

Runner has his way in 10-kilometer run

By Marty Budner
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What else would you expect from such a die-hard?

After winning Sunday's 10-kilometer "Run for the Blind" through the streets of Birmingham, Dave Montgomery jogged home to River Rouge.

"Yep, I ran home after the race," said Montgomery matter-of-factly.

"A short race like that fatigues you, but after 6.2 miles you can still move," he said. "I can normally just resume training right after (a short race)."

Montgomery was the overall winner of the fifth annual 6.2-mile race, sponsored by the Birmingham Lions Club. His time was a record-breaking mark of 31 minutes, 38.6 seconds.

The event also drew a record-number of 1,110 participants, who came from such places as Ohio, Minnesota,

Pennsylvania, Arizona and Toronto. It was a jump of 115 percent over last year's total of 740 runners.

"I didn't think there would be that many people (in the race)," said Montgomery, who has run in eight different marathons around the country.

"THE COURSE was a real challenge to me, although it wasn't my best time (for a 6.2-mile race). It was a tough course with a lot of turns and a few good hills. Birmingham is a nice place with a lot of nice residential areas."

"I liked because you go from pavement to soft dirt. When you run a loop around a golf course like we did, it tends to tire on your legs a little. And

the last half mile we were going up hill and my legs were kind of light."

"But I knew I had it won because I looked behind me and I could see how far in front I was," he said.

Montgomery participated in the men's 20-29 age division, which was second in that division with a time of 31:48.5, and Joe Caruso was third in the same division with a time of 31:56.9.

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IN THE WOMEN'S competition, the winner was Kim Bruce of Ann Arbor with a time of 41:13.6. She finished 94th overall.

There was also a two-mile race, which was won by Kevin Gilmore of Milford with a time of 11:22.0. The women's winner was Donna Heek (42.4) of Auburn Heights.

The Birmingham YMCA, coached by Janet Wagnachuk, won the team-competition trophy.

"There were a lot of spectators lining the streets, and we've never had that before," said race director George Schubering. "Some runners were even

saying that people were cheering them on while they were on the golf course."

There was one slight problem with the last 100 yards of participation. The lone chute where the runners came through at the end of the race wasn't long enough to hold all the runners.

Consequently, the line got jammed up and some of the runners didn't receive exact finish times.

"That's part of the growing pains we encountered," said Schubering. "Next year, we're increasing the number of chutes and length of the chutes to cut down on congestion at the finish line and to guarantee their right times."

Meet summary

BIRMINGHAM MOC CLUB
"RUN FOR THE BLIND"
10-KILOMETER RACE RESULTS
Results by age division
(Number in parentheses is
overall finish among 1,110 runners)

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