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## KEMOI, EDWARDS WIN 2022 GARRY BJORKLUND HALF MARATHON TITLES

(DULUTH, MINN.) --- Daniel Kemoi and Rosie Edwards won the 2022 Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon men's and women's championships, respectively, on Saturday morning in Duluth.

For Kemoi, who is from Kenya but resides in Coon Rapids, Minn., it was his third first-place finish this calendar year. He ran a time of 1:02:03, which was 18 seconds better than runner-up Kiya Dandena and less than a minute off the event record pace of 1:01:22.

Edwards, meanwhile, won by just 15 seconds as she finished in a time of 1:12:45 ahead of runner-up Elena Hayday, who ran 1:13:00. The time was narrowly off Edwards' personal record time of 1:12:24 and marks her second half marathon win in the past two years.

Full results of the 2022 Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon can be found <u>HERE</u>.

There were 7,004 finishers in this year's Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon, which marks the seventh time in the race's 32-year history it has seen more than 7,000 finishers. With 7,014 official starters, 99.8% of the field successfully made it to the finish line.

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## ABOUT GRANDMA'S MARATHON

Grandma's Marathon began in 1977 when a group of local runners planned a scenic road race from Two Harbors to Duluth, Minnesota. There were just 150 participants that year, but organizers knew they had discovered something special. Grandma's Marathon weekend draws more than 20,000 participants for its three-race event each June.



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The race got its name from the Duluth-based group of famous Grandma's Restaurants, the first major sponsor of the marathon. Over time, the level of sponsorship with the restaurants changed, but the name stayed the same. Grandma's Marathon-Duluth, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization with a 17-member Board of Directors and a nine-person, full-time staff.







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