

Peacock Takes Fourth In Scotland

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Landon Peacock continues to make a name for himself in his first season with Zap Fitness of Blowing Rock.

The Morely, Michigan native finished fourth at the BUPA Invitational at Edinboro Castle in Scotland this past weekend. And despite a muddy course, Peacock completed the eight kilometer

(five miles) race in 23:53. He finished nine seconds behind the winner, Moses Kiprop of Kenya, who won the race in 23:44.

And with his fourth-place finish, Peacock was also the second American to finish the race in the top five. Bobby Mack, from Youngstown, OH and who currently lives in Raleigh, NC, finished second, one second behind the winner, Kiprop in 23:45. There were 22 countries competing in the field.

It was quite an accomplishment for Mack, a highly-touted runner coming out of high school who suffered through an injury-prone career at North Carolina State. Team wise, thanks to Peacock and Mack, the USA captured the team championship with 52 points (based on their top five finishers). Kenya, the pre-race favorite coming in, finished second with 62 points.

Zap Fitness will be sending six qualifiers to Houston, TX., on Saturday 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.

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