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**KENYAN SAMMY KITWARA WINS
 98TH ANNUAL ING BAY TO BREAKERS 12K
*First-Time Participant Shatters Course Record by Eleven Seconds***

SAN FRANCISCO – May 17, 2009 – First-time ING Bay to Breakers 12K participant Sammy Kitwara of Kenya made race history amid more than 62,000 participants, world-class athletes, weekend runners and enthusiasts of all ages. Finishing in 33:31 – beating Ismael Kirui’s 1993 time by 11 seconds – Kitwara’s performance earned the \$25,000 Battle to the Breakers prize, the \$7,000 First Place prize, the \$5,000 ING Hayes Street Summit prize as the first male to reach the highest elevation point, and a \$3,000 bonus for breaking the course record, for a total prize purse of \$40,000.

“Sammy’s awe-inspiring performance truly embodies the amazing talent of our elite athletes and underscores our 98-year history as an exhilarating, world-class footrace,” noted Angela Fang, the race’s general manager.

Despite the unseasonably warm weather, the race attracted 31,626 registered runners, who along with an estimated 31,000 nonregistered participants brought the race total to more than 62,000. The race’s official after party, ING Footstock, also saw record crowds of participants, as well as race supporters.

“This success of this year’s race was the result of a City coming together in support of one mission: to safeguard the future of the ING Bay to Breakers 12K. We thank the residents, civic leaders and City services of San Francisco for helping us to continue to offer this vibrant, iconic event,” added Fang.

Women’s Results – Open Field

Place	Name	Age	Hometown	Time	Bib#
1	Teyba Erkesso	26	Ethiopia	38:29	15
2	Lineth Chepkurui	21	Kenya	38:35	1
3	Deena Kastor	36	Mammoth Lakes, Calif.	39:04	3
4	Edna Kiplagat	29	Kenya	40:30	4
5	Jane Kibii	24	Kenya	40:40	5

6	Teyba Naser	19	Ethiopia	40:47	14
7	Liliya Shobukhova	31	Russia	41:04	8
8	Katie McGregor	31	St. Louis Park, Minn.	41:29	16
9	Mariya Konovalova	34	Russia	41:37	6
10	Kiyoko Shimahara	32	Japan	42:07	9
11	Meskerem Legesse	22	Ethiopia	43:45	10
12	Midori Sperandeo	43	Folsom, Calif.	44:53	13
13	Tania Fischer	43	Santa Monica, Calif.	45:34	11
14	Emily Bates	32	Salt Lake City, Utah	45:59	17
15	Michelle Simonaitis	43	Draper, Utah	46:04	12

Men's Results – Open Field

Place	Name	Age	Hometown	Time	Bib#
1	Sammy Kitwara	22	Kenya	33:31	24
2	Tilahun Regassa	19	Ethiopia	34:15	28
3	John Yuda	29	Tanzania	34:23	23
4	John Korir	33	Kenya	34:53	21
5	Silas Sang	31	Kenya	34:54	40
6	Gilbert Okari	30	Kenya	35:18	27
7	Gilbert Koech	28	Kenya	36:01	30
8	Justin Young	29	Boulder, Colo.	36:05	32
9	Mike Sayenko	24	Bellevue, Wash.	36:36	34
10	Josh Moen	27	Readlyn, Iowa	36:53	29
11	Peter Gilmore	32	San Mateo, Calif.	37:41	38
12	Matt Levassieur	27	Alamosa, Colo.	38:03	39
13	Brad Poore	30	Davis, Calif.	39:08	37
14	Nick Neely	24	Reno, Nev.	39:24	135
15	Brian Locher	30	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	40:25	87

Top American Woman

Place Overall	Name	Age	Hometown	Time	Bib#
15	Deena Kastor	36	Mammoth Lakes, Calif.	39:04	3

Top American Man

Place	Name	Age	Hometown	Time	Bib#
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Overall	Name	Age	Hometown	Time	Bib#
8	Justin Young	29	Boulder, Colo.	36:05	32

Top Bay Area Woman

Place Overall	Name	Age	Hometown	Time	Bib#
109	Melinda Dinapoli	39	Saratoga, Calif.	47:13	245

Top Bay Area Man

Place Overall	Name	Age	Hometown	Time	Bib#
11	Peter Gilmore	32	San Mateo, Calif.	37:41	38

First Place - Women's Masters

Place Overall	Name	Age	Hometown	Time	Bib#
69	Midori Sperandeo	42	Folsom, Calif.	44:53	13

First Place - Men's Masters

Place Overall	Name	Age	Hometown	Time	Bib#
27	Dennis Simonaitis	46	Draper, Utah	41:37	42

First Woman to Reach the Top of Hayes Street Hill

Place Overall	Name	Age	Hometown	Time	Bib#
14	Lineth Chepkurui	21	Kenya	13:58	1

First Man to Reach the Top of Hayes Street Hill

Place Overall	Name	Age	Hometown	Time	Bib#
1	Sammy Kitwara	22	Kenya	12:23	24



For winning centipede information, as well as full race results, please visit <http://www.ingbaytobreakers.com>.

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Headed for its 98th year, the ING Bay to Breakers 12K is one of the world's largest and oldest footraces, held annually in San Francisco, Calif. The name reflects the traditional course which takes tens of thousands of participants from the northeast end of the downtown area near The Embarcadero (the "bay" side of the city) to the west end of the city and the "breakers" of Ocean Beach. The 7.46 mile (12 kilometer) race features world-class athletes in addition to costumed runners and 'fun-loving' folks out for a great day of running and walking through San Francisco. For more information, visit www.ingbaytobreakers.com.

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