

Scharich leads WB pack

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There's nothing like getting that first race of the season out of the way, especially if you finish ahead of the pack.

Laura Murphy of Rochester said Kirk Scharich of Essexville did just that Sunday as they crossed the finish line to earn respective titles in the 17th Annual West Bloomfield Half-Marathon.

For Murphy, 29, it was the third straight year she emerged as the women's overall winner, clocking in at 1:23:22.

Kim Bruce of Ann Arbor took second in 1:23:28.

Livonia Susan Tetigan, girls cross country coach at Franklin High, finished third in 1:24:37.

"The first year I won I was focusing on this race," Murphy said when asked to compare her accomplishments of the past three years. "Last year I had a couple of half-marathons on the schedule, so it was a good place to start. This year it was the least prepared I have ever been. I wasn't planning on

coming this year, but I'm glad it's over and I'm glad I won it."

Scharich, 26, echoed similar sentiments, indicating his entry into the race was a spur of the moment decision.

"I'd been working out with some guys at Eastern (Michigan University) and they mentioned it," said Scharich, who broke the tape in 1:12:00. "I'm glad I entered because it was a good workout and good training run for the first of the year."

Both Murphy and Scharich said they were pleased with the wins, but not totally pleased with their times.

"I was hoping for maybe 1:20, but it was a tough course being so hilly," Murphy said. "It got really tough out there mentally and physically around the seven- or eight-mile mark."

"It was a tough course with a lot of rolling hills and a lot of turns," said Scharich, who notched his first half-marathon victory. "I did about 80 miles of running this week and my legs are tired."

(Following are the results from Sunday's 17th Annual West Bloomfield Half-Marathon and 54 Run, co-sponsored by West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation and Henry Ford Medical Center-West Bloomfield.)

GAULF-MARATHON

MEN: 1. Kirk Scharich (Essexville), 1:12:00; 2. Dan Murphy (Rochester), 1:13:47; 3. John Springer (Redford), 1:14:12; 4. James Burchard (Westland), 1:14:23; 5. Donald Richmond (Livonia), 1:15:08; 6. Dave Tabben (Warren), 1:16:12; 7. Clarence Swinda (Detroit), 1:17:03; 8. Patrick Brasher (Ann Arbor), 1:17:16; 9. Chris Langton (Westland), 1:17:21; 10. Randy Day (Portage), 1:18:13; 11. John Deegan (Royal Oak), 1:18:37.

WOMEN: 1. Laura Murphy (Rochester), 1:22:22; 2. Kimberly Bruce (Ann Arbor), 1:23:26; 3. Susan Tetigan (Livonia), 1:24:37; 4. Kathy Kubicki (Farmington Hills), 1:27:05; 5. Laurie Greenwood (Royal Oak), 1:27:26; 6. Katie Madwell (Ann Arbor), 1:28:24; 7. Donna Swanson (Northville), 1:33:15; 8. Colleen Walter (New Baltimore), 1:34:32; 9. Ann Wespomer (Livonia), 1:35:42; 10. Nancy Patti (Farmington Hills), 1:37:45; 11. Donna Olson (Bloomfield Hills), 1:37:57; 12. Mary Hagen (Royal Oak), 1:38:25.

HUSBAND/WIFE: 1. John Springer (1:14:12), Sharon Springer (1:56:50) (Portage), 3:11:00.

MEN 40-49: 1. Randy Bate (Portage), 1:18:13; 2. Tony Mitchell (Ann Arbor), 1:18:37; 3. Ed Barton (Westland), 1:19:34; 4. James Simpson (Livonia), 1:22:12; 5. George Divine (Livonia), 1:24:51; 6. Paul Young (Ann Arbor), 1:24:56; 7. Keith Wright (Farmington Hills), 1:26:15; 8. Bill Jones (West Bloomfield), 1:26:01; 9. Dan Phillips (Canton Township), 1:26:21; 10. Ken Gary (Mt. Pleasant), 1:26:20; 11. Richard Kuhn (Detroit), 1:26:53; 12. Tim Laporte (Southgate), 1:28:17.

