

**80th Annual Asbury Park Polar Bear Carnival  
Boardwalk Road Race  
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## ALL-TIME TOP 10 TIMES MALE RUNNERS

<u>5K Run (1964-1976/2014-Date)</u>	<u>5 Mile Run (1977-2013)</u>	<u>10 Mile/5kWalk (1964-2018)</u>
1. Robert Pedersen, Jr. 15:14.18 2021	Ray Cerenkowski 24:35 1982	Andres Chocho 1:10.18 2009
2. Marty Liquori 15:23 1975	Harold Nolan 24:40 1977	Ray Funkhouser 1:11.43 1984
3. Vince Cartier 15:25 1975	Bryon Pownall 24:48 1987	Dan O'Connor 1:12.46 1969
4. Harold Nolan 15:27 1975	Buck Logan 24:50 1980	Dave McGovern 1:13.46 1985
5. Tom Aspal 15:30 1975	Tom Aspal 24:51 1978	Dave Romanski 1:14.12 1969
6. Jeremy Scheid 15:31 2019	Bill Scholl 24:51 1981	John Sloavonic 1:16.50 1985
7. Justin Scheid 15:33 2019	Chris Halliman 24:53 1979	Cliff Mimm 1:16.51 1987
8. Andrew Broudeur 15:39 2015	Eric Savoth 24:53 2003	Marc Bagan 1:16.54 1987
9. Bill Reilly 15:45 1971	Hugh Kuchka 25:01 1983	Dave Talcott 1:18.03 1982
10. Kyle Mueller 15:45.18 2021	Dave Billings 25:10 1981	Rich Leuttchau 1:18.29 2008

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1. Kerry Dyke 2019	17:35	Alica Kelly 1995	28:27	Stella Cashman 1988	1:27.50
2. Amanda Marino 2016	17:41	Lauren Rhafigan 2007	28:40	Dorit Atlia 1991	1:28.28
3. Lisa Wilehim 2006	17:58	Lindsey Gallo 2004	28:56	Gloria Rawls 1994	1:31.08
4. Beth Meyer 2018	18:12	Meg Waldron 1977	29:45	Loretta McGovern 2007	1:32.07
5. Allison Linell 2011	18:54	Brenda Sanders 1977	30:07	Norma Arnesen 1985	1:32.48
6. Janet Flood 1978	19:09	Lauren Adams 2001	30:19	Erin Taylor 2009	1:32.28
7. Leslie Morrison 2014	19:43	Allison Linell 2010	30:19	Lisa Marie Vellucci 2006	1:33.09
8. Erin O'Neil 2019	19:50	Linda Wolf 1996	30:22	Mary Ann Torriellis 1998	1:33.56
9. Kellee McEwen 2021	20:07	Barbara Addis 1992	30:26	Pat Weir 1992	1:34.28
10. Christina McCaferty 2018	20:11	Joyce Jarrowski 1991	31:07	Sherry Brosnahan 2001	1:41.40



# McDonnell, Daniel Victors In Boardwalk 'Polar' Races

ASBURY PARK — Neither rain nor wind nor a very slippery boardwalk interfered with the swift completion of their appointed rounds by a band of 49 hardy trackmen competing in the city's first Polar Bear Track Carnival yesterday.

These 49 obviously weren't hoping for a white Christmas—they had track shoes but no rainshoes.

John McDonnell, a former Irish mile champion now living in New York, captured the opening event on the program—the 5,000-meter run—in a clocking of 16 minutes, 7.5 seconds that was rated excellent under the conditions.

Ron Daniel, a Long Island college student, was the day's second winner, taking the 10-mile walking race in one hour, 3 minutes, 13 seconds.

Thirty-four started the run and finished. Seventeen started and went the route in the walk. Two Brick Township residents, postman Bob Carlson and high school student Ed Tompkins—iron man duty by completing both races.

## McDonnell Beats Best

McDonnell, who has a 4:02 mile to his credit, had a 150-yard lead on his nearest rival, engineer Fred Best of Somerset. Best trailed John Dzelzkalns, Rutgers University senior from New Brunswick, for half of the race, but then blazed by and had a 100-yard edge at the end.

Ed Shattuck, Central Regional High School's NJSIAA Group I-II cross-country champion from Lakehurst, put on a powerful drive down the last straightaway and just missed catching the eased-up Dzelzkalns.

Shattuck led home a strong collection of Shore schoolboy stars. Red Bank Catholic's Bob Byron was fifth, Long Branch's Tom Bazley sixth, Middletown's Harry Nolan eighth, CBA's Mike Mirarchi and Don Rowe ninth and 10th, Middletown's Bernie Tethune 13th, Central Regional's Joe Callahan 14th, Asbury Park's Tom Hutchison and Harold Suggs 17th and 18th, Middletown's Bill Such 19th, and Brick Township's Bill Darnell 21st.

Collegians home for the holidays were ex-Keyport High ace Ed Scullion, now a sophomore at Murray, Ky. State College, and Uio Kuhl.

worth, Long Branch High School senior, was seventh, with four Ocean County walkers, Ken Eith, Carlson, Fred Spector and Tompkins, occupying the 14 to 17 places.

The Penn A.C. edged the New York Pioneer Club by a single point for the walking team title.

Other clubs represented in the meet were the United A.A. and Millrose A.A., both of New York, and the Central Jersey Track Club.

Asbury Park city councilman Frank H. Rowland was on hand to present trophies to the top finishers. George Zuckerman and Sherman Mischler served on the city's organizing committee.

Officiating were Bill Brouillette, Brick Township cross-country coach; Dick Steadman and Art Oberg of the Monmouth College coaching staff; John Stehli, Central Jersey Track Club, and Jim Borden, United A.A.

## Medals, Trophies Given

Trophies went to the top three men in each race and medals were awarded to other leading finishers.

Watching the run and wishing he was in it was Joe Lynch of Highlands, the IC4A cross-country champion from Georgetown. AAU competition for

Georgetown students is temporarily off-limits, pending a resolution of the AAU-NCAA feud.

## 5000-METER RUN

1. John McDonnell, NYAC (16:07.5);
2. Fred Best, Somerset (16:37.5);
3. John Dzelzkalns, New Brunswick (16:35);
4. Ed Shattuck, Lakehurst (16:56);
5. Bob Byron, Red Bank (17:23);
6. Tom Bazley, Long Branch (17:33);
7. Bob Zaleski, United A.A. (17:39);
8. Harry Nolan, Middletown (17:44);
9. Mike Mirarchi, West Long Branch (17:46);
10. Don Rowe, Freehold (17:48);
11. Hal DeVestern, New Brunswick (17:51);
12. Ed Scullion, Union Beach (17:55);
13. Bernie Tethune, Middletown (18:14);
14. Joe Callahan, Bayville (18:16);
15. Uio Kuhl, Lakewood (18:25);
16. George Kocman, Millrose A.A. (18:31);
17. Tom Hutchison, Asbury Park (18:41);
18. Harold Suggs, Asbury Park (18:45);
19. Bill Such, Middletown (18:49);
20. Jim Busby, United A.A. (18:53);
21. Bill Darnell, Brick Township; 22. Bill Murray, Middletown; 23. Bill Goodheart, United A.A.; 24. Dr. George A. Sheehan Jr., CJTC; 25. Gordon Orgler, Neptune; 26. Ed Tompkins, Brick Township; 27. Grant Weisbrot, United A.A.; 28. Bob Carlson, Brick Township; 29. Don Suptin, Bradley Beach; 30. Bob Kessler, Long Branch; 31. Alan Berzan, Long Branch.

## 10-MILE WALK

1. Ron Daniel, NYAC (1:23:13);
2. Bob Mimm, Penn AC (1:26:54);
3. Dr. John Stalling, NY Pioneer Club (1:26:39);
4. Joe Stefanowicz, Penn AC (1:32:52);
5. John Bucznicki, New York City (1:33:45);
6. Elliott Denman, Pioneer Club (1:35:27);
7. Lou Stalworth, Long Branch (1:40:56);
8. Kurt Steiner, Pioneer Club (1:41:42);
9. Roy Rankin, Penn AC (1:42:54);
10. Eric Walte, Penn AC (1:44:28);
11. Sam Monastero, Penn AC (1:44:40);
12. John Abbate, Penn AC (1:44:56);
13. Tom Radlovacki, Penn AC (1:46:00);
14. Kenneth Eith, South Jersey T.C. (1:48:12);
15. Bob Carlson, Brick Township (1:58:48);
16. Fred Spector, Lakewood (1:58:51);
17. Ed Tompkins, Brick Township (1:59:29);
- Team: Penn A.C. (1:3-6) 10 pts.; N. Y. Pioneer Club (2-4-5) 11 pts.



Asbury Park Councilman Frank H. Rowland presents trophy to the New York Pioneer Club.



# Lynch Tops Runners In Polar Bear Track

ASBURY PARK Forty-five hardy athletes braved 34-degree temperature, struggled off icy sea breezes and risked pneumonia to take part in yesterday's second annual City of Asbury Park Polar Bear Track Carnival on the boardwalk.

The hardest "Polar Bears" of all turned out to be Joe Lynch of Highlands, a first-year law student at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and Bill Kaiser of Baltimore, a machinist's apprentice.

Lynch galloped away from a high class field of 30 to capture the opening Carnival event, the 5,000-meter run. Kaiser then outstepped 20 rivals to win the day's other feature, the 10-mile walk.

Both belated the winning times in last year's inaugural Carnival Lynch covered the

running course in 16 minutes flat to erase the 16:07.2 performance by John McDonnell of New York and Kaiser walked the boards in a brisk one hour, 21 minutes and 36 seconds to better the mark of Ron Daniel of Port Washington, L.I.

Special cheers were reserved for two performers who finished both races. The Shore A.C.'s Bob Carlson of Brick Township, a postman unwinding from the Christmas rush, wound up 25th in the run and 14th in the walk. Sigmund Polodny, North Medford, Mass. Club, was 29th in the run and 17th in the walk.

Lynch, who won the IC4A cross-country title for Georgetown a year ago and took the Metropolitan AAU harrier title last month, won with stunning ease. He took the lead early and was never in danger.

Lynch's time would have been better had he not missed the turn on the first lap of the course. He had to retrace his steps.

The Bayshore runner, 21, looked in sharp condition for the opening of the indoor track campaign in January. He could be ready for the big things that eluded him through illness after a spectacular opening triumph in the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus mile a year ago.

Two Shore area collegiate stars, Maryland's Milt Matthews of Lakewood, and Penn. State's Billy Reilly of Oceanport, were Lynch's closest rivals.

Matthews finished 200 yards in back of Lynch in 16:35 while Reilly was 70 yards behind Matthews in 16:47.

Brown University student Bill Kinsella, Army Captain P. E. (Skip) Dougherty of Chesler, Pa. and Jim Ryan of Rutgers

were the next men home. Lynch just held off the closing drive of CBA senior Don Rowe of Freehold. Rowe was the first local schoolboy finisher.

Collegians home for the holidays included Middletown's Harry Nolan of J. F. Kennedy College, Wahoo, Neb., 10th; Latewood's Ulo Kuhl of Parsons College, Iowa, 12th; Freehold's Pete Krot of Yankton, S.D., 13th; College, 21st, and Eatonville's Bruce Lowry of Clemson University, 24th.

Stiff Workouts Pay Kaiser's winning walk performance, proved the value of twice-a-day workouts.

"I usually walk five miles to work in the morning and then do seven coming home at night," explained the 23-year-old ace.

Kaiser knocked out his miles at an 8:15 clip to build up a 750-yard lead on the walker-up. Dr. George Shilling, Queens, N.Y., dentist represents the N.Y. Pioneer Club.

Dr. Shilling had a battle with Bob Kitchen of Baltimore for five of the six laps up and down the boardwalk before Kitchen wilted.

Kitchen, a 17-year-old high school student, is one of the most promising young race walkers in the country.

Pioneer Team Wins Dr. John Shilling, older brother of George, and a dentist too, closed strongly to take fourth, one spot in front of Shaol Ladany, champion of last year, now a graduate student at

Philadelphia A.C. Elliott Denman, West Long Branch, was the first Shore area finisher, in eighth spot. John Kelly of the Millrose A.A. America's only Centurian (100-mile walker in 24 hours or less) overhauled Denman with two laps to go.

Joe Meenan of the Shore A.C.

Club (23:53). 10. Jeff Stiehl, State College (18:34); 18. Fred Mince, Ashury Park (18:41); 19. Ron and Stavers, Chester, Pa. (18:44); 20. Pat Wabonough, South Amboy (18:55); 21. Pete Grov, Yankton, S.D. College (19:00); 22. Peter Brooks, Rutgers (19:03); 23. Dave Moyer, Shore A.C. (19:10); 24. Steve Lowry, Clemson (19:13); 25. Bob Carlson, Shore A.C. (19:20); 26. Bill Conth, Beachwood (20:08); 27. Dave Meyer, Glenwood, Pa. (20:26); 28. Sid Krains, Chestnut Hill, Pa. (21:00); 29. John Kelly, Jersey Track Club (21:43); 30. Steve Polodny, North Medford, Mass. Club (23:53).

Results — 10 Mile Walk  
1. Bill Kaiser, Chesler, Track Club (1:21:36), meet record; 2. D. George Shilling, N.Y. Pioneer Club (1:24:58); 3. Bob Kitchen, Chesapeake, N.Y. (1:25:23); 4. Dr. John Shilling, N.Y. Pioneer Club (1:25:51); 5. Shaol Ladny, N.Y. Pioneer Club (1:36:14); 6. Bill Conth, Philadelphia A.C. (1:37:59); 7. John Kelly, Millrose A.A. (1:39:59); 8. Elliott Denman, N.Y. Pioneer Club (1:41:17); 9. Joe Stefanowicz, Philadelphia A.C. (1:37:37); 10. John Kullinger, North Medford, Mass. Club (1:53:22); 11. Bob Carlson, Shore A.C. (1:41:12); 12. Roy Ranch, Philadelphia A.C. (1:42:31); 13. Lou Neishloss, Philadelphia A.C. (1:42:31); 14. Norm Curran, Philadelphia A.C. (1:43:08); 15. Bill Wabonough, Philadelphia A.C. (1:43:08); 16. Fred Mince, Ashury Park, Medford, Mass. Club (1:43:43).



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## POLAR BEAR TRACK MEET

# Matthews, Kelly Lead Way

ASBURY PARK — Freezing temperatures and icy streets didn't deter 45 chilled trackmen from the swift completion of their appointed rounds in yesterday's third annual City of Asbury Park Polar Bear Track Carnival.

Milt Matthews, a University of Maryland senior running unattached, and John Kelly, a Millrose A.A. (New York) long distance specialist, turned out to be the swiftest Polar Bears of them all with victories in the meet's two co-featured events.

Matthews, a former Lakewood High School star who now holds the Atlantic Coast Conference 1,000-yard title, outfooted 31 rivals to win the four-mile run in a swift 19 minutes, 25 seconds.

Kelly, only American member of the exclusive Centurion Club (who've walked 100 miles in 24 hours or less to qualify), then captured the 10-mile walk in a rapid one hour, 22 minutes, 29 seconds to beat out 12 rivals.

Both races were held on city streets following a shift from the snow-covered boardwalk. The athletes covered a circular route that included Asbury Avenue, Main Street, Deal Lake Drive, and Grand Avenue. The runners went two laps, the walkers five laps.

Matthews and Rutgers University sophomore Ed Shattuck of Lakehurst fought for the lead until the final three blocks when Matthews' sprint proved too much. Shattuck, last year's Metropolitan Intercollegiate freshman cross-country champion, settled for second only 15 yards back.

Penn State sophomore Phil Peterson of Watchung landed third place while two former Shore area schoolboy stars, Middletown's Harry Nolan of



JOHN KELLY

J. F. Kennedy (Nebraska) College and Long Branch's Tom Bazley of Rutgers, battled it out for fourth and fifth. Nolan gained the decision by 25 yards.

Parsons College senior John Kuhl took sixth while seventh-place Perry Neare of Brielle, a Manasquan High School senior, led the big delegation of local schoolboys.

Another Manasquan runner, Jim Muehleisen, beat out the Monmouth County schoolboy harrier champ, Henry Thomas of Fair Haven, for eighth. Rounding out the top 10 was Shore A.C. marathoner Bob Carlson, doing some "speed work."

Kelly took the lead halfway through the 10-mile walk and built up a quarter-mile lead at the finish on second-place Shaul Ladany of the New York Pioneer Club, who is the champion of Israel.

Bostonian Paul Schell, Philadelphia's Paul Walkovic, and Shore A.C.'s Don Johnson of

Little Silver followed over the line.

Mayor Frank H. Rowland was on hand to congratulate the leading finishers and help pass out the trophies and medals.

Trophies went to the top three men in both races and medals to others down the line.

Despite the weather and the poor footing, the athletes weren't complaining. "It was pretty nippy but it doesn't get to you if you move fast enough," explained Kelly, and Matthews backed him up.

Officiating were Bill Dalton and George Slater of Avon, Dick Steadman of Deal, Nelson Stevens of Belmar, John Shirk of West Long Branch and Bill Findler of Neptune.

#### FOUR-MILE RUN

1. Milt Matthews, unattached, College Park, Md. (19:25); 2. Ed Shattuck, Lakehurst (19:29); 3. Phil Peterson, Penn State (20:09); 4. Harry Nolan, J. F. Kennedy College (20:47); 5. Tom Bazley, Rutgers Fresh (20:52); 6. John Kuhl, Parsons College (21:28); 7. Perry Neare, Brielle (21:33); 8. Jim Muehleisen, Sea Girt (22:02); 9. Henry Thomas, Fair Haven (22:06); 10. Bob Carlson, Shore A.C. (22:20); 11. Dr. George A. Sheehan Jr., Central Jersey Track Club (22:28); 12. Harold Suggs, Asbury Park (22:39); 13. John O'Connell, Holmdel (22:58); 14. Charles Lose, Monmouth College (23:07); 15. Bob Hamlin, Red Bank (23:08); 16. John Fredericks, Brick Twp. (23:15); 17. Bill Such, J. F. Kennedy College (23:22); 18. Barry Smith, West Orange (23:30); 19. Tom O'Rourke, Monmouth College (23:43); 20. Al Purca, Middletown (23:54); 21. Scott Merritt, Middletown (24:19); 22. Joe LaCasse, Monmouth College (24:20); 23. Fred Shanahan, College of Artesia, N.M. (24:33); 24. Bob Kessler, Tufts College (25:37); 25. Mike Boss, Johns Hopkins (25:37); 26. Steve Nolan, Middletown (25:52); 27. John Orifici, Avon (27:10); 28. Bob Patrick, Brick Twp. (28:23); 29. Don Matthews, Middletown (29:31).

#### 10-MILE WALK

1. John Kelly, Millrose A.A. (1:22:29); 2. Shaul Ladany, N.Y. Pioneer Club (1:24:40); 3. Paul Schell, North Medford, Mass. Club (1:27:23); 4. Paul Walkovic, Philadelphia A.C. (1:30:29); 5. Don Johnson, Shore A.C. (1:32:40); 6. Elliott Denman, West Long Branch (1:37:23); 7. Joe Medeau, Shore A.C. (1:39:04); 8. Kurt Steiner, N.Y. Pioneer Club (1:42:36); 9. Lou Stalworth, Shore A.C. (1:43:40); 10. Walt Drascher, St. Anthony's Boys Club, N.Y. (1:44:20); 11. Sanford Kalb, Shore A.C. (1:56:06); 12. Joel Monesson, Lakewood (1:58:08); 13. Larry Monesson, Lakewood (2:19:05).

