

Nov-'83 Fleet Foot
reporting on '82 Chenoweth Classic

A RACE IN HONOR
by Rick Miller

The Dean Chenoweth 15K race was to be Tallahassee's way of honoring the sport of hydroplaning's greatest champion, and one of its favorite sons. But more important, it was a way his running friends could honor him and pay tribute to his strong competitive spirit through one of the strongest things that drove him, the competition itself.

In its first year, the race drew 850 runners, outstanding for a race of this distance. For much of the running community a 10K is far enough, yet only the Springtime 10K drew more participants. The large turnout in honor of Dean and the touching pre-race tribute by Dave Rogers are the two things that stand out most to Jenny Chenoweth about last year's race.

The competition itself was indeed a memorable tribute. Chris Lingle, Forest Barker, and Rick Miller led through the first three miles, with George West in a second pack about 50 yards back. With a strong surge, West joined the leaders at 3½ miles, and by 4½ Barker began dropping back. Lingle, Miller, and West remained close together and it looked like the Ramamda Inn hill would be the deciding factor. Lingle tried to pull away on the hill, but the other two kept closing the gap and they were still together at the top, about 8 miles. Then West started surging and finally eked out a 12 yard lead with about a third of a mile to go. Counting on his superior speed, West felt he had some breathing room, but Lingle had charged past Miller and with 30 yards to go he pulled alongside and perhaps even momentarily into the lead. The two lunged at the finish, with West declared the winner by fractions of an inch. Both were given the time of 47:48, with Miller third in 47:51. There were many similar battles that day as the hills and humidity challenged all of the runners and they challenged each other. Dean would have loved it.

Many are disappointed that the course had to be changed this year. The Tallahassee Police Department would not allow the race to be run on Tennessee Street. But don't worry, Steve Meade has laid out a course that should be every bit as challenging, with a series of three hills between 6½ and 8 miles. His advice is to take it easy over the first third of the course and save a little for the last third with its 1½ miles of hills.

This year's competition should shape up about the same as last year, but with the addition of Noel Shumann, who should be recovered from his summer injuries. Of course everyone is getting the excuses ready, but if they line up on November 19, it's a good bet that it's because they think they have a chance to win. In the women's race, I don't know if Margaret Coomber will defend her title. Darien Andreu could decide to run and would be a good bet to win. Other top ladies in town include Barbara Balzer, Donna Miller, Janice Hochstein, Cheryl Jennings, and Donna Murdoch.

Masters competition looks tough with Bill Jordan, Bill Messervy, Ron Gressel, and Dennis Barton possibly running, and the women will find a little more competition if Patti Sudduth, Mae Cleveland, and Chris Van Fleet decide to run.

Entry forms can be mailed to or dropped off at the Athlete's Foot in Governor's Square Mall. You can also sign up there to be a race worker (130 were needed last year). You can see the shirt there and hopefully pick up a course map. Don't miss the excitement of the 2nd annual Dean Chenoweth 15K as Tallahassee pays tribute to Dean the best way it knows how---by running.

FSU FALL TRIATHLON, 9-24-83, 118 finishers
¼ mile swim, 5K run, 10 mile bike

Top Ten Men

1. Mark Dietrich 50:22
2. Shannon Sullivan 52:12
3. Guy Preston 52:19
4. James Murphy 53:53.1
5. Mike Johns 53:53.4
6. Charlie Keegan 54:08
7. John Gerhardt 54:26
8. Lewis Peterson 54:40
9. John Ahlquist 55:07
10. Felton Wright 55:12

Top Three Women

1. Yvonne Gsteiger 55:19
2. Marguerite Moynihan 58:47
3. Kim Burton 60:20

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AFTER CHENOWETH RACE, \$2.50, All-u-can-eat,
pancakes, coffee, juice. At Fla High School- To help pay for surgery for 6 yr. old boy.

