

into the Ice Age Hall of Fame, taking the 500-Mile Award for completing their tenth consecutive Ice Age — what memories must be stored! The race had once been a local club event, yet the 1991 version of the Dairyland State's premier ultra showed trappings of its bigger counterparts. New rules included no-access areas for crews, and the threat of being banned from Ice Age for life for not reporting a DNF.

The South Kettle Moraine State Park offers the finest in terrain. It could be labeled "user friendly," a great first-time trail ultra (but only to those who haven't hit the slopes of other greats like Mountain Masochist in Virginia). Some complained of the new section which circumvented the infamous "dump" of previous years, chattering about the added hills. These quick rises peaked in a few hundred yards, and then threw us into some beautiful high country, complete with nature markers for those who had time to identify the nearby foliage.

Yes, it was a bit hard to read the signs with water dripping from the brim of your cap. It again poured throughout the second half of this year's event. For me (a 10:14 finisher) that meant getting just two minutes past the start/halfway/finish area. It was nothing like last year's blow-out, but the same ankle-sucking mud crept out to visit once again. On the hills, one had to forage into the woods and grab for trees and brush just to control momentum in the muck.

The Ice Age race is a series of out-and-backs, which gives us back-of-the-packers a front row seat to the leaders that even pay-per-view couldn't provide. It's a humbling experience watching these front runners forge ahead. Some are working like it's the last stretch of a track meet, while others are flowing seemingly in between the rain drops.

Clement Grum and Kevin Setnes, the eventual first- and second-place finishers, were matching pace through the early going, but a clue to Grum's stamina was evident. In the early going Setnes was pushing hard and leading, while Grum was staying in his tracks while unwrapping a PowerBar! This isn't to say that all was effortless for Clement. During the final stages he took the



By 25 miles Gunn was alone in the lead, accompanied only by the towering pines.

lead, but was slowing trudging up the muddy hills in the same manner as his less-than-prepared counterparts.

I've run five 50-mile runs, and this year's Ice Age was my slowest ever. That would have bothered me, but once again the essence of ultras is what you make of the journey. I hooked up with a convoy of Canadians around mile 35, and learned all about Canadian versus American taxation. Another new friend kept telling me he was too old for ultras, but we decided that since neither of us like golf, we'd probably see each other at Ice Age another time. And the female who beat me to the finish will only be remembered by her number — "21." Her upbeat spirit over the final miles was a big part of keeping it together for yet another buckle.

One of my trail friends of the day said it best: "It's just a day in your life. We can't always plan how it will turn out. Take the finish, and enjoy it."

Ice Age Trail 50 Mile

Palmyra, Wis. May 18, 1991
Trails

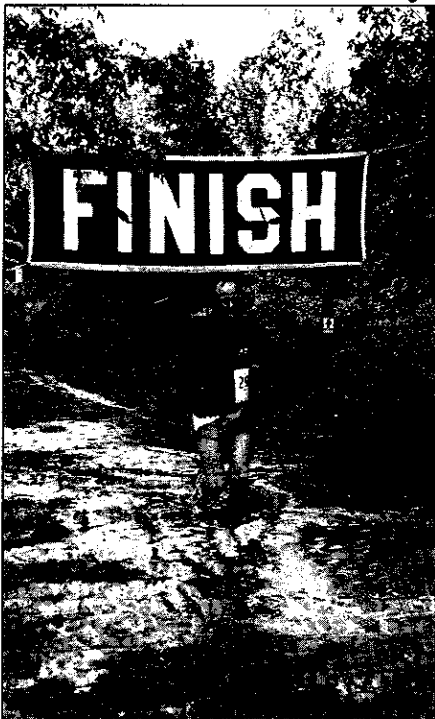
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| 1. Clement Grum,35 | 6:16:46 |
| 2. Kevin Setnes,37 | 6:20:37 |
| 3. Stephen Szydlak,24 | 6:42:40 |
| 4. Roy Pirrung,42 | 6:54:41 |
| 5. Richard Muhr,32 | 7:06:36 |
| 6. Gregory Boyd,33,MN | 7:12:42 |
| 7. Harry Sloan,42,MN | 7:13:47 |
| 8. Ron Erhardt,41 | 7:16:29 |