#### WALKING TEAM SCORES

N.Y. Pioneer Club 9 points, Shore A.C. 12 points.



## POLAR BEAR CARNIVAL

# Lt. Reilly Captures Run

ASBURY PARK — Dave Romansky, a 29-year-old Pennsville, N.J. truck driver, and Bill Reilly, a 23-year-old Marine Corps lieutenant from Oceanport, proved the hardest Polar Bears of them all Sunday.

Just an hour before a snowstorm hit, Romansky and Lt. Reilly won their specialties in the City of Asbury Park's fourth annual Polar Bear Track Carnival on the boardwalk.

Romansky won the 10-mile walking event in one hour, 15 minutes, 49.5 seconds, good enough for two records.

He erased the boardwalk 10-mile standard of 1:21:36 by Baltimore's Bill Kaiser on Dec. 27, 1965.

Lt. Reilly was only 18 seconds off the Polar Bear record for 5,000 meters, covering the boardwalk course in 16:18. The record is 16:00 by Joe Lynch of Highlands two years ago.

Thirty-seven athletes trimmed down to shorts, T-Shirts and long johns for the two-event meet staged with the thermometer reading in the low 30's.

Snow, which forced last year's Polar Bear races off the boardwalk and on to adjacent streets, this time held off until the races were over.

"I really pushed for the record," Romansky admitted. "Olympic year starts in just a few hours and I figure that I'm going to have to push myself a long way if I'm going to get to Mexico City."

He is rated by AAU officials as one of the top U.S. prospects for the 220 and 50-kilometer Olympic walking events.

Lt. Reilly took aim at Lynch's record, but had no strong opposition to push him. He took the lead in the first 220 yards and won by 160 yards over Phil Peterson of Watchung, one of his former teammates at Pennsylvania State University.

Peterson had to battle off the strong bid of Shore A.C.'s Harry Nolan to take the second place trophy. Nolan, a junior at J. F. Kennedy College of Omaha, Nebraska, matched strides with Peterson until the final half mile.

Lt. Reilly, stationed at Quantico, Va., is the nation's fifth-ranking 3,000-meter steeplechaser and the Penn Relays steeplechase champion, but a man who's virtually uninvited to major indoor meets.

"I'd like to run in some of the cup two-mile races this winter, but I don't know what it's going to take to impress some



Dave Romansky, Pennsville, the record setting winner of the 10 mile walk in the Polar Bear Carnival, receives admiring smiles from his children, daughter Denise, 4, and son David, 6, after Sunday's event on the Asbury Park boardwalk. (Press Photo)

of those promoters," he explained.

As of now, his indoor season starts in the Washington GYO Meet Jan. 12 and he doesn't know where it goes from there.

John Knifton, a transplanted Englishman now living in Wappingers Falls, N.Y., and Bob Mimm, a civilian education specialist at Fort Dix, were Romansky's closest rivals. Knifton was 900 yards back in 1:20:21.

A seventh place by Don Johnson of Little Silver, helped propel the Shore Athletic Club into the walking team championship over the Philadelphia A.C. Bob DeLambily of Island Heights and Lou Stalsworth of Long Branch were Johnson's winning clubmates.

For Stalsworth, an airman stationed at Luke A.F.B., Arizona, it was his first race in a year.

The meet's only two-medal winner was Bob Carlson, 14th in the run and 12th in the walk.

The meet was sanctioned by the N.J. Association of the AAU and sponsored by the city.

## SUMMARIES

## 3,000-METER RUN

1. Lt. Bill Reilly, Quantico Marines (16:18); 2. Phil Peterson, Central Jersey Track Club (16:50); 3. Harry Nolan, Shore A.C. (16:52); 4. Tom Bazley, Rutgers A.A. (17:08); 5. Dom Camero, Brick Township High School (17:50); 6. Jeff Steinh, CJTC (17:44); 7. Paul Lucuski, Penn AC (17:52); 8. Peter Brill, Rutgers A.A. (17:57); 9. David Gntomils, Willamette U. (18:16); 10. Tom Lilly, Shore AC (18:30); 11. Dr. George Sheehan, CJTC (18:37); 12. John Dilley, Brick Twp. HS (18:44); 13. Bruce Lowry, Clemson Track Club (18:47); 14. Bob Carlson, Shore AC (18:57); 15. Allen Fusca, Middletown (20:59); 16. Scott Merritt, Montclair State (21:07); 17. Sid Paine, CJTC (21:20).

## 10-MILE WALK

1. Dave Romansky, Pennsville, N.J. (1:15:49.5) (Meet Record); 2. John Knifton, Wappingers Falls, N.Y. (1:20:21); 3. Bob Mimm, Philadelphia A.C. (1:25:55); 4. John Markon, Long Island A.C. (1:28:17); 5. Shaul Ludany, N.Y. Pioneer Club (1:27:19); 6. Winthrop James, Cress Hill, N.Y. (1:28:04.5); 7. Don Johnson, Shore A.C. (1:32:33); 8. George Enoch, South Jersey Track Club (1:33:18); 9. Bob DeLambily, Shore A.C. (1:35:00); 10. Bill Hakulleh, Phila. AC (1:36:08); 11. Lou Stalsworth, Shore A.C. (1:42:53); 12. Bob Carlson, Shore A.C. (1:42:54); 13. Eric Waite, Phila. AC (1:40:53); 14. David Kalb, Shore A.C. (1:55:01); 15. Greg Johnson, Shore A.C. (1:55:39); 16. John O'Riordan, Phila. AC (1:56:11).

## WALKING TEAM SCORES

Shore A.C. (2-3-5) 10 points; Philadelphia A.C. (1-4-5) 11 points.



## POLAR BEAR RACES

## Olympians Win. Again on Boardwalk

ASBURY PARK — A year ago, Bill Reilly of Oceanport and Dave Romansky of Pennsville were impressive winners in the City of Asbury Park's annual Polar Bear Track Meet on the boardwalk and served notice they would be strong U.S. Olympic team hopefuls.

In September both gained their coveted Olympic berths and in October both were in action at Mexico City, Reilly in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and Romansky in the 50-kilometer walk.

Both Olympians were back on the boardwalk yesterday and in impressive form again at the fourth annual Polar Bear Meet.

Reilly, a U.S. Marine Corps first lieutenant who flies today to his next assignment "somewhere in the Western Pacific," coasted to victory in the 5,000-meter run and was clocked in 16 minutes, 45.5 seconds.

Romansky, who seems destined for a reign as the East's speediest race walker, broke both his own meet and course records by over a minute with a 1:14:12 performance that left his nearest rival, former National Champion Ron Daniel of Hightstown, over a mile behind.

"I'm not quite in the shape I was in Mexico City," explained Reilly. "I just hope I'll be able to continue my training wherever the Marines send me."

His time was 45 seconds off the meet record set by Highlands' Joe Lynch in 1965.

Romansky reported "I've felt better lots of other races. But the time was the best I've ever done for 10 miles, so I must be doing something right."

His next big outings will be in the one-mile indoor season races, considered "sprints" by the race walkers who prefer the open road.

Despite biting winds and near-freezing temperatures 33 runners and 14 race walkers answered the starting gun.

Reilly built a gradual lead over runner-up Harry Nolan of Middletown Township, a senior at Nebraska's J. F. Kennedy College, and cruised home first by 40 yards. Nolan was clocked in 16:54 with Manhattan College freshman Gary Beach, another Middletown resident, third in 17:19.

Brick Township's John Dilley landed fourth place and paced a big high school delegation. Just behind him was Red Bank

Catholic sophomore Fran Sullivan.

For over two thirds of the 10-mile walk, Romansky had close company from John Knifton, former British star now residing in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. But seven miles out Knifton was disqualified for violation of one of race walking's basic rules — constant contact with the ground with some part of the foot.

Daniel breezed home alone in 1:23:51 but in a tough battle for third place, Greg Diebold of Caldwell out-fought New York dentist Dr. George Shilling.

Dr. John Shilling, John's brother, was next man home, overhauling Todd Scully of Neshauc, N.J., a collegian home from Lynchburg, Va. College.

Shore Athletic runners, led by Reilly and Nolan, and walkers, paced by Diebold, annexed team trophies in their divisions.

First high school walker across the line was Toms River's Bob Petruski in ninth place. He landed an 18th place in the run and had 10 minutes of rest between races. Another meet doubler was Brick Township's Bob Carlson, 22nd in the run and 11th in the walk.

The meet's timing and checking crew was headed by Eddie Moyes of Eatontown, Dick Cohen of Atlantic Highlands and John Stehli of Union, the National AAU track and field chairman.

## 5,000-METER RUN

1. Lt. Bill Reilly, Oceanport (16:45.5)
2. Harry Nolan, Middletown (16:54)
3. Gary Beach, Manhattan College Fresh (17:19)
4. John Dilley, Brick (17:19)
5. Fran Sullivan, Shrewsbury (17:31)
6. Doug Williamson, Middletown (17:42)
7. Mitch Evans, CJTC (18:15)
8. Barry Barron, Fair Haven (18:40)
9. Charles Harris, Asbury Park (18:54)
10. Walter Cuthbert, Brick (19:58)
11. Steve Johnson, Rutgers Fresh (19:01)
12. Tom Pease, Brick (19:03)
13. Jeff Smith, CJTC (19:05)
14. Dr. George Shilling, Rumsion (19:14)
15. Bill Schulz, Brick (19:23)
16. Jim Dilley, Belck (19:27)
17. Bob McDouald, CJTC (19:38)
18. Bob Petruski, Toms River (19:43)
19. John Johnston, CJTC (19:47)
20. Steve Johnson, West Long Branch (19:54)
21. Larry Watson, Asbury Park (20:00)
22. Bob Carlson, Brick (20:12)
23. Tom Powell, Asbury Park (20:29)
24. Steve Foster, Ocean Twp. (20:35)
25. Steve Foster, Point Pleasant (20:35)
26. Paul Thompson, Brick (20:58)
28. Paul Thompson, Brick (21:01)
29. Sid Feltz, (21:05)
30. Paul Rexasinato, Middletown (21:13)
31. Chuck Richardson, (21:59)
32. Tom Watson, Brick (22:34)

## TEAM SCORES

Shore Athletic Club 16 points; Central Jersey Track Club 40.

## 10-MILE WALK

1. Dave Romansky, Pennsville (1:14:12, meet and course record)
2. Ron Daniel, Hightstown (1:23:51)
3. Greg Diebold, Caldwell (1:25:04)
4. Dr. George Shilling, New York (1:25:26)
5. Dr. John Shilling, New York (1:28:17)
6. Todd Scully, Neshauc (1:31:59)
7. Dick Bodin, Hightstown (1:32:02)
8. Don Johnson, Little Silver (1:32:48)
9. Bob Petruski, Toms River (1:39:47)
10. Elliott Pennino, West Long Branch (1:39:53)
11. Bob Carlson, Brick (1:45:04)
12. Al Wood, Pompton Lakes (1:53:09)
13. Greg Johnston, Little Silver (1:59:35)

## TEAM SCORES

Shore Athletic Club 6 points.



# Olympians Gain Record Boardwalk Victories

ASBURY PARK — Bill Reilly of Oceanport and Dave Romansky didn't let the biting cold interfere with their setting a pair of records in yesterday's City of Asbury Park Annual Polar Bear Track Carnival on the boardwalk.

The cold was numbing but Reilly ran right through it in setting a 5,000-meter run record of 15 minutes, 59.5 seconds. The Olympic steeplechaser cut half

a second off the prior meet mark established by Joe Lynch of Highlands, a former ICAA champion at Georgetown University, four years ago.

It was Reilly's third straight year of Polar Bear meet supremacy and he outran the largest field in meet history. A 65-man field toed the starting line.

Romansky remained the king of the Asbury Park boardwalk

walkers, as he cut his own course 10-mile record to one hour, 12 minutes, 56.5 seconds.

Romansky won so easily that he had nearly a mile and a quarter gap on the second-place finisher, Shore AC's Greg Diebold, a Boston College junior home on the holiday break.

Both Reilly and Romansky used their victories as tuneups for important assignments this coming indoor track season.

Reilly will make his indoor debut Jan. 9 at the Washington CYO Meet at the University of Maryland. Romansky will be defending his National AAU one-mile walk title on Feb. 27 at Madison Square Garden.

Romansky also had a hand in another victory. A squad of Delaware Track and Field Club girls, all coached by Romansky, completely dominated the women's 1.6-mile run that opened the

afternoon's action. Lucille Fortune of the Delaware club won the race in 16 minutes and six seconds. Her sister, Sheila, was second, with another sister, Sharon, fourth. Breaking up the sisterly spree was third-place Lou Ann Fowlers.

Shore Athletic Club teams were easy winners in both the men's run and walk team events.

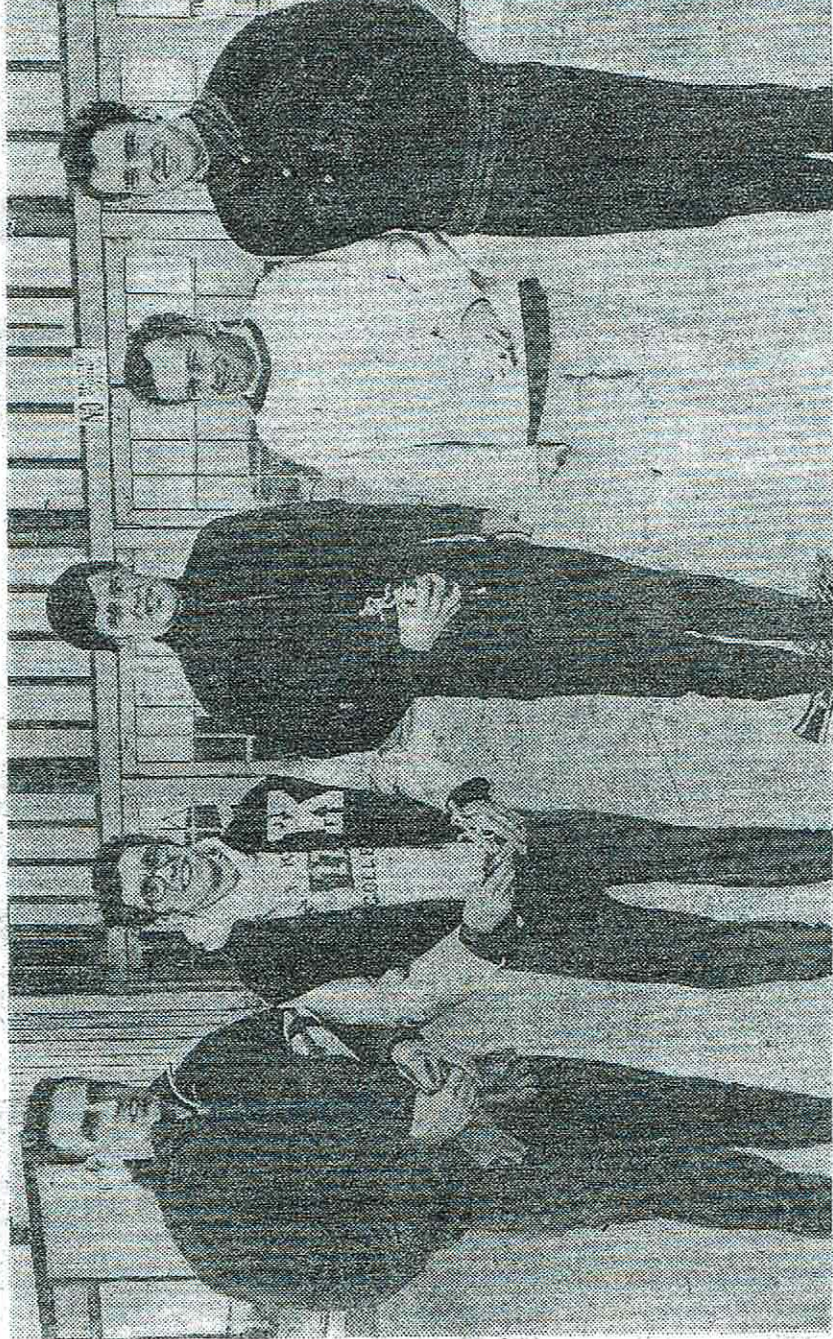
Princeton's Bob Bazley, a Long Branch High School graduate who hopes to follow in Reilly's distinguished footsteps, was the closest pursuer to Reilly yesterday. He was second 230 yards back in 16:41.

Battling Bazley all the way was Shore AC's Harry Nolan, former State AAU three-mile champion just in from his teaching job in Nebraska.

Capt. Bob Sevene, Shore AC, beat out two more Long Branch High School graduates, Rutgers' Tom Bazley and Maryland's Tony Donohoe, for the fourth spot.

Christian Brothers Academy senior Tim O'Mara placed eighth to lead a big high school delegation. Best of the younger entries was Tim Provost of Scotch Plains Park Junior High School, who ran 19th.

Romansky blazed a rapid pace from the opening gun and won as he pleased. Diebold moved away from Philadelphia AC's Bob Mirmm in the last three miles to snare second while 16-year-old Howard Palamarchuk of Pennsylvania, Pa. High School continued his improvement into fourth place.



Top five finishers in Asbury Park Polar Bear 5,000-meter run gather on boardwalk after race yesterday. Left to right are Capt. Bob Sevene of Eatontown, fourth; Harry Nolan of Middletown Township, third; Bob Bazley of Long Branch, second; Bill Reilly of Oceanport, first, and Tom Bazley of Long Branch, fifth. (Press Photo)

- MEN'S 5,000-METER RUN**
1. Bill Reilly, NYAC (17:36.5), record
  2. Bob Bazley, Eatontown (18:41)
  3. Harry Nolan, Shore AC (18:59)
  4. Capt. Bob Sevene, Rutgers (19:03)
  5. Tony Donohoe, U. of Maryland (19:28)
  6. Tom Bazley, Long Branch (19:32)
  7. Daanils Fok
  8. Tim O'Mara, Villanova (19:32)
  9. Tom Flanagan, Villanova (19:39)
  10. Les Pierce, Shore AC (19:40)
  11. Tim Krauss, St. John's U. (19:42)
  12. Ward Kelleher, CTC (19:47)
  13. Peter Williams, Villanova (19:50)
  14. Peter Ball, Shore AC (19:59)
  15. Tom Chap

- GIRLS' 1.6-MILE RUN**
1. Lucille Fortune, Delaware (11:05)
  2. Sheila Fortune, Del. (11:05)
  3. Lou Ann Fowlers, Del. (11:30)
  4. Sharon Fortune, Del. (12:06)
  5. Stella Palamarchuk, Anabier Olympic Club (12:20)
  6. Stefanie Thompson, Del. (12:55)
  7. Valerie Morgan, Del. (13:13)
  8. Dawn Madden, Del. (13:24)
  9. Cindy Morgan, Del. (13:24)
  10. Dawn Madden, Del. (13:24)

- MEN'S 5,000-METER RUN**
1. Bill Reilly, NYAC (15:59.5, record)
  2. Bob Bazley, Princeton (16:41)
  3. Harry Nolan, Villanova (16:41)
  4. Tom Flanagan, Villanova (16:41)
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Olympian Bill Reilly of Oceanport (left) congratulates trophy winners (from left) Harry Nolan, Middletown Township; Bill Ripple, U.S. Army, Fort Dix, and Bob Bazley, Long Branch, after yesterday's Asbury Park Boardwalk Polar Bear Track Carnival 5000-meter race. Bazley won in 16:13 with Ripple second and Nolan third. Reilly, winner of this race three years in a row, sat this one out with ailing leg. (Press Photo)

## Bazley, Knifton Win Polar Bear Races

ASBURY PARK — Four newcomers to the winner's circle stepped into the spotlight at yesterday's seventh annual edition of the City of Asbury Park Polar Bear Track Carnival on the boardwalk.

