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CHARLESTON, IL (May 29, 1986)--Former Eastern Illinois University track standout **GINA SPERRY** won "Super Run II" May 24 along the beach-front hotels of South Lake Tahoe, CA.

She ran the 10-kilometer race in 37:58 to capture the women's division and the \$500,000 grand prize. Sperry will receive \$10,000 a year for 50 years.

Sperry is currently a fitness instructor in South Burlington, VT but originally hails from Litchfield, IL. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from EIU while also working in the adult fitness program at Eastern.

There were 99 total entries in the race. Winners from each of the 50 states qualified for the race--which was only open to amateur runners. Participants could not have won any previous prize money from running, nor had participation expenses paid. They also had to be out of college at least three years.