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Proven Beach to Beacon moving beyond the basics

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The Peoples Beach to Beacon 10K draws the world's elite runners to Cape Elizabeth each August, and is the gem of Maine's running season.

With three successful races completed, the annual event can get a little creative, go a little further, even get a little more exact.

After last year's dead-heat finish in the women's race sparked the event's first real controversy, a finish-line camera system has been secured to eliminate any fraction of doubt about who should don the laurel wreath.

"How many road races am I aware of that do that? None," said race director Dave McGillivray. "This race has reached that level of sophistication. We're able to go that extra step now. Other races are still worried about the basics."

The race, founded by local Olympic icon Joan Benoit Samuelson, has had several close finishes in its first three runnings – but none closer than last year's photo finish for Kenyan Catherine Ndereba and American Libbie Hickman.

Both thought they had won for several minutes after the race.

Hickman broke the finish tape first, but three judges unanimously ruled Ndereba's torso broke the plane first, and crowned her the winner, her third straight victory.

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Hickman appealed the decision but eventually dropped her appeal.

Soon after, a company in Woburn, Mass., FinishLynx, contacted McGillivray and offered the camera system service for free.

"Given what we experienced last year, it'd be nice to have something like that just to defer to in case of any question of the judge's call," said McGillivray. "We're just putting them there, and we won't use them unless we have to. That's one extra measure."

Organizers are taking other measures as well: narrowing the area beyond the finish line to get runners out of the way quicker, and increasing access for medical workers.

Small improvements to traffic control and parking are also on the agenda.

The field of elite runners should be just as deep this year but will be missing some marquee names fans have come to expect.

The World Championships are scheduled for the following week, and may keep Ndereba from defending her title.

Moroccan native turned American runner Khalid Khannouchi – who won the race in 1999 – will be competing in the worlds, and unable to come to Maine.

But men's defending champion Joseph Kimani of Kenya will return. Kimani ran a 27:20 at the Revco-Cleveland 10K in 1996, and held the best 10K time until this spring when Kenyan Sammy Kipketer ran a 27:18 at the Parelloop 10K in Brunssum, Netherlands.

Joining Kimani at the Beach to Beacon is fellow Kenyan William Kiptum and Mexican German Silva, a local fan favorite.

"We'll also get a couple of really good Ethiopians, which is good," said elite running coordinator Larry Barthlow. "I have to have a wild card for Kimani. That makes things fast when people aren't sure (of the competition)."

On the women's side Kenyans Jane Ngotho and Teresa Wanjiku – who finished second in the 1999 race – will return. South Africa-born Colleen De Reuck, who became a U.S. citizen in December, will make her Beach to Beacon debut. De Reuck won four major road races in 2000.

Several others can't commit until knowing their status for the worlds: Fatuma Roba of Ethiopia, the 1996 Olympic marathon champion and two-time Boston Marathon winner; and German Uta Pippig, a three-time Boston winner and Olympian.

But organizers believe the race will still be highly competitive.

"I don't expect it to affect the overall competition and quality of the field at all," said McGillivray. "There are only so many participants from each country who can go to (the world championships) anyway."

Organizers are hoping to entice those runners who don't qualify for the worlds to come to the Beach to Beacon.

"We're still looking (to have) a high-quality field," said McGillivray, "and quantity in terms of the depth of that quality."

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