

# Brothers dominate WB race

It was a relatively close race, but there was never any doubt that Grabowski would win.

The reasoning was simple: It was the Grabowski brothers, John and Ed, who made the race close in the Men's (18-29 year-olds) of the Fifth Annual Three Mile Cross Country Race last Sunday at Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield.

It isn't the first sweep for the Grabowski brothers. In the Farmington Founder's Festival Mini-marathon last July, John came out on top in the 15,000-meter run and Ed won the 10,000-meter. The West Bloomfield residents easily outdistanced the field in those races.

In the West Bloomfield run, the closest finisher to the Grabowskis was Al Van Meter, the Farmington Harrison high school cross country coach, who came in third in the Open Division, a full 20 seconds behind the front-runners.

For the record, it was John who came out on top with a time of 15:32. Brother Ed was second in 15:33.

There were four other divisions for men in the race: Juniors (18 and under), Sub-Masters (30-39), Masters (40-49), and Veterans (50 and over).

Jim Marshall of Pontiac was first in the Junior category (16:05), with Paul Wallace of Farmington finishing second (16:29) and Duane O'Brien of Pontiac third (16:45).

In the Sub-Masters, it was again a brotherly affair, as Don Balkwell of Union Lake was first (16:42) and brother Jim Balkwell of Athens, Ga., second (17:37). James Ingle of Milford came in third (18:28).

IN THE MASTERS, Bill McCurdy of Romeo steamed across the finish line

first (18:37) with Marvin Parent of Troy not far behind (18:47). James Ingle of Farmington was third (18:54).

For the veterans, Gene Sarge of Farmington was the top finisher (20:21) and Nathan Feldman of Bloomfield Hills was second (20:46). Coming in third was the senior Ed Grabowski, also of West Bloomfield (24:24).

The race also featured two women's categories, 34 and under and 35 and over. Donna Tremper of Milford was first in the 34 and under group (20:50), with Kathy Cesaro of Milford second (21:06) and Cynthia Bryant of Orchard Lake third (22:56).

## FINAL RESULTS

**OPEN DIVISION**  
 1st — 18 and Under: 1. Jim Marshall, Pontiac, 16:05; 2. Paul Wallace, Farmington, 16:29; 3. Duane O'Brien, Pontiac, 16:45; 4. Michael Vandecar, Pontiac, 17:36; 5. Jesse Canfield, Pontiac, 17:41.

**Open** — 18-29: 1. John Grabowski, West Bloomfield, 15:32; 2. Ed Grabowski, West Bloomfield, 15:33; 3. Al Van Meter, Detroit, 15:52; 4. Bernard Little, Dayton, Pa., 16:07; 5. Donald Kist, Davidson, 17:31; 6. Marvin Goodwin, Pontiac, 17:48; 7. Thomas Plush, West Bloomfield, 18:17; 8. Bill Griffin, West Bloomfield, 18:29; 9. Bill Gilhe, Madison Heights, 19:04; 10. Peter Pryde, Birmingham, 19:32.

**Sub-Masters** — 30-39: 1. Don Balkwell, Union Lake, 16:42; 2. Jim Balkwell, Athens, Ga., 17:37; 3. James Ingle, Milford, 18:28; 4. Jim Balkwell, Lake Orion, 18:45; 5. James Flaxley, Detroit, 19:32; 6. David Van Hall, West Bloomfield, 19:42; 7. Bob Hines, Farmington, 20:25.

**Masters** — 40-49: 1. Bill McCurdy, Romeo, 18:37; 2. Marvin Parent, Troy, 18:47; 3. James Ingle, Farmington, 18:54; 4. Peter Parent, West Bloomfield, 19:31; 5. Bill Lavin, Holly, 19:45; 6. Bruce Belays, Farmington, 19:46; 7. Ron Nock, Farmington, 22:22.

**Veterans** — 50 and Over: 1. Gene Sarge, Farmington, 20:21; 2. Nathan Feldman, Bloomfield Hills, 20:46; 3. Ed Grabowski, West Bloomfield, 24:24; 4. Clifford Huser, Orchard Lake, 24:36; 5. Al Lufkin, Farmington, 26:42.

**WOMEN'S DIVISIONS**  
 34 and Under: 1. Donna Tremper, Milford, 20:50; 2. Kathy Cesaro, Milford, 21:06; 3. Cynthia Bryant, Orchard Lake, 22:56; 4. Claire Bryant, Orchard Lake, 24:01; 5. Irene Gatta, Royal Oak, 24:57; 6. Beverly Pace, Detroit, 25:29.

35 and Over: 1. Carolyn Balkwell, Athens, Ga., 21:36; 2. Emily Ingle, Milford, 22:42; 3. Maureen Binner, Orchard Lake, 23:19; 4. Jennifer Murphy, West Bloomfield, 24:26; 5. Anne Harnden, Farmington Hills, 27:06; 6. Janice Brown, West Bloomfield, 28:41.



The brothers Grabowski, Ed (with mustache) and John, were the top finishers in the Open Division.

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