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## **BOONE, BRAITHWAITE EARN FIRST-TIME VICTORIES AT 2025 MINNESOTA MILE**

*575 Finishers Mark Largest Minnesota Mile Since 2019*

**(DULUTH, MINN.)** --- First-time participants Calvin Boone and Caitlin Braithwaite won the 2025 Minnesota Mile on Friday night, capping what was the event's largest turnout since 2019.

Boone is a former all-conference cross country runner – and now is an assistant coach – for St. Scholastica, and this marked his first post-collegiate competitive race. His time of 4:26 was the fastest men's time since Josh Kerr won the 2018 Minnesota Mile in 4:10.

John Curley was the men's runner-up, finishing three seconds behind Boone with a time of 4:29, and the top eight men's runners ran 5:00 or faster.

Braithwaite, meanwhile, actually ran the race twice on Friday evening. First, she ran alongside her 7-year-old son, Wesley, in the recreational division before later finishing in 5:24 to win the women's competitive race. Amber Gurske finished as the women's runner-up with a time of 6:04.

John Byboth won the men's masters competitive heat with a time of 5:32, and Cristina Nistler was the women's masters winner with a time of 6:59.

Samantha Frey was the top non-binary finisher with a time of 7:59.

There were 577 total finishers in Friday night's race, making it the largest event since there were 650 finishers in 2019.

For any questions or interview requests, please contact Marketing & Public Relations Director Zach Schneider via phone at (218) 343-9874 or via email at [zach@grandmasmarathon.com](mailto:zach@grandmasmarathon.com).

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### **YOUNG ATHLETES FOUNDATION**

The mission of the Young Athletes Foundation (YAF) is to assist in the promotion, development, and growth of youth athletics and activities that encourage physical fitness, mental, and emotional well-being.

Since its inception in 1990, the YAF has contributed more than \$1.8 million of community support through our grant program, running shoe program, and both the Eleanor Rynda and Steve & Carolyn Mather scholarships. The organization also hosts several kids' events throughout the year including our Wednesday Night & Saturday Morning at the Races series.

The YAF's mission is helped and funded by various road races throughout the year --- KP Challenge, Saint Fennessy 4K, Fitger's 5K, Park Point 5-Miler, Minnesota Mile, and Superior Nightmare 5K.

