

2 brothers dominate mini marathons

By C.J. RISAK

It was an overcast, gray Saturday morning in July. Rain threatened, the temperature was in the low 70s and the humidity was a little high.

It was about as perfect a day as a runner could hope for when racing in the Farmington Founders' Day Mini-marathon.

The Farmington Parks and Recreation Department and the YMCA co-sponsored the three races — 5,000-meter (3.1 miles), 10,000-meter (6.2 miles) and 15,000-meter (9.3 miles) runs. Three hundred sixty-three runners of all ages from all over the state entered the events, some racing to win, others just running for the exercise and the T-shirt.

All three races started near downtown Farmington and three finished on Grand River, near Farmington Road. But each took a different, winding route through the hills and streets of Farmington.

Each race was divided into five categories: 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50 and over age groups for the men, and a women's open. Plaques were awarded to the top six finishers in each division.

IN THE 5,000-METER run, Mike Foley of Farmington Hills was the fastest finisher overall, grabbing first place in the 18-29 age division (16:36.0).

In the 30-39 age group, Jim Hilber of Plymouth was first (18:32), while William Barton of Birmingham was tops in the 5,000-meter for the 40-49 age bracket (17:45). Barton finished fifth overall.

Giulio Panicia of Detroit captured first place honors for the 50 and over age division (19:11), while Linda Tremonti of Farmington Hills was first in the women's open (21:39).

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The runners begin to string out as they reach the halfway point in the 15,000-meter race.



Lars Ziembra returns a serve during a Founders' Festival Tennis Tournament singles match at Oakland Community College. (Staff photo by Tom Baer)

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In the 10,000-meter run, the fastest overall finisher was Ed Grabowski of Orchard Lake (32:30), running in the 18-29 division. Marlin Thomas of Novi was the fastest in the 30-39 group (37:52), while Bob Paklaian of Detroit took top honors in the 40-49 division (35:16).

Eugene Sorge of Farmington won the 50 and over bracket (45:15) in the 10,000 meters and Debra Kremerik of Farmington Hills won the women's open (44:59).

The 15,000-meter run was won by John Grabowski of Orchard Lake, brother of the 10,000 meter winner.

John, racing in the 18-29 division, finished a minute ahead of his nearest competitor (50:09).

Lee Toul of Grosse Pointe was first in the 30-39 group (55:06), and Robert Binkelman of West Bloomfield won the 40-49 division (60:22).

The 50 and over division in the 15,000 meter was captured by Max Nemati of Livonia (61:58), with Kay Yount of Mt. Pleasant winning the women's open (65:21).

Of the three races, the 5,000-meter had the fewest participants (108) and the 15,000-meter had the most (132).

Mini marathon results

15,000-METER RUN

18-29 AGE GROUP — 1. John Grabowski, 32:30; 2. John St. John, 31:04; 3. Frank Kreezy, 31:28; 4. Ron Holland, 31:40; 5. Terry Gray, 31:43; 6. Alan Van Meter, 34:46; 7. Bill Noville, 35:23; 8. Bill Segel, 35:28; 9. Charles Mack, 35:45; 10. Bruce Taylor, 38:13; 11. 30-39 AGE GROUP — 1. Lee Toul, 55:06; 2. Thomas Schwartz, 56:35; 3. James Spitzer, 56:47; 4. Charles Blackwell, 57:15; 5. Matt Hunt, 58:41; 6. John Pender, 59:25; 7. John Walker, 59:41; 8. William Paul, 59:46; 9. Thomas Pitzer, 59:47; 10. Chuck Kitch, 60:22; 40-49 AGE GROUP — 1. Robert Binkelman, 60:22; 2. Frederick Pryor, 64:23; 3. Farley Reynolds, 64:57; 4. Samuel Harper, 65:05; 5. Thomas Gendewick, 66:57; 6. Merrill Epstein, 67:32; 50-AND-OVER — 1. Max Nemati, 61:58; 2. Louis Gagliardi, 67:12; 3. Robert Taylor, 68:42; 4. Ben Fitch, 69:03; 5. Charles Johnson, 69:15; 6. 50-AND-OVER — 1. Kay Yount, 65:21; 2. Kathy Yount, 68:12; 3. Julie Lefebvre, 74:05; 4. Sue Zeno, 74:26; 5. Bob Ford, 77:10; 6. Nancy Schmitt, 79:51.

10,000-METER RUN

18-29 AGE GROUP — 1. Ed Grabowski, 32:30; 2. Harold Buttle, 32:38; 3. Paul Welch, 32:38; 4. Andy Dillon, 34:29; 5. Lou Marzetti, 34:31; 6. Eric Hagemeier, 34:39; 7. Mike Marino, 35:25; 8. Michael Negel, 36:10; 9. George Bennett, 37:16; 10. Mike Schaefer, 37:18; 30-39 AGE GROUP — 1. Marlin Thomas, 37:52; 2. Joel Kadon, 37:53; 3. Dan Hergen, 39:25; 4. Roger Tobin, 39:25; 5. Joel Sullivan, 40:09; 6. Gary Freeman, 40:51; 7. Stephen Lambough, 42:06; 8. Chris Adams, 42:10; 9. Larry Sanders, 43:11; 10. Allen Smith, 43:22.