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| 9. Rick Letourneau,43,MN | 7:18:50 |
| 10. Mark Movic,34,IA | 7:23:28 |
| 11. Bob Stavig,42,MN | 7:35:42 |
| 12. Tom Possert,28,OH | 7:35:56 |
| 13. Al Zeller,44,MI | 7:41:08 |
| 14. Steve Smith,38 | 7:42:05 |
| 15. Eric Seebacher,21 | 7:42:12 |
| 16. Tim Brown,51,MN | 7:44:13 |
| 17. Kris Setnes,31 | 7:47:26 |
| 18. Brad Drake,37 | 7:47:30 |
| 19. Bruce Sheppard,39,MN | 7:48:38 |
| 20. Gary Fortune,40,MI | 7:49:59 |
| 21. Wayne Bohlmann,44 | 7:50:02 |
| 22. John Nesvold,33,IL | 7:51:12 |
| 23. Parker Rios,24 | 7:52:58 |
| 24. Chuck Huss,42,IA | 7:55:45 |
| 25. Doug Sturgeon,44 | 7:58:18 |
| 26. Kurt Steil,35 | 7:59:01 |
| 27. Deborah Wegner,40,UT | 7:59:32 |
| 28. Don Weyer,44 | 7:59:59 |
| 29. Peter Hans,36 | 8:00:17 |
| 30. Tom Andrew,48,MN | 8:04:01 |
| 31. Dusty Morris,40,MO | 8:06:36 |
| 32. William Nauseef,40,IA | 8:12:29 |
| 33. Lance Kaun,30 | 8:13:53 |
| 34. Dennis Mack,39 | 8:19:34 |
| 35. Paul Bauer,46,MN | 8:20:21 |
| 36. Michael Keuler,34 | 8:22:28 |
| 37. Jeff Tincer,34,IN | 8:23:01 |
| 38. Dennis Hagele,47,IL | 8:25:58 |
| 39. Andrew Klapperich,31 | 8:26:42 |
| 40. Tom Balzola,47 | 8:28:04 |
| 41. Larry Strange,37,KY | 8:30:03 |
| 42. Tim Yanacheck,43 | 8:30:29 |
| 43. Grant Christopher,40,MN | 8:33:11 |
| 44. Mike Gossman,31,IN | 8:35:58 |
| 45. Willie Gehling,36 | 8:36:18 |
| 46. Mark Spangler,38,MN | 8:37:22 |
| 47. Jon Pennycook,30,MN | 8:38:19 |
| 48. Doug Thomas,37,MN | 8:40:16 |
| 49. Jeff Gaft,35,MI | 8:42:16 |
| 50. Jim Blanchard,41 | 8:44:01 |
| 51. Debbie Bennett,32,MN | 8:44:14 |
| 52. Gerald Martin,40 | 8:44:27 |
| 53. Rollie Cohoon,45 | 8:45:41 |
| 54. Gene Bartz,37 | 8:47:12 |
| 55. Patrick Gorman,32,IL | 8:48:26 |
| 56. Jim Sisko,38 | 8:48:28 |
| 57. Paul Paine,52,MN | 8:48:44 |
| 58. Kelly Brown,28,MN | 8:50:15 |
| 59. Jim Stocco,38,MN | 8:50:16 |
| 60. Jerry Labodda,55 | 8:54:58 |
| 61. Steve Lebaron,31,MN | 8:55:38 |
| 62. Sandy James,33,OH | 8:56:30 |
| 63. Tim Lang,52 | 8:57:11 |
| 64. Paul Meyers,38 | 8:57:12 |
| 65. Timothy Antaya,35,MI | 8:57:30 |
| 66. Thomas Burr,44,MN | 8:58:04 |
| 67. Michael Grisham,40 | 8:58:54 |
| 68. Austin Indritz,37,MN | 8:59:19 |
| 69. Bob Frawley,34,MN | 9:01:12 |
| 70. John Swanson,31 | 9:04:01 |
| 71. Bill Menard,39,FL | 9:05:40 |
| 72. Michael Dennis,38,IN | 9:06:24 |
| 73. Andrew Oliver,49,ON | 9:07:11 |
| 74. Mike Brorson,42,MN | 9:08:42 |
| 75. Renee Simmons,40,IA | 9:09:13 |
| 76. Rick Brodine,51,IL | 9:09:40 |
| 77. Vince Varone,31 | 9:10:27 |
| 78. Brian Bennett,36,MN | 9:10:38 |
| 79. John Strange,37,CO | 9:11:15 |
| 80. Joe Valenta,36,IL | 9:13:01 |
| 81. Tim Potter,37,MN | 9:13:23 |
| 82. David Gray,37 | 9:14:42 |
| 83. Tom Glaeser,36 | 9:15:37 |
| 84. Lowell Mutchelknaus,48 | 9:16:54 |
| 85. Andy Arena,39 | 9:16:55 |
| 86. Stuart Johnson,31,KS | 9:18:30 |
| 87. Kevin Ellis,38,IL | 9:20:05 |

