

Idaho runner wins Road Runner Classic

running

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

"Do they always have this much fun at races in Michigan?" Pam Pulice of Boise, Idaho, asked the question Saturday night following the Redford Road Runners Classic, a five-mile run that started and finished at Ford Field in Livonia.

The Classic, which attracted 450 able-bodied and wheelchair competi-

tors, is one of the highlights of the local running scene, what with the food, beer and plenty of dancing that follow the smoothly organized race. What made it even more fun for Pulice is that she was an easy winner in the women's division.

"I was back in town because my sister had a baby," said Pulice, a 1970 graduate of Plymouth High School. "Somebody told me there

was a race so I decided to show up. This is wonderful. I'm having a ball." She had a ball most of the run, too, and she did the first mile in 5:48 and Pretty much held that kind of pace until the closing stretch to the finish line banner out in front of the parking lot adjacent to the YMCA.

"The humidity was real different for me. It's a lot drier in Idaho," said Pulice, whose time of 29:41 was 1:25 faster than that turned in by the runner-up, Doriane Colwell of Ypsilanti. "At the three-mile mark I was feeling tired. I just kept trying to push it. When I got into the park, I was just hanging on."

Where Pulice led all the way for the women, Wolfram had it a bit tougher. He didn't take the lead until a mile and a half into the run early Saturday evening, with the humidity high and the sun still burning hotly.

"I went through the mile in 4:47 and was about eight seconds back. I was a little worried at the point," said Wolfram. "A half mile later, he started slowing down. I tried to go by him hard; I didn't want him staying with me."

He didn't. Wolfram went through two miles all alone in 9:48, was at three miles in 14:47 and was never threatened.

"I wanted to go under 25 minutes, but I hadn't been training to go out that fast," said Wolfram. "I had to slow down the fourth mile to catch my breath. I would have gone under 25 if I had done even splits. That's a good time for me. I think it's a personal best, but I've been running for 21 years, so it's kind of hard to keep track."

IN THE MASTERS' division (over 40), Rex Perrine of Westland won for the men in the time of 27:40, which was good for 14th overall. Kurt Makowski of Windsor was second in 28:49, and John Darlage of Belleville was third in 28:50.

Emily Gail, the Detroit race organizer who recently won her Republican primary race for the U.S. House of Representatives and will face Democrat George Crockett in November, won in 36:04, nearly nine minutes ahead of Virginia Parmer of Ann Arbor.

Jim Green of Saginaw was the top male wheelchair racer in a field of 15, with a time of 24:25. Patricia Ford of London won for the women in 32:11.

Kevin Donner, the women's track coach at the University of Detroit and a former star at Redford Catholic Central, brought his team to the race and they dominated the 18-24 division, capturing the first six spots and the eighth spot.



ART EMANUEL/staff photographer

Jim and John Dreisbach (with mother Millie), who were all smiles Saturday when they won wheelchair division awards at the Redford Road Runner Classic, were more somber on Monday. Jim, seated, was off to the hospital for an operation to treat his scoliosis.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 11, 1986

Mayor Alkateeb opened the regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council on August 11, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Alkateeb, Dolan, Duttley, Marks, Seyer and Sorren. Absent: Wolf. Others present: City Manager Costello, Deputy City Clerk Frey and City Attorney Bibeau.

Minutes of July 21, 1986 were approved as amended and minutes of July 28, 1986 were approved as presented.

Mayor Alkateeb read a resolution commending Fred Fairfield for his many years of community service.

Council adopted EDC Resolution No. 4 approving project plan for Louis P. Ferris, Jr. Project at 30055 Northwest Highway.

Council adopted EDC Resolution No. 4 approving project plan for FAC Associates Project at Grand River cut off near intersection of Ten Mile Road and M-102.

Ordinance No. G-34-86 was enacted regarding landscaping requirements and approval of summary for publication.

Council adopted open space policy and directed Staff and City Attorney to formulate Ordinance that reflects this policy.

Council agrees to fund a portion of a Public Works Coordinator at Michigan Municipal League.

Council approved Bond Resolution for Public Improvement Special Assessment Bonds, Series 1986, SAD C-189 Metroview Road Improvement, SAD C-190 Sunnyside Road Paving, SAD C-191 Geraldine Street paving and SAD C-192 Bridgeman Street Paving.

