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WinSport Canada Team Member Wins Vancouver Marathon

Bernard Onsare continues to beat the odds

Calgary, AB – This past weekend, Bernard Onsare clocked in at a time of two hours 19 minutes 59 seconds to win the 2011 BMO Vancouver Marathon. This is the second time Bernard has captured the gold at this prestigious Canadian event.

Bernard has been working with the WinSport Canada team for over two years in the custodial department while attending SAIT's plumbing apprenticeship program. A native of Kenya, Bernard has been trying to obtain his Canadian citizenship in time for the 2012 Olympics in London so he can compete for Canada.

As a young boy, Bernard grew up in Kenya with nothing more than the morals his parents taught him and the desire to run. Since transportation was considered a luxury in his village, Bernard had to run wherever he needed to go. Not to mention that sneakers were only worn by the wealthiest families. Everyday, Bernard used to grab his books and head out on a 10 mile run to school. By the time his day was finished, Bernard had almost run a full marathon – without sneakers.

Four years ago, Bernard's passion for running lead him to Canada. Since his arrival, Bernard has been trying to balance a job, school and fatherhood all while trying to maintain a world class runner's physique. After he obtains his Canadian citizenship, he's hoping to bring his daughter and family over to Canada.

With his sights set firmly on London 2012, Bernard Onsare continues to battle through adversity while always continuing to smile.

Bernard will be stopping through Calgary this week if you would like an interview.

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