

Spectators braved freezing temperatures at the Fall Classic.

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LAWRENCE - Former Kansas University steeplechaser Paul Schultz overcame fierce competition and freezing temperatures here Nov. 14 to win the second annual Maupintour Fall Classic.

Schultz out-dueled Charlie Gray of Lee's Summit, Mo., to win the 10,000-meter run in 30:33.56. Gray was second in 30:45.95.

But Schultz's greatest challenge may have come from the freezing temperatures. It was so cold that water in paper cups at several aid stations began to freeze soon after it was set out.

Despite the weather, 1,147 runners competed in the 10,000- and 5,000-meter runs that began outside KU's Memorial Stadium and finished on the tartan track inside.

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Paul Schultz of Lawrence won the 10,000-meter race.

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Mary Shaffer, Kansas City, won the women's division in the 10K in 38:34.5 - finishing 41st overall.

Chris Currie, Topeka, won the 5,000-meter run in 15:56.97, edging Phil Orlowski, Lawrence, who crossed in 15:57.89. Margaret Hertenstein, Cape Girardeau, Mo., won the women's division in 18:37.91 - finishing 56th overall.

Schultz said he wasn't bothered by the chilling temperatures. "It wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. The cold didn't bother me that much. Once the gun goes off, you're just racing, and you don't notice it that much.

"It's obvious that the wind hurt the times, but as far as winning went, I'm as good a wind and hill runner as anyone, and it probably helped me."

Schultz also said he was aided by running on what he termed his home course.

"I run these hills every day so it helped me because I knew exactly what was coming up. About every turn, I'd make up a few yards just because I knew where I was and what to expect," he said.

Schultz actually trailed Gray without about one-third of the race to go.

As the runners turned onto a downhill stretch on Iowa, Gray kicked out in front of Schultz. But Gray wasn't prepared for what was coming up next.

"That one hill coming down lows he tried to make a run at me and went out shead by five or ten yards," Schultz said, "But he didn't realize how long the next hill was."

The next hill was Avenue A, which stretches back through the west campus of KU at a steady incline.

"I just tucked in behind him on that hill and then took the lead for good," Schultz said. "He used up all his reserves on Iowa."

Next year, race officials

said, they hope to avoid the freezing weather by holding the race a month earlier on Oct. 9.

Maupintour Fall Classic Nov. 14, Lawrence 10,000-meter run

Overall Male - Paul Schultz, Lawrence, 30:33.56.

Overall Female - Mary Shaffer, Kansas City, Kan., 38:34.50.

Men

20 and younger - Dan Owens, Lawrence, 31:49.75; 20-29 Schultz; 30-34 - Tony Wilcox, Manhattan, 33:30.89; 35-39 - Clark Ensz, Wichita, 35:53.29; 40-44 -Ron Strader, Holton, 36:33.06; 5-49 - Henry Yeager, Holden, Mo. 37:16.72; 50-59 - Jim Buckley, Kansas City, Mo., 37:43.76; 60 and older - Norman Wycoff, Lawrence. 53:25.32.

Women

20 and younger - Shaffer; 0-. 29 - Kelle Feuerborn, Kansas City, Kan., 41:59.60; 30-34 - Karen Hamrick, Lawrence, 44:37.29; 35-39 - Carolyn Beson, Tulsa, Okla., 45:44.67; 40-44 - Christal Shea, Manhattan, 44:11.23; 45-49 - Barbara Buehrer, Excelsior Springs, Mo., 52:41.21; 50-59 - Joan Dodge, Leavenworth, 50:46.74.

5,000 meters

Overall male - Chris Currie, Topeka, 15:56.97. Overall female -Margaret Hertenstein, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 18:37.91.

Mel Voss Marathon Dec. 4, Topeka Top 10 Finishers

1. Raymond Ross, Manhattan, 2:40:53; 2. Taylor, Martin, S.D., Noroski, 2:57:50; 3. Topeka, 4. 3:08:40; Pendell, Goddard, 5. Wight, Omaha, 3:11:58; 3:11:01; Tichenor, Manhattan, 3:12:22; 7. Schrag, Moundridge, 3:16:12; 8. 3:17:18; Brien, Lawrence, 9. Gribble, Lenexa, 3:20:03; 10. Jacobs, Gladstone, Mo., 3:22:11.