

WB Marathon champion likes hilly course

By C.J. RISAK

Everything went as planned Sunday at the first West Bloomfield marathon to be run entirely through West Bloomfield township. The weather was ideal,

the organization was sound and a large number of runners (220) competed.

And the winner was no surprise, either. John Grabowski of Orchard Lake raced over the difficult, hilly course to an easy victory, finishing more than

four minutes ahead of his nearest rival. Grabowski, 24, was competing in the men's open division (age 18-29). His winning time was 2:34:01. Rick McQueen of Canton, Ohio, was second (2:38:42) and Ed Grabowski, John's

younger brother, took third in 2:39:50. "It was the toughest (marathon) I've been in," John said after his victory. "But it was also the best. There was good scenery, with a lot of it run

through the countryside. And it wasn't just an out-and-back course.

"I liked it quite a bit. There were a lot of hills and I train on hills. If we trained on flat ground or a track that course would wipe you out."

Calling the new West Bloomfield event, "the best" is quite a statement, considering John Grabowski has raced in 15 marathons, including the famed Boston event. Brother Ed, who has

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Marathon summary

W. BLOOMFIELD MARATHON

MEN'S OPEN DIVISION — 1. John Grabowski, W. Bloomfield, 2:34:01; 2. Rick McQueen, Canton, Ohio, 2:38:42; 3. Edward Grabowski, 2:39:50; 4. Donald Anderson, Wayne, 2:39:52; 5. James Kusurak, Windsor, Ont., 2:40:10; 6. David Greening, Livonia, 2:41:48; 7. James Kangas, Royal Oak, 2:41:58; 8. Martin, Thos. Sutherland, Ont., 2:44:41; 9. Michael Adkins, Jackson, 2:57:48; 10. Donald McKinnon, Windsor, Ont., 2:54:01; 11. Robert Riley, Farmington Hills, 2:59:30; 12. Paul Martin, Birmingham, 3:04:05.

SUB-MASTERS DIVISION — 1. Mike Taylor, Hazel Park, 2:41:31; 2. Don Balkwell, Union Lake, 2:44:37; 3. Michael Auliy, Detroit, 2:48:09; 4. Gary Kinney, Fenton, 2:52:30; 5. Walt Jondrejowski, Battle Creek, 2:52:15; 6. John Soocy, Flint, 2:53:47; 7. Tom Tollefson, Kalamazoo, 2:59:41; 8. John Bassler, Ferndale, 2:55:25; 9. Paul Mingo, North Muskegon, 3:02:21; 10. Larry Olaszewski, Detroit, 3:05:35; 11. William Craig, Livonia, 3:06:26; 12. Piero Fanella, Kingsville, Ont., 3:07:05.

MASTERS DIVISION — 1. Norm Roof, Mansfield, Ohio, 2:58:49; 2. Jim Fietel, Toledo, Ohio, 3:02:35; 3. David Lee, Southgate, 3:08:11; 4. Clinton Williams, Dayton, 3:11:29; 5. James Flaherty, Kingston, 3:16:41; 6. Ken Ikerwood, Harper Woods, 3:20:21; 7. Jim Ingles, Farmington, 3:21:04; 8. Franklin Van Aken, Detroit, 3:31:42.

VETERANS DIVISION — 1. Archie Altarian, Grand Blanc, 2:57:25; 2. John Kolmste, Warren, 3:32:09; 3. Russell Andzrejow, Westland, 4:08:31; 4. Kenneth Girward, Detroit, 4:31:00; 5. Lytle Whipple, Canton, 4:54:34.

JUNIOR DIVISION — 1. Robert Wilson, Warren, 3:14:02; 2. Jay Paul Derolant, Warren, 3:18:47; 3. Scott Tollefson, Birmingham, 3:47:57; 4. Pat O'Neil, St. Clair Shores, 4:08:56.

WOMEN'S OPEN DIVISION — 1. Daina Chalk, Fraser, 4:10:15; 2. Janet Barwick, Orchard Lake, 4:27:30.

WOMEN'S SUB-MASTERS DIVISION — 1. Theresa Chandler, Trenton, 4:56:31.



Ben Carter of Troy collapses on a lawn after finishing 38th in his division of the fourth-annual West Bloomfield Marathon Sunday. (Staff photo by John Stano)



Sharon Agar collected two hits and drove in four runs last Monday, but her Harrison teammates lost to Western, 13-7.

RU softballers surge past Farmington, 11-6

Redford Union exploded for five runs in the second inning and defeated Farmington High, 11-6, in non-league girls' softball last Monday. The loss put coach Rich Roy's Falcons at 1-1 this season.

RU supported winning pitcher Jane Crowley with 11 hits. Sandy Carney went four for five and knocked in two runs for the winners. Farmington had 12 hits, including a two-run homer by Jean Zuborski in the first inning. Teammate Betsy VanDeusen had two hits and knocked in a run.

