

# 2001 race has exciting finish

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The temperature was much too hot for the sun scorched the skin even at the 8:30 a.m. start and the turnout was disappointing, but Sunday's 2001 run in Southfield was as exciting a race as you could ever see.

With 400 yards to go, and the leader 80 yards ahead of him, Tobin Allen Jones made his move. With 200 yards to go, he had cut his deficit to 40 yards. With 100 to go, it was 20. "He's coming. Here he comes," people in the crowd screamed to the leader, David Krafsur of Southfield, who was too exhausted to pick up his pace. The distance between them was 10, then five, just ahead of the finish line, after nearly 6.2 miles.

Jones surged into the lead and won going away, turning in a clocking of 31 minutes, 30.6 seconds to win by 2 1/2 seconds.

Following them by half a minute was the third-place finisher, Tony Milford of Allen Park. Ella Willis, 35, of Detroit turned in a 36:49.8 to lead the field of 72 women finishers; she was 22nd overall.

"I ran kind of a dumb race," admitted Jones, 25, of Westland. "I lost my concentration at four or five miles and let him get out 100 yards on me. I was lucky to catch him."

"I heard my six-mile split and said, 'Well, let him hang out.' He was pretty tired. I heard the crowd yelling and that made me go even harder. With 200 yards to go I could tell I was really

catching him. In the last 150, I knew I had him."

Jones, a 1978 graduate of Livonia Churchill where he lettered in cross country and track, ran as part of the Racquets Unlimited of Livonia running team. Teammate David Emery won the 40-49 age group, placing sixth overall with a time of 33:17.3.

"I wanted to run a 30:40," said Jones, "but the heat hindered that."

Krafsur, 19, is a 1982 graduate of Southfield-Lathrup where he starred in track and cross country.

ONLY 365 runners entered the race, which was the day after more than 20,000 runners participated in the Emly-Midas 10K run in downtown Detroit. When organizers of the Southfield run

begin publicizing it in early May, they expected 2,000 entrants. And up until a few days before the 2001 run, race organizers were promising T-shirts to the first 600 finishers.

Yet, despite the turnout, city officials declared the race an unqualified success and have already begun organizing next year's.

The race began at Northland Center and ran along the service drive of US-10 to Civic Center Drive, then back the other side of the expressway to Northland. Expressway exits were closed for the race.



Dave Krafsur  
faces at finish

## Runs on collision course

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Despite an array of sponsors that included WDIV-TV, Northland Center, Michigan Inn, Providence Hospital and Sacoey Athletic Footwear, despite repeated promotional blurb announcing the race on Channel 4, despite the hiring of a public relations firm to handle the pre-race publicity — despite all that, just 365 runners entered Sunday's 2001 run in Southfield.

Given that temperatures soared that

day into the 90s, and given that it was the first year for the race, 365 runners might not seem like a small figure, but organizers a month ago were jauntily talking of 2,000 entrants, and even in the final days before the run, promoters were promising free T-shirts to the first 600 finishers.

What happened? In a word: Emily. Emily Gail, the effervescent, non-stop promoter of downtown Detroit, staged another of her by-now legendary fun runs Saturday, which drew more than 20,000 runners to become the third

largest road race in the nation.

Emily's runs are noted for their zany entrants and their post-race parties. Men run in tu-tus, groups of 20 run as caterpillars, there are runners dressed as nuns, statues, pizza makers and hospital patients. Bands play along the downtown route, gorgeous soccer Express cheerleaders in clinging Danikins pass out water; there are dozens of kegs of beer at the finish line with free beer and more bands.

How can Southfield compete with that? Will it next year?

## Clary signs; Krawford honored

Marty Clary, son of Troy High basketball coach Jim Clary, recently signed a "substantial" bonus to play minor league baseball in the Atlanta Braves organization.

The Clawson High graduate left yesterday to play for the Braves' Durham team in North Carolina. Durham is a Class A team.

Clary was a all-Big 10 pitcher at Northwestern. He recently completed his junior season with a 10-1 record and an earned run average of 2.30.

"I'm still in awe," father/coach Clary said, who returned from North Carolina after a weekend visit. "It was a real experience down there. It's a super organization."

Marty, who also played varsity basketball for Northwestern, did not participate in baseball his senior season at Clawson because he was active in all-star basketball games.

