

Fund-raising runs

Top runners highlight Crim race.

Four renowned distances runners will highlight the field at the Bobby D. Crim 10-Mile Road Race, which is scheduled for Aug. 27 at 8:30 a.m. in Flint.

The Crim race, now in its seventh year, is the largest single-day fund-raising event in the nation held on behalf of Special Olympics. It also is considered one of the top running events in the nation, and attracts outstanding national and international competitors each year.

Headlining the 1983 Crim road race will be Greg Meyer — winner of the recent Boston Marathon; former Michigan State University All-American Herb Lindsay; Lauri Bender of Oakland, Calif., who smashed all records for women in the 10-mile category for 35 years and older runners in the 1982 Crim race; and defending champion Steve Kenyon of Bolton, England.

APPROXIMATELY 750 runners participated in the 1977 inaugural race through the streets of Flint, and more

than \$30,000 was raised for Special Olympics. The following year, the field increased nearly 100 percent to 1,400 runners, and it raised \$70,000.

In 1979, the race became recognized as one of the premier running events in the nation. A field of 2,248 was on the starting line, led by a half dozen of the top runners in the nation, among them, Joan Benoit, who set a United States record for 10 miles. It also was a record-setting day as \$100,000 was raised for Michigan's Special Olympics.

In 1980, despite a depressed economy which accounted for more than 20 percent local unemployment, more than \$40,000 was raised. The 3,278 runners were led by a dozen world-class athletes, including top-ranked Patti Catalano, who broke the U.S. record for 10 miles by 49 seconds.

The men's field improved to the point where the top five runners all broke the existing course record, with "Runner of the Year" Herb Lindsay edging "Boston Bill" Rogers by four seconds.

In 1981, the race was named one of the top 25 in the country by "The Running Yearbook," joining such races as the Boston Marathon, the Atlanta Peachtree Road Race, and the New York Marathon. Lindsay and Catalano repeated as winners, and more than \$50,000 was raised.

KENYON, THE 1977 winner, edged Lindsay and Meyer to take the 1982 title, and Benoit paced the women with a U.S. record in the 10-mile category. Another record was the \$110,000 raised for Special Olympics.

For the 1983 race, runners from all over the world will participate. The competitor traveling the farthest distance is England's foremost runner, Nick Rose. The 30-year old from Col-

ham was ranked among the world's top 10 runners last year.

"We're delighted to have such great athletes competing in the 1983 race," said race founder Crim, former Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives. "These are fine people — men and women who have given a lot to Special Olympics."

More than 5,000 runners are expected to enter this year's race, which has a \$135,000 goal earmarked for Special Olympics.

Entry and pledge forms are available at leading running stores in Detroit, Flint and Lansing. In addition, entry forms may be obtained by writing to Bobby Crim 10-Mile Road Race for Special Olympics, P.O. Box 981, Flint 48501.

...Bloomfield hosts 1st run

Strong legs will run so weak legs hopefully can walk when the Michigan 7-Eleven Food Stores sponsor the first Total Runner-MDA 10-Mile Road Race in the scenic country setting of Bloomfield Township Aug. 13.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association benefit is expected to attract some 1,500 runners as well as 20 corporate teams. The race will begin 6 a.m. at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School.

"We've chosen a beautiful section of suburban Oakland County, known for its densely wooded areas and lakes," said Charlie Blanchard, race organizer, assisting the convenience store chain. Blanchard's Total Runner store in Southfield will provide race numbers, timing equipment and other essential items for operation of the race.

Blanchard also will be aided by Oakland Runners, a Rochester group which will take an active role in promoting the event.

RUNNERS WILL follow a gently rolling course along the most scenic roads in Bloomfield Township, west of

Telegraph Road.

Entry fee is \$7, while corporate fees are \$50 per team. All runners will receive race T-shirts.

Registration forms and pledge sheets for donations to MDA will be available from the Total Runner, Oakland Runners and participating 7-Eleven stores.

Southland Corporation, parent company of 7-Eleven Food Stores, is one of the major corporate sponsors of the annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, raising funds to defeat muscular dystrophy. In the last seven years, 7-Eleven has contributed more than \$24 million to the Muscular Dystrophy Association on behalf of its customers.