MEN 50-59: 1. Harry Tetman (Livonia), 1:22:26; 2. James Cantor (White Lake), 1:24:00; 3. Neil Makowski (Livonia), 1:28:12; 4. Gene Back (Detroit), 1:35:36; 5. Fred Kroger (Oak), 1:36:31; 6. Brad Pitts (Livonia), 1:37:07; 7. Art Niza (Livonia), 1:37:16; 8. Edward Cassel (Farmington Hills), 1:37:31; 9. Bill Agresta (Livonia), 1:38:02; 10. Hugh Dean (Livonia), 1:38:02; 11. Greg McCullough (Livonia), 1:39:04; 12. Bill Zobori (West Bloomfield), 1:39:13.

RUNNING

MEN 60-69: 1. Jerry Johnson (Grand Rapids), 1:40:58; 2. Bob Hays (Grosse Pointe Farms), 1:40:58; 3. Mark Evans (Ann Arbor), 1:42:21; 4. John Tancor (Livonia), 1:44:50; 5. Mike Bant (Livonia), 1:45:15; 6. Hal Lendon (Livonia), 1:45:21; 7. Walter Hunt (Livonia), 1:45:21; 8. Ray Gomez (Livonia), 1:45:21; 9. David Weber (Livonia), 1:45:21; 10. Robert Scott (Livonia), 1:45:21; 11. Joe Thompson (Livonia), 1:45:21; 12. Harry Maisei (West Bloomfield), 1:45:21.

MEN UNDER 17: 1. Steven Short (Livonia), 1:20:37; 2. Kristofer Forth (Livonia), 1:20:37; 3. Mike Schmitt (Livonia), 1:21:51; 4. Dan Murray (Livonia), 1:21:51; 5. James Burchard (Livonia), 1:23:28; 6. Denis Faber (Livonia), 1:23:28; 7. Thomas Patis (Livonia), 1:23:28; 8. Chris Langton (Livonia), 1:23:28; 9. John Deegan (Livonia), 1:23:28; 10. James McGowan (Livonia), 1:23:28; 11. Robert Kohnen (Livonia), 1:23:28; 12. Robert Kohnen (Livonia), 1:23:28.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL	THURSDAY, APRIL 22	FRIDAY, APRIL 23	SATURDAY, APRIL 24	SUNDAY, APRIL 25
Liv. Churchill at Liv. Stevens, 4 p.m.	Phy. Canton at Farmington, 4 p.m.	Phy. Canton at Farmington, 4 p.m.	Phy. Canton at Farmington, 4 p.m.	Phy. Canton at Farmington, 4 p.m.
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Swider lifts Team Michigan

Area hockey stars played key roles last weekend as Team Michigan won the National High School All-Star Hockey championship in Chicago, Ill.

Livonia Churchill's Corey Swider was named the Most Valuable Defender for the tournament. Redford Catholic Central senior defenseman Mike Kasper also contributed.

This was the first championship for Michigan since the tournament began nine years ago, Michigan was coached by A.J. Baker and Scott Mikesell.

Swider had three assists in six games, including one in a 3-2 overtime victory over Ohio in the championship game.

Corey played very steady, moving the puck out of our end whether he was getting the puck on someone else's stick or clearing our end to take the pressure off," said Baker, the head coach. "He wasn't going to turn the puck over or get outmuscled by the other team."

Mark Pomery (Comstock), the tournament MVP, scored the game-winner in the championship game at 2:32 of OT. Paul Smith (Livonia) had given Michigan a 1-0 lead with a power play goal at 6:01 of the first period, assisted by Swider.

HOCKEY

Michigan also beat defending champion Minnesota 3-2 in OT in the quarterfinal and Illinois, 5-3, in the semifinal.

Michigan advanced into the final eight after going 2-1 in Round Robin play.

Michigan lost its opening game, 3-2, to Missouri despite an assist from Kasper.

Michigan defeated Team Northwest (Montana, Utah and Wyoming) in the second game, 8-1. Michigan rallied for five goals in the third period of the third game to knock off New York South, 6-4.

Swider had two assists and Smith a goal in the comeback win.

"I figured we could beat Minnesota (in the quarterfinal) because of the way we played in the third period against New York South," said Swider, who was humble about his effort. "I was surprised. I didn't think I had that good a tournament."

Swider said he plans to try out for a junior team in Waterloo, Wis., which is coached by Mike Smith and plays in the United States Hockey League.

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