Bob Bazley of Long Branch, runner-up last year to three-time winner Bill Reilly of Oceanport, outsped a crowded field to win the 5,000-meter (3.2-mile) race in 16:13. The time was only 13.5 seconds off Reilly's meet record set last year.

Reilly, Olympic steeplechaser and National AAU senior champion in the barrier event, sat this one out with a slight hamstring muscle injury. He's resting the leg in hopes of being ready for his first big test of the indoor track season, the two-mile at the Washington CYO Meet Jan. 8.

Following Bazley as a winner was John Knifton of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. in the 10-

led the field home in 1:15:01 but was tossed out for losing contact with the ground, a cardinal rule in walking competition, down the home-stretch.

Opening the four-event program were 2,500-meter (1.6-mile) races for women and boys 14-and-under.

Pat Barrett of Spring Lake, like Bazley a representative of the Shore Athletic Club, led the ladies' field in 9:53, a meet record that eclipsed the 10:06 mark set last year by Delaware Track Club's Lucille Fortune.

Pat's burst in the last 250 yards overhauled Mary Gallagher of Roselle Park, the state AAU women's cross-country champion. Third in 10:06, same time as her sister last year, was Pennsville's Sheila Fortune.

Mark Zmuda and Carl Ahle, teammates at Park Junior High School of Scotch Plains, ran a near-dead heat in the

U.S. Army track team, trailed home Bazley while it was Shore AC's Harry Nolan placing third for a third year in a row.

Another Army team athlete, Gary Westerfield, placed second to Knifton in the walk, holding off the closing drive of 1960 Olympic team member Bob Mimm of Willingboro.

Despite 20-degree temperatures and icy breezes coming off the ocean, the races attracted their largest starting fields in history. Taking part were 15 women, 30 boys 14 and under, 67 men for the 5,000-meter race, and 31 walkers.

A non-scoring walk participant was Stella Palamarchuk, 14, of Cornwells Heights, Pa., who has led the fight to get the Amateur Athletic Union to recognize race walking as a women's event. There's a big scarcity of female competition for Stella, coach Jack Logan

Phil Bonfiglio, Cortland State (17:00); 10. Bill Scholl, Malone College (17:11); 11. Les Pierce, Monmouth, AA; 12. Neil Badgley, New Providence; 13. Tom Bazley, Shore AC; 14. Dennis Slurl, Matawan; 15. Steve Foster, Shore AC; 16. Brian Kelly, Yale; 17. Tom Meyer, Shore AC; 18. Don Hartvel, New Providence; 19. Gary Szela, Woodbridge; 20. Hoyle Moses, Monmouth AA; 21. Ron Brooks, Brick Twp.; 22. Bob Hesse, Matawan; 23. Pat Fleming, Shore AC; 24. Ed Burgess, Shore AC; 25. Gary Pierce, Monmouth AA.

### 10-MILE WALK

1. John Knifton, NYAC (1:19:12); 2. Gary Westerfield, U.S. Army (1:22:57); 3. Bob Mimm, Phila. AC (1:23:25); 4. Greg Diebold, Shore AC (1:25:30); 5. Fred Thence, Shore AC (1:26:49); 6. Dr. George Shilling, NYPC (1:27:05); 7. Howard Palamarchuk, Amherst Olympic Club (1:27:12); 8. Joe Joyner, C.W. Post College (1:28:39); 9. Rich Anderson, unattached, Newark (1:31:16); 10. Bill Hakulich, Phila. AC; 11. Don Johnson, Shore AC; 12. Marcus Atkins, Leaguers Clubs; 13. Peter Warren, Kings Point; 14. Elliott Danman, Shore AC; 15. Dave Hudson, Shore AC; 17. Charles Stahl, Shore AC; 18. Alan Wood, Shore AC; 19. David Specing, Shore AC; 20. Tony Covello, unattached, New York; 21. John Skalak, Shore AC; 22. Matt Stoltz, Astoria, Phila. AC; 23. Paul Mieger, Shore AC; 24. Edmund Lewis, unattached, New York; 25. Lewis Westfall, Shore AC.

### WOMEN'S 2500-METER RUN

1. Pat Barrett, Shore AC (9:53); 2. Mary Gallagher, Shore AC (10:06); 3. Sheila Fortune, Pennsville (10:06); 4. Donna Hennigsen, CTC (10:47); 5. Cindy Mitchell, Bridgewater (10:51); 6. Bernice Rocco, Phila. AC; 7. Kevin Redington, Scotch Plains (10:56); 8. Earl Knorr, Homersville (10:56); 9. Charles Perason, Scotch Plains (10:58); 10. Jim Schoedlin, Scotch Plains; 11. John Cassidy, Brick; 12. Charles Hilliard, Scotch Plains; 13. Eric Geisler, Millrose AA; 14. Paul Knutstadt, Pt. Pleasant Beach;

Bill Ripple, U.S. Army (16:13); 2. Harry Nolan, Middletown (17:05); 3. Dick Endris, Florida Track Club (18:36); 4. Steve Ross, Shore AC (18:46); 5. Danny O'Connor, U. of Tennessee (18:59); 6. Tony Donohoe, Monmouth AA (17:03); 7. Paul Pelletier, Bloomsburg State (17:05); 8. John Knifton, NYAC (16:13); 9. Gary Westerfield, U.S. Army (17:22); 10. Bob Mimm, Willingboro (17:23); 11. Greg Diebold, Shore AC (17:30); 12. Fred Thence, Shore AC (17:49); 13. Dr. George Shilling, NYPC (17:05); 14. Howard Palamarchuk, Amherst Olympic Club (17:12); 15. Joe Joyner, C.W. Post College (17:39); 16. Rich Anderson, Newark (18:16); 17. Bill Hakulich, Phila. AC; 18. Don Johnson, Shore AC; 19. Marcus Atkins, Leaguers Clubs; 20. Peter Warren, Kings Point; 21. Elliott Danman, Shore AC; 22. Dave Hudson, Shore AC; 23. Charles Stahl, Shore AC; 24. Alan Wood, Shore AC; 25. David Specing, Shore AC; 26. Tony Covello, unattached, New York; 27. John Skalak, Shore AC; 28. Matt Stoltz, Astoria, Phila. AC; 29. Paul Mieger, Shore AC; 30. Edmund Lewis, unattached, New York; 31. Lewis Westfall, Shore AC.



# Reilly Leads Boardwalk Mark-Setters

ASBURY PARK — Olympian Bill Reilly of Oceanport and Junior Olympians Rick Buckstead of Edison Township and Sheila Fortune of Pennsville set meet records to feature yesterday's eighth annual Polar Bear Track Carnival on the boardwalk.

Outrunning a 75-man field, largest in meet history, Reilly captured the men's 3.2-mile race in 15:45.4. The former Long Branch High School and Penn State trackman cut 14.1 seconds off the meet record he established two years ago.

The pace was so fast that Shore Athletic Club's Harry Nolan, runner-up in 15:59, also was under Reilly's old record and became only the second man in meet annals to dip under the 16-minute mark.

Buckstad, a student at Herbert Hoover Junior High who already holds the world age 14 record for the 3000-meter steeplechase, stepped off 1.6 miles in 8:11 for another meet mark.

Just 15 yards behind him in 8:14 was another top prodigy of the junior high school set, Chris Hallinan of Bernardsville. These two are rated among the most promising young runners ever to appear on the New Jersey track scene.

Miss Fortune, representing the South Jersey track Chargers, was clocked in 9:34.8 as she annexed the women's 1.6-mile race, taking 1.2 seconds off the mark set last year by Shore AC's Pat Barrett. Miss Barrett wasn't in top form yesterday and dropped back to fourth place.

Completing the day's list of winners was Todd Scully, a member of both the All-Army Track Team and the Shore

Athletic Club. He defeated another Olympian, Dave Romansky of the Chargers, as he won the 10-mile walk in 1:19:29. Romansky settled for second in 1:22.

Reilly intends to make a serious bid for a spot on the 1972 Olympic team and his winning form shows that he's rounding into the form necessary to make the grade in the final U.S. trials in July in Eugene, Ore. He'll make a few starts in key indoor season races before brushing up on the steeplechase for the outdoor campaign.

Scully also nurtures Olympic team aspirations and he'll make his own bid in the 20-kilometer walk.

In the men's 3.2-mile run, Princeton graduate Hugh Sweeney of Fanwood edged out Princeton sophomore and defending champion Bob Bazley of Long Branch for third place.

Don Grow of Toms River South placed 14th and was the first high school finisher in the race. Right behind him was Red Bank Catholic's Jim Keiser. Toms River South edged Point Pleasant Beach, 28-31, to win the high school team trophy.

Men's running and walking team crowns were annexed by Shore AC. First high school walker over the line was Freehold's Rich Burgess in 10th spot.

The races were sponsored by the City of Asbury Park with City Manager William Shields on hand to fire the starting gun. They were staged in cooperation with the Shore AC and sanctioned by the N.J. Association of the AAU.

Many of the distance runners are making plans to be here Jan. 9 for the Jersey Shore Marathon race, which will cover a 26-mile, 385-yard route from Convention Hall to Sandy Hook State Park and return.

## WOMEN'S 1.6-MILE RUN

1. Sheila Fortune, South Jersey Chargers (9:34.8, meet record); 2. Lisa Campiglia, Chargers (9:46); 3. Sharon Fitzpatrick, Holy Cross HS (9:58.9); 4. Pat Barrett, Shore AC (10:01); 5. Diana Leugan, Chargers (10:24); 6. Valerie Morguntz, Chargers (10:37); 7. Sharon Fortune, Chargers (10:48); 8. Nancy Taylor, Stroudsburg, Pa. (10:55); 9. Kathy Blaser, Holy Cross HS (12:42); 10. Rosemary Nocito, Holy Cross HS (13:47); 11. Mrs. Bunny Baum, Shore AC (14:18).

## BOYS 14-AND-UNDER 1.6-MILE RUN

1. Rick Buckstad, Hoover JHS, Edison (8:11, meet record); 2. Chris Hallinan, Bernards (8:14); 3. Kevin Kirwin, Freehold (8:56.6); 4. Tom Quinn, Toms River South (9:4); 5. Fred White, Toms River South (9:19); 6. Tom Bayers, Hazlet (9:31); 7. Scott Harrison, Park JHS, Scotch Plains (9:39); 8. Dan Formato, Pt. Pleasant (9:45); 9. Dave Burgess, Freehold (9:49); 10. Rich Goselin, Freehold (9:51); 11. Kurt Hussmann, Pt. Pleasant; 12. Alex Turner, Lakewood; 13. Sexto Trizzy, Lakewood; 14. Tom Schoepflin, Ocean Twp.

## MEN'S 3.2-MILE RUN

1. Bill Reilly, NYCA (15:45.4, meet record); 2. Harry Nolan, Shore AC (15:59); 3. Hugh Sweeney, Fanwood (16:20.7); 4. Bob Bazley, Princeton (16:33); 5. Chuck Biancosino, Phila. Pioneers (16:55); 6. Bill Scholtz, Malone College (16:56); 7. Glenn Johnston, Monmouth College (17:19); 8. Bruce Hyde, Bucknell (17:19); 9. Neil Badley, Miami-Dade College (17:20); 10. Bruce Carlson, Dartmouth (17:22); 11. Gary Beach, Manhattan (17:34); 12. Tim Bazley, Shore AC (17:38); 13. Keith Rasmussen, Rutgers (17:45); 14. Don Grow, Toms River South

(17:49); 15. Jim Keiser, Red Bank Catholic (17:55); 16. Rich Burgess, Freehold; 17. Scott Buttinghausen, CJTC; 18. Bob Hancock, Shore AC; 19. Tom Ryan, Rutgers; 20. Jim Jensen, Southern Regional; 21. John Skislak, Shore AC; 22. Marty Pattwell, Villanova; 23. Dan Senior, Bernards; 24. Jack Helmstetter, Lavallette; 25. Fred Gartowski, Pt. Pleasant Beach.

## MEN'S 10-MILE WALK

1. Todd Scully, Shore AC (1:19:29); 2. Dave Romansky, Chargers (1:23:00); 3. Dr. George Shilling, NYPC (1:25:58); 4. Bob Mimm, Phila. AC (1:26:56); 5. Bob Falciola, Shore AC (1:34:31); 6. Don Johnson, Shore AC (1:34:40); 7. Elliot Denman, Shore AC (1:35:53); 8. Bill Hakulich, Phila. AC (1:36:11); 9. Marcus Atkins, Leaguers Club (1:42:05); 10. Rich Burgess, Freehold (1:42:33); 11. Jim Schlentz, Freehold (1:42:50); 12. Mike Conn, Phila. AC (1:44:53); 13. Greg Loxton, Freehold (1:46:09); 14. Alan Wood, Shore AC (1:46:23); 15. Craig Bessinger, Pt. Pleasant (1:52:03); 16. Walter Drescher, New York (2:04:54).

## WOMEN'S 10-MILE WALK

1. Stella Palamarchuk, Cornwells Heights, Pa. (1:43:18); 2. Nancy Taylor, Stroudsburg, Pa. (2:06:13); 3. Virginia Lucas, Trenton (2:07:07).





One-two-three finishers in yesterday's Polar Bear 3.4-mile run on Asbury Park boardwalk are (left to right) Shore Athletic Club's Harry Nolan of Long Branch, Lakeland Sports Club's Stu Penn of Basking Ridge, and Shore AC's John Skislak of Neptune City. Nolan won in 17:03. (Press. Photo)

## Nolan Takes 'Polar Bear' Title

ASBURY PARK — It took Harry Nolan nine years of trying but he finally came home a winner in yesterday's ninth annual edition of the Asbury Park Polar Bear Track Carnival on the boardwalk.

The Shore Athletic Club distance runner from Long Branch outclassed a 50-man field and won the 3.4-mile run that featured the five-event meet in a clocking of 17 minutes and three seconds.

"I started in this race back when I was at Middletown Township High School and always looked forward to it on my holiday break from college (J.F. Kennedy of Nebraska)" said the happy Nolan afterward.

"I've run second a few times and had a few thirds,

but this finally was my day," he enthused.

THE BOARDWALK meet lived up to its reputation for adversity as the 120 competitors battled temperatures that hovered near the 20-degree mark and icy gusts blowing in from the Atlantic.

The hardy trackmen sported a varied collection of long johns, polar masks and mittens while braving the elements. Just a few were brave enough to strip down to the shorts and track shirts that are standard in balmy conditions.

Stu Penn, a senior at Ridge High School running for the Lakeland Sports Club, was Nolan's closest competitor as he took second in 17:50, 250 yards behind. In a tight battle for third between Shore AC teammates, Neptune City's John Skislak beat out Brick Township's Bill Scholl.

A month ago Scholl led the

way for Malone College's NAIA National cross-country champions in the U.S. title race at Liberty, Mo.

OTHER WINNERS on the program were Shore AC 10-mile race walker Bob Falcicola; Brick Township High School senior Dave Iremonger in the men's 600-yard straightaway dash; Bernards High School freshman Chris Hallinan in the boys' 14-and-under 1 1/4-mile race, and Nutley High School junior Doreen Ennis in the women's 1 1/4-mile race.

Falcicola, winner of the NJAAU 20-mile championship four weeks ago, was locked in a tight battle with Penn AC's Bob Mimm for most of the way. Mimm took a brief lead at the eight-mile post but Falcicola responded by pulling away to a 140-yard triumph in 1:27:01.

35th.

The races were sponsored by the City of Asbury Park, staged by the Shore AC and sanctioned by the NJAAU. Leading finishers were awarded trophies and medals.

### THE LEADERS MEN'S 600-YARD RUN

1. Dave Iremonger, Brick Township HS; 2. Steve Jordan, Shore AC; 3. Keith Herling, Pt. Pleasant HS; 4. Spencer Loveland, Pt. Pleasant Beach HS; 5. Doug Murray, Ocean County College; 6. Don Willis, Pt. Pleasant Beach HS; 7. Bruce Hoffman, Pt. Pleasant Beach HS; 8. Greg White, Pt. Pleasant Beach HS; (no times taken).

### WOMEN'S 1 1/4-MILE RUN

1. Doreen Ennis, Nutley Track Club, 8:14; 2. Carol Coplan, Nutley TC, 8:57; 3. Kathy Brainard, Shore AC, 8:58; 4. Jan O'Hara, Shore AC, 9:09; 5. Linda Fardo, Lakeland Sports Club, 9:25; 6. Glenda Yeck, Brick Twp. HS, 9:37; 7. Katherine Poynter, Lakeland SC; 8. Kathy O'Hara, Pt. Pleasant Beach HS; 9. Marge Helmstetter, Pt. Pleasant Beach HS; 10. TerriAnne Braender, Pt. Pleasant Beach HS.

### BOYS 1 1/4-MILE RUN

1. Chris Hallinan, Bernards HS, 7:15; 2. Tom Max, Red Bank Catholic, 7:44; 3. Jim Farmato, Pt. Pleasant Beach HS, 7:58; 4. Chuck Farrell, Brielle, 7:58; 5. Don Hancock, Toms River, 8:12; 6. Andy Cortes, Pt. Pleasant Beach HS, 8:33; 7. Joel Feschak, Pt. Pleasant Beach HS; 8. Kenny Haynes, Neptune; 9. Peter Frangione, Pt. Pleasant Beach HS; 10. Al Varosi, Pt. Pleasant Beach HS.



# Nolan, Falciola Repeat Wins

ASBURY PARK — Harry Nolan and Bob Falciola, a pair of Shore Athletic Club standouts, won their events for a second straight year in yesterday's 10th annual edition of the Asbury Park Boardwalk Track Carnival. Joy winds coming in off the

Atlantic helped the event live up to its shivery tradition.

Nolan, who shadowed Olympian Bill Reilly of Oceanport for several years here before finally winning the 1972 Polar Bear 3.2-mile running race crown, won it again yesterday with a clocking of 16:09.2.

**NOLAN**, former State AAU three-mile champion, outran

a 42-man field to win by a 40-yard margin over club-mate Gill Scholl.

Falciola, State AAU 10, 15 and 20-mile champion, not wanting to stand still — and freeze — for the start of his walking specialty, warmed up by running the 3.2-miler in 24th place. Ten minutes later he returned to the boardwalk to walk away from the field in 1:23:47.

The five-event program opened with a record clocking of 1:14.0 by Monmouth Regional High School's Odie Huffman in the straightaway 600-yard dash as he edged Shore Regional's Drew Little and St. Joseph's College freshman Dave Iremonger, the NJSIAA Group IV 880 champion for Brick Township High School last June.

**NUTLEY'S** Mary Albright followed with a runaway victory in the women's 1.6-mile event in 10:02.5 as the O'Hara sisters of Point Pleasant Beach, Jan and Sue, placed second and third, respectively.

