

Ukrainian wins Cellcom Green Bay Marathon

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GREEN BAY — William Sarem and Richard Kandie led for most of the first 23 miles of the Cellcom Green Bay Marathon on Sunday, running side by side.

It was Andrii Toptun's show the rest of the way.

Not only did the Ukrainian from Miami surprise the two Kenyan runners, he shocked almost everyone by coming out of nowhere to pass the two as the race turned off Broadway.

Toptun, 27, blew past Sarem and cruised to the win in two hours, 22 minutes, 51 seconds in the ninth annual event.

Sarem, 23, never threatened after he was overtaken and finished second in 2:25:00. Kandie, 23, was third in 2:26:22. Both men are from Coon Rapids, Minn.

"I knew about the 23rd mile that I was going to win," Toptun said through an interpreter. "It was surprising. I didn't know if I'd have enough time to pass the Kenyans. I thought, 'Maybe. Maybe not.' "

Shadrack Muteri, 27, of Marietta, Ga., won the half-marathon in 1:04:38. Raphael Kuto, 26, of Coon Rapids, Minn., finished second in 1:04:58 and Matt Hooley of Madison, 25, was third in 1:05:21.

Derrick Fameree, 23, of Algoma defended his championship in the 5-kilometer race with a time of 15:30. He also was the runner-up in 2006. Todd Wagner, 38, of Green Bay was the runner-up for the second straight year. He finished in 15:32, the same as last year.

Callen Areba was the class of the women's field.

The Kenyan from Coon Rapids, Minn., entered as the favorite to win, and she did so. Her finishing time of two hours, 52 minutes, 29 seconds was more than five minutes faster than runner-up Angie Paprocki of Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Rose Chichi of Green Bay was the top local finisher, placing 10th in 3:05:26.

Jenna Boren, 31, of St. Paul, Minn., formerly of Menasha, won the half-marathon in 1:19:40. Boren is a 2007 Olympic marathon trials qualifier. She ran in Boston at the Olympic time trials last month, finishing 94th out of 124 runners. Green Bay's Talon DeWindt was the top local finisher, taking eighth in 1:32:03.

Sue Pierson of Neenah won the 5-kilometer race in 17:40, with Lena's Julie Graef taking second in 18:51.

, Green Bay's Kelly Delaney third (18:52) and Green Bay's Anna Miller fourth (19:41).