

Second Draft  
Revision

Champion  
The Shoeless Runner

1 Before the 1960 summer olympics Abebe Bikila, the Ethiopian  
2 marathon runner, wasn't considered a serious contender for a metal.  
3 Ethiopia was not noted for their long distance runners and Bikila  
4 in the Olympic trials earlier that year. the young Ethiopian  
5 had not performed especially great before. That Bikila would lose  
6 noticed seemed even more certain when, at the beginning of the race, people  
7 saw that he was not wearing any shoes. Since the grueling 26.1-mile marathon  
8 varied terrain covered lots of different kinds of places including a long jaunt  
9 cobblestone streets of Rome, how could a shoeless man Bikila hope to win. However, to everyone's  
10 surprise, Bikila did win. As spectators shouted cheers of encouragment people yelled encouraging stuff to him,  
11 from along side the route, the shoeless champion flew  
Bikila ran across the finish line, Twenty five seconds ahead of the  
second-place  
other runner. Abebe Bikila had won the gold.