

# 1,600 participate in Vic Tanny distance race

An estimated 1,600 runners participated in the "Run the Hills of Bloomfield" races Sunday in Bloomfield Township.

The races, five kilometers (3.1 miles) and 15 km (9.3 miles), were

sponsored by the Vic Tanny Bloomfield Executive Club and coordinated by the Total Runner store of Southfield.

David Peale of Ann Arbor won the men's division and Jan Evans, a 16-year-old from Lake Orion, captured the women's class in the 5 km race.

In the 15 km event, Doug Kurits of Novi won the men's division with a run which took a little over 45 minutes. Kurits recently won the 26-mile Port Huron Marathon. Jerry Krane of Clarkston, and Orchard Lake's John Grabowski captured second and third places, respectively.

June McDonald was victorious in the women's division of the 15 km race. She ran the course in 50 minutes. McDonald placed fourth in the Montreal marathon earlier this year, running against over 1,000 women.

Proceeds from the race were donated to the Spaulding for Children fund. Spaulding for Children is a Chelsea-based adoption agency which finds permanent families for school age children — usually children with physical, mental or emotional problems.

The "Run the Hills of Bloomfield" event was more successful than the coordinator, Charlie Blanchard of the Total Runner store, even envisioned.

"The turnout was greater than we expected," Blanchard said, "because of the beautiful, landscaped course. It's difficult to put a race through residential streets, especially in such an af-

fluent area, but it was executed flawlessly. And the runners appreciated that."

Ron Kramer, pro football Hall-of-Fame member and former Detroit Lion, was also impressed with the race.

"I've been in a lot of long distance races and this one definitely stands out as the best organized I've seen," Kramer said.

"ONE OF THE objectives was to simply organize a race where everything is done right," Blanchard said.

"There are so many running events which ignore the safety and interest of the runners. I think we accomplished our objective."

One of the 900 runners in the 15 km race was William Cylil, who completed the 9.3 miles in a wheelchair. Cylil, of Lansing, completed the course over the rolling hills of Bloomfield Township in less than two hours. He hopes to qualify for the Wheelchair Boston Marathon next year.

"The oldest runners participating in the events were Ed Weiberg (15 km)

and Pearle Duff (5 km). Weiberg and Duff are both 72. Running alongside Ms. Duff in the 5 km race was seven-year-old Jessica Ramirez, the youngest official competitor of the day.

Blanchard, also an avid runner and a former participant in the Boston Marathon, said: "Not only are we happy with the way the running went, but we also appreciated Vic Tanny sponsoring the event. It did a marvelous job of opening its facilities to the runners."

## Tennis & Crumpets finals set

By SALLY GERAK

Action in the Children's Hospital benefit tennis tournament — Tennis and Crumpets — resumes Saturday at the Beverly Hills Racquet Club.

Oakland County winners in each division will be decided.

Play begins at 5 p.m. Julie McKnight, Tennis and Crumpets president and a resident of Lathrup Village, predicts spirited competition for the Oakland titles.

Audrey Cox and Keith Cullen, both of Southfield, will be competing for the open division championship against Donna Robinson and Ricky Crowe.

In the A division, Beryl and Peter Beardmore will face the winner of a match between Anita Goldman, Neal Marcus and Sybil Wayburn, Chris Christy.

Finalists in the B division are yet to be determined.

For C level titles, Sandy and George Hopping will meet the winner of the Lou and Frank Clark, Jan and Jack Pierce match.

The public is welcome to watch the action and the \$2 donation will directly

benefit Children's Hospital

On Sunday, tennis buffs can travel to the Farmington Racquet Club to witness the Tennis and Crumpets super finals at noon.

Finalists from Oakland County, Grosse Pointe, Dearborn and Grosse Ile will compete for the grand prizes in the round robin mixed doubles tournament which began with more than 4,000 participants on Sept. 8.

"A featured attraction at the super finals will be the lady touring pro, Wendy Turnbull," said Mrs. McKnight, referring to the Australian tennis star. "She will be playing 10 different area players who have donated \$125 to the hospital for the playing privilege."

Ms. Turnbull's opponents will include local junior stars Roger Blackburn and Kristen Streng as well as women players Fran Hayes and Sherri Brown.

Radio personality J. P. McCarthy, whose wife Judy is honorary chairman of the Oakland County tournament, will emcee the action.

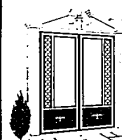
Reservations are necessary. Call super finals chairman Diane Dyla at 647-2040 or the Farmington Racquet Club at 476-6446. The donation is \$5.



Area runners came from all over the state, as more than 1,600 athletes participated in Sunday's "Run for the Hills of Bloomfield" race. Proceeds from the race were donated to the Spaulding for Children fund.

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