

Heat was on Runners swelter in Pitt race

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To Dave Olds, his time of 2:27 in Sunday's second annual Pittsburgh Marathon "was pathetic. It's the slowest marathon I've ever done. I was just jogging the last 10 miles. I almost dropped out at least 10 times, but I decided, 'What the heck. I'll keep on going till people start passing me.'"

Funny thing. Though by his standards he was just jogging along at six minutes a mile, nobody passed him. Instead, he kept passing people, eventually finishing 11th and winning \$2,000 in his hometown.

It seemed more like equatorial Africa than Pennsylvania. The sun beat down relentlessly from a clear sky. The air temperature was 90 degrees with the humidity at 80 percent. The surface temperature on the black-asphalt course was 125 degrees. Runners were dropping like flies, sprayed with malathion and medical workers worked furiously to cool the overheated bodies. In the medical tent, intravenous lines ran from sugar solutions in bags overhead into the arms of gray-skinned, purple-lipped athletes.

It seemed more like a death march than a run, though somehow 2,000 of the 2,600 entrants managed to finish the 26.2-mile route. What kept many of them going was the enthusiastic support of the 300,000 fans who lined the route, many of them with bags of ice, hoses, pitchers of water and orange slices.

DOUG KURTIS, a Livonia Franklin grad and a member of the Redford Road Runners who travels the world running marathons, was one of those with an IV in his arm.

"I've run some hot weather races and I came through them OK. But this? Where I don't know what happened. I fell apart," Kurtis said Monday from his office at Ford. "I didn't think I'd ever finish. I was walking. I was dizzy. The last mile I was doing everything I could just to finish."

He finished in 2:28, nearly half an hour under his best time. Last year, he was ninth in Pittsburgh and won \$1,500. This year, he was 32nd and won nothing. The first woman, Laura Fogli of Italy, finished in 2:37:04 and won \$25,000; the first man, Dean Matthews, did 2:18:17 and also won \$25,000.

"I was in the medical tent for an hour," said Kurtis, "and I thought I

was all right. I got up, walked around for a minute and collapsed. They took me back in for another hour. It was the worst experience I've ever had. At 10 miles I started to feel bad. The crowd really helped out. The aid-station water got so hot you couldn't drink it, but the people along the way had cold water. I was taking water from every hand."

OLDS, an English teacher and track coach at Cranbrook, got some enthusiastic support from four of his prep school runners. They had a regional meet Saturday, then drove all night to get here to cheer me on. They were jumping up and down at the eight-mile mark."

That he was able to notice them, and do as well as he did, was because of his decision before the start and decided to run for the money and nothing else," he said, meaning that personal goals as far as a good time had become irrelevant. "I got as much money with as little effort as possible."

Despite the heat and pain of race day, Olds felt great Monday. "I feel better today than after any marathon I've ever run. I ran smart. And you couldn't run hard enough to hurt your muscles."

Ladywood bumps Hawks in 'B'

The Farmington Harrison softball team has been eliminated from the Class B state playoffs.

Livonia Ladywood took a 5-4, eight-inning decision from the Hawks Tuesday in a pre-district game at Livonia's Bicentennial Park.

The Blazers scored one run in the bottom of the seventh to tie it and another in the eighth to win it off Harrison pitcher Heidi Reyst.

Harrison scored four runs in the

top of the fourth to take a 4-2 lead. Reyst had three hits in the game, including a triple. Kristi Rugh and Barbie Blackman had two hits each.

DARLENE DELONIS was the big gun for Ladywood. She went 4-for-5 with a home run. Her single in the eighth inning drove home the game winner.

Jenny Nadeau was the winning

pitcher, working four innings of scoreless relief.

Harrison missed a golden opportunity to pad its lead in the sixth inning. With a runner on third and one out, a Harrison hitter launched a fly ball to left field. The ball was caught and the Hawk runner gunned down at the plate.

The Hawks finish the season with a 5-15 record.



Kathy Rush (left, in a game against Ladywood earlier this season) survived a leg injury to assist Mercy in its title run. STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

Mercy wins 2nd Catholic crown

Seniors Amy Stock, Mary Beth Larabell, Kathy Clement and Mary Duvel have played soccer at Farmington Hills Mercy since the school began sponsoring the sport three years ago.

In those three years, the Marlies have finished among the state's top 10 each year, have been in the Catholic League finals each year and won the league title twice — the second coming Sunday, a 2-1 overtime win against Birmingham Marian.

There were other common threads running through those seasons, like coach Gene Fogel and two-time all-star Annette Ruggiero, but the four seniors will leave with an impressive winning percentage.

"This year's group was really

soccer

something," said Fogel. "We lost so many good players last year that I thought we'd have a struggle this year. But the kids simply refused to lose. Four times we came from behind to win or tie games. And it was a team effort. If someone was down, somebody else would always pick up the slack."

AGAINST MARIAN, Mercy survived several scares in the second half to dominate the overtime period and finally win on Julie Hale's goal with two minutes left to play. Margaret DeMattia had tied the

game midway through the first half. In the second half, Marian had two golden scoring chances thwarted by goalie Stacy Nolta. Nolta made a sprawling save off a corner kick and then stoned a Marian player on a breakaway.

In the two 10-minute overtime periods, Mercy enjoyed a 12-2 edge in shots on goal. Finally, Hale bumped in a pretty pass from sophomore Karen Baldas for the game-winner.

"It was really a good game," Fogel said. "Both teams really go at each other. It was a physical game. Our kids were really up and our kids wanted to beat them."

Mercy, who was ousted in the state tournament by Northville, finished the season at 12-2-2 and ranked No. 9 in the state.

Raiders end on high note

North Farmington closed out an otherwise forgettable soccer season Tuesday with its third straight victory.

The Raiders hosted Plymouth Canton 4-1 in a Western Lakes make-up match.

Kristi McMinn, who has been in a scoring slump this season, scored three times for North. She has 12 on the season. Jean Anzivar added the fourth.

"I was kidding Kristi about her goal production, because 12 goals isn't a lot for her," said North coach Cathy Cole. "I told her she must be saving them for her senior year. After the game she said, 'I must be starting my senior year.'"

Kendra Whiteley scored the Canton goal.

The Chiefs (9-8-1) outshot North 18-15. North goalie Susie Schlott played a strong game.

North finishes with a 6-8-1 record.

FRANKLIN 2, FARMINGTON 0: Kim Owings kicked away 13 shots to record the shutout Tuesday.

Heather Colvin and Deanne Brda scored the goals for Livonia Franklin (7-6-2).

Farmington is 10-9. The Patriots will close the season Thursday at Plymouth Salem.

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