

Participants eager for Green Bay marathon

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GREEN BAY — Whether or not others follow in his racing steps across the globe, Bart Yasso wants to inspire others to let running broaden their horizons.

Yasso, nicknamed the "mayor of running," helped the 2009 Cellcom Green Bay Marathon kick off Wednesday night by talking about how running lead him all over the world. The chief running officer for Runner's World Magazine, the Pennsylvania native has run races on all seven continents — including Antarctica.

"I know not everyone will leave here and do a marathon in Africa — but they can be more adventurous with their running," Yasso said. "(They can) take their running to the next level whether that's running faster or just exploring other places to run."

Runners and walkers will see a few changes to the 2009 course for the Green Bay Marathon on May 17, director Sean Ryan said.

"Invariably we run into road construction or something else," Ryan said. "Runners don't like changing and repeat participants like consistency, but this year is the least amount of chances."

The route will not go through the St. Norbert College campus in De Pere, as it did last year, because it's graduation weekend and runners will cross over the Main Street bridge in downtown Green Bay.

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