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## Three-time British Olympian Jo Pavey Withdraws From NYC Half on March 18

**New York, March 14, 2012**— Three-time British Olympian Jo Pavey was forced to withdraw from the NYC Half on Sunday, March 18 due to the flu, it was announced today by New York Road Runners officials.

Pavey is one of the top female British track and field athletes of all time, and has transitioned into the road-racing scene in recent years. She won the 2011 Bupa London 10,000 and finished ninth at the ING New York City Marathon 2011.

NYRR's flagship half-marathon, in its seventh running, will feature a race-record field of 15,000 runners and a thrilling new course. Also new this year, WABC-TV will be airing the NYC Half live, beginning at 7:00 a.m., as part of NYRR's recently announced comprehensive television agreement with ESPN/WABC-TV. The race will also be broadcast live on the New York Road Runners website. Viewers can tune in at 7:00-9:00 a.m. EDT on Sunday, March 18 to [tv.nyrr.org](http://tv.nyrr.org) to watch the race coverage. The NYC Half will again offer a prize purse of \$100,000—the largest half-marathon purse in the United States. The men's and women's champions will each earn \$20,000. The race continues to attract prominent professional athletes and recreational runners from around the world.

### About NYRR

New York Road Runners was founded in 1958 when a small group of passionate runners vowed to bring running to the people. Over the past 53 years, NYRR has grown from a local running club to the world's premier community running organization. NYRR's mission is to empower everyone, of all ages and abilities—beginners and competitive athletes, the young and the elderly, adult professionals and underserved schoolchildren—to improve their health and well-being through the power of running and fitness.

NYRR's races, community events, instruction and training resources, and youth programs give hundreds of thousands of people each year the motivation, know-how, and opportunity to start running and keep running for life. NYRR's premier event, the famed ING New York City Marathon, attracts the world's top pro runners and committed amateurs alike while also raising millions of dollars annually for charity and driving economic impact for the City. But NYRR is equally committed to the runners of tomorrow, passionately providing youth fitness programs that educate and inspire more than 100,000 kids in underserved communities in New York City, all 50 states, and around the world.

Headquartered in New York City, NYRR implements a unique nonprofit model that teams contributed and earned income to make all its efforts possible. To learn more, please visit [www.nyrr.org](http://www.nyrr.org).