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## Wharf to Wharf Results

DUNCAN McDONALD, probably America's most versatile international level distance runner, electrified spectators all along the 9th Annual Wharf to Wharf course with an absolutely spectacular record setting run.

Averaging 4:30 a mile, McDonald pulled the top seven men in the record field of 3,300 runners under last year's men's record of 27:22.8. McDonald is a 3:58 miler, 2:15 marathoner and former American record holder for 5,000 meters. He is currently a resident physician in the emergency room of Kaiser-Permanente Medical Center in Santa Clara.

The previous men's record, set by John Moreno last year, was swept off the books by the next six placers: Adrian Royale (27:01), Tony Ramirez of Salinas (27:04), Joaquin Leano (27:05), Dan Grimes (27:07), 1978 co-winner Mike Pinocci (27:07), and Carmelo Rio (27:17). This shows the superb quality of runners that the Wharf to Wharf (5.816 miles) is attracting. When runners of this standard participate in a race the energy is felt all down the line, and that was certainly true this year. Dan Gruber, Santa Cruz County's top road runner, ran almost

30 seconds faster this year (27:28) than last, yet finished four places lower in 9th place! Second among our local runners was Santa Cruz High School cross country coach Greg Brock in 28:14, his best ever in this race.

Among the women the quality was also high, and a tremendous duel was waged between 18 year old Carol Gleason of San Jose and Heike Skaden, finally decided on the last flat stretch by the Capitola Beach. Gleason won in a sprint in 33:26, with Skaden second in 33:28. The next eight women were Nancy Vitz (33:34), Jolie Houston (33:39), Denise Bigelow (33:54), Florianne Harp (33:55), Diane Gong (34:27), Patricia English (34:46), Teresa Jackson (34:59), and Bonnie Dwyer (35:06). Carol Teachout of Santa Cruz ran her best time ever to finish seventh among the over-40 women in 44:40.

Other Santa Cruz men who placed high were Alan Sandretti (52nd in 29:42), Art Vedder (57th in 29:55), Patrick Shartle (67th in 30:00), Mike Lotter (109 in 31:30), Bob Duncan (135 in 31:56), Benjamin Sawyer (217 in 33:30), Jim Belcher (284 in 34:37), Gary Upham (299 in 35:05), and Charles Daniel (344 in 35:44). ■