

# Teacher wins bicycle chase

By BOB GROSS

James Huff of Pontiac, a social studies teacher at East Hills Junior High School in Bloomfield Hills, pedaled 35 miles through the streets of downtown Birmingham on Sunday.

But he wasn't out for a leisurely Sunday spin — Huff won the senior men's division I and II bicycle race, the top event of the sixth-annual Great Birmingham Bike Chase.

Chris Meingast of Grosse Pointe finished second, Eric Moe of Fremont finished third and Art McHugh of Flint finished fourth as Michigan riders swept the top positions.

Rochester rider Neil King finished ninth.

The top bike racers, and cyclists in seven other divisions, raced along an eight-kilometer course laid out through the streets of downtown Birmingham.

The riders started at the corner of Maple Ave. and Henrietta St., proceeded west on Maple to Bates St., south on Bates three blocks to Townsend Ave., east on Townsend Ave. one block to Henrietta, north on Henrietta one block to Merrill St., east on Merrill to Woodward Ave., north on Woodward to Maple, and back to Maple and Henrietta for the finish.

The races were all criterium points races, except in the intermediate boys' and girls' divisions. In the criterium points race the winner is not necessarily the person who crosses the line first at the end, but rather the person who

accumulates the most points during sprint laps throughout the race.

The five top riders of a sprint lap are awarded points, generally seven, five, three, two and one point, respectively. The last sprint, the last lap of the race, is worth double points.

ROBERT JANKE came all the way from Cincinnati, Ohio and took home first place in the junior men's 25-mile race. Bob Cavanaugh of Warren placed second, Jerry Wathen of Bellevue placed third and Dan McLean of Ann Arbor placed fourth.

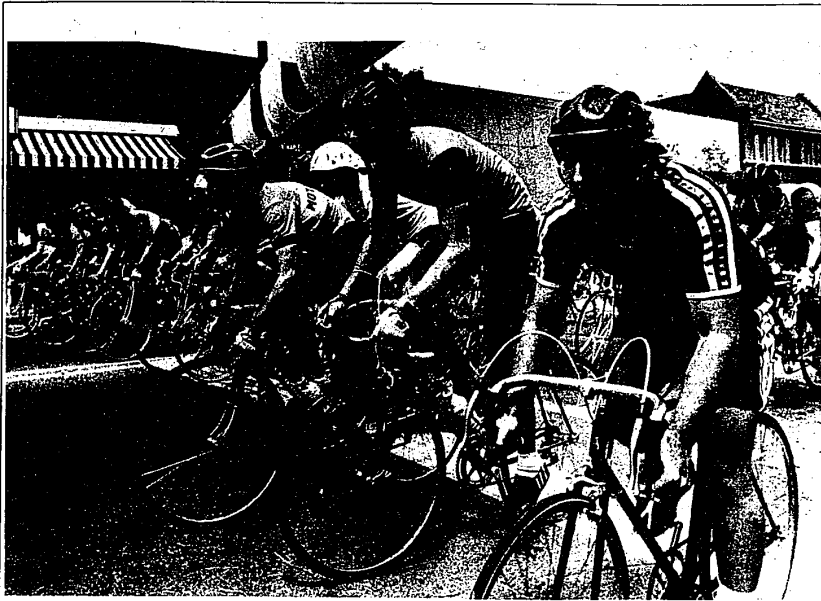
Riders from Ann Arbor swept the top three spots in the senior men's 35-mile race. Bob Cavanaugh of Warren placed second, Jerry Wathen of Bellevue placed third and Dan McLean of Ann Arbor placed fourth.

Terry Mahoney of Muncie, Ind. won the women's 15-mile race. Hope Heston of Columbus, Ohio finished second and Laurie Kleinhardt of Detroit finished third.

Nancy Roberson of Grand Rapids took the top spot in the junior women's 15-mile race. Debbie Zakowski of Madison Heights finished second.

Orlando Goveia of Chatham, Ont. led from the start and easily won the veteran men's 10-mile race. Chuck Winkelman of Springfield, Ohio finished second and Paul Alman of Ann Arbor finished third.

The day's top three riders — Huff in the senior men's I and II division, Janke in the junior men's division and Mahoney in the women's division were awarded trophies in memory of Birmingham cyclist Kurt Poell.



The anxious moment at the starting line finds rows and rows of bikers ready to compete for honors in the sixth-annual Great Birmingham Bike Chase. (Photo by Sue Shelner)

## Beechview SC drops 1st meet

Beechview Swim Club had its two-meet win streak come to an end last Thursday as the team was edged by Beverly Hills Athletic Club, 288-275, in a Northwest Suburban Swim League lower division dual meet.

It was a see-saw affair throughout the evening, as each team captured 23 first place finishes in individual events. However, BHAC proved to be the master of the relay, capturing four out of six firsts.

The loss cast a shadow on two record-breaking performances by a pair of Beechview swimmers. Janine and Nancy Whittemore. Janine set pool and team records in the 9 & 10-year-old girls' 50-meter breaststroke (44.3) and Nancy established new pool and team marks in the 15-17 girls' 100-meter freestyle (1:06.9).

Six Beechview swimmers were double winners. In the 7 & 8-year-old division, Brad Whitlow took the boys' 25-meter backstroke and the 25-meter breaststroke, while teammate Scott Farabee was a winner in the boys' 25-meter butterfly and 25-meter freestyle.

Laura Lughezzani won twice in the girls' 9 & 10 age group, capturing the 50-meter backstroke and the 50-meter freestyle. In the 11 & 12 bracket, Paula King took the girls' 50-meter freestyle and the 50-meter butterfly.

Sandy Schwedl outswam her opponents in the 13 & 14 age group to win both the girls' 100-meter individual medley and the 50-meter butterfly. Steve Goodman collected a pair of blue ribbons for winning both the 13 & 14-year-old boys' 100-meter individual medley and the 50-meter backstroke.

Beechview, now 2-1 on the season, travels to Livonia to face CB Swim Club Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

### Mini-marathon is set

Get ready, runners, athletes, joggers or whatever. The Farmington Founder's Day Mini-marathon is fast approaching.

The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department and the Farmington Area YMCA will co-sponsor the event, to be held on Saturday, July 28. This year it will consist of three races.

The shortest is a 5,000 meter run (3.1 miles), with 10,000 meter and 15,000 meter races to be held for the harder runners. Plaques will be awarded to the top six finishers in each division of each race, with patches and T-shirts presented to all finishers.

The fee is \$8 per person before July 20 and \$8 per person after that date. Races will begin at 8:30 a.m. on July 28 from the Mased Temple, located adjacent to Oakland, Grand River and Farmington Roads.

Applications and further information can be obtained by contacting either the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, at 553-4020, or the Parks and Recreation Department, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, at 474-6115.

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