

120 compete in second annual event

Southfield woman wins marathon run

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People hooked on running flocked to Birmingham and Beverly Hills with striking abandon Saturday.

They came from across metropolitan Detroit. Some came to run competitively; others came to run for recreation. A few came to run just for sake of it.

But all departed with new friendships and all shared a common concern — their physical fitness.

What brought them together? The second Birmingham Open Six-Mile Run.

AND THE weather amply cooperated. Temperatures never went beyond the mid-70s while the air stayed brisk and the skies sunny. An annual happening, the run is plotted over a course which winds along streets in Birmingham and Beverly Hills. Eligibility for the run extends to all men and women age 18 and older.

A special three-mile run is conducted concurrently for eligible adults who prefer to tackle a shorter distance.

This year's version of the dual runs attracted more than 120 entries, which nearly doubled last year's entry total.

IN THE six-mile run, trophies go to the top three place finishers. West Bloomfield's John Grabowski emerged as the pacesetter

this year, negotiating the course in 33:17.

Warren's Joseph Czech occupied the runner-up position, 33 seconds back. Clocking in 34:18, Ypsilanti's Daniel Reynolds took third.

In the same run, trophies also go to the first-place finishers among five age brackets. Listed by age brackets and times, these front-runners this year were:

Bloomfield Hills' James Kershenbaum (18-25, 35:31), Pleasant Ridge's Robert Barnes (26-35, 35:42), Trenton's Richard Scott (36-45, 37:31), Birmingham's Chuck Davey (46-55, 37:06) and Pontiac's Jack Habel (56-65, 41:44).

ACTUALLY, Kershenbaum ended fourth behind Grabowski, Czech and Reynolds. However, rules for the six-mile run stipulate no runner can win multiple trophies.

In the three-mile run, trophies go to the top three place finishers during separate men's and women's open competition. Timed in 18:02, Troy's Jim Ross led the men's race. Trailing him were Detroit's Joseph Fijolek and Birmingham's Charles Gorman who posted clockings of 18:36 and 18:52, respectively.

Clocking in 20:49, Southfield's Elaine Beck headed the women's race. She was followed by Detroit's Sharon Sowell and Westland's Donna Sheppard who logged times of 24:00 and 24:38, respectively.

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CO-SPONSORS FOR this year's dual runs included the Birmingham Rotary Club, the Birmingham YMCA and the Birmingham-Bloomfield VFW Post No. 2254.

Additional co-sponsors were Chuck Davey Agency, R. Ruppe Associates, Inc. Realtor and Automotive Conversion Corp.

Other co-sponsors were Birmingham's Bob McKenzie, Chuck Davey and John Bell, all 1974 Boston Marathon participants.

Bloomfield Hills' Rudy Ruppe chaired the steering committee for this year's dual runs. Committee members were McKenzie, Davey and Bell plus the Birmingham Y's Warner Johnson.

MCKENZIE SAYS he rates this year's festivities as a super suc-

cess, particularly from a human standpoint.

"Plainly," he said, "everyone enjoyed the company of everyone else. There was applause for everyone as they finished. Prizes became secondary."

Helping make the festivities so successful were the realistic targets set by each of the contestants, McKenzie added.

"Everyone seemed to go out with a sensible idea of what they hoped to achieve," McKenzie observed.

"AS A RESULT, practically everyone came away with the feeling that they did as well as they possibly could've."

McKenzie explained how the magnetism of the dual runs parallels the deepening interest in things such as ecology, natural foods and keeping up a healthy cardio-vascular system.

Next year's dual runs already look like they'll trigger the greatest response yet in entries, according to McKenzie. As he perceptibly put it:

"Indicators show running at all levels really has caught on around the country. I'd say running definitely has the potential to be one of this country's most popular past-times."

Stern effort

Mrs. Lewis Stern of Southfield recorded her first ace in 15 years of golfing recently. Using a nine iron, she ached the 180-yard seventh hole at Southfield's Evergreen Hills. She finished with a 42 for nine holes.



Southfield's Elaine Beck takes her triumph in stride during the women's open three-mile race. (Photographed by Douglas Bouman).

2 other titles settled

Playoff in AA East

Two of Southfield National East Little League's five champions have been crowned, and a playoff game Thursday will decide a third.

The Minor A championship will be settled at Catalpa Field Thursday in a 6:30 p.m. game matching the first-half winners, the Giants, with the Cubs, who are undefeated through seven games in the second half of the split season.

