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Skechers Elite Runner Edward Cheserek Wins 10K and Sets New PB During Sunset Tour in Los Angeles

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Skechers celebrates 17-time NCAA national champion Edward Cheserek winning the 10K race during the Sunset Tour on Saturday in Los Angeles—his first pro career attempt on the track at this distance. Cheserek, who ran in custom-made prototype Skechers GO RUN track spikes, crossed the finish line first in 27:42, which was 48 seconds faster than his previous best time at this distance set at the 2014 NCAA Championship. This follows his recent victory at the 5K distance with a meet-record time of 13:21 on August 22.

Skechers elite runner Edward Cheserek sets new PB winning the 10K at the Sunset Tour in Los Angeles. Photo credit: Evan Barnes.

"It feels great to be racing again after the extended time off during the pandemic, so to find my groove with the 5K win last week and then win my first career pro 10K attempt on the track is

even better," said Edward Cheserek. "I'm thankful for the partnership with Skechers. I asked them for an even lighter race day shoe and they delivered—leading to a new personal best today at this distance six years after the collegiate championships in 2014."

"Edward continues to be a dominating force in running, and we're lucky to have him on our team racing in Skechers GO RUN footwear," said Michael Greenberg, president of Skechers. "The combination of his power, strength and dedication plus our footwear has given Edward the competitive edge he needs to succeed. We're proud to be part of his journey as the sport gets back in gear building up to Tokyo next summer."

Originally from Kenya, Cheserek attended Saint Benedict's Preparatory School in New Jersey, where he was named the Gatorade 2013 National Cross Country Runner of the Year, before choosing to continue his collegiate career at distance running powerhouse, University of Oregon. In 2013, Cheserek became the first freshman in school history to win the NCAA National Cross Country Championships, and would then go on to repeat as cross country champion in his sophomore and junior years. By the end of his collegiate career, Cheserek was the winningest male athlete in NCAA Division I athletics' history with a combined 17 national championships in cross country plus indoor and outdoor track and field. After going pro in September 2017, he set a new PR in the indoor mile with a win at the 2018 Boston University Valentine Invitational. Wearing custom Skechers GO RUN racing spikes, his time of 3:49.44 placed him at #2 all-time on the world record list for that distance. In April 2019, Cheserek won the Carlsbad 5000 in 13:29, tying the IAAF road world record and achieving a new road 5K personal best.

Since its debut with the first model of Skechers GO RUN worn by Meb Keflezighi in 2012, Skechers Performance footwear has earned respect throughout the running world and won numerous awards within the footwear industry—including 10 editorial awards in 2019 alone.

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