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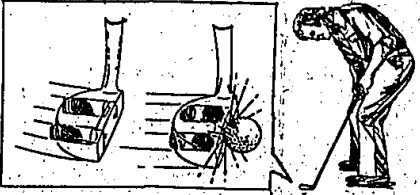
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# The top runners

SOUTHFIELD 2001 RUN RESULTS	
Overall Finishers	
1. Tobin Jones, Westland, 31:28.8	11. Paul Spadefors, Pontiac, 34:04.5
2. Dave Krafsur, Southfield, 31:31.1	12. James Abbott, Detroit, 34:38.7
3. Tony Milford, Allen Park, 32:00.9	
4. Gary Walstrom, Canton, 32:18.2	
5. John Desrosiers, Warren, 32:18.2	
6. David Emery, Farmington Hills, 32:17.3	
7. Terry Kelly, Novi, 32:47.1	
8. Andy Krafsur, Southfield, 32:11.8	
9. Arthur Klum, Southfield, 32:11.8	
10. Clifford Mayroch, Detroit, 32:19.1	
Men — 19 and under	
1. David Krafsur, Southfield, 31:29.1	
2. Tom Lahay, Southfield, 31:16.2	
3. Cliff King, Birmingham, 31:07.3	
4. David Giering, Warren, 31:10.1	
5. Larry Dixon, Lakeland, 31:14.8	
6. Frank Stewart, Milford, 31:14.8	
7. Andrew Smith, Southfield, 31:29.2	
8. Michael Fishman, Birmingham, 31:21.1	
9. Don Arnold, Farmington, 31:11.3	
10. David Miller, Southfield, 31:14.7	
Women — 19 and under	
1. Ella Willis, Detroit, 32:18.8	
2. Cindy Barber, Lincoln Park, 32:33.1	
3. Kathy Grover, Hazellet, 32:34.2	
4. Nancy Vossli, Southfield, 32:12.7	
5. Beth Trudgen, Southfield, 32:39.8	
6. Kim Bruce, Dearborn, 32:44.5	
7. Wendy Lombardi, Clawson, 31:58.8	
8. Julie Houtson, Bloomfield Hills, 31:47.7	
9. Deborah Klefisch, Southfield, 32:31.1	
10. Wendy Gordon, Farmington, 32:31.1	
Men — 20-29	
1. Tobin Jones, Westland, 31:28.8	
2. John Desrosiers, Warren, 32:18.2	
3. Terry Kelly, Novi, 32:47.1	
4. Andy Krafsur, Southfield, 32:11.8	
5. Arthur Klum, Southfield, 32:11.8	
6. Paul Spadefors, Pontiac, 34:04.5	
7. David Segal, Southfield, 32:51.4	
8. Jay Kerschenbaum, Allen Park, 32:12.0	
9. Ken Washington, Southfield, 32:28.2	
10. Mark Kelland, Detroit, 33:44.8	
Women — 30-39	
1. Renee Hochstadt, Ypsilanti, 31:06.8	
2. Barbara Mackayson, Birmingham, 31:24.4	
3. Rochelle Bousfield, Southfield, 32:29.8	
4. Maggie Eder, Pontiac, 32:38.4	
5. Beverly Schreiber, Allen Park, 32:48.4	
6. Dale Rykers, Farmington, 31:15.8	
7. Christine Radonson, Southfield, 31:15.8	
8. Charles Buckley, Northville, 32:24.1	
9. Mary Ottman, Detroit, 32:39.8	
10. Lucy Van Meters, Southfield, 32:25.8	
Men — 40-49	
1. David Emery, Farmington Hills, 32:17.3	
2. Charles Blackwood, Birmingham, 32:21.4	
3. Charles Pryme, Union Lake, 32:21.4	
4. Paul Wheeler, Birmingham, 32:21.4	
5. Jerry Moss, Farmington Hills, 32:31.8	
6. Lloyd Cox, Dearborn, 32:42.8	
7. Lynn Bruce, Dearborn, 32:54.8	
8. Ron Roney, Madison Hts., 31:28.8	
9. Allen Smith, Farmington, 31:44.8	
10. Bill Vardine, St. Clair Shores, 31:44.8	
Men — 50 and over	
1. Lou Riberdy, Windsor, 37:34.1	
2. Frank Schmitt, Birmingham, 40:22.8	
3. Howard Emerson, Troy, 44:54.8	
4. Donald Bussler, Keweenaw, 41:28.8	
5. Ed Allen, Livonia, 41:16.8	
Women — 40 and over	
1. Midge Pelier, Northville, 34:82.8	
2. Jackie Scholberg, Southfield, 35:27.8	
3. Jackie Brown, West Bloomfield, 35:27.8	
4. Suzanne Goldstein, Southfield, 35:27.8	
5. Sandra Lefkovich, Southfield, 35:27.8	