Zuborski, a junior, was the losing pitcher. She worked the first three innings before being lifted in favor of VanDeusen. "What killed us was our fielding," Roy said. "We didn't cover the bunts right and we threw the ball away a whole bunch of times."

Last Friday, Zuborski pitched a seven-hitter to lead Farmington past Walled Lake Central, 12-6, in the season opener. She worked the entire game, striking out three and walking nine. Zuborski, VanDeusen and Julie In-

galls combined for nine of Farmington's 12 hits.

Farmington plays next on Friday at Pontiac Northern. The Inter Lakes League game has a 4 p.m. start.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 18 HARRISON 12

Winks (12) and wild pitches (7) were Farmington Harrison's downfall last Monday in its 18-12 loss to Walled Lake Western in Western Six League softball. The loss put Harrison at 2-3 overall and 0-1 in the WSL.

Lori Winkel went three for five and drove in two runs for Harrison. Teammate Sharon Agar had two hits in four trips and drove in three runs. Cynthia Pink, who drove in four runs, was the losing pitcher.

Last Saturday, Harrison split a doubleheader with Southfield-Lathrup, winning the opener (5-3) and losing the nightcap (14-4). Pink struck out eight and walked eight in the first game. Winkel had a hit off losing pitcher Sandy Smith.

Harrison travels to Plymouth Canton on Monday for a 4 p.m. game in the Western Six League.

GALLAGHER 7 LADY OF MERCY 3

Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher broke a scoreless tie with three runs in the sixth inning and went on to whip Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, 7-3, in Catholic League softball last Saturday.

Losing pitcher Lisa Morris went the distance, striking out four and walking six. Mercy had only three hits. Kelley Walsh drove in a run with a triple.

Earlier, Mercy dropped a 7-5 decision to Redford St. Agatha. The winners scored all seven runs in the seventh inning as Mercy blew a three-run lead.

Mercy plays twice today. At 4 p.m. coach Linda Barber's Marlins entertain Birmingham Marian at 4 p.m. Mercy plays Royal Oak Shrine at 7 p.m. at Royal Oak's Memorial Park at 7 p.m.

Pitcher lifts Harrison, 13-7

Winning pitcher Mike Tetreault allowed just two singles in five innings last Monday as Farmington Harrison overcame Walled Lake Western, 13-7, in Western Six League baseball. The victory put Harrison at 2-1 this season.

Tetreault, a senior right-hander, struck out nine batters and walked two but Harrison coach John Herrington lifted him in the fifth. "We had been up for about 25 minutes and I was worried about his arm getting cold and going stiff," Herrington explained. Harrison had eight hits, including a two-run single by Pete Tompson. Rob King clouted a three-run homer for Western.

Harrison travels to Birmingham Groves for a non-league double header on Saturday. The first game begins at 11 a.m.

FARMINGTON HIGH 2 REDFORD UNION 1

Farmington High, with senior Brian Bruce pitching a six-hitter, edged Redford Union, 2-1, in the first game of a non-league doubleheader last Saturday. RU won the second game, 4-3.

Bruce, a right-hander, went the distance, striking out seven and walking one.

Farmington, which had just three hits off losing pitcher Tom Marsi, scored both hits runs in the fifth inning. Jim Whitworth led off with a single, took second on Bruce's sacrifice and moved to third on Dave Hall's ground out. Pat Velluchi then walked.

Dave Schultz provided the big hit, a triple, to drive in both runs.

In the nightcap, Jamie Bruce, Brian's brother, was the losing pitcher. Chuck Dirkeres and Barry Williams each had a hit and an RBI for Farmington, and teammate Tom Heenan went two for two and stole two bases.

Last Friday, Farmington opened its season with a 7-2 victory over Walled Lake Central in the Inter Lakes League.

John Dunn, a senior left-hander, pitched a one-hitter with eight strikeouts and five walks. Farmington had seven hits. Joe Hamilton went two for three and knocked in two runs.

Farmington, now 2-3 overall and 1-0 in the ILL, plays next on Friday, April 25, at home against Pontiac Northern.

EDSEL FORD 2 NORTH FARMINGTON 1

Dearborn Edsel Ford pushed a run across in the eighth inning to slip by North Farmington, 2-1, last Monday in a non-league baseball game. The loss put North at 2-2 overall.

In the Edsel Ford eighth, Sam Filisko was safe on a fielder's choice and then advanced to third as Barry Mabry was safe on an error. North pitcher Matt Ruid tried to pick off the runner and first, and the runner on third came home with the winning run.

John Jeffrey, a junior lefty, started for North and lasted 6 1/2 innings, allowing three hits, striking out one and walking four. Ruid pitched the rest of the game and didn't give up a hit. North's Paul George scored on an error in the third.

Last Saturday, North split a double header with Walled Lake Western, losing the first game (5-4) and winning the second (8-7). North catcher Rex Baker had a big day in the nightcap. He singled, tripled, walked twice, scored three runs and stole two bases.

North entertains Westland John Glenn at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 25.

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