

CLAUDE BERUBE

Athlete/Builder

Claude Berube has been involved with the sport of running in Manitoba continually for over 40 years since before the running boom came to Manitoba in 1979. Of Franco-Manitoban heritage he started his running career in grade 10 at College St. Boniface. He has the distinction of being both an outstanding athlete himself with many honours and an accomplished level 5 NCCP coach of countless runners of all abilities, male and female, which continues today in his 25th year as head coach of the track and field and cross country programs at the University of Manitoba. His contribution to the sport of running in our province is significant if not unique and he has been a key figure in the development of track and running programs in Manitoba during his long coaching career.

Claude was a complete runner competing as a gold standard athlete in track, cross-country and road events from 5K to the ½ marathon. During the golden age of road running in Manitoba - from the early 1980's to the early 1990's - there was an abundance of riches in local elite road racing talent and Claude was one of the best. He was a regular participant in MRA sponsored road races for a number of years and if he didn't win the event outright he was a high placer while competing against many other top tier Manitoba runners.

At 18, as a high school student, he ran sub 32:00 at the inaugural 1979 Tribune 10K Run for Fun finishing in the top 10 of an elite field of senior runners. During the mid 1980's he won the Manitoba Marathon's half marathon event 3 times with a best time of 1:08:11 in 1985. In 1985 he was also the recipient of the MRA's prestigious Outstanding Male Runner Award. In 1986 he won a bronze medal at the Canada West University Indoor Championships. During 1990 -1994 he was selected 3 times to represent Manitoba at the Timex 10K Road Championships in Ottawa. He was a top 3-5 finisher in most of the major road races contested in Manitoba from the late 1970's to the early 1990's including Tribune 10K, Gimli 10 mile, Bird's Hill 20K, Athlete's Wear 10K, Calm Air 10K, Catfish Classic 5K, and Puma Series Grand Prix 5K, 10K and 15K. His personal best road distance times are: 5K 14:40, 10K 30:30, 15K 46:15, 20K 64:00.

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