Point Pleasant Beach High School freshman runner Manuel Viana, one of the top junior runners in Portugal until his family moved to the U.S. a year ago, led the way in the boys' 14-and-under 1.6-miler with a 9:07 performance that beat Parsippany's Ross Pantell by a 150-yard margin.

Nolan stepped to an early lead in the 3.2-miler and held it the full route — consisting of two complete laps up and down the boardwalk's 8/10 of a mile length.

**SCHOLL**, ex-Malone College star, was 70 yards ahead of third-place finisher John Skislak of Monmouth College. University of Toledo student Phil Hinck placed fourth with ex-Harvard ace Tim McLoone fifth and Monmouth College's Gary Pierce sixth.

First high school 3.2-mile finisher was Dan Senior, of the Central Jersey Group I champion Bernards team, in 11th place.

Falciola won the 10-mile walk with a mile to spare on second-place Don Johnson, the Shore AC vice president who also "warmed up" in the 3.2-mile run. Newark's Marcus Boatwright beat out Toms River North's Wayne Normandin for third.

The races were sponsored by the city, sanctioned by the NJAAU and staged in cooperation with the Shore AC.

**FOR NOLAN**, it was his third victory in three weeks — after road race wins over 4.4-mile and —2-mile courses in Long Branch Dec. 9 and 16. . . Shore AC will stage an informal Holiday All-Corners outdoor meet at the Monmouth College track at 1 p.m. Sunday.

## POLAR BEAR TRACK MEET THE RESULTS

**600-YARD DASH**  
1. Odie Huffman, Monmouth Regional, 1:14.0, meet record; 2. Drew Little, Shore Regional, 1:16.0; 3. Dave Iremonger, St. Joseph's College, 1:17.1; 4. Keith Herling, Pt. Pleasant Beach, 1:17.6; 5. Greg White, Pt. Pleasant Beach, 1:22.0; 6. Paul Mangame, Trenton State.

**WOMEN'S 1.6-MILE RUN**  
1. Mary Albright, Nutley, 10:02.5; 2. Jan O'Hara, Shore AC 10:45; 3. Sue O'Hara, Pt. Pleasant Beach, 10:48; 4. Sue Hess, Pt. Pleasant Beach, 11:03; 5. Patti Baylan, Shore Reg. 11:10; 6. Kathy Brainard, Shore Reg.; 7. June Volava, Pt. Beach; 8. Karen DeFlores, Pt. Beach; 9. Linda Schermann, Pt. Beach; 10. Janet DeFlores, Pt. Beach.

**BOYS 14-UNDER 1.6-MILE RUN**  
1. Manuel Viana, Pt. Pleasant Beach, 9:07; 2. Ross Pantell, Parsippany, 9:38; 3. Vince Cicalese, Pt. Beach, 9:34; 4. Mark Sanier, Bernards, 9:45; 5. Bill Hendricks, Parsippany, 9:58; 6. Tom Spader, Pt. Beach; 7. Bill Nyzolek, Parsippany; 8. Dave Klein, Ocean Twp.; 9. Steve Sprock, Pt. Beach; 10. Mike Dimler, Parsippany.

**MEN'S 3.2-MILE RUN**  
1. Harry Nolan, Shore AC, 16:09.2; 2. Bill Scholl, Shore AC, 16:19; 3. John Skislak, Monmouth College, 16:32; 4. Phil Hinck, Shore AC, 16:33; 5. Tim McLoone, Shore AC, 16:52; 6. Gary Pierce, Monmouth College; 7. Tom Bazley, Shore AC; 8. Russell Jones, California International University; 9. Gerry Miller, Shore AC; 10. Chip Jean, CJTC; 11. Dan Senior, Bernards; 12. Jim Schlentz, Springfield College; 13. Steve Quintan, Parsippany; 14. Fred Grotkowski, Pt. Pleasant Beach; 15. Ron Kulik, NYAC.

**MEN'S 10-MILE WALK**  
1. Bob Falciola, Shore AC, 1:23:47; 2. Don Johnson, Shore AC, 1:35:30; 3. Marcus Boatwright, Leaguers Club, 1:37:22; 4. Wayne Normandin, Shore AC, 1:38:14; 5. Elliott Denman, Shore AC, 1:39:02; 6. Alex Turner, Shore AC; 7. Alan Wood, Shore AC; 8. Dr. Daniel Marzano, Shore AC; 9. Al Hernandez, Leaguers Club.





# 'Loose' Hinck Takes Title in Polar Bear

**ASBURY PARK.** — An eight-mile warmup jaunt from his Monmouth Beach home to Asbury Park was the winning formula for University of Toledo junior Phil Hinck at yesterday's 11th annual City of Asbury Park Polar Bear Track Carnival on the boardwalk. Properly loosened up, Hinck proceeded to run away from 30 rivals and win the

featured men's 5,000-meter (3.2 miles) race in the meet record time of 15:00.3.

Steve Ross, Princeton University junior from Ocean Township, led Hinck and the rest of the pack for the first 1 1/2-mile lap up and down the boards, but Hinck shifted into high gear and went on to win by a 60-yard margin.

Leading Hinck all the way was Shore AC's Harry Jordan

former state AAU champion just in from the long job to Nebraska

Shore AC's John Fredericks of Brick Township turned the tables on his clubmate Bob Falciola, the 1973 Polar Bear Meet king, to win the 10-mile walk in 1:21:31. Olympian Bob Mimm and Dr. Sahul Ladany took the 3-5 places with Shore AC's Ray Floriani squeezed between them in fourth.

Another AC winner was Ken Brown in the 600-yard straightaway dash as he nipped his relay team partner, Jim Simonelli, in 1:16.5.

Three other first place trophies went to high school athletes — Bernards High Dan Senior in the scholastic 3-mile test, 14:57.7; Point Pleasant Beach freshman John Regan in the boys 14-under 1 1/2 mile run, 8:28.5 and Cedar Ridge's Nancy Fitzgerald, the women's 1 1/2 mile race, 9:46.1. St. Rose claimed the high school 3-mile team title.

For Hinck, it was his second consecutive record victory on the Shore winter track circuit. He took the 10,000-meter race a week ago in the Bill Kelly Day meet in Long Branch.

**Polar Bear Track Meet.**  
**MEN'S 600-YARD DASH** — 1. Ken Brown (Shore AC) 1:16.5; 2. Jim Simonelli (Shore AC) 1:16.8; 3. Keith Gibney (Virginia Tech) 1:18.5; 4. Joe Kraus (Baptist College) 1:18.8; 5. Jerry Beach (Bentley College); 6. Dan Doherty (Point Pleasant Beach HS).

**WOMEN'S ONE-AND-A-HALF MILE RUN** — 1. Nancy Fitzgerald (Cedar Ridge) 9:46.1; 2. Bonnie Moos (Cedar Ridge) 9:51.4; 3. Pat Medvitz (Cedar Ridge) 10:56.7; 4. Laurie Breen (Cedar Ridge) 12:09.; 5. Lorraine Neville (Cedar Ridge).

**BOY'S 14-UNDER 1 1/2 MILE RUN** — 1. John Regan (Point Pleasant Beach) 8:28.5; 2. Bob Clayton (Point Beach) 8:34.1; 3. Pete Casagrande (Spring Lake) 8:47.0; 4. Ken Hildebrandt (Point Beach) 8:50; 5. Mike Danci (Cranford) 9:06; 6. Coger Bryant (Shore AC); 7. Sam DeLorenzo (Shore AC); 8. Brian Laitner (Point Pleasant); 9. Ty Virgil (Neptune); 10. Clarence Swain (Shore AC).

**HIGH SCHOOL BOY'S 3-MILE RUN** — 1. Dan Senior (Bernards) 14:57.7; 2. Mike Scheller (Cedar Ridge) 15:40; 3. John Senior (St. Rose) 15:55; 4. Mike Winder (St. Rose) 16:10; 5. Frank Scaccia (Ocean Township) 16:21; 6. Rick Stanger (Brick); 7. Jeff Diaseball (Central Regional); 8. Austin Judson (Brick); 9. Dennis McCarthy (St. Rose); 10. Pat Sullivan (St. Rose). Team winner — St. Rose.

**MEN'S 5,000 METER RUN** — 1. Phil Hinck (University of Toledo) 15:00.3; 2. Steve Ross (Princeton AAU) 15:14; 3. Harry Jordan (Shore AC) 15:21; 4. Gary Pierce (Shore AC) 15:49; 5. Dean Shortt (Shore AC) 15:58; 6. Larry Boyz (Shore AC); 7. Matt Thompson (Trenton State); 8. John Skislak



Brisk winds and chilly weather conditions didn't bother John Fredericks (left) and Phil Hinck in yesterday's Polar Bear track meet races on the Asbury Park Boardwalk. Fredericks captured first place in the walking event while Hinck romped off to victory in the 5,000-meter run. (Press Photos)





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Former Olympic 1500-meter champion Marty Liquori makes the turn during the second lap of the 5,000-meter run yesterday at the 12th annual Asbury Park Polar Bear Track Meet. Liquori won (1:5:23.) over 45 other runners.

## Liquori, Brown Run To Record Victories

ASBURY PARK — Marty Liquori and Ken Brown shrugged off icy oceanfront conditions to turn in record-breaking performances yesterday in the 12th annual Asbury Park Polar Bear Track Meet on the boardwalk.

Liquori, the former Olympic 1500-meter runner out of Essex Catholic High School and Vaillanova University who now calls Gainseville, Fla. home, pace a 45-runner field in winning the featured 5,000-meter (3.2-mile) race in 1:5:23.8.

Shore AC's Harry Nolan, Florida Track Club's Vince Cartier and University of Arkansas's Tom Aspel battled it out for the early lead.

Brown, a McNeese, La. State College graduate who now competes for Shore AC, dashed the straightaway 600 yards in 1:12.6, slicing 1.8 seconds off the meet mark set by Monmouth Regional High School's Odie Huffman two years ago.

Bob Falcicola, Shore AC race walker, had enough left in the biting cold to deliver a homestretch kick that won the 10-mile walking event from clubmates John Fredericks and Ray Floriana.

"Conditions were just brutal," said Falcicola after his 1:24:09 triumph.

In the 1½-mile events, Long Branch's Ed Crenshaw took the boys 14-and-under race in 8:44.6, and Shore AC's Tracey Van Dyke led

### MEN'S 5-KILOMETER RUN

1. Marty Liquori, NYAC, 1:5:23.8, meet record; old record 1:5:45.4 by Bill Reilly, NYAC, 1971; 2. Vince Cartier, Florida Track Club, 1:5:25.; 3. Harry Nolan, Shore AC, 1:5:27.; 4. Tom Aspel, University of Arkansas, 1:5:30.; 5. Ralph Domes, Kearny, 1:5:57.; 6. John Marley, Trenton State, 1:5:50.; 7. Dave Geer, Clemson, 16:07.; 8. Bob Bazlev, Shore AC, 16:10.; 9. Tim McLoane, Shore AC, 16:28.; 10. Dan Senior, Rutgers, 16:35. Team Winner — Shore AC.

### MEN'S 10-MILE WALK

1. Bob Falcicola, Shore AC, 1:24:09.; 2. John Fredericks, Shore AC, 1:24:34.; 3. Ray Floriana, Shore AC, 1:25:09.; 4. Bob Mimm, Fort Dix, 1:30:47.; 5. George Lattarulo, North Medford, Mass., 1:36:21.; 6. Fred Spector, Shore AC, 1:39:15. Team Winner — Shore AC.

### WOMEN'S 1½-MILE RUN

1. Tracey Van Dyke, Shore AC, 9:11.2.; 2. Mary Lee Jamutz, Hightstown, 9:39.; 3. Joanne Fenly, Hightstown, 9:45.; 4. Maureen McCormick, Hightstown, 9:47.; 5. Debbie Deutsch, Shore AC, 9:48.; 6. Katrina Mormon, Asbury Park, 10:04. Team Winner — Hightstown.

### HIGH SCHOOL 5-KILOMETER RUN

1. Don Fink, Scotch Plains, 16:21.8.; 2. Chuck Ferrell, Manasquan, 16:34.; 3. Frank Reinecke, Raritan, 17:41.; 4. Tom Deane, Scotch Plains, 17:41.; 5. Frank



# Britisher Wins Feature In Polar Bear Carnival

ASBURY PARK — Britisher Brian Rutter ran off with the featured three-mile race to take the spotlight yesterday in the 13th annual City of Asbury Park Polar Bear Track Carnival on the boardwalk.

Rutter, a Bristol-born junior at Murray State University in Kentucky who is spending the holidays with his teammate, Dennis Mabbitt, didn't let the icy condition of the boards and near-freezing temperature bother him at all.

Instead, he dashed into the early lead and went on to win by 30 yards over Polar Bear "original" Dr. Harold Nolan with a 15:03.1 clocking.

For Dr. Nolan, a 29-year-old graduate of Middletown Township High School and Kennedy College of Nebraska, and now a faculty member at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, it was a "homecoming" performance. He's competed in all 13 Polar Bear meets.

"I've run them all, ever since the first one in 1964," said Dr. Nolan. "Wouldn't miss this meet for the world,

even though I've had to a lot of traveling to get here over the years. I've got another streak going — haven't been out of the top three since '67." He ran second to internationalist Marty Liquori here a year ago.

Ray Floriani of Secaucus walked 10 miles in 1:25:21 to win the meet's concluding race and wind up the 10-event program that attracted 125 athletes.

Victor Bellino of Monmouth Regional won the 600-yard straightaway dash in 1:19.8, while Ed Nevarez of Irvington, Jack Foss of Peddie School, and Joe Powers of Bank were other male winners.

Female victors were Joanne Fenity of Hightstown, Janet Kimbleton of Delran, Eva Mitchell of Spring Lake, and Christine Medeiros of Point Pleasant.

George Spellman, the 37-year-old former Asbury Park resident who planned a 52-mile run from New York to the meet, was one of the absentees.

"The roads were too treacherous," said Stillman who now lives in New York. "I had to call it off this week, but I'm going to try it again next Sunday. Let's hope I get a better break from the weatherman." The long run is Stillman's personal Bicentennial salute.

## POLAR BEAR MEET LEADERS MEN'S 3-MILE RUN

1. Brian Rutter, Murray State, 15:03.1; 2. Dr. Harold Nolan, Omaha, Neb., 15:09.2; 3. Gary Wersinger, Oceanport, 15:16.2; 4. Tim Manning, Eatontown, 15:40; 5. Larry Bova, Oceanport, 15:57; 6. Mike Smith, St. Peter's College, 16:00; 7. Craig Herlihy, Lavallette, 16:04; 8. Wolfgang Goubau, Berkeley, Calif., 16:08; Masters Leaders — George Borling, East Brunswick, 17:04; Doug Deutsch, East Brunswick, 17:29; Ralph Aquino, Middletown, 18:07; Team Winner — Shore AC.

## MEN'S 10-MILE WALK

1. Ray Floriani, Secaucus, 1:25:21; 2. Bob Mimm, Willingboro, 1:27:49; 3. Ben Ohmer, Lakewood, 1:39:22; 4. Dr. Daniel Marzano, Long Branch, 1:55:32; 5. Raymond Dykstra, Ocean Twp., 2:05; Team Winner — Shore AC.

## MEN'S 600-YARD DASH

1. Victor Bellino, Monmouth Regional, 1:19.8; 2. Tom Porter, North Bergen, 1:20.2; 3. Greg Borduk, West Long Branch, 1:20.4; 4. Mike Hugandai, North Bergen, 1:20.1; 5. Steve Mover, Allendale, 1:22.

## WOMEN'S 1 1/2-MILE RUN

1. Joanne Fenity, Hightstown, 10:19.0; 2. Lynn Koch, Hightstown, 10:35; 3. Lisa Sullivan, Hightstown, 10:46.

## HIGH SCHOOL 3-MILE RUN

1. Ed Nevarez, Irvington, 15:35.8; 2. Marty Holleran, North Bergen, 16:06; 3. Chris Tsamulalis, North Bergen, 16:14; 4. Jeff Dinnebell, Central Regional, 16:17; 5. Mike Hugandai, North Bergen, 16:31; Team Winner — Asbury Park; Girls Division — 1. Janet Kimbleton, Delran, 19:41; 2. Sherri Ok-





## Cerankowski 5-Mile Winner Of Polar Bear Track Meet

ASBURY PARK — Ray Cerankowski, Seton Hall University senior from Sayreville, won the featured five-mile run in the 14th annual City of Asbury Park Polar Bear Track Meet on the boardwalk Sunday and in the process spoiled Dr. Harold Nolan's 14th appearance in the meet.

Cerankowski was clocked in 24:39 as he broke away from Nolan in the final quarter-mile to win by 12 yards. Nolan settled for second in the 75-runner pack but had the satisfaction of being the only competitor who has competed in every edition of

this meet since its origin in 1963.

Nolan, a former Middletown Township High School and J.F. Kennedy College (Wahoo, Neb.) athlete, never lets distance stand in the way of joining his "Polar Bear" friends. He's traveled from Nebraska and Utah in previous years and this time drove down from Rindg, N.H., where he is director of recreational services at Franklin Pierce College.

"Wouldn't miss this meet for the world," he declared. "It's something special. I've run through the snow and the rain, or whatever comes.

But I've always been here." Fortunately, the Sunday snow storm didn't hit until the final competitors were making their rounds in the 10-mile walk, last event on the seven-race program that attracted 200 athletes from five Eastern states.

Cliff Mimm, USA Junior National Team member, beat his father, Bob Mimm, for the walk title in 1:31:16 and Ken Walsh, Morris Catholic took the high school three-mile race over Collingswood's Mark Miller. Sherri O'Connor, Red Bank Catholic, led the high school girls.

### THE RESULTS

**MEN'S 5-MILE RUN** — 1. Ray Cerankowski, Sayreville, 24:39.2; 2. Dr. Harold Nolan, Rindg, N.H., 24:42; 3. Phil Hrick, Monmouth Beach, 25:56; 4. Chris Hallinan, Bernards, 26:01; 5. Mike Geratowski, Sayreville, 26:11.

**WOMEN'S 5-MILE RUN** — 1. Brenda Saunders, Bardonia, N.Y., 30:07; 2. Meg Waldron, Bernards, 32:54; 3. Cathy Blonchel, Bernards, 32:55; 4. Glenda Colabro, Brick Twp., 36:11; 5. Nancy Courter, Middletown, R.I., 36:24 (submasters champion).

**MEN'S 600-YARD DASH** — 1. Steve Harrison, U. of Chicago Track Club, 1:14.3; 2. Greg Bordluk, West Long Branch, 1:14.5; 3. Vince Whitehead, Spring Lake Heights, 1:15.0; 4. George Coleman, Asbury Park, 1:16.2; 5. Andrew Poulter, Rumson, 1:16.5.

**BOYS 14-UNDER 1½-MILE RUN** — 1. Ray Kilburg, Toms River, 8:01.9; 2. Joe Blanco, Toms River, 8:07.6; 3. Joe Cadmus, Eatontown, 8:26; 4. Kevin Walsh, Morris Plains, 8:28; 5. Mark Terebka, North Bergen, 8:28.

**GIRLS 14-UNDER 1½-MILE RUN** — 1. Jennifer Tamer, Ft. Monmouth, 10:19.1; 2. Carolyn Danoghue, Whippany, 10:29; 3. Cathy O'Connor, Rumson, 10:46; 4. Christine Medeiros, Ft. Pleasant, 10:59; 5. Cindy Smith, Spring Lake, 11:17.

