



The NFL Hall of Fame Preseason Game between the Chicago Bears and St Louis Rams on August 7th was cancelled due to the late start of the pre season conditioning due to the NFL lockout. However, the ten day Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinements Festival was a go with the 26th annual 5 mile race (part of the RUNOHIO Grand Prix)

<http://www.runohio.com/index.php/grand-prix> held on July 31st. The central focus of the entire 2011 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival is the Enshrinement Ceremony where each newly elected football legend -- Richard Dent, Marshall Faulk, Chris Hanburger, Les Richter, Ed Sabol, Deion Sanders, and Shannon Sharpe will be inducted August 6th

. The Pro Football Hall of Fame's honor roll now stands at 267 members after the election of the Class of 2011.

Recent Ohio University graduate Ridge Robinson took the lead in the first 400 meters and cruised to win the 26th annual event in 23:56. Kent's Andrew Carnes (24:39) took home runner up honors. Kent's Aiman Schllion (25:21) took home the bronze. Ohio University's junior Chase Robinson (25:48) finished fourth while Gambier's Brent Martin (26:14) placed fifth.

Former Canton and Miami University athlete Kristen Proach who now lives in Clearwater, Florida won the women's gold in 30:22. Orrville's Beth Woodward (31:03) held off Canton's Becky Belding (31:05) and North canton's Lauren Hmiel (31:16) for runner up honors. Canton's Andrea Dininno (32:52) finished fifth.

Three-time Olympian; four-time USA Outdoor champion and two-time NCAA champion in the Steeple Chase Mark Croghan won the master title in 27:05 as he finished seventh overall. North Canton's Chip Wilson (28:28) took home the master silver.

Akron's Teresa Ferguson (33:35) won the women's master title. Akron's Bonnie Calcei (36:21) was second.

Massillon's Raymond Fryan (31:24) won the grand master crown while Canton's Dom Cassidy (32:35) finished second.

Malvern's Diana Furey (35:16) won the grand master crown while Canton's Patti Kinlow (41:35) finished second.

North Canton's Vince Russo (34:56) and Akron's Pete Fickert (37:02) captured the first two senior awards.{ad}

Massillon's Linda Crabs (46:42) won the women's senior title.

The entire town of Canton supports the Hall of Fame activities.

Check out RUNOHIO's race photos - <http://www.runohio.com/index.php/images>

Why is Canton for the Hall of Fame Site? (from - <http://www.profootballhof.com/hall/hof-history.aspx>)

The Pro Football Hall of Fame is located in Canton, Ohio, for three primary reasons; (1) the

American Professional Football Association, later renamed the National Football League, was founded in Canton on September 17, 1920. (2) the Canton bulldogs were an early-day pro football power, even before the days of the NFL. They were also the first two-time champion of the NFL in 1922 and 1923. The great Jim Thorpe, the first big-name athlete to play pro football, played his first pro football with the Bulldogs, starting in 1915. (3) Canton citizens early in the 1960's launched a determined and well-organized campaign to earn the site designation for their city.

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