

# Grant wins McFalls race

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MECHANIC FALLS — Showing good stamina on the one big hill and finishing strong over the last quarter-mile, University of Southern Maine junior Peter Grant won the third annual Pottle Works 10-kilometer road race Saturday morning.

Grant covered the course through Mechanic Falls and Minot in 35 minutes and 54 seconds, finishing 20 seconds ahead of Gino Valeriani who ran the race in 36:14.

Faye Gagnon of Auburn led the field in the women's division, completing the trek in 46 minutes, 49 seconds.

Becky Leamon of Poland was second in the women's race at 53:08 and Ellen O'Brian was third in 54:25.

For both winners, it was the first time they had run what both considered a tough course because of the long climb up Pottle Hill in the Minot section of the race.

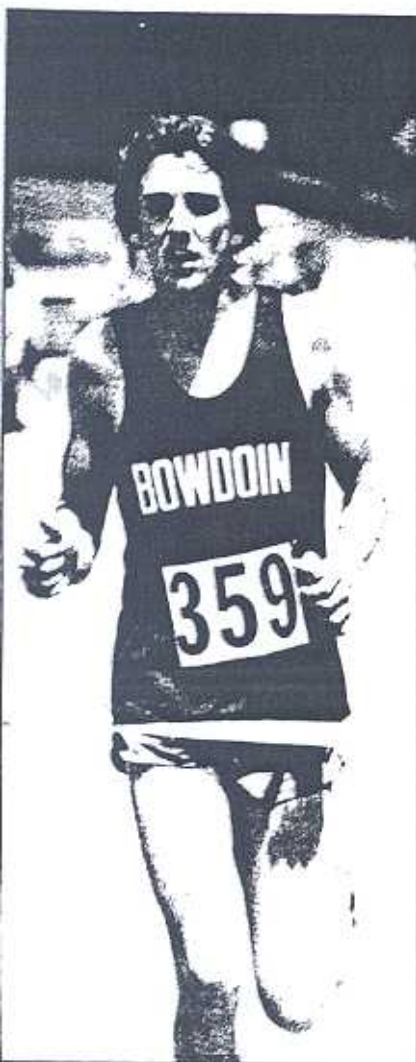
Grant, a Gorham resident, looked very strong going part the halfway point just over the crest of the hill. His home course at USM is hilly, and may have helped him on the hill in Saturday's race.

From the half-way mark, the race is mostly downhill and then over a long flat to the finish line and Grant said he gained strength in the last half of the event.

For the past two years, Grant has raced in the NALA championships for USM.

Mrs. Gagnon said the day's hot weather was a factor in the race. She said the only other race she has entered which had a hill of comparable test was in the Apple Blossom run some years ago at Monmouth.

Other finishers in the men's division were: 3-Guy Berthiaume 37:52, 4-Don Best 40:26, 5-Steve Lebreque 40:38, 6-Kim Wetlauffer 41:46, 7-Jesse Kontos 45:46, 8-Gary Potvin 48:21, 9-Elvin Bryant 54:23, 10-Harry Trask 56:33, 11-Gary Ferguson 58:54.



## McFalls winner

Peter Grant of Gorham, a member of the cross country team at the University of Southern Maine, crosses the finish line with a victory in Saturday's road race at Mechanic Falls. Grant was timed in 35:54 for the 10-kilometer race.

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