

# 820 go distance for Via

**MARATHON** follows course through Valley to benefit agency.

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**EASTON |** As he sat Sunday morning in Riverside Park sipping Gatorade and changing his running shoes, Timothy Scurman said he was pleased with his second marathon.

At about 3 hours and 22 minutes, he managed to shave roughly 5 minutes off his first marathon in October.

“In a way, (the second marathon) is easier because you know what to expect a little more,” Scurman said.

And Sunday’s scenic route through the Lehigh Valley’s three cities and along the Lehigh River may have been enough to hold his interest.

“I think there’s a really strong chance of me coming out again next year,” Scurman said.

The Bryn Mawr resident was one of 820 runners to compete Sunday in the first Lehigh River Relay Marathon Run benefiting Via of the Lehigh Valley.

The course followed roughly the same path laid out 18 years ago by Bart Yasso, the chief running officer for Runner’s World magazine, when he designed a 23-mile course for the American Red Cross. Sunday’s course, however, in-

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**Chris Reed of Allentown, the eventual winner of Sunday’s Lehigh River Relay Marathon Run, leads two other runners along the Lehigh Canal towpath section of the course in Bethlehem.**