

Tarpy takes first at the Run4Kerri

Providence resident cruises to easy win

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WAKEFIELD — When Providence runner **Patrick Tarpy** breezed towards the finish line in last weekend's eighth annual Run4Kerri four-mile road race, he was greeted with enthusiastic cheers and smiles from dozens of fans lining the parking lot of the Matunuck Elementary School.

Tarpy's time, a cool 19 minutes, 23 seconds, was a full 42 ticks better than anyone else in attendance and for most runners, a 4:51 pace per mile is something they can only dream about, let alone achieve.

But Tarpy wasn't exactly thrilled about his finish. Like a true competitor, he wanted to do better, he wanted to be faster.

"I wanted to run 19 minutes," Tarpy said. "I ran out a little too hard and kind of faded the last two miles."

Tarpy was far from surprised at his victory over his peers, what with competitive running being such a tight knit group and all, but he was pleased that he was able to edge second-place finisher **Patrick Moulton**.

"I was our front pretty much the whole time but I went out a little bit too hard and slowed down the last three miles," he said. "But everyone does all the races so we all know each other. I thought I should win so I'm not surprised I won, it would have been nice to do a little better but the guy who got second, we run together. He gets me sometimes but I've had his number the last couple weeks."

The one thing that did catch Tarpy off guard Sunday was the sheer size

of the Run4Kerri. Considering the race set a new attendance high (881 people finished), it's easy to see why.

"I actually thought it would be smaller," he said. "So I was surprised at how many people were here. But yeah, it's a good course. I probably should have run the course before because there's a long hill from two and three and I was struggling but it's well run. **Scott (Bessette)** and his mother who organize it are super nice. It's a nice community race that a lot of people come out for, it was a nice day."

"I know Scott"

When asked why he thought so many people came out to participate in Sunday's Run4Kerri road race, Narragansett High School basketball coach **David Gee** said "a lot of people run for

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Providence runner Patrick Tarpy won the eighth annual Run4Kerri race Sunday after noon in Matunuck, finishing in 19 minutes, 23 seconds.