88.	John Leighton,46,MN	9:21:47
89.	Alex Mattheis,51	9:23:21
90.	William Browning,43	9:26:34
91.	Eugene Curnow,46,MN	9:27:11
92.	Bill Curnow,26	9:27:12
93.	Tony Benthin,41,MN	9:28:15
94.	Frank Slamar,42	9:28:29
95.	Mike Steben,34,IL	9:29:18
96.	Barney O'Connell,28,IL	9:29:19
97.	David Rittershaus,25	9:29:21
98.	Gordon Bartlett,35	9:29:30
99.	Russ Spilde,44	9:29:36
100.	John O'Halloran,33,IL	9:29:40
101.	Bob Telfer,39,IL	9:29:41
102.	Vicky Schinker,39	9:30:16
103.	Jim Harman,50,IL	9:30:17
104.	Carol Zazubek,42,MN	9:32:02
105.	Robert Rusch,48	9:36:38
106.	Pete Schuchardt,49,MN	9:37:17
107.	Evan James,37,OH	9:37:23
108.	Dave Crone,53	9:37:57
109.	Carter Sherline,30,MI	9:38:15
110.	Ross Meyer,40,IL	9:41:35
111.	Jodeen Harness,27	9:41:50
112.	Luther Thompson,46,MN	9:42:35
113.	Stephen Clark,28,IL	9:42:46
114.	Calvin Newlands,24,MI	9:43:44
115.	Les Honstad,45,MN	9:43:45
116.	Merrie Baltramonas,42	9:44:10
117.	David Nelson,50,MN	9:44:15
118.	Jerry Bollig,41	9:44:43
119.	Chuck Bundy,59,IL	9:47:16
120.	Jean-Pierre Georges,45	9:48:05
121.	Errol Jones,41,CA	9:48:59
122.	Edwin Korkia,52,MN	9:49:56
123.	Chris Nutting,31,CO	9:51:33
124.	Brian Landstrom,39,MN	9:53:09
125.	Daniel Doty,37,MN	9:53:10
126.	Kathy Christoph,39,IN	9:53:52
127.	Barry Duncan,42	9:54:15
128.	Michael Schwartz,38,IL	9:54:44
129.	James Cichowski,44,IL	9:56:29
130.	James Butts,46,IN	9:57:24
131.	Gail Stellbrink,41	9:59:33
132.	Mitzi Henscheid,50,OH	9:59:46

Stan Wagon



Setnes at the finish; even the leaders had to contend with some muck.

133.	Roy Carlsted,67,MN	10:00:53
134.	Jay Onisch,37	10:05:48
135.	Fred Stellbrink,48	10:07:40
136.	Tom Green,40,MD	10:08:29
137.	George Costello,48	10:08:35
138.	Saeed Rabbit Kiaran,48	10:08:53
139.	Gregg Redden,48,MN	10:10:33
140.	Richard Miller,49	10:10:57
141.	Dave Johnston,40,IL	10:12:16
142.	Rob Apple,29,OH	10:14:16
143.	Bruce Purdy,34,MI	10:14:17
144.	Fred Walker,45	10:14:49
145.	Don Adolf,54,IL	10:14:52
146.	Douglas Errett,53,MN	10:15:04
147.	Stan Wagon,39,MN	10:15:37
148.	Alan Hutton,39	10:15:54
149.	Stuart Schulman,52,IL	10:15:58
150.	Bill Barker,50,IA	10:21:04
151.	Darrell Zuchlke,48,MN	10:23:16
152.	Dennis Shackley,47,IN	10:23:41
153.	Carolyn Erdman,42	10:24:17
154.	Tom Mueller,34	10:24:24
155.	Sherman Hodges,55,IL	10:26:01
156.	Dave Johnson,33	10:26:02
157.	Greg Steinacker,34,MN	10:28:52
158.	Jim Crosswhite,40,AZ	10:29:46
159.	James Youngquist,45	10:30:47
160.	Grant Baxter,54,ON	10:31:10
161.	Rod Runacres,48,ON	10:31:11
162.	Douglas Day,53,ON	10:31:12
163.	Bonnie Lukowicz,39,IA	10:31:40
164.	Vern Schaller,44	10:33:41
165.	Larry Gardner,48	10:33:52
166.	Curt Johnston,31,MN	10:34:04
167.	Rich Mueller,28,MN	10:34:16
168.	Fat Rabbit,43	10:34:17
169.	Lorraine Bunk,50	10:34:18
170.	Robert Dames,36	10:34:40
171.	Joy Van Trieste,46	10:38:18
172.	Jim O'Connor,47,MN	10:39:10
173.	Marvin Sato,52,IL	10:39:15
174.	Mark Switala,31,MI	10:39:49
175.	Joseph Bonno,41,MI	10:39:50
176.	James Mulrenin,53,MI	10:39:52
177.	Dean Hanke,45	10:41:26
178.	Duane Miszewski,42	10:41:42
179.	Ken Gilgenbach,53	10:41:43
180.	Bruce Osran,40,IL	10:42:13
181.	Mark Krupp,39	10:43:12
182.	Dick Hogan,44,IA	10:44:32
183.	Steve Perry,48,MN	10:44:55
184.	Sharon Lemay,35,MN	10:45:08
185.	Tim Miller,31	10:47:12
186.	Mike Runnells,38	10:47:58
187.	Gary Hoelzel,37	10:49:25
188.	George Kimmes,41,MN	10:49:40
189.	Jeff Moomey,37,MO	10:50:00
190.	John Stephenson,30	10:50:25
191.	John Hammetter,31	10:50:26
192.	Edward Dunn,44	10:51:08
193.	Burnsie Holder,47,IL	10:53:15
194.	Kathryn Penn,40,IL	10:53:17
195.	Ed Geb,42	10:53:57
196.	Richard Weslon,49,MI	10:57:13
197.	Glen Zirbel,60,IA	10:59:58
198.	Todd Fonstad,48	11:01:03
199.	Joseph Pettor,41,IL	11:01:30
200.	John Moran,63	11:01:47
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202.	Edwin Fischer,38	11:02:41
203.	Strider Benston,46,CO	11:04:40
204.	Al Hammelman,38	11:08:04
205.	Robert Kubiak,45	11:08:53
206.	Bob Eve,45	11:09:44
207.	Henry Miller,48	11:09:45
208.	Richard Buse,42,IL	11:09:58
209.	Karl King,46	11:10:09
210.	Nick Aversa,59	11:10:34
211.	Tom Kelly,40	11:10:57