**BOYS 11-UNDER 1½-MILE RUN** — 1. Joe Powers, Red Bank, 9:40.6; 2. Alfie Spivak, Brick Twp., 9:59; 3. Brian Smith, Spring Lake, 10:08; 4. Arthur Holst, Toms River, 10:22; 5. Milo Bastianelli, Brick Twp., 10:35.

**GIRLS 11-UNDER 1½-MILE RUN** — 1. Jackie Jence, Chatham, 9:55.7; 2. ...; 3. ...



# Aspel Clears 'Cobwebs' Out, Wins 5-Mile Polar Bear Run



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 Mike Geraltowski of Sayreville, Dr. Harold Nolan of Rindge, N.H. and Tom Aspel of Russellville, Ark. (left to right) challenge for first-lap lead in Polar Bear five-mile race on Asbury Park boardwalk yesterday. Eventually, they finished in 3-2-1 order.

ASBURY PARK — Tom Aspel, 23-year-old former University of Arkansas track star from Ireland, "needed to blow the cobwebs out" of his system yesterday. He did it appropriately by winning the featured five-mile race in the 15th annual City of Asbury Park Polar Bear Track Carnival on the boardwalk.

In his undergraduate days at Arkansas, Aspel was a triple gold medalist in the distance medley on the Texas-Kansas-Drake Relays circuit in 1977. "But I haven't done speed work in a long time," he said after outrunning 155 others and winning in a rapid 24:51.2 yesterday. Aspel, who calls Waterford, Ireland home and is now a graduate assistant track coach at Arkansas Tech, had run a 9:06 indoor two-mile in New York Friday night. No one would have guessed he was shy of speed or was encrusted with cobwebs.

Dr. Harold Nolan, the former Middletown Township High School and J.F. Kennedy (Nebraska) College distance standout who now is director of recreational services at Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, N.H., was on the premises for the 15th straight year as the only athlete claiming to have competed in all 15 Polar Bear meets.

Again, Nolan was in the thick of things. He ran stride for stride with Aspel most of the way before settling for second in 24:54. "Just wait till next year," says Nolan, who has two firsts, seven seconds and four Polar Bear thirds to his credit over the years.

Actually, the weather was not Polar Bearish — temperatures hovered at the 50-degree mark — but drizzly conditions slowed the boardwalk and made footing difficult. Over 250 athletes from eight states competed in the six-race program.

Janet Flood, Toms River High School North junior, led the way in the women's three-mile event with a 19:09 victory over teammate Lisa Szymanski and Sayreville's Madeline Noe. Sam De Los Santos, Lakewood High junior, beat out a field of his elders in winning the 10-mile race walk in 1:25:01. Dan Tagatac, ex-Dartmouth College star, took the 600-yard straightaway dash in 1:13.5.



# Nolan's experience on the boardwalk pays off

**ASBURY PARK** — Experience is an invaluable asset in the sport of distance running, and when it comes to experience in competing in distance running on the Asbury Park boardwalk, no one's got more of it than Dr. Harold Nolan.

Dr. Nolan, a Middletown Township resident who now heads the Recreational Services program at Montclair State College, competed in the very first Asbury Park Polar Bear Track Meet, in 1964, and has competed in every one since. He won the 1972-73 races and ran his victory total to three yesterday with a 24:49 clocking that brought him ahead of 209 rivals who constituted the largest field in the 16-year history of this event.

His winning time was also one of the best in the history of the race and just 10 seconds off the course mark set two years ago by ex-Seton Hall star Ray Czerankowski. Weather conditions — temperatures in the 40's with little wind — were hardly Polar Bearish and thus aided all the athletes.

For most of the way, Dr. Nolan ran neck and neck with former NJSIAA champion Chris Hallinan of Bernards.

"First he made his move, then I made my move," said the eventual winner. "With about 600 yards to go, coming out of Convention Hall, he made one more move. Fortunately, I had one more move of my own left."

That move brought him across the finish line with 20 yards to spare. Hallinan settled for second in 24:53. Dr. Nolan thus preserved one more streak. He's finished in the top three for 13 straight years. But Hallinan led his Mine Mountain Track Club of Bernards to the team title over Dr. Nolan's club, host Shore AC.

Bob Falciola of Chester, N.H., won the day's longest race with a 10-mile race walk clocking of 1:21:16. Walker-up Sam De Los Santos of Lakewood set a New Jersey scholastic record of 1:22:20 in second place.

Ex-Dartmouth College star Dan Tagatac of Fair Haven repeated as 600-yard straight-away dash champion, while Alife Spiwak and Jeff Germain of Brick Township won boys 1 1/2-mile age group titles, and Maria Marabito of Hazlet Township and Kelly Guariglia of Middletown Township led the girls.

home from Utah and Nebraska to run here — has led the long-distance Polar Bear travelers' list. This year's leader was former Neptune resident Frank Ratti, who came from Toledo, Ore.

**600-YARD DASH** — 1. Dan Tagatac, Fair Haven, 1:19.1; 2. George Coleman, Asbury Park, 1:19.2; 3. Andrew Polliter, Shrewsbury, 1:20.1; 4. Sergio Gasta, North Bergen, 5: Sam Marotta, North Bergen, 6. John Gillespie, Middletown.

**11-UNDER 1 1/2-MILE RUN** — **BOYS:** Brick Twp., 9:11; 2. Kevin O'Hara, Holmdel, 9:36; 3. Sean Healey, Middletown, 9:51; 4. Roger Gainey, Lakewood, 10:01; 5. Ricky Sanders, Lakewood, 10:05; **GIRLS:** 1. Maria Marabito, Hazlet, 9:47; 2. Betsy O'Connor, Rumson, 10:33; 3. Aidera Medeiros, Pt. Pleasant, 11:00; 4. Nancy Fox, Eatontown, 11:45; 5. Darciela Voigt, Hazlet, 11:56.

**12-14 1 1/2-MILE RUN** — **BOYS:** 1. Jeff Germain, Brick

Twp., 8:31; 2. Herb Williams, Lakewood, 9:00; 3. Mike Ciccotoni, Little Silver, 9:09; 4. Kenneth Haney, Pt. Pleasant, 9:28; 5. Tony De Los Santos, Lakewood, 9:39; **GIRLS:** 1. Kelly Guariglia, Middletown, 10:40; 2. Kim Rollard, Neptune, 10:43; 3. Nancy Wyzylowski, Ocean Grove, 12:25; 4. Marjorie Gilford, Neptune, 13:42; 5. Cathy Smith, Spring Lake, 13:53.

**5-MILE RUN** — **MEN:** 1. Dr. Harold Nolan, Middletown, 24:49; 2. Chris Hallinan, Bernards, 24:53; 3. Peter Carroll, Bernards, 26:16; 4. Bob Bazley, West Long Branch, 26:19; 5. John Flood, Bernards, 26:26 (high school champion); 6. Chris Wilde, Bernards, 26:53; 7. Basil Scott, Freehold, 26:56; 8. Ken Hicks, Lakewood, 27:06; 9. Paul Stogryn, Bernards, 27:07; 10. Brad Hudson, Bernards, 27:09; Also: 29 Lynn Straw, Carlton, 29:15 (30-39 champion); 41. Ralph Aquino, Middletown, 29:53 (50-59 champion); 41. Ralph Aquino, Middletown, 29:56 (40-49 champion); 42. Joe Kearney, Matawan, 29:56 (40-49 champion); 55. Dr. George Sheehan, Rumson, 30:34 (60-up champion); Team: 1. Mine Mountain Track Club, Bernards, 2. Shore AC, **WOMEN:** 1.

Meg Waldron, Bernards, 30:17; 2. Ann Marie Martinek, Middletown, 30:56; 3. Nancy Fitzgerald, Old Bridge, 32:10; 4. Alexis Harris, Asbury Park, 32:23; 5. Tracey Hammond, 32:45; Barbara Lund, Brattle, 40:27 (40-49 champion); Anna Rusch, Rumson, 39:33 (50-59 champion); Lisa Goubau, Eatontown, 40:29 (60-up champion).

**10-MILE WALK** — **MEN:** 1. Bob Falciola, Chester, N.H., 1:21:16; 2. Sam DeLosSantos, Lakewood, 1:22:20 (high school champion); 3. Bob Mirra, Willingboro, 1:28:42 (50-59 champion); 4. Keith Liffon, New York, 1:39:53; 5. Steve Eackles, Lakewood, 1:43:53; 6. Sam Marotta, North Bergen, 1:44:20; 7. Bernard Kaufman, New York, 1:49:59 (40-49 champion); 8. Don Johnson, Little Silver, 1:56:45 (60-69 champion); 9. John Haney, Pt. Pleasant, 1:57:12; 10. Ken Haney, Pt. Pleasant, 2:00:04; Also: 11. Kerry Beekley, Hightstown, 2:00:23 (30-39 champion); Team: Shore AC, **WOMEN:** 1. Tanya McIntosh, Salem, 1:48:01.

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# grad still excels as

By ELLIOTT DENMAN  
Press Staff Writer

IN HIS schoolboy days at Bernards High School, Charles "Buck" Logan was one of New Jersey's finest distance runners and an NJSLAA champion for Coach Ed Mather's perennially powerful cross-country and track teams. He's still excelling in his favorite sport — as a Harvard sophomore and top man on the Crimson cross-country team — and again demonstrated his ability in a visit to Asbury Park last Sunday.

Logan was on hand, with a large delegation from the Bernards-based Mine Mountain Road Department team, for the 17th annual City of Asbury Park Polar Bear Track Carnival on the boardwalk. He bolted to an early lead in the featured five-mile run and went on to win it in the speedy time of 24:50.6.

The five-race meet, longest-running holiday event in New Jersey, was sponsored by Mutual Aid Savings and Loan Association in cooperation with the Shore AC and attracted over 300 competitors from up and down the Eastern Seaboard.

The Polar Bear event traditionally attracts many top collegiate runners home over the holiday break and it happened again this year. But, every time, they must deal with Dr. Harold Nolan of Middletown Township.

Nolan wound up a strong second to Logan in 25:13.6, marking 14 consecutive years that he's gone at least 1-2-3 in this race, and thus beat several top undergraduates. Among them were third-placer Charles Briody of Providence College (and Ireland), fourth-placer Chris Hallinan (another Mine Mountain man) and fifth-placer Kevin Lundy of Long Branch and the University of Hous-

## Running

One of the most astounding performers in the race was 14-year-old Brad Hudson of Voorhees Township. Even though he won't become a high school freshman until September, Hudson beat a long list of top-caliber senior runners and was clocked in a brilliant 28:05.

Meg Waldron, another Bernards High student, led all the women, while Alex Kastien of Bridgewater Township won the masters (40-49) division and Ralph Aquino of Middletown Township topped the 50-up group.

After six years of trying to win the straightaway 600-yard dash in this meet, George Coleman of Asbury Park finally achieved his goal. The University of Rochester student was clocked in a wind-aided 1:13.6, best time in Polar Bear history.

Stockton State College freshman Sam De Les Santos won the 10-mile walk while age-group 1½-mile race winners were Kevin O'Hara, Joel Vinolas, Therese Caffrey and Robyn Galvin.

The Polar Bear event was New Jersey's last open running event of 1980. After a week's interval, the Shore running schedule resumes with an open 15-kilometer (9.3-mile) road race at Takanassee Lake, Long Branch, starting 1:30 p.m., Jan. 11.

**HEARD ELSEWHERE** around the running world:

World one-mile record-holder Steve Ovett of Brighton, England has gained a reputation, as the Steve Carlton of track and field, refusing to talk to the working press. However, he recently opened up, ever so slightly, in his capacity as president of the British

Milers Club, thanking the group for the confidence shown in him by re-electing him to office and the help extended in his athletic development, especially in his early years.

A rebuff was soon coming from another quarter, however. Ovett, Coe, Daley Thompson and other British Olympic ace were pointedly left off the annual New Year's Day Queen's Honors List, since they had traveled to Moscow in opposition to Prime Minister Thatcher's call for an Olympic boycott.

**LONDON'S ANSWER** to the New York City Marathon will take place on March 29. The first City of London Marathon will be a mass participation event as well as a race attracting some of the international elite.

"This is a marathon everyone has been waiting for," say the organizers. "It has a flat, fast course passing the historic sites of London."

It will start at Greenwich Park, cross Tower Bridge and finish at Buckingham Palace. No time limit is required of entries as long as they're over 20 on the day of the race.

Interested in competing? Computerized entry forms will be sent out to all those who send a 9 x 4 inch stamped (international postal order) envelope (marked "entry form") to The Gillette London Marathon, GLC Recreation Department, County Hall, London SE1, 7PB, England. Entry fee for all overseas entries is six pounds sterling. Some London hotels will offer reduced rates to visiting runners and an awards ceremony will take place in the Governor House ballroom.

### RACING RESULTS

#### Asbury Park Polar Track Carnival

**600-Yard Straightaway Dash** — 1. George Coleman 1:13.6; 2. Greg Bordiuk 1:14.2; 3. Ed Robinson 1:14.7; 4. Anthony Lopez 1:15.6; 5. Ricky Nolan 1:16.3.  
**Boys 1½-Mile Run** — 1. Kevin O'Hara 9:45; 2. Rich Kenah 10:16; 3. Gary Smith 10:35; 4. Booker Logan 11:02; 5. Mike O'Connor 11:12.

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**Girls 1½-Mile Run** — 1. Theresa 10:35; 2. Sue Quaglia 11:12; 3. Jennifer Trubee 4. Peggy O'Connor 13:06; 5. Randi Fox 14:51.

**Boys 12-14 1½-Mile Run** — 1. Joel Vinolas 8:53; 2. Dennis Proflaca 8:58; 4. Joe Ibin 9:00; 5. Vance Mettles 9:13.

**Girls 12-14 1 ¼-Mile Run** — 1. Robyn Galvin 10:04; 2. Lee Ann Flore 9:21; 3. Robyn Somers 9:29; 4. Jeane 10:04; 5. Darci Voigt 10:07.

**Open 5 Mile Run, Men's Leaders** — 1. Charles 24:50; 2. Dr. Harold Nolan 25:13; 3. Charles Briody 4. Chris Hallinan 25:47; 5. Kevin Lundy 26:01; 6. Hudson 26:05 (1st 18-under); 7. Andy Borden 26 Paul Stogryn 26:51; 9. Peter Carroll 27:04; 10. Mitchell 27:13; 11. Dan Senior 27:17; 12. Wolfgang 1 27:21 (1st 30-39); 13. Chris Blanchert 27:25; 14 McGulgan 27:36; 15. Tim Peters 27:40; Alaco 23; Altem 28:35 (1st 40-49); 40. Ralph Aquino 30:30 (1st 55 Dr. George Sheehan 31:58 (1st 60-up); Team — Mine Mountain Road Department.

**Open 5 Mile Run, Women's Leaders** — 1. Mijon 29:45; 2. Tracy Hinman 32:08; 3. Rose Si 33:18; 4. Susan Spirola 34:54; 5. Denise Barrett 34 Sherri O'Connor 36:08; 7. Barbara Stok 36:34; 8. Mehler 37:50.

**10 Mile Race Walk** — 1. Sam De Los Santos 1 2. David Staebler 1:37:56; 3. Joe Arnold 1:40:26; 4 De Los Santos 1:47:45; 5. Dr. Daniel Marzano 1:57 Roger Gaine 2:12:27; 7. Harry Drazin 2:15:44.

### RACING SCHEDULE

Jan. 11, Open 15-Kilometer (9.3-Mile) Run, sta Shore Athletic Club, starting 1:30 p.m. at Taka Lake, Long Branch. No advance entries required walk included.

Jan. 25, Open 20-Kilometer (12.4-Mile) Run, by Shore Athletic Club, starting 1:30 p.m. at Taka Lake, Long Branch. No advance entries required walk included.



# Scholl captures 5-miler

**ASBURY PARK** — Bill Scholl, the former Brick Township High School and Malone (Ohio) College distance running star, had been a consistent winner of races run on the track, road and cross-country courses for over 12 years. But until yesterday he had never won an event on the boardwalk.

It all changed for Scholl, a 30-year-old Long Branch resident, in the 18th annual City of Asbury Park Polar Bear Track Carnival on the boardwalk, sponsored by Mutual Aid Savings and Loan Association in cooperation with the Shore Athletic Club.

He outdistanced a field of 120, gathered from around the country, to win the featured five-mile run in 24 minutes, 51.1 seconds. It was excellent going in running conditions that weren't. A steady rain made footing difficult and the turns a challenge.

Runnerup Dave Billings of Ocean Grove finished in 25:10 with Harold Nolan of Middletown Township third in 25:47.

"I knew I had to build a lead on the last lap because Billings would be coming back at me," said Scholl. He was right. Billings made a late charge but still wound up 90 yards back.

For Nolan, a former winner of this race, it was an annual pilgrimage. He's now competed in all 18 editions of this holiday classic and was the only athlete on the premises able to make that statement. In past years, he traveled from Nebraska, Utah and New Hampshire to run here.

With Nolan back as a Monmouth County resident, it was up to two former Long Branch High School runners, Wolfgang Goubau and Tom Bazley, to make the pilgrimages. Goubau, in from California, placed eighth in the five-miler. Bazley, up from Virginia, was 18th.

Women's five-mile winner was Loui Weschler of Matawan in 32:06. Long-distance honors here went to Florida State University student Mary Banks, third in 33:24.

Marvin Brown, the ex-Monmouth Regional High School star, won the straightaway 600-yard dash (with times going unrecorded because timers were "fogged out" of a view of the start), while Stockton State College sophomore Sam De Los Santos led the 10-mile race walkers in 1:26:24, over 1960 Olympian Bob Mimm. Women's walk winner was Marie Henry of Westwood in 1:50:45.

The races officially closed down the 1981 schedule of "open" competition in the Shore area. First race of 1982 will be an open 15-kilometer run Jan. 10 at Takanassee Lake, Long Branch.

**10-MILE WALK** — Men: 1. Sam De Los Santos 1:26:24; 2. Bob Mimm 1:30:29 (1st 50-59); 3. Cliff Mimm 1:34:45; 4. Randy Krakower 1:35:06 (1st 30-39); 5. Joe Arnold 1:39:52 (1st 40-49); 6. Paul Robertson 1:40:50; 7. Dr. Daniel Marzani 1:50:39; 8. Harry Drazin 2:02:05 (1st 60-up); 9. Sam Winger - Shore AC; Women: 1. Marie Henry 1:50:45; 2. Dolores Fardazzo 1:51:15; 3. Judy McKeown 1:56:17.

**11-UNDER 1 1/2-MILE RUN** — Boys: 1. Bryan Belter 9:30; 2. Michael O'Connor 9:47; 3. Gary Smith 10:03; 4. Mike Healey 10:10; 5. Bill Palmer 10:30; Girls: 1. The-

rese Caffrey 10:01; 2. Peggy O'Connor 12:21; 3. Kerry Fluhr 12:16.

**12-13-14 1 1/2-MILE RUN** — Boys: 1. Tony De Los Santos 8:23.5; 2. Don Van Saders 8:26; 3. Michael Bierfert 8:51; 4. Mike Besianowitz 9:15; 5. Brian Smith 9:17; Girls: 1. Betsy O'Connor 9:31.9; 2. Darcy Voigt 9:53.

