gilman	1:24:21
25. Greg Nelson	1:14:09	67. Bruce Barr	1:24:25
26. Bob Coughlin	1:14:18	68. Patrick Maguire	1:24:30
27. Mickey Lackey	1:14:56	69. Bill Seekins	1:24:33
28. Sam Hamilton	1:15:14	70. Bill Gayton	1:24:49
29. Skip Howard	1:15:16	71. Al Michelson	1:24:51
30. Rick Mulhern	1:15:42	72. Frank Morong	1:24:55
31. Tom Doyle	1:15:54	73. Marjorie Adams	1:25:05*
32. Rick McFaul	1:16:28	74. Dan Rankin	1:25:19
33. Ronny Kotsch	1:16:29	75. Peter Gagnon	1:25:34
34. Russ Connors	1:18:20	76. Sterling LeBlanc	1:25:37
35. Larry Bridges	1:18:24	77. Roger Chesley	1:26:30
36. Dave Cunio	1:18:44	78. Richard Everett Jr.	1:27:00
37. Ray Comier	1:18:47	79. John Linscott	1:27:02
38. Robin Emery	1:19:05*	80. Barbara Hamaluk	1:27:12*
39. Kyle Rankin	1:19:31	81. Mike Estes	1:27:31
40. Jack Trefethen	1:19:37	82. Verl Dyer	1:27:58
41. Brad Goodale	1:19:42	83. Diane Lounder	1:28:09*
42. Chris Hamilton	1:20:18	84. Paul Connor	1:28:10

85. Don Buckingham	1:28:23	108. Danny Koch	1:34:37
86. Sue Knowlton	1:28:27*	109. Chris Nesiba	1:34:40
87. Larry Rich	1:28:28	110. Andrew Boynton	1:34:47
88. Richard Tupper	1:28:37	111. Andy Strout	1:34:51
89. Steve Smith	1:28:52	112. Bill Green	1:36:29
90. David Bourdelais	1:29:34	113. Hyla John Tracy	1:37:39
91. Barb Coughlin	1:29:35*	114. Jay Osler	1:38:06
92. Bob Milliken	1:29:36	115. Jeannette Laplante	1:40:10*
93. Art Seekins	1:29:48	116. Jim Pendergist	1:40:52
94. Terry Cousins	1:30:09	117. Jim Mitton	1:40:54
95. Owen Kozlovich	1:30:50	118. Ted Duffy	1:42:46
96. Wendy Sayres	1:30:59*	119. David Roundy	1:43:04
97. Alston Beal	1:31:08	120. Mark Rosborough	1:43:59
98. Tony Beardsley	1:31:14	121. Tom Armstrong	1:48:31
99. Frank Spaulding	1:31:23	122. Susan Ramsy	1:48:54*
100. Andrew Haslam	1:31:23	123. Joan Leslie	1:49:15*
101. Faye Gagnon	1:31:33*	124. Bambi Maguire	1:49:16*
102. Bill Pinkham	1:32:45	125. Todd Nesiba	1:49:16
103. Ed Raymaker	1:32:53	126. Carol Kennedy	1:50:24*
104. Tom Collins	1:33:15	127. Lorraine Higbie	1:50:26*
105. Sharyn Kingma	1:34:07*	128. C.C. Mcfarling	1:53:08
106. Al Bergeron	1:34:12	129. Peter Curran	1:54:39
106. Tom Rock	1:34:13	130. Shirley Kozlovich	2:06:36*
107. James Coffin	1:34:18	132. Ernest Harchinson	2:09:46