In the Major Division, the Dodgers repeated as champions for the second straight year by defeating the Braves, 7-4, behind the pitching of Ron Gold and Sammy Gun. A loss would have forced the Dodgers into a playoff game with the Pirates, who finished with seven straight wins.

In Minor B, the Flyers clinched

the title with a 12-3 record. Titles are still up for grabs in Minor A and C. The Titans have a tie for the championship assured, but are still being pressed by the Mets in Minor A. In Minor C, the Hawks and Tigers both entered the final week with only three losses.

National East Standings		
Team	W	L
Major	16	3
Dodgers	13	7
Giants	13	7
Pirates	10	10
Cubs	7	11
Braves	5	12
Cards	6	13
AA League		
W	L	
Dodgers	4	3
Braves	3	4
Giants	2	5
Cards	2	5
Pirates	2	5
A League		
W	L	
Titans	10	3

Mets	7	5
Reds	7	6
Expos	6	5
Padres	5	6
Astros	5	6
B League		
W	L	
Flyers	12	3
Stars	10	5
Jets	8	7
Rockets	7	7
Sonics	3	12
Comets	2	12
C League		
W	L	
NCS Hawks	10	10
(Kiwana) Tigers	9	9
OBM Seals	6	6
ABC Eagles	4	4
Foster Colts	4	4
Grimblatt Lions	2	2
National West Standings		
W	L	
Major	12	7
Cubs	13	3
Astros	12	9
Expos	11	9
Reds	8	12
Mets	8	14

Triples help Bronco Mets

Joe Hannah smacked two triples and Chris Lipski blasted a bases-loaded three bagger as the Mets defeated the Cardinals, 9-3, in South Farmington's Bronco League East Division. In another game, the Mets' John Carrier had a perfect day at the plate (two singles and a double) to help his team beat the Orioles, 7-6.

In another Bronco East contest, Mike Kourtkis went three for four at the plate to help the cards defeat the Angels, 11-7.

In a South Farmington Mustang West slugfest, the Royals doomed the Brewers, 27-11. Sam Butala hit a grand slam homer for the win-

ners. In the Mustang East, Brad Rand's bases-loaded clout helped the first-place Padres smother the Indians, 22-2. Padre pitching was divided between Rand, Dave Blackmer, Scott Simon, John Orrio and Bronco League

East Division		
Team	W	L
Mets	12	1
Pirates	6	7
Orioles	5	7
Cardinals	5	7
Angels	3	8
West Division		
W	L	
Team	12	0
Astros	6	5
Athletics	7	6
Braves	5	8
White Sox	1	11

Mustang League		
East Division		
Team	W	L
Padres	10	9
Phillies	8	11
Wildcats	6	5
Indians	6	5
Tigers	6	5
Beavers	4	8
Lions	4	8
Eagles	3	2
West Division		
W	L	
Team	10	10
Twins	8	8
Clubs	8	8
Falcons	5	5
Expos	5	5
Brewers	6	5
Astros	2	2
Royals	2	2
Hawks	2	10

Founders tourney upcoming

With Farmington Founders Festival time right around the corner, the Festival Softball Tourney is in the brewing.

Observer and Eccentric Sports Editor Tom Donoghue is heading up the tourney and has set this Monday, July 1, for the managerial meeting to be held at the Farmington Elks Club, starting at 7 p.m.

Any teams that want to enter the Farmington Tourney must have someone present at this meeting along with a \$50 entry fee.

The tournament which will be played July 26-27-28 at the Farmington Drake Diamond is restricted to just Farmington teams and rosters for the tourney must be the same as submitted to their respective league secretaries.

Assemble is the defending tourney champion with Farmington Lins which is now under the name of Berry's the champion of '72 and third-place finisher last tourney.

It will be a two-game elimination tourney with team and individual trophies being awarded to

the first and second place clubs along with a tourney all-star team and a Most Valuable Player.

Festival games will kick off Friday, July 26, at 6 p.m. at the Drake Diamond and go through 11 p.m. and resume Saturday at 9 a.m. and conclude that night at 11 p.m. and resume Saturday at 9 a.m. and conclude that night at 11 p.m. and pick up Sunday at 9 a.m. again with the championship contest slated for Sunday, July 28, at 3 p.m. with the Festival games on hand to distribute the trophies.

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