An Ordinance was introduced for Transfer of Land with Hunters Pointe Subdivision and the Historic District.

An Ordinance was introduced for sale of land, Lots 20 and 21, Section P of Farmington Heights Subdivision.

Appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates were confirmed by Council as follows: Gary Jones and Paul Sowerby. Appointments to Parks and Recreation Commission are Jerry M. Ellis and Barbara A. McCann. Carol Boyd was appointed Housing Rehabilitation Loan Board Alternate.

Council approved establishment of Adult Foster Care Family Home providing it be restricted to two occupants currently residing in the home.

Council approved agreement with Leon H. Kolls to prepare architectural plans for expansion of Fire Station No. 3.

Purchase Order was approved for self-contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing to Apollo Fire Equipment for 124,911 and to Breathing Air Systems in amount of \$12,950 for compressor/cascade system.

Council approved purchase of passenger vehicle for Department of Public Works from George Mattek Chevrolet costing \$9,731.35.

Contract was awarded to South Hill Construction Company for Thirteen Mile Road widening Improvement, east and west of Northwestern Highway in amount of \$184,255.

Public Hearing date of August 25, 1986 was set for cost hearing on Westgate Franklin Village Subdivision paving.

Council approved participation in setting 47th District Court parking lot in the amount of \$11,210.27.

Council adopted Resolution No. 4 setting cost hearing for Drake Road paving between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile Roads on August 25, 1986.

Allocation of additional Community Development Block Grant Program funds of \$53,000 be added to 1986/87 Community Development program.

Council adopted Commitment Resolution for Michigan Municipal Bond Authority.

Council awarded bid of \$154,900 to South Hill Construction Company, Inc. for repaving of Falcon Road from Randall to Tuck Roads.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

J. I. ALKATEEB, Mayor
KATHRYN A. FREY, Deputy City Clerk

GARY WOLFRAM, 35, of East Lansing, an economic advisor to House Republicans, was an easy winner for the men, his 25:03 good for a 47-second margin over Steven Schmidt of Birmingham, who won the 18-24 division. David Homann of Garden City, also in the 18-24 group, was third overall in 26:09.

Wheelchair rookies shine

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Jim Dreisbach, 14, was beaming, despite the lung-searing effort of racing five miles for the first time. "It was harder than I thought it would be. Five miles doesn't sound like much, but it is."

His adopted brother, John, 16, had just finished his first race, too, at Saturday night's Redford Road Runner Classic, which began and ended behind Ford Field in Livonia. "And we're gonna go for it again," he said triumphantly, punctuating the sentence with a smile that played across his face from ear to ear and down nearly to the bottom of his chin.

Unlike most of the competitors, the Dreisbachs went the distance in wheelchairs. Both Jim and John are handicapped because of polio. Jim always travels through life in a wheelchair; John walks but with a

severe limp and can only race with the help of wheels. Until Saturday morning, neither of them had any idea there even were such things as races for the handicapped, where for at least 35 minutes they compete as equals with others taking time out from their liabilities.

JIMBO BOYD of Farmington Hills was a speaker and counselor at a camp Saturday for the handicapped. Though a quadriplegic since diving off a garage into his parents' swimming pool 12 years ago, he is a world-class wheelchair athlete who races the Free Press International Marathon each fall. A salesman at the handicapped-supply firm of Wright and Phillips, Boyd spoke so effectively and so convincingly about the joys of competition that the Dreisbachs decided to give it a whirl.

Boyd borrowed a couple specially made \$2,000 racing chairs for the

boys and a short while later they were accepting mugs at the awards ceremony for having wheeled so well.

It was a timely award for Jim, a native of Vietnam who entered the hospital Monday for surgery to correct his scoliosis, a curvature of the spine resulting from weak stomach muscles.

"He might be through for the season," said his mother, Millie, Millie and her husband, Don, Livonia residents, have seven adopted children, two American natives, two from Vietnam, one from Korea and one, John, from Guatemala. Four of them are able-bodied. Jim has been in the family 11 years and John six.

"What's wonderful is they didn't even know such sports existed before, and now they're all excited," said Millie. "They're already talking about next season. And John's going racing with Jimbo next weekend."

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