

# West Bloomfield Marathon moves to Detroit's Belle Isle

The third annual West Bloomfield Marathon Run Saturday, March 10, will give distance runners in the midwest their first crack at a 26-mile run this season.

It will be the last chance also for runners to qualify for the Boston Marathon in April.

This year, Vic Tanny health spas have joined the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Department in co-sponsoring the race, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. The AAU sanctioned event will be run again this year over the certified course on Belle Isle in Detroit.

Entry blanks for the marathon are available at all Vic Tanny clubs in the Detroit area or at West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, 6485 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. For further information, phone 661-2240.

The registration fee is \$5 per person and the deadline is Tuesday, March 6. No registration will be taken the day of the race. Entry blanks will be mailed if the writer will enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

The marathon is open to all runners, including juniors, with trophies and medals in each of five categories for men, and two for women. To race, AAU membership is required. Memberships

may be obtained the day of the race for \$4. Marathon rules specify that runners be physically able to participate, with a physician's examination preferred, and that they have trained at least three months for the event.

CERTIFICATES will go to all who finish the race within a five-hour limit. Completion of the course within a specified time for each age category will qualify runners for the Boston Marathon, which will take registration through March 19.

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation initiated the race in 1977 when it was run over roads in West Bloomfield Township and the City of Orchard Lake. Last year the race was moved to Belle Isle because of heavy snow which remained along the two-lane suburban roads.

Because of severe budgetary restrictions on the Parks and Recreation Department this year, the final decision to hold the marathon came only after inquiries began to flood the department in early 1979.

"It was apparent that many runners were counting on the race to qualify for the Boston Marathon," said West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation

Director, Michael Teichman.

"We knew we couldn't disappoint them, and the offer of Vic Tanny to co-sponsor it with us came just at the right time," he said.

Teichman said the department did not have the time to get the West Bloomfield course certified. The Detroit Parks and Recreation Department then stepped in and made the Belle Isle course available again this year.

The Belle Isle course is entirely over a paved surface, following the perimeter road of the island in the Detroit River.

THE FIVE-MILE loop will have to

be run five times, with the start at the Coast Guard Station and the finish at the athletic field on the island. Liquid refreshments will be available every 2½ miles and every five miles.

The West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation staff will coordinate the race with members of the North Farmington High School cross country and track teams and other volunteers assisting.

More than 60 runners have already registered for the race. Last year's race drew a registration of more than 150 as 110 finished the grueling event.

David Biddinger of Birmingham won the sub-masters (30-39) event with a time of 2:39.29. He was the only area runner to win an age-category race.

## 2 teams knotted for hockey lead

Northland Heating and Suburban Sports Center are tied for first place in the eight-team Southfield Over 30 Hockey League. Both teams have 26 points.

Northland tied Star Lincoln-Mercury, 3-3, last Thursday in an Over 30 game at the Southfield Civic Center Arena. Northland, which has an 11-5-4 record, got goals from Dennis Smith, Bob Kieftink and Gerry Feldman. Arnie Shapero, John O'Dell and Bob Pietilla each scored a goal for Star, which fell to 7-7-6.

Suburban dropped a 4-2 decision to Roger Penske Chevrolet in another game last Thursday. Ray Tremblay scored three goals for the winners, and Jim Sturos added one. Dave Shanahan and Howard Roff each scored a goal for Suburban, which has a 10-4-6 record to account for its 28 points.

In another game, Concourse Camera and Midwest Coffee played to a 5-5 stalemate. Bob Hawk collected a pair of goals for Concourse, and Dennis Quetta, Paul Keszle and Frank Goldberg each added one. Dave Fay and Don Ellis scored for Midwest.

Holiday Inn of Southfield and Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home tied at two all. Jim Clement scored two goals for Sawyer-Fuller, and Bill Miller and Lee Fitzpatrick handed Holiday Inn's scoring.

The Over 30 season continues on Thursday (March 1) with four games at the Civic Center. Midwest Coffee meets Northland Heating at 10:50 p.m. in the key game.

OVER 30 HOCKEY LEAGUE

LEAGUE STANDINGS — Northland Heating, 11-5-4, won last record, Suburban Sports Center, 10-4-6, Roger Penske Chevrolet, 9-8-5, Concourse Camera, 9-8-5, Star Lincoln-Mercury, 7-7-6, Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 7-7-6, Midwest Coffee, 6-11-3, Southfield Holiday Inn, 5-13-4.

GAMES COMING UP

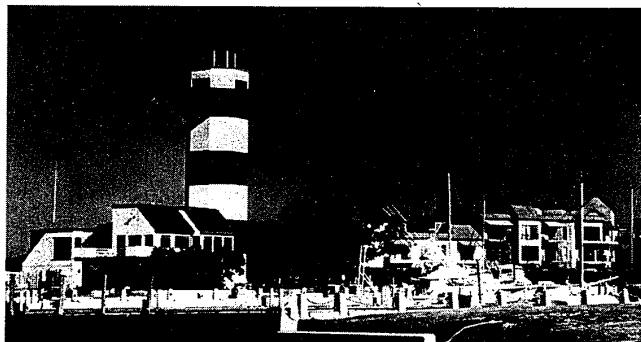
THURSDAY (MARCH 1) — Roger Penske Chevrolet vs Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 7:30 p.m.; Southfield Holiday Inn vs Suburban Sports Center, 8:30 p.m.; Star Lincoln-Mercury vs Concourse Camera, 9:40 p.m.; Midwest Coffee vs Northland Heating, 10:50 p.m. All games played at the Southfield Civic Center Arena, 3600 Evergreen Road.

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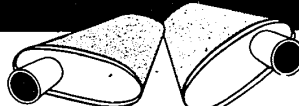
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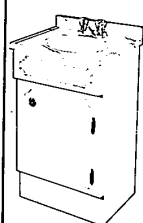
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