

In The Picture

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Peter de Petter

Winner 6 uur van Aalter 2015

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Peter de Petter, a professional bus driver is a real early bird. If you don't see him running at the Dender, his favourite river, then you'll definitely find him on his motorcycle. Most of all he likes to run 6-hour runs, because these races combine the speed of a marathon with the endurance skills of ultrarunning. He also pays a lot of attention at his warming up and cooling downs.

When did you start ultrarunning?

I started ultrarunning in 2012.

Why did you start ultrarunning?

Actually the goal was to finish the Spartathlon. If this was about to happen, then I would quit competitive sporting. Unfortunately it didn't work out and we continue to keep on trying.

Before you started ultrarunning, did you practice other sports?

Before I started ultrarunning, I practised triathlon combined with climbing, skydiving and survival-runs.

Which race track you find the most beautiful to run?

I find the most beautiful track a track in rounds. You'll find them on 6h, 12h or 24h runs. Preferably I prefer rounds of maximum two kilometers.

Which earned title gives you the most satisfaction?

The 6 uur van Aalter. On this ultrarun most ultrarunners were present. It was extremely hot and that's really my thing. The race, due to the weather, became a real battle of attrition.

Which advice would you like to give to other runners?

It depends on their ambitions. You can run on different levels. It's obvious that someone who runs 80 km on a 6-hour run trains different from someone who runs 60 km.

Which discipline within the ultrarunning do you prefer to run?

The 6-hour runs. These races combine the speed of a marathon with the endurance skills of ultrarunning.

To which sporter are you looking up to?

To no-one in fact. I respect everyone who does his best and tries to get to the bottom of it.

Which goals do you wish to achieve in 2016?

I'll try to run 75 km on a 6-hour race. That's 109 meter further than my personal record of 74891 meter which I ran on the 6 uur van Stein 2012. I have three opportunities this year to achieve this goal.

Thank you for the interview Peter. We look forward to your participation of the 6-hour race at Stein.

We wish you good luck.

Kevin Simons