

Peacock Finishes Second At Manchester

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Landon Peacock put on a strong showing in his first appearance for Zap Fitness of Blowing Rock. Zap Fitness is a non-profit training center for post-collegiate, Olympic hopeful distance runners. The organization was founded

in 2001.

And Peacock, a native of Morley, MI., turned in a second-place finish his first time out at the Manchester Road Race in Manchester, Connecticut on November 25. He completed the race in 21-minutes and 39 seconds, finishing just three seconds behind Brian Ollinger of Columbus, OH., who won the event in 21:36.

The Manchester Road Race is the second oldest race on the east coast behind the Boston Marathon.

"Landon ran a steady race," said Pete Rea, one of the Elite Athlete Coordinators for Zap Fitness. "It was a competitive field, but Landon held his own and nearly pulled it out. It was impressive."

And for his efforts, Peacock will compete in the BUPA Invitational in Edinboro Castle, Scotland on Saturday. The Bupa Invitational features the top eight cross country runners from the following countries: the USA, Canada, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England, Spain, France, Germany, Poland and Russia. It's an eight-kilometer course (five miles).

Zap Fitness will also be sending six qualifiers to Houston, TX., next Saturday, January 14, for the Marathon Olympic Trials. Two women and four men will be in the field representing Zap Fitness.

Esther Erb and Alissa McKaig will compete on the women side; Joe Driscoll, Chris Clark, Jesse Cherry and David Jankowski will compete in the men's race. The top three finishers in the men's and women's races will advance on to the Summer Olympics in London, England in August.

"And I really like our chances," Rea said. "We're sending a competitive group to Houston. I'm confident we'll have a strong showing next week."

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