**600-YARD STRAIGHTAWAY DASH** — 1. Marvin Brown; 2. Bob Hala; 3. Angel Ayala; 4. George Coleman; 5. Paul Heine; 6. John Kuhl (no times available.)

**5-MILE RUN** — Men: 1. Bill Scholl 24:51.1; 2. Dave Billings 25:10; 3. Harold Nolan 25:47; 4. Mel Ullmeyer 25:55; 5. Kevin Lundy 26:23; 6. Greg Otey 26:34 (1st high school finisher); 7. Dave Burgess 26:38; 8. Wolfgang Goubau 27:08; 9. Dave McGuigan; 10. Tom Kutzynski; 11. Eamon Manning; 12. Ed Blirnsky; 13. Chris Hargens; 14. Ken Heiff; 15. Stan Eackles; Also: 21. Stan Edelson 29:26 (1st 40-49); 26. Bob Carlson 30:31 (1st 50-59);

48. Dr. George Sheehan 32:44 (1st 60-up.)  
**Women:** 1. Louise Weschler 32:06; 2. Kathleen Gaines 32:56; 3. Mary Banks 33:24; 4. Kathy O'Connor 33:56 (1st high school); 5. Sherri O'Connor 35:27; 6. Joanne Nichols 35:44; 7. Barbara Stok 36:18; 8. Anita Kornegay 42:58 (1st 40-up.)



# Cerankowski takes



# 'Polar Bear' race

**ASBURY PARK** — Ray Cerankowski of Maplewood, Jersey Shore Marathon champion, ranks as one of the fastest men in the state. But it still took him five years to clip 2.5 seconds off his boardwalk course record in the Asbury Park Polar Bear five-mile race.

The 28-year-old member of the Sneaker Factory Racing Team outclassed a field of 198 to win the 19th annual race yesterday in 24:35.5. He thus erased his own event record of 24:38 set in 1977.

Five years later, it was almost the same story. Harold Nolan of Middletown Township was second in '77 and second again yesterday. It was a lot closer, though, in '77, when these two sprinted to the finish a few strides apart.

The races were staged by Shore Athletic Club and sponsored by Mutual Aid Savings and Loan Association in cooperation with the city of Asbury Park.

Nolan was over 350 yards back in second place, yet was pleased by his performance.

"Not bad for a guy with a bad foot and bronchitis," he said. But nothing was going to stop him from running — he is the Lou Gehrig of this event, having competed in it all 19 years.

"I never hurt as much as I did in that '77 race," said Cerankowski. "But this was a lot easier. I wanted to go out fast and stay there." He lost the lead when he slipped to the boards at the three-quarter mile mark, but quickly righted himself to win going away.

The ex-Seton Hall star has just one more race left this year — and that one barely qualifies; it's the New York Road Runners Club New Year's 4.8-miler in Central Park that starts a few moments before midnight Friday night.

The women's division was a family affair for the Jenerettes of Fort Dix. Suyong

won the 600-yard straightaway dash. Long-distance traveling honors went to Wolfgang Goubau of Berkeley, Calif., who placed fourth in the five-miler. His mother, Mrs. Ilse Goubau of Eatontown, won the women's 30-up division of the race.

**MEN'S 5-MILE LEADERS** — 1. Ray Cerankowski, 24:35.5 (course record; old record 24:38 by Cerankowski, 1977); 2. Harold Nolan 25:33 (first 30 to 39); 3. John Ehlio 26:13; 4. Wolfgang Goubau 26:16; 5. Larry Scheid 26:21; 6. John Heneghan 26:23; 7. Tim Ensign 26:36; 8. Dave Koerner 26:54; 9. Tim Newsome 27:04 (high school champion); 10. Jim Kinarney 27:10; also: Charles Kennedy 27:55 (first 40 to 49); Ralph Aquino 30:02 (first 50 to 59); Dr. George Sheehan 33:16 (first 60 and up.)

**WOMEN'S 5-MILE LEADERS** — 1. Suyong Jenerette 31:20; 2. Tanya Jenerette 31:45; 3. Ginger Bressler 31:50; 4. Louise Weschler 31:56 (first 30 to 39); 5. Sherril O'Connor 32:19; 6. Viv Holland 32:45; 7. Laurie Bisbee 33:24; 8. Kathy O'Connor 33:35; 9. Laurie Leonard 35:05; 10. Beatrice Book 35:35; also: Donna Meyer 37:01 (first 40 to 49); Ilse Goubau 43:24 (50 and up.)

**10-MILE WALK** — 1. Dave Talcott 1:18:03; 2. Sam De Los Santos 1:19:33; 3. Bob Minn 1:21:04 (first 50 to 59); 4. Walter Morse 1:43:30; 5. Jack Hancy 1:46:40; also: Harry Brazin 2:01:10 (first 60 and up.)

**600-YARD DASH** — 1. Joe Kraus; 2. Joe Martin; 3. John Bisbee; 4. George Coleman; 5. Torri Wallace (no times available).

**BOYS 1 1/2-MILE RUN** — 1. Bryan Beipol 8:45.7; 2. Gerry Holmes 9:04.5; 3. Mark Healey 9:10.8;

4. Arthur Smith 9:17.0; 5. Billy Belner 9:17.7; **GIRLS**: 1. Alerese Elliott 12:49.7; 2. Handi Fox 14:03.7.

**GIRLS 12-13-14 1 1/2-MILE RUN** — 1. Sean Healey 8:34.4; 2. Bob Forrester 8:38.1; 3. Mike Hermatz 8:49.9;

4. Victor Johnson 9:17.5; 5. Mike O'Connor 9:24.2; **GIRLS**: 1. Betsy O'Connor 9:22.6; 2. Gina Smith 9:29.4; 3. Angela Wolfe 9:34.4; 4. Barci Voigt 9:54.1; 5. Yolanda Livingston 10:30.8.



# Nolan triumphs again in 'Polar Bear' run

**ASBURY PARK** — He did it in 1972, 1973 and 1979. And Harold Nolan did it again Saturday afternoon, in the Polar Bear Track Carnival on the Asbury Park boardwalk that officially rang down the curtain on the Shore running year.

This was the 20th annual holiday footracing event, sponsored by Mutual Aid Savings and Loan Association and staged by Shore Athletic Club. Nolan, of Middletown Township, became a four-time winner with a 24:52.5 performance in the featured five-mile run.

The Polar Bear meet is one of the longestrunning in New Jersey, and Nolan has been part of its history from the beginning. He ran the first Polar Bear race (in 1964, won by John McDonnell, now head track coach at the U. of Arkansas) and he's run in every edition since, even though it required journeys from Utah, Nebraska and New Hampshire in some past years. He's placed in the top three 17 straight years — since 1967. Only 1968 Olympian Bill Reilly can now equal Nolan's Polar Bear victory total of four.

Winning the 1983 event, though, was not easy. For nearly four miles, it was a tight duel between Nolan and Hugh Kuchta, former Wayne State (Mich.) College runner now living in Matawan. But Nolan shifted into high gear in the stretch drive and won by 50 yards.

Kuchta took second place with Bill Scholl of Manasquan, 1981 Polar Bear winner, third, and Phil Benson of Ocean Township, director of the Asbury Park 10-Kilometer Classic, fourth.

Mary Devlin Milchanowski, Brick Township, was women's winner in 31:34.0.

A five-race program attracted over 200 athletes. A triple-trophy winner was Asbury Park High School freshman Keith Pedrick, who took the open 600-yard dash and the boys 12-13-14 mile and a half run, then was second youth finisher in the five-miler.

Ray Funkhouser, Trenton, won the 10-mile race walk in 1:14:54, second best winning time in Polar Bear annals. Dave Talcott of Owego, N.Y., the '82 winner, was second in 1:19:31. Cynthia Costa, Long Branch, was first woman walker over the line.

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**FIVE-MILE RUN** — Men, 1. Harold Nolan 24:52.5; 2. Hugh Kuchta 25:01.3; 3. Bill Scholl 25:44.8; 4. Phil Benson 26:22; 5. Dave Maroukis 26:33; 6. Bob Haithecock 26:48; 7. Frank Liebel 26:59; 8. Hoyle Mozee 27:20; 9. Bob Williams 27:27; 10. Albert Holimon 27:36; Also, 15. Mark Beal 28:17 (1st 13-under); 21. Dick Nowalk 29:09 (1st 40-49); 37. Dr. George Sheehan 31:25 (1st 60-u); 46. Alan Cohen 32:13 (1st 50-59); Team - Shore AC.

Women, 1. Mary Devlin Milchanowski 31:34; 2. Kathy O'Connor 33:15; 3. Betsy O'Connor 36:27 (1st 18-under); 4. Donna Mehler 36:47 (1st 40-49); 5. Lisa Benson 38:33; 6. Jill Morrison 40:46; 7. Joanna Martin 44:15 (1st 50-59); 8. Annetta Kornegay 44:39; 9. Kathy Diffley 44:40; 10. Elsalyn Drucker.

**10-MILE RACE WALK** — Men, 1. Ray Funkhouser, 1:14:54; 2. Dave Talcott 1:19:31; 3. Bill Spisak 1:38:13 (1st 40-49); 4. Paul Robertson 1:39:22; 5. Jack Haney 1:40:48; 5. Dawud Saleem 1:50:15; 6. Dr. Daniel Marzano 1:53:13 (1st 60-69); 7. Harry Drazin 1:58:28 (1st 70-up); 8. Lee

Bogart 2:04:20; 9. Edward Stevens 2:07:47; Women, 1. Cynthia Costa, 1:40:53; 2. Nancy Johnson 2:14:22; Team - Shore AC.

**600-YARD DASH** — 1. Keith Pedrick 1:22.0; 2. Sean Bello; 3. Paul Wynne; 4. Dawud Saleem; 5. David Granger; 6. Alexander Whitney.

**11-UNDER 1½-MILE RUN** — Boys, 1. Billy Beiner 9:20.7; 2. Phil Fluhr; 3. Matt Mercur; 4. John Karns; 5. Dorsie Brown; Girls, 1. Muneerah Saleem 12:07; 2. Danielle Benson; 3. Denise Brown.

**12-13-14 1½-MILE RUN** — 1. Keith Pedrick; 2. Gregg Christensen; 3. Nick McDonough; 4. Dan Mason; 5. Chris Kinney; Girls, 1. Kerry Fluhr; 2. Kris Aurin; 3. Carrie Hackett (times not available.)





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Runners make way down the Asbury Park Boardwalk yesterday at start of the Polar Bear Carnival Five-Mile Run. Harry Nolan, Middletown Township, won the feature race of the area's last running event of 1984.

## Nolan wins Polar Bear event

By ELLIOTT DENMAN  
Press Staff Writer

**ASBURY PARK** — His right hamstring still ached, a remnant of the Philadelphia Independence Marathon five weeks ago. His training hasn't been what he'd have liked it to have been. But don't mention these things to any of Harold Nolan's 152 pursuers in the 21st annual Polar Bear Track Carnival on the boardwalk yesterday.

Problems or no, Nolan still ran away with the featured five-mile run in the traditional holiday footracing event, sponsored by Mutual Aid Savings and Loan Association.

His time, 25:45.1, wasn't up to his own high standards. But it still carried him to the finish line 100 yards ahead of runnerup Wolfgang Goubau, Mt. Kisco, N.Y.

This was an old story. Nolan, a Middletown Township resident, was on the boardwalk starting line for the first Polar Bear race here in 1964. And he's been back every year since, five times as a winner.

"I couldn't miss this one," he said.

While Nolan wasn't close to the

meet record (Ray Cerankowski's 24:35 in 1982) for his event, race walker Ray Funkhouser was well under his.

Funkhouser, 34, of Hamilton Township, walked 10 miles in a brilliant 1:11:14 to erase the Polar Bear mark of 1:12:56 by Dave Romansky in 1969. For Funkhouser, it was the best kind of a warmup for the major meets of the upcoming indoor track season.

Women's champions were Sue Gila of Fort Lee (32:47.3) in the five-mile run, and Cynthia Costa of Long Branch (1:38:26) in the 10-mile walk.

David Sanders of Asbury Park took the 600-yard straightaway dash over ex-Wall High star Dave Rey, now in the Army at Fort Campbell, Ky.

The Beiner brothers of Flemington, Billy and Bryan, won their divisions of the age-group 1 1/2-mile races, along with Lisette Colon and Yvette Masqueda of Newark in the girls events.

Following Polar Bear tradition, some runners traveled long distances to run long distance. Leader in this division was Sherri O'Connor, who flew in from Army service in Hawaii, and tied with sister Kathy for third place in the five-miler.

### 5-MILE RUN

**MEN:** 1. Harold Nolan 25:45.1; 2. Wolfgang Goubau 26:02.5 (1st 40-49); 3. Bill Loughran 26:11 (1st 18-under); 4. Hoyie Mozee 26:29 (1st 30-39); 5. Phil Hinck 26:49; 6. Tom Chiaro 27:02; 7. George Marks 27:10; 8. Frank Llebel 27:25; 9. Tom Bazley 27:41; 10. Dave McGuigan 27:53; Also: Tony De Los Santos 28:04 (1st high school); Alan Cohen 31:50 (1st 50-59); Santee Tallia 35:22 (1st 60-up); Team, Shore AC.

**WOMEN:** 1. Sue Gila 32:47.3; 2. Barbara Stok 33:20 (1st 30-39); 3. Tie, Sherri O'Connor and Kathy O'Connor 34:06; 5. Pat Brzo 35:01; 6. Peggy Ruman 35:27; 7. Betsy O'Connor 36:19 (1st high school); 8. Wendy Savolff 38:08; 9. Sue Annito 38:30 (1st 40-49); 10. J. Keedy 38:30; Also: Amy Kilpatrick 38:59 (1st grade school); Trudy Schmidt 46:11 (1st 60-up).

### 10-MILE RACE WALK

**MEN:** 1. Ray Funkhouser 1:11:43, event record; 2. Bob Ryan 1:23:56; 3. Lee Bogart 1:28:18 (1st 40-49); 4. Bob Mimm 1:29:08 (1st 60-up); 5. Robert O'Brien 1:33:59; 6. Don Kozlowski 1:36:18; 7. Ben Ottmer 1:37:33 (1st 50-59); 8. George Heller 1:40:25; 9. Wilson Rivas 1:46:58 (1st high school); 10. Dr. Daniel Marzano 1:48:07; Team, Shore AC.

**WOMEN:** 1. Cynthia Costa 1:38:26; 2. Noreen Mimm 2:03:08.

### 600-YARD STRAIGHTAWAY DASH

1. David Sanders 1:14.3; 2. Dave Rey 1:14.4; 3. Cliff Frasco 1:14.9; 4. Pat Conte; 5. Wally Smith; 6. Emilia Dunkley.

### 11-AND-UNDER 1 1/2-MILE RUN

**BOYS:** 1. Billy Beiner 9:03.3; 2. Mat Mercur 9:24; 3. Phil Fluhr 9:39; 4. Brian Prendergast 10:26; 5. Dorsey Brown 10:46; 6. Muneer James 11:05; **GIRLS:** 1. Lisette Colon 10:10.1; 2. Daynis De Silva 10:14.7; 3. Muneerah Saieem 10:34; 4. C.J. Kilpatrick 10:56; 5. Amy Kilpatrick 10:58; 6. Redisha James 12:13.

### 12-13-14 1 1/2-MILE RUN

**BOYS:** 1. Bryan Beiner 8:19.4; 2. Thomas Oquendo 8:25; 3. Aaron Puryear 8:32; 4. Danny Jakovich 8:43; 5. Alberto Caraballo 8:49; 6. Edmund Prendergast 9:08; **GIRLS:** 1. Yvette Masqueda 9:17.3; 2. Michele Bull 10:06; 3. Damaris Valle 11:31.



# Nolan, McGovern finish in style

By ELLIOTT DENMAN  
Press Staff Writer

**ASBURY PARK** — It was old stuff for Harold Nolan, but all new for Dave McGovern yesterday in the 22nd annual Polar Bear Track Carnival on the boardwalk.

Following a tradition born in 1964, this was the final event on the state footracing calendar for the year.

Nolan, the 38-year-old distance running phenomenon from Middletown Township, has been part of that tradition all along. He placed eighth back in that '64 original but has been a lot closer to the front of the pack every year since. For the sixth time all told and third straight year, he led the pack home yesterday with a five-mile clocking of 26:16.1 that brought him home nearly 350 yards ahead of his nearest pursuer, Hoyle Mozee of Long Branch.

The Polar Bear event, though, is two years older than McGovern. The 20-year-old University of Rochester

in the 40-49 division then and now is top man in the 60-up bracket.

Bob Mimm of Willingboro and Bob Carlson of Brick Township, who were there in '64, too, proved they're as durable as ever by successfully completing "The Daily Double." Both raced walked 10 miles, took an hour break, and came back to run the five-miler.

There were no women's Polar Bear competitors in '64 — but lots of them yesterday.

Speediest of all were Carolyn Van Schaack of Atlantic Highlands, who ran five miles in 32:27, and Norma Arnesen of Metuchen, who walked 10 miles in 1:32:48.

AC; 2. Ocean Running Club.

**Women's Leaders** - 1. Carolyn Van Schaack 32:27.3; 2. Margie Nealon 32:33.8; 3. Beth Devine (1st 18-under) 34:49; 4. Daynis DaSilva (1st 14-under) 35:21; 5. Maureen Donohue 35:37; 6. Kathy O'Connor 35:38; 7. Betsy O'Connor 35:41; 8. Jan Bartlett 36:33; 9. Jill Morrison 38:10; 10. Lisette Colon 38:50; Also, Adrienne Seymour (1st 40-49) 40:12; Trudy Schmidt (1st 60-up) 48:42.

**TEA-MILE WALK, Men's Leaders** - 1. Dave McGovern 1:13:46; 2. John Slavonic 1:16:20; 3. Alan Jacobson 1:19:58; 4. John Fredericks 1:23:35; 5. Tim Chellus 1:24:34; 6. Bob Ryan 1:27:45; 7. Lee Bogart 1:27:56 (1st 40-49); 8. Bob Mimm 1:30:51 (1st 60-69); 9. Ben Ottmer 1:39:47 (1st 50-59); 10. Ralph Edwards 1:40:07; Also, Harry Drizin 2:01:52 (1st 70-up); Women, 1. Norma Arnesen 1:32:48; Team - 1. East Side Track Club; 2. Shore AC.

**600-YARD DASH** - 1. Anthony Dean-Neil 1:11.0; 2. John Flood 1:13.2; 3. Marc Anderson 1:14.2; 4. Marvin Fowler 1:15.6; 5. Brian Savage 1:16.2; 6. Dave Rey 1:19.2; Women, 1. Pia Gerholt 1:30.8.

**YOUTH 1 1/2-MILE RUN** - Boys 11-Under, 1. Brian Prendergast 10:08.4; 2. Richard Nowalk 10:27; 3. Chris McDonnell 11:01; Girls 11-Under, 1. Lachelle Miller 10:17.5; 2. Muneerah Saleem 11:12; 3. Candie Hilerio 11:18; Boys 12-13-14, 1. Orlando Diaz, 8:26.0; 2. Geoff Fossa 8:46; 3. Edmund Prendergast 9:10; Girls 12-13-14, 1. Eva Segarra 10:27; 2. Marie Farrer 10:30.