Blanchard said 7-Eleven expects the Total Runner-MDA 10-Mile to become a major fund-raising and sporting event.

Runners may register at any 7-Eleven store, the Total Runner stores, or at Andover from 6-7 a.m. on race day. Andover is located on Long Lake Road, west of Telegraph. For more registration information, call 522-6430.



Boston Marathon king Greg Meyer will be one of the celebrated runners at the seventh Bobby D. Crim 10-Mile Road Race in August.

Surf's the favorite

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Kurt Bonatz, assistant coach at the Farmington Glen Swim Club, agrees with Schiff.

"Bloomfield Surf has to be the heavy favorites," said Bonatz, who graduated in 1982 from Detroit Catholic Central and now serves at Clemson University. "The team they sent to the 'B' championship held Monday at Cranbrook could have done well at this weekend's meet."

Mr. (Mike) Lane has built quite a program over there.

Lane admits his team "is pretty strong all the way through." The longtime Surf coach said his 11-12-year-old division is the team's strength.

Jeff Zwerner and Derek Walter are the league's two fastest 11-12, 50-meter backstrokers. Zwerner is the No. 1 seeded backstroke with a time of 35.5, while Walter is right behind at 35.8.

"They've beat each other out all year, so both of them are capable of winning it," said Lane.

Danielle Frotter is a strong candidate to win both the 25-meter freestyle and butterfly events in the 8-under division. In the 13-14 division, Amy Proctor and Lynn Jaworski own the league's two fastest times in the backstroke.

Anne Hutt (9-10), Lisa Benl (13-14), Lori Elliott (15-17) and Liz Cooper (15-17) are others likely to win individual events for Surf.

"And, we're hoping to do well in the relays, too," said Lane, who also heads the reputable boys' and girls' swim programs at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School. "We don't have to do anything spectacular, we just have to swim good and solid."

HEART OF THE HILLS' strength is its 15-17 age group, which consists primarily of swimmers from Rochester and Adams high schools. "We should dominate that division, and we should do well in 8-unders too," said Schiff.

The potential 15-17 girls' winners include Kelley Smyles (freestyle and butterfly), Kelley Wilkins (freestyle and IM), Jenny Falvey and Jodie

Myers (backstroke and butterfly). The top boys' swimmers are Tom Warden (freestyle and butterfly), David Krull (backstroke and butterfly), David Major (freestyle and butterfly), Doug Cleland (IM and breaststroke) and Tim Hickey (IM and backstroke).

The MDA swimming division, Schiff said Matt Qualman, Meredith Haar, Clarey Gelmine and Mary Beth Neenan have good chances to win their particular events.

Jason Kasperk (9-10), Anne Burke (11-12), Leigh Ann Lippert (IM and backstroke) and Pat McNickle (IM and breaststroke) are other top swimmers for Heart of the Hills.

FARMINGTON GLEN, coached by Tim McGinnis, who coached last year with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Atlanta team, also has some strong 15-17 division swimmers.

Cindi Mielil has only one loss in the 50-meter breaststroke, and 15-17 teammate Alec Campbell, who will be a senior at Farmington High School in September, hasn't been defeated this summer in the 50-meter butterfly.

Carolina Smith (backstroke) and Randy Gallinger (freestyle) should also be competitive in the 15-17 division.

Farmington Glen's other potential high finishers include Pam Holdridge (9-10), Lauren Weary (11-12) and Eric Newton (9-10).

"We're approaching this meet in a very positive manner," said Bonatz, who is in his second year with the team. "We did well at the 'B' meet. Our goal is to make the top eight again and stay in the Upper Division."

This year's Upper Division teams included Bloomfield Surf, Southfield Cranbrook, Heart of the Hills, Farmington Glen, Farmington Hills Woodbrooke, Beverly Hills Woodside, Village Swim Club of Lathrup Village and Birmingham Forest Hills.

The top eight teams from this weekend's meet will qualify for Upper Division competition next summer. The next eight will participate in the Lower Division.

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