

The Shoeless Runner

Before the 1960 summer olympics

- 1 A Abebe Bikila, the Ethiopian marathon runner, wasn't considered
2 a serious contender for a metal. ^{Bikila} That he would loose seemed ^{even more} certain, ^{when,}
3 ^{at the beginning of the race, people saw that} He was not wearing any shoes. ^{Since} The marathon covered lots of different ^{26.1-mile}
4 kinds of places including a run over the streets of Rome, so how
5 could Bikila hope to win. Ethiopia was not noted for their long distance
6 runners and Bikila had not performed especially great before. ^{However,} To
7 ^{As people yelled encouraging stuff to him, Bikila} everyones surprise, Bikila did win. He ran across the finish line.
8 Twenty five seconds ahead of the other runner. Another great runner
9 was Jim Fixx, but he didn't compare to Bikila.