40-49 AGE GROUP — 1. Bob Paklaian, 35:16; 2. Tony Ragusa, 35:17; 3. John Boyle, 38:37; 4. James Ingle, 38:40; 5. Michael Brown, 40:18; 6. Roy Robinson, 42:23; 50-AND-OVER — 1. Eugene Sorge, 45:15; 2. Nathan Feldman, 45:20; 3. Bill Swarwick, 45:47; 4. William Wright, 51:42; 5. John Boring, 52:16; 6. Samuel Prok, 52:19; 50-AND-OPEN — 1. Debra Kremerik, 44:59; 2. Clete Miller, 45:20; 3. Barb Perry, 45:40; 4. Kelly Lunde, 55:25; 5. Jill Jones, 55:56; 6. Patricia Howlett, 58:45.

5,000-METER RUN

18-29 AGE GROUP — 1. Mike Foley, 16:36; 2. John Middlebrook, 17:08; 3. Ramon Lazo, Jr., 17:09; 4. David Suter, 18:45; 5. James Webber, 18:57; 6. David Suter, 19:45; 7. Bruce Koster, 20:16; 8. David Thorne, 20:17; 9. John Welch, 20:52; 10. David Gaudin, 21:25; 30-39 AGE GROUP — 1. Jim Hilber, 18:32; 2. Charles Johnson, 19:35; 3. Larry Modell, 19:46; 4. James Falley, 20:25; 5. Dennis Gosh, 20:51; 6. David Kewich, 21:04; 7. Dale Adams, 23:54; 8. Dennis Hampton, 24:08; 9. Frank Fick, 24:17; 10. Jerry Monawar, 24:57; 40-49 AGE GROUP — 1. William Barton, 17:45; 2. Sergio Vetterli, 18:21; 3. Bill McCoy, 18:44; 4. Hans Schmitt, 18:53; 5. Dan Campbell, 21:26; 6. Jerry Hunt, 21:52; 50-AND-OPEN — 1. Giulio Panicia, 19:11; 2. Byron Caroway, 23:06; 3. Albert Lefebvre, 24:08; 4. Chris Houtman, 26:16; 5. Chris Houtman, 26:19; 6. Charles Taggart, 27:45; 7. John Stasik, 30:36; 50-AND-OPEN — 1. Linda Tremonti, 21:39; 2. Patti Pelt, 23:42; 3. Jane Evans, 23:48; 4. Carol Johnson, 23:52; 5. Liane Zano, 24:05; 6. Lucille Smith, 24:47.



John Grabowski (271) won the 15,000-meter race with a time of 50:09. (Staff photo by Randall Bors)

Youth served in net tourney

By TOM BAER

Youth was served last Sunday afternoon as 14-year-old tennis player overcame an older, more experienced opponent in the finals of the boys' 18-and-under competition of the fourth annual Farmington Founders' Festival tournament.

Adam Gordon, the young winner, needed three sets to defeat 17-year-old Mike Schupp, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, in the finals played at Farmington High School. The match was "the most exciting one in the tournament," according to Dave Justus, the tournament director.

"It was a tough, grueling match for both of them," said Justus, who works for the sponsoring Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department. "They were pretty evenly matched."

Gordon, who is involved with the Brian Marcus Tennis School at Detroit Country Day School, had to come from behind after dropping the opening set.

"The main thing was that he (Schupp) had four match points against me after I lost the first set," said Gordon, who will be a ninth grader at Warner Junior High School next fall. "It must have been quite a letdown for him when I came back to win the match."

Dan's Submarine cops softball title

Dan's Submarine won the 1979 Farmington Founders' Festival Softball Tournament last Sunday by beating Tom Holzer Ford, 7-1, in the tournament final played at Knights of Columbus Field.

Dan's Submarine — which had dropped a 7-4 decision to Holzer earlier in the double-elimination tournament — jumped off to a 3-0 lead in the championship game and was never really threatened. Bill Ventola was the winning pitcher. Jim Hammer sparked Submarine's attack with a double and two RBIs.

In an earlier tourney game, Submarine whipped Duleavy's Pub & Grub, 7-2. Hammer clouted a pair of home runs, and teammate Dan McGrath smacked a solo homer. Ventola was the

Schupp, who will be a senior at North Farmington High, was a member of North's varsity tennis team. He was the defending champion in the 16-and-under group in the Festival tourney.

"I'D HEARD OF Mike through his play at North Farmington," Gordon said. "I really looked forward to playing him. I felt sorry for him. He was ahead. He should have won."

Earlier in the tournament, Gordon beat Jim Boston, 10-1 (pro set), and then took Mike Kerr by the same score.

The tournament, which drew 85 individuals from Farmington and Farmington Hills, featured competition in five other age groups. All final matches were played at Farmington High.

The Ziembra family, father Oscar and son Lars, were prominent in three classes. In the finals of the men's over 30 singles, 48-year-old Oscar Ziembra defeated George Gridale, 6-2, 6-1, for the title.

Ziembra then teamed with Larry Mendelsohn to whip Paul Joelson and Gridale, 6-4, 6-2, in the men's doubles final. Lars, 16, made the finals of the boys' 18-and-under class before losing to 16-year-old Glen Glicker, 6-1, 6-3.

Manager Myles Kearney's Submarine squad had the tournament's Most Valuable Player in Hammer, who had three home runs, 15 runs batted in and 2 RBIs batting average for tournament games. He received the use of a new car donated by a local auto dealer and a dinner donated by a Farmington restaurant.

The tournament All-Star Team included: Dan McGrath, Jim Piosak, Bob Hart and Steve Klumik; all from Dan's Submarine; Don Fisher, Mike Jusino, Bill Vandyle, all from Tom Holzer Ford; Vince Fettersky and Jim Clippinger, both from Duleavy's Pub & Grub; Mike Hancock from Bartlett & Associates.

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