212.	Allen Ruid,35	11:11:38
213.	Al Schwark,46	11:12:57
214.	William Boehm,48	11:12:58
215.	Pam Rondeau,34,MN	11:13:07
216.	Bill Lee,42,CO	11:13:08
217.	Dennis Masek,47,IL	11:14:49
218.	D. E. Bates,57	11:15:14
219.	Darryn Kozak,29,MN	11:16:16
220.	Mark Lucas,31,IA	11:17:34
221.	Norman Yarger,52,IL	11:19:32
222.	Bill Smeaton,64	11:20:59
223.	Bob Brevard,47	11:22:12
224.	Robert Schofield,59,ON	11:23:10
225.	John Gonzales,54,ON	11:23:12
226.	Rodd Szmania,37	11:24:38
227.	Victoria Nimmo,42,IA	11:25:27
228.	Rich Werner,43	11:27:56
229.	Thomas Hermans,37	11:27:57
230.	Robert Sperling,41	11:27:58
231.	Burt Carlson,65,MN	11:29:58
232.	Bob Simmons,39,IA	11:32:20
233.	Terry Sullivan,33,MO	11:32:21
234.	Donna Moore,42,MN	11:33:06
235.	Dick Ott,43,MN	11:34:28
236.	Larry Stephens,53,IN	11:35:37
237.	Georgia Dolister,50	11:35:43
238.	Frank Ingalls,46,IN	11:37:02
239.	Christine Troxell,35,IL	11:37:53
240.	Stuart Marston,28	11:39:06
241.	Sandra Thiel,41,IL	11:39:50
242.	Jim Rittershaus,37	11:40:13
243.	Fred Webber,37	11:40:28
244.	Rollin Perry,52,IA	11:43:52
245.	Drew Morrison,37,IL	11:44:05
246.	Robert Finin,31,IA	11:44:06
247.	John Tiefenthaler,42	11:44:32
248.	Dianne Miller,42	11:46:15
249.	Chester Wiese,49	11:46:18
250.	Marianne Oberbillig,42	11:48:04
251.	John Mailman,46	11:51:00
252.	Marie Reifa,36,FL	11:52:04
253.	Tom Schoenecker,40	11:55:25
254.	Rob Wiek,45,MN	11:56:06
255.	Robert Marro,42,IL	11:56:49
256.	Doug Landmann,45	11:59:28
257.	Tim West,45,IL	11:59:59

317 starters

You Ran 50 Miles For a Buckle?

When asked the question, "Was that your goal?"

Why waste all that time to run so far?"

Do you show your heart, expose your soul?

Or toss out a line 'bout time in a car?

Running in search of your personal grail,
But a DNF, won't quench the fire!
Hard to describe the hours on the trail,
Slogging through endless miles of mire.

The race involves your eternal quest,
To peel the layers and look inside.
At the finish, can you again rest,
The truth, once found, can no longer hide.
The buckle is the material award,
Knowledge of self is the real reward!

Rob Wiek