**FIVE-MILE RUN, Men's Leaders** - 1. Harold Nolan 26:16.1; 2. Hoyle Mozee 27:05; 3. Gunnar Svendsen (1st 40-49) 27:52; 4. Tom Bazley 27:53; 5. Bob Williams 27:56; 6. Bill Paine 28:15; 7. John Raffter 28:27; 8. George Kraus 28:27.9; Tim Rowan 28:30; 10. Dan Bisbee 28:39; Also, Dr. Edward Barvick (40-49) 29:06; Ralph Aquino (1st 50-59) 30:22; Dr. George Sheehan (1st 60-up) 34:24; Team, 1. Shore



# Keenan, O'Connor close 1986 season with wins

## RUNNING

By ELLIOTT DENMAN  
Press Staff Writer

**ASBURY PARK** — Distance runner Joe Keenan of Hoboken and race walker Dan O'Connor of Bellmore, N.Y. closed out the racing year in style yesterday by taking their specialties in the 23rd annual City of Asbury Park Track Carnival on the boardwalk.

Keenan, a former Red Bank Catholic High School and Rutgers University athlete, led all the five-mile runners in 25:53.5.

O'Connor, a Tennessee graduate and 1980-84 U.S. Olympian, paced the pack in the 10-mile race walk in a speedy 1:12:45.

The five Polar Bear races were the "final finals" of 1986 in the state. Staged by the Shore Athletic Club and sponsored by Mutual Aid Savings and Loan Association, they attracted 305 athletes from up and down the Eastern Seaboard and Midwest.

Women's champions were five-mile runner Louise "Lulu" Weschler of Colts Neck Township (31:10.7) and 10-mile race walker Noreen Mimm of Willingboro (1:43:16).

Both Keenan and O'Connor used second-half breakaways to claim their women's trophies.

Keenan and Polar Bear veteran Harold Nolan — who has run in all 23 of them and now placed in the top three in 20 straight — were together for nearly three miles before Keenan got on his winning surge. Nolan, of



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Louise Weschler (left) of Colts Neck Township crosses the finish line to win the women's five-mile run at the City of Asbury Park Track Carnival.

### FIVE-MILE RUN

**Men's Leaders** — 1. Joe Keenan 25:53.5; 2. Harold Nolan 26:17.9 (1st 30-39); 3. Hoyle Mozee 26:56.6; 4. Bob Haithcock 27:11; 5. Barry Giblin 27:17; 6. Tim Rowan 27:38; 7. Tom Bazley 27:53; 8. Fred Benlein 28:09; 9. Steve Sirotko 28:18; 10. Robert Williams 28:27; Also, Norman Draper 29:20 (1st 40-49); Alex Kasten 29:56 (1st 50-59); Kenny Swistack 31:53 (1st 18-under); Santee Tallia 35:37 (1st 60-up); Team — Shore AC.

**Women's Leaders** — 1. Louise Weschler 31:10.7; 2. Lynn Fagan 32:20; 3. Diane Hawkins 33:34; 4. Pat Brezo 33:48; 5. Audrey Wendolowski 33:52; 6. Kathleer Hills 34:33; 7. Mary Gilligan 34:44; 8. Betsy O'Connor 35:03 (1st 18-under); 9. Donna Mehler 35:36 (1st 40-49); 10. Carrie Hackett; Also, Marie Stover 53:45 (1st 60-up).

### 10-MILE RACE WALK

**Men's Leaders** — 1. Dan O'Connor 1:12:45; 2. Ray Funkhouser 1:14:19; 3. Marc Bagan 1:16:14; 4. Arnis Paglis 1:20:33; 5. John Alfonso 1:25:17; 6. John

### 600-YARD DASH

**Men's Leaders** — 1. Ron Crocker 1:15.7; 2. Anthony Dean-Neil; 3. Carl Ross-Jennings; 4. Keith Pedrick; 5. Brian Seales; **Women's Leaders** — 1. Nancy Spears; 2. Julia Hollander; 3. Charlene Burns; 4. Michele Moore; 5. Maureen O'Brien.



# Pownall, O'Connor winners at 24th Polar Bear track meet

## RUNNING

By **ELLIOTT DENMAN**  
Press Staff Writer

**ASBURY PARK** — Bryan Pownall and Ray Funkhouser, who plan to compete in the 1988 U.S. Olympic Trials, closed down the 1987 New Jersey racing season in winning style yesterday.

Pownall, a 28-year-old Baltimore resident and former All-America cross-country runner at Miami University of Ohio, ran off with a 24:48.9 victory in the five-mile race at the 24th annual Polar Bear Track Meet on the boardwalk.

Funkhouser, 36, of Toms River, preceded Pownall in the winner's circle with a 1:12:52 triumph in the 10-mile race walk.

Pownall hopes to qualify for the April 24 Olympic Marathon Trial, starting and finishing in Jersey City's Liberty State Park.

Funkhouser has already qualified for the Olympic Trial 20-kilometer race walk, set for Indianapolis in mid-July.

Women's champions were 18-year-old Betsy O'Connor of Rumson, a freshman at the University of South Alabama, with a 33:16.9 clocking in the five-mile run, and Dolores Randazzo of Sea Girt, with a 1:50:42 10-mile walk.

The traditional holiday season races were sponsored by Mutual Aid Savings and Loan Association, staged by Shore Athletic Club and attracted over 300 athletes from 14 states.

Pownall succeeded Joe Keenan of Hoboken as Polar Bear five-mile champion and won it convincingly.

Unknown to most of the throng of spectators on the boardwalk, he took an early lead and went on to win by 200 yards over Harold "Mr. Consistency" Nolan of Middletown Township.

Nolan, 40, winner of the TAC National Masters five-kilometer cross-country championship last month in New York, has competed in all 24 editions of the Polar Bear event.



**BRYAN POWNALL**  
Men's winner

In one of the most remarkable records in New Jersey sports, he has placed in the top three in 21 of the 24 races.

"I was here visiting my in-laws in Ocean Township and read about this race in the paper yesterday," said Pownall.

He quickly made plans to compete and quickly made it a runaway.

He has 2:14 marathon credentials and won the 1983 Rocket City Marathon in Huntsville, Ala.

Injuries have slowed his progress the last two years but it's obvious now that he's on the comeback trail.

Among the long-distance travelers to these distance races were five-milers Ralph Trimmer of Dallas (who placed third in the men's division), ex-Monmouth College star John Brillo of Fort Hood, Texas (sixth), Marisa Quinones of Dallas (second women's finisher) and Karyn Kroljic of Encinitas, Calif. (third).

TAC National two-hour walk champion Cliff Mimm of Willingboro was second to Funkhouser, and his father, Bob Mimm, a double gold medalist in the recent World Veteran Athletes Championships in Australia, was fifth.

Other five-mile competitors included Olympic rowing trials candidate Betsy Burlew of Fair Haven, Monmouth College swimming coach



**BETSY O'CONNOR**  
Women's winner

Bill Palmer and Lafayette college varsity basketball player Brian Hill.

### ASBURY PARK POLAR BEAR RACES

**MEN'S FIVE-MILE RUN** — 1. Bryan Pownall 24:48.9; 2. Harold Nolan 25:30 (1st 40-49); 3. Ralph Trimmer 26:10; 4. Hoyle Mozee 26:15 (1st 30-39); 5. Gary Salva 26:16; 6. John Brillo 26:35; 7. Chris Peters 27:05; 8. Mike Tully 27:16; 9. Tim Rowan 27:17; 10. Phil Benson 27:22 (1st 40-49); Also, Mike Gyulay 27:41 (1st 18-under); George Kelly 29:34 (1st 50-59); Santee Tallia 36:19 (1st 60-up); Team — Shore AC.

**WOMEN'S FIVE-MILE RUN** — 1. Betsy O'Connor 33:16.9; 2. Marisa Quinones 33:41; 3. Karyn Kroljic 33:49; 4. Laurie Parton 34:07; 5. Mary Gilligan 34:57; 6. Cynthia Boyd 35:39 (1st 18-under); 7. Mary Sheehan 36:13 (1st 30-39); 8. Donna Mehter 37:00 (1st 40-49); 9. Bette Feldeisen 37:39; 10. Elaine Prendergast 37:41; Also, Nancy Ammermuller 40:22 (1st 50-59); Trudy Schmidt (1st 60-up).

**MEN'S 10-MILE WALK** — 1. Ray Funkhouser 1:12:52; 2. Cliff Mimm 1:16:51; 3. John Fredericks 1:25:27; 4. Kurt Sheller 1:27:08; 5. Bob Mimm 1:27:50 (1st 60-69); 6. Bill Smith 1:28:36; 7. Bob Jennings 1:33:43 (1st 40-49); 8. Ben Ottmer 1:36:35 (1st 50-59); 9. Mike Callaghan 1:38:50; 10. Dr. Pat Blivona 1:39:09; Also, Harry Drazin 1:55:18 (1st 70-up); Team — Shore AC.

**WOMEN'S 10-MILE WALK** — 1. Dolores Randazzo 1:50:42; 2. Lydia McKinney 1:56:20; 3. Carole Goldberg 2:18:05.

**MEN'S 600-YARD DASH** — 1. Ron Crocker 1:19.3; 2. Marvin Towler 1:19.9; 3. Cliff Frasca 1:23.6; 4. Lewis Hagan 1:25.6; 5. Mike Foy 1:26.00.

**BOYS 1½-MILE RUN** — 11-Under: 1. Dawud Saleem Jr. 9:52; 2. Ernest Briggs; 3. Chris Soto.

**GIRLS 1½-MILE RUN** — 11-Under: 1. Laura Compton 9:21; 2. Andrea Scannapieco; 3. Phyllis Katsikis; 12-14: 1. MeJanie Kane 8:42; 2. Munerah Saleem; 3. Rana Spriggs.



# Nolan success goes on

## RUNNING

By **ELLIOTT DENMAN**  
Press Staff Writer

**ASBURY PARK** — One more chapter has been added to The Harold Nolan Story, one of the the Shore's longest-running success sagas.

As the Asbury Park Polar Bear Track Carnival marked its 25th anniversary on the boardwalk Saturday afternoon as the state's final racing event of 1988, there was Nolan again leading the pack in the featured five-mile run.

At age 41, Nolan continues to both amaze and outrun the younger generation. He scored a decisive 26:33.8 victory in the five-miler, leaving 120 pursuers in their tracks. Nolan has run all 25 of these Shore Athletic Club-staged Polar Bear races and this was his seventh triumph. He's placed in the top three 22 times with nine second places and six thirds.

Just three times — in the first three Polar Bear races, 1964-66 — has Nolan failed to place in the top three. He won his first Polar Bear race in 1972, and won others in 1973, 1979 and 1983-85.

A distant second in 27:27 was Bill Scholl of Manasquan, a former winner (1981) of this race.

In the long-run department, Louise "Lulu" Weschler of Colts Neck Township has a nearly matchless record, too. The Atlantic City Marathon winner last fall at 40, she made a 33:12 performance Saturday, her third Polar Bear victory.

There was a repeat winner in the men's race walk event as well, Ray Funkhouser of Toms River winning for the fourth time in six years with a 1:09:45 clocking over nine miles.

A new winner, though, was Stella Cashman of New York with a 1:27:50 women's walk victory.

Green Brook High School football and basketball star Roger Patin Jr. added to his track credentials, too, by winning the 600-yard dash.

### FIVE-MILE RUN

**MEN'S LEADERS** — 1. Harold Nolan 26:33.8; 2. Bill Scholl 27:27 (1st 30-39); 3. Henry Mercer 27:54; 4. Dan Staehle 28:08; 5. Ben Brockwell 28:31 (1st 40-49); 6. Dave Donkin 28:32; 7. John Skislak 28:56; 8. Bob Bocchetti 29:07; 9. Tim Rowan 29:25; 10. Bob Bazley 29:25; Also, Mike McDonnell 29:58 (1st 18-under); Gene Chase 30:38 (1st 50-59); Santee Tallia 37:16 (1st 60-up).

**WOMEN'S LEADERS** — 1. Louise Weschler 33:12; 2. Mary Gilligan 34:09; 3. Mary Griffin 36:20 (1st 18-under); 4. Kathy Wolff 36:33 (1st 30-39); 5. Micaela Murphy 37:42; 6. Betty Feldeisen 37:52; 7. Kathy Soto 38:02; 8. Melanie Warner 38:09; 9. Lynn Bielk 38:21; 10. Shannon Booth 38:54; Also, Ann Coulson 43:27 (1st 40-49); Trudy Schmidt 52:05 (1st 60-up).

### NINE-MILE RACE WALK

**MEN'S LEADERS** — 1. Ray Funkhouser 1:09:45; 2. Gary Null 1:11:28 (1st 40-49); 3. Tom Gustafsson 1:18:18; 4. Curt Sheller 1:20:59 (1st 30-39); 5. Bill Norton 1:22:22; 6. Jack Lach 1:27:21 (1st 40-49); 7. Tim Chelius 1:27:47; 8. Dr. Pat Bivona 1:28:20; 9. Ralph Edwards 1:32:52; 10. Don Johnson 1:33:01 (1st 70-up); Also, George Heller 1:34:07 (1st 60-69); Tony Branco 1:50:45 (1st 50-59).

**WOMEN'S LEADERS** — 1. Stella Cashman 1:27:50; 2. Jody Blanchard 1:39:46; 3. Dolores Randazzo 1:42:30 (1st 50-59); 4. Cathy Eastmond 1:44:37 (1st 40-49); 5. Isabel Stuper 1:53:30; 6. Lydia McKinney 1:56:48; 7. Nancy Mikovits 1:57:53; 8. Gussie Foley 2:12:00; 9. Marion Roberts 2:16:20.

### 600-YARD DASH

**MEN** — 1. Roger Patin Jr.; 2. Greg McGivern.  
**WOMEN** — 1. Phyllis Katsikis; 2. Adalina Rivera; 3. Jackie Maké.

### 1.5-MILE RUN

**BOYS** — 12-14, 1. Greg McGivern 8:52; 2. Dan Harvey 9:29; 3. Chris Quinn 9:57; Boys 11-Under, 1. James Torres 11:04; 2. Peter Norwalk 11:47; 3. Chris Soto 13:04.

**GIRLS** — 11-Under, 1. Sabrina Torres 10:39; 2. Phyllis Katsikis 10:58; 3. Carrie Hayden 13:02.



# Zimmerman captures Polar Bear run

By **ELLIOTT DENMAN**  
Press Staff Writer

**ASBURY PARK** — As a champion triathlete, Lou Zimmerman has what it takes to win on dry land and through the water.

The 30-year-old Neptune resident put both those skills to work Sunday in winning the five-mile run at the 26th annual Polar Bear Track Carnival. Competing in a driving rain over a Lake Avenue loop course, Zimmerman outspurred Hoyle Mozee, Long Branch, in the final quarter mile to win in 26:12.5.

"A good way to end the year," Zimmerman called it, as he dried off. The races, which drew 150 participants, were moved off the boardwalk because of the difficult conditions.

Harold Nolan, Middletown Township, 41, a Polar

Bear "original" back in 1964 when the event was first staged and a competitor every year since, continued his own long-run success story by placing third. He had won Polar Bear titles the past two years and has been in the top three for most of the past quarter-century.

Michele Vodopia, Millstone Township, won the women's five-mile title in 32:28.8, over Sea Bright's Mary Gilligan.

Ray Funkhouser took top honors in the 10-mile race walk and his 1:13:53 performance made him a five-time winner, most ever in Polar Bear history. Marcia Shapiro, Adelphia, won the women's walk title in 1:55:36.

As usual, the Polar Bear races attracted a flock of long-distance travelers. Among them were Paul Wynne of Houston, Betsy O'Connor of Mobile, Ala., Tom Bazley of Largo, Fla., and Gene Gear, a Hazlet Township resident just back from New Zealand.

## RUNNING

### POLAR BEAR TRACK MEET

Sunday in Asbury Park  
**FIVE-MILE RUN**

**Men's Leaders** — 1. Lou Zimmerman 26:12.5; 2. Hoyle Mozee 26:15; 3. Harold Nolan 26:40; 4. Phil Benson 27:15 (1st 40-49); 5. Dan Staehle 27:38 (1st 30-39); 6. Jim Pindar 27:43; 7. Terry Davidson 28:34 (1st 18-under); 8. Bill Pane 28:48; 9. Charles Weschler 29:06; 10. Tom Bazley 29:09; Also, Kent Sabin 31:16 (1st 50-59); Santee Tallia 35:45 (1st 60-69); Dr. George Sheehan 37:08 (1st 70-up).

**Women's Leaders** — 1. Michelle Vodopia 32:28.8; 2. Mary Gilligan 32:52; 3. Melanie Warner 34:52; 4. Kathy O'Connor 35:14; 5. Betty Feldeisen 35:19; 6. Mary Griffin 35:58; 7. Penny Celenius 36:16; 8. Betsy O'Connor 36:54; 9. Judy Oset 38:13 (1st 30-39); 10. Carolyn Heuser 38:28 (1st 40-49); Also, Andrea Scannapieco 38:37 (1st 18-under; Nancy Ammermuller 42:45 (1st 50-59).

### TEN-MILE RACE WALK

**Men's Leaders** — 1. Ray Funkhouser 1:13:53; 2. Tim Chelius 1:26:52 (1st 30-39); 3. Edgardo Rodriguez 1:29:53; 4. Bob Mimm 1:30:02 (1st 60-69); 5. Ben Ottmer 1:35:32 (1st 50-59); 6. Ralph Edwards 1:37:45 (1st 40-49); 7. Steve Pinto 1:41:05; 8. Jack Lach 1:43:12; 9. Manny Risner 1:54:26; 10. John Kilpatrick 1:56:55.

**Women's Leaders** — 1. Marcia Shapiro 1:55:36; 2. Isabel Stupar 1:57:48.  
**600-YARD DASH**

**Men's Leaders** — 1. Lester Wright 1:20.7; 2. Kelcy Pegler 1:23.6; 3. Andrew Poulter 1:34.4;  
**Women's Leaders** — 1. Erin Boss 2:04.3.

### YOUTH 1.5-MILE RUN

**Boys 11-Under** — 1. James Scannapieco 9:13; 2. Kyle Lomax; 3. Joey Rice; Girls 11-Under — 1. Yvette Rice 12:58; 2. Kerry Lomax 14:03; 3. Patti Schenck 18:27; Girls 12-14 — 1. Erin Boss 11:39.



# Polar Bear Races still belong to Nolan

By ELLIOTT DENMAN  
Press Staff Writer

**ASBURY PARK** — The tide comes in and the tide goes out. Runners come and runners go.

But there's only one runner as reliable as the tides and his name is Harold Nolan.

For the eighth time in the 27-year history of the City of Asbury Park Polar Bear Races, Nolan ran home a winner yesterday, covering a five-mile, five-lap boardwalk course in 26 minutes, 36.6 seconds.

In the long run, there has never been a distanceman as consistently excellent as Nolan, a 43-year-old Middletown Township resident, in this state.

He was there — as a Middletown High School student — when the Polar Bear Races began, back in 1964. And 24 times out of 27, he has placed in the top three. In addition to his eight firsts, he's registered nine seconds and seven thirds.

Over the years, the list of Polar Bear stars has included such "name" runners as Marty Liquori, Bill Reilly, Vince Cartier, Joe Lynch and John McDonnell.

Most have long since dropped out of serious running, but Nolan keeps right on racing to the front of the pack.

Nolan gave a typical performance yesterday — bolting ahead of the 165-runner field in the first few strides, and staying in front all the way.

The only real suspense came in the battle for second place. Hoyle Mozee of Long Branch, another long-run Shore veteran, eventually nabbed the second spot by outkicking Kevin Sommer of Howell Township and Jackson Memorial High School freshman "pneum" Rich Morris. The 1989 Polar Bear champion, Lou Zimmerman of Neptune, ran fifth in this one.

While Nolan has dominated the Polar Bear men's division, there has been no dominating runner in the women's division, which began in 1969. Mary Gilligan of Highlands was yesterday's winner in 33:36, becoming the eighth different winner in the last nine years, the 16th in 22 years.

The second "winningest" performer



CELESTE LABROSTE/Asbury Park Press

**HARRY NOLAN**  
Polar Bear winner again

as the seventh different winner in seven years.

Jackson's Morris had himself a very busy day, winning the 600-yard straightaway dash in 1:14.8 as a warm-up for the five-miler.

The Polar Bear races, which officially closed down the 1990 campaign, were again sponsored by the Shore Athletic Club in cooperation with city officials.

## ASBURY PARK POLAR BEAR RACES

### FIVE MILE RUN

**Men's Leaders:** 1. Harold Nolan 26:36.6; 2. Hoyle Mozee 27:29.5; 3. Kevin Sommer 27:34; 4. Rich Morris 27:38 (1st 18-under); 5. Lou Zimmerman 28:12 (1st 30-39); 6. Chris Peters 28:14; 7. Steve Smith 29:41; 8. John McFadden 29:47; 9. Mike McDonald 29:50; 10. Bob Bocchetti 29:55 (1st 40-49); Also, Frank Dockery 31:35 (1st 50-59); Hal Smith 34:38 (1st 60-69); Fred Ely 38:34 (1st 70-up).

**Women's Leaders:** 1. Mary Gilligan 33:36; 2. Theresa Pesce 36:00; 3. Rasie Caffrey 36:23; 4. Coren Dapuzzo 36:27 (1st 18-under); 5. Mia Slotnick 38:39; 6. Dolly Pinzon 39:19 (1st 30-39); 7. Kathy Canning 39:21; 8. Andrea Scannapieco 39:42; 9. Elizabeth Ireland 40:01 (1st 40-49); 10. Cindy Thompson 40:24; Also, Cassie Bazar 42:44; (1st 60-up); Helen Cangialosi 52:31 (1st 50-59).

### 10-MILE RACE WALK

**Men's Leaders:** 1. Ray Funkhouser 1:24:32; 2. Steve Pinto 1:34:05 (1st 30-39); 3. Dr. Patrick Bivona 1:38:04 (1st 40-49); 4. Jeff Davis 1:42:35; 5. Manny Eisner 1:43:52 (1st 50-59); 6. John Pontaleo 1:44:50; 7. Jim Brown 1:49:24; 8. Ralph Edwards 1:52:12; 9. Don Johnson 1:52:28 (1st 70-up); 10. Al Hayden 1:53:10.

**Women's Leaders:** 1. Sarah Lynn 1:50:37; 2. Isabel Sluper 2:04:40 (1st 40-49); 3. Heather Lewis 2:05:23.

### YOUTH 1.5-MILE RUN



# Westfield's Silva captures Polar Bear crown

## RUNNING

By ELLIOTT DENMAN  
PRESS STAFF WRITER

**ASBURY PARK** — Joe Silva hopes to run the 1996 Olympic marathon for Portugal. He's a 29:30 10K runner. That's fast, and he made a classic Shore footrace even faster yesterday.

Silva, who now lives in Westfield and has been in the U.S. just eight months, ran away from veteran Harold Nolan of Middletown Township in the final two miles to win the five-mile run that featured the 28th annual Asbury Park Polar Bear Meet on the boardwalk.

Silva was clocked in 26:28 — which isn't an extraordinary time — but still most creditable on the rain-soaked surface. True to Polar Bear tradition, this show went on regardless, in this case of the steady rain that pelted down until mid-afternoon. Neither snow nor rain nor gloom of any kind has ever stopped these worthy Polar Bear competitors from the swift completion of their appointed rounds in this event that's been going on since 1964.

"I was running easily" (with Nolan) for three miles," said Silva, 29. "But the pace was too slow for me." So he floored it and went on to win by 80 yards.

Nolan, who at 44 is a world-ranked Masters Division runner, settled for second in 26:43 but kept alive one of



KEVIN COUGHLIN/Asbury Park Press

Westfield's Joe Silva shows off his trophy after winning the 28th annual Asbury Park Polar Bear five-mile race yesterday. Silva's winning time was 26:28.

the most remarkable streaks in New Jersey sports.

This was the 25th consecutive year that Nolan has placed in the top three of the Polar Bear race and once again he left a flock of younger runners trailing in his slipstream.

Nolan is the only runner to have competed in all 28 Polar Bear races and the event's resident legend.

Nolan began running the Polar Bear while still in high school. He kept it up through his college and post-graduate years, and again when working out of

been dislodged from the top three since. His 25-year streak includes eight firsts, 10 seconds and seven thirds.

Things are a little different on the women's side. Not since Meg Walrdon of Bernardsville won in 1979 and '80 has there been a repeat five-mile champion. Joyce Jaworowski of Jersey City, a frequent winner in other stops on the Shore circuit over the years, finally took her first Polar Bear title with a 31:07 victory yesterday.

Runner-up in 39:17 was Joan Mulvihill of Hilton Head, S.C.

On the other hand, race walker Ray Funkhouser of Toms River has shown a consistency to rival Nolan's. His 1:22:31 Polar Bear victory yesterday was his fifth straight.

Dorit Attias of Lakewood, a former New York Marathon walking champion, was the day's only record-setter, lowering the women's 10-mile walk record to 1:28:26.

The races, again staged by the Shore Athletic Club, continued to attract the hardiest of the hardy.

"It was either stay at home and watch the (football) game or come out here and run — that was a pretty easy decision," said Hal Smith of Freehold, who won the men's 60-69 division. "The weather started getting better when the race was over — that's typical," said John Kuli of Ocean Township.

"I enjoyed it — the weather never really matters," said James O'Brien of Middletown Township.

"Where else is there a this?" asked Glenn Jacobs wood.

"So it didn't have the ma fits (of those who run only by other runners) or the (bled water.) This race is that."

### A.P. POLAR BEAR MEET

#### Five-Mile Run

**Men's Leaders** — 1. Joe Silva 26:28; 2. Harold Nolan 26:43; 2. John McFadden 28:29; 4. Lou Santos 29:12 (1st 30-39); 5. Hoyte Mozee 29:12 (1st 40-49); 6. Tom Bazley 29:43; 7. Stan Edelson 30:15; 8. Peter Reinhart 30:54; 9. Russell Ford 30:58; 10. Patrick Howell 31:02; Also, Darrell Golden 33:07 (1st 18-under); Hal Smith, 36:40 (1st 60-69); Dr. George Sheehan 46:17 (70-up)

#### Women's Leaders

— 1. Joyce Jai 34:31; 2. Joan Mulvihill 39:17; 3. Ryan 39:20; 4. Kay Golden 39:23; 5. Amy Mansue 41:35; 6. Mayer 42:16 (1st 18-under); 7. Sudry 42:43; 8. Barbara Squillare 47:35 (1st 40-49)

#### 10-Mile Race Walk

**Men's Leaders** — 1. Ray Funkhouser 1:22:31; 2. Tony Noerpel 1:36:12; 3. Dr. Patrick Bivona 1:36:42; 4. Bob Mimm 1:40:38 (1st 60-69); 5. Curt Shaller 1:43:45 (1st 30-39); 6. Jack Leach 1:43:47 (1st 40-49); 7. Manny Elmer 1:45:17 (1st 50-59); 8. Yehin Lipkin 1:54:07; 9. Jim Brown 1:57:23; 10. Al Hayden 1:58:49; Also, Harry Drazin 2:09:57 (1st 70-up); Dr. Daniel Marzano 2:11:13 (2nd 60-69)

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# Spoonire captures Polar Bear championship

By ELLIOTT DENMAN  
PRESS STAFF WRITER

**ASBURY PARK** — For the first time in its 29 years, the Asbury Park Polar Bear Track Carnival has a winner from Asbury Park.

Bryan Spoonire, the Seton Hall University sophomore and ex-Asbury Park High School star, who showed his fleet feet to a field of his elders in winning the Polar Bear five-mile run title by a convincing margin yesterday.

Taking a holiday break from his busy collegiate schedule, the 20-year-old Spoonire tore away from veteran area stars Lou Zimmerman of Neptune and Harold Nolan of Middletown Township early in the Shore Athletic Club event and went on to clock a 25:10.2 triumph.

"Get me my sweatshirt," Spoonire said two miles into the race. It was tossed to him from the sidelines and he donned it on the fly, hardly breaking stride. Now braced against the biting cold, he reeled off his miles at just over five-minute pace, all a terrific warm-up for the indoor season.

Spoonire medaled in the IC4A indoor mile last winter and qualified for the NCAA Cross-Country Championships last month.

How about a sub-four minute mile in 1993?

"Can't make any promises," said Spoonire, smiling. "Let's just wait and see."

The women's Polar Bear five-mile crown went to Barbara Addis, 29, of Sicklerville, Winslow Township, in 30:26.3. She's the Atlantic City half-marathon champion and has a string of South Jersey successes to her credit, all in just four years of running. She wasn't a runner in her student days at Rutgers University, but certainly is now, as a graduate student at Temple University.

Sicklerville's No. 1 runner is Olympic sprinter and relay gold medalist Dennis Mitchell. "There are signs up (about Mitchell) and everything around town," said Addis.

Is she Sicklerville's No. 2 runner?

"No, I wouldn't say that, either," said Addis.

Champion's trophies in the co-featured 10-mile

race walk went to Toms River's Ray Funkhouser and Wall Township's Pat Weir. Funkhouser won his sixth consecutive Polar Bear men's crown, and eighth in 10 years, with a 1:15:38 performance.

Weir, however, became the ninth different women's walk champion in nine years, striding home in 1:34:28. Not since Cynthia Costa in 1983-84 has there been a repeat women's walk winner.

With just a few exceptions, these races have been held on the boardwalk since their first edition in 1964. But that tradition was cut short by the Nor'easter storm of 16 days ago, which ripped up sections of the boards. Nevertheless, the Polar Bear races went right on, staged on a loop course along Lake Avenue.

Zimmerman (26:20) snared second place in the five-miler, just outkicking the incredible Nolan (26:21). Nolan was there, as a Middletown High School student, at the Polar Bear event's origin and has been there every year since, and 27 times out of 29 he's been a high place-winner.

## RUNNING

### ASBURY PARK POLAR BEAR

#### TRACK CARNIVAL

##### Five-Mile Run

**Men's Leaders** — 1. Bryan Spoonire 25:10.2; 2. Lou Zimmerman 26:20; 3. Harold Nolan 26:21; 4. Charles Jenks 28:00; 5. Eric Kromann 29:10 (1st 30-39); 6. Hoyle Moeze 29:11 (1st 40-49); 7. Geoff Schroeder 29:27; 8. Jim Kelly 29:37; 9. Tim Rowan 29:59; 10. Tom Bazley 30:04; Also, Stan Edelson 31:14 (1st 50-59); Robert Lapsley 32:40 (1st 18-under); Hal Smith 35:34 (1st 60-69).

**Women's Leaders** — 1. Barbara Addis 30:26.3; 2. Joan Mulvihill 37:17; 3. Sherry Sikora 38:02; 4. Eileen Kean 38:34 (1st 30-39); 5. Terry Brovak 40:06; 6. Mary Wheeler 40:13; 7. Marilyn Ryder 43:11 (1st 50-59); 8. Jennifer Thine 44:17; 9. Beth Williams 49:58 (1st 40-49); 10. Lauren Orsetti 38:23 (1st 18-under).

##### 10-Mile Race Walk

**Men's Leaders** — 1. Ray Funkhouser 1:15:38; 2. Cliff Mimm 1:17:34; 3. Tim Chekus 1:27:16; 4. Tony Noerpel 1:27:41 (1st 40-49); 5. John Soucheck 1:31:10; 6. Dr. Patrick Bivona 1:33:34 (1st 50-59); 7. Bob Mimm 1:33:37 (1st 60-69); 8. Ralph Garfield 1:35:05; 9. Manny Elsner 1:36:00; 10. Ben Ottmer 1:46:20; Also, Robert Lynch 1:48:24 (1st 30-39).

**Women's Leaders** — 1. Pat Weir 1:34:28; 2. Marcia Shapiro 1:48:50; 3. Phyllis Wolff 1:54:43; 4. Isabel Stuper 2:05:33 (1st 40-49).

**Cold feet**  
Bryan Spoonire wins Polar Bear five-mile run. **C2**





# Yakowenko, McCluskey prevail in Polar Bear Races

By ELLIOTT DENMAN  
Press Staff Writer

**ASBURY PARK** — Call Tom Yakowenko and Patti McCluskey the fastest Polar Bears of all.

They paid no attention to the bitter cold — and a wind chill factor said to be just above zero — and ran away from the field in the 30th annual City of Asbury Park Polar Bear Races yesterday.

"I've never run a race this cold before," said Yakowenko after winning the Polar Bear five-mile title, along the Lake Avenue road course, in about 47 minutes. "Right before the turn (at the half-mile mark of each loop), the wind was at its worst. It really got to me."

But no other runner got to Yakowenko either. The 25-year-old Edison Township resident, a two-time winner of the East Coast Conference 2,000-meter steeplechase title in his days at Rider College, battled on home turf a 350-yard lead on runnerup

Dave Reinhart of Wilbraham, Mass., and 300 more on Harold Nolan of Middletown Township, the Polar Bear Races' living legend.

McCluskey, 29, a former University of Pennsylvania runner who lives in Portland, Ore., was a very late entry and a very chilled one — but delighted that she came.

"I read about the race in the Asbury Park Press, and how Dr. George Sheehan had been involved with it over the years, so I decided to come," she said. "Sure it was cold, but this was worth coming for."

Runnerup to her was Louise "Lulu" Weschler of Colts Neck Township, the 1981-86-88 Polar Bear winner, but not since Meg Waldron of Bernards Township in 1979-80 has a women's run champion made it two straight.

Yakowenko and McCluskey were Polar Bear newcomers but Ray Funkhouser and Pat Weir certainly weren't. They repeated as champions in the Polar Bear 10-mile race walk, deliv-

ering performances that defied the conditions.

Funkhouser, Toms River, sped up and down Lake Avenue in a rapid 1:18:19 to take the Polar Bear walking title for the seventh consecutive year and the ninth time in 11 years. He thus became the most prolific winner in Polar Bear annals, topping by one Nolan's total of eight triumphs in the five-mile run.

Weir, Wall Township, became the first two-time winner of the women's 10-mile walk since Cynthia Costa of Long Branch achieved the feat in 1983-84. And she's obviously improving — her 1:34:55 triumph was just 27 seconds slower than her 1992 clocking, performed in far more favorable conditions.

Funkhouser, a former U.S. national champion and a current U.S. Masters king, called the conditions "just brutal." "When you made the turn, it was like hitting a brick wall," said second-place walker Marcia Shapiro of Howell Township.

POLAR BEAR RACES	
<b>Five-Mile Run</b>	
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# Asbury Park Polar Bear Races mark 30th year

By ELLIOTT DENMAN  
PRESS STAFF WRITER

The Asbury Park Polar Bear Races mark their 30th anniversary Sunday, as one of the longest-running road racing competitions in the state. The five-mile run goes off at 1 p.m., after the 10-mile race walk at 10 a.m., both along the Lake Avenue course.

After 30 years, nostalgia will be a prevalent feeling. Especially to **John McDonnell** and **Harold Nolan**.

Now, McDonnell is considered the most successful college track coach in America, and one of the most successful ever, as the head man at the University of Arkansas. His men's teams have won 10 straight NCAA titles indoors, four straight in cross country, and the last two outdoors.

But back in 1964 when the Polar Bear races began, McDonnell was a New Jerseyan living in New Providence, and a top distanceman in his own right. He won the first Polar Bear run (at 5K) in 1967, over **Fred Best** (16:37) and **John Dzelkalns** (16:55), with a young Middletown High School runner named Nolan close behind.

"I have fondest memories of my victory 30 years ago," McDonnell wrote the Polar Bear committee from Fayetteville, Ark. "I still have my trophy after 30 years, and nearly that many more."

"I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the participants the best of luck, and I would hope they might fondly remember their experience at Asbury Park."

It was Nolan who'd become the dominant Polar Bear racer as the years went on. He won it for the first time in 1972, and repeated in 1973, '79, '83, '84, '85, '88 and '90. For 22 straight years, he's been in the top three.

Olympian **Bill Reilly** (1967, '68, '69 and '71) and **Ray Cerankowski** (1977 and '82) are the only other repeat men's winners.

Nolan, now 46, will again be a top candidate Sunday.

"I've been nursing a slight case of the flu," he said earlier in the week. "But nothing like that's ever going to stop me. I'll always be there. When the Polar Bear races come around, I feel like I'm still in college, like I'm 19 or 20."

It's his personal fountain of youth, but none of these Polar Bears are ex-

pected to take a dip in the icy Atlantic. The race's name has no relation to circus acts, either. It all stems from its wintry scheduling.

Next to Nolan, Toms River's **Ray Funkhouser** has the longest Polar Bear streak. He's led the 10-mile walkers six straight times, each year since 1987.

Polar Bear five-mile records are **Ce-rankowski's** 24:35 (1982) and **Meg Waldron's** 29:45 (1980).

Entries (fee \$5) will be accepted until post time of each race. Trophies go to the top finishers and age-group winners, and a prize drawing is a post-race bonus.

For the 30th year, the races are staged by Shore Athletic Club in cooperation with the City of Asbury Park.

Freehold Area Running Club is organizing a bus trip to the New York Road Runners Club's New Year's Eve midnight run in Central Park. For more and information and reservations, call **Linda Hyer** at (908) 462-1573.

It's last call for the Ocean Running Club **Midnight Run** in Seaside Heights, a 3.4-mile beginning (in the final moments of 1993) at the Aztec Motel, Sherman Avenue at the boardwalk,

with party to follow. It's staged in cooperation with Team Running Store, and is pre-entry only. For information, call **Tom Morrison** at (908) 255-8074, **Phil Hinck** at (908) 571-2162, or **Emily Huff** at (908) 255-6916. Registration fee is \$20 for singles and \$35 for couples.

The Metropolitan Athletics Congress stages an all-comers meet tomorrow and next Sunday at the newly-refurbished 168th Street Armory in Manhattan. . . . There's a last-chance one-hour postal race walk at the Fort Monmouth track, 10 a.m. on Dec. 31.

The 1994 road racing schedule starts in a hurry. On New Year's Day, it's the Hamilton Hangover Five-Mile at 12:30 p.m. in Hamilton Township, Mercer County, call (609) 890-8343, and the Hangover Run 5K in Cranford, noon start, call (908) 381-0318.

State and Eastern champion CBA boys cross country team gained an eighth-place national ranking by Marlboro Township's **Marc Bloom**, publisher of "The Harrier," in USA Today. It's still hard to believe there are seven teams better than coach

**Tom Heath's** all-conquering Colts. Ridgewood's **Robert Keino** placed fifth (15:09.6) in the Foot Locker National Scholastic 5K Championships at San Diego's Balboa Park.



# Stratton, Smith take Polar crowns

PRESS STAFF REPORT

**ASