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MARATHONS HELD WORLDWIDE

Sri Chinmoy Marathons were held recently in North America, the Caribbean, Europe and Asia.

The second annual Sri Chinmoy Marathon in Plainsboro, New Jersey, was held on September 12. Leading the field of 350 runners was a Jersey man, who clocked in at 2:22.

Gary Fanelli won the Sri Chinmoy Marathon held in Flushing Meadow Park on October 7, finishing in 2:30.

On November 7 a Sri Chinmoy Marathon was held in Aarau, Switzerland, 30 miles from Zürich. A Swiss runner placed first among a field of 451 runners, with a time of 2:23.

The third annual Sri Chinmoy Marathon in San Juan—the official marathon of Puerto Rico's capital—was held on December 5. Winning time was 2:30.

And on December 31 the Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team sponsored a marathon in Nago in Okinawa.

RUNNING: ALL DAY, ALL NIGHT

The Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team sponsored two 24-hour races in the New York metropolitan area within a month of one another, and then topped it off with a 70-miler the following week.

The third annual Sri Chinmoy 24-Hour Run in Greenwich, Connecticut, held over the weekend of September 25-26, was won by 33-year-old Ed Foley of Sterling, Virginia, who covered 143 miles.

Another Sri Chinmoy 24-Hour run was held in Francis Lewis High School in Queens on October 30-31. Jim Roser, the 51-year-old ultra-marathoner from Pennsylvania, took top honours, completing 128 miles.

The Sri Chinmoy 70-miler, now in its second year, was held on November 7 at Rockland Lake State Park in upstate New York. Ken Littlefield of Norwalk, Connecticut, placed first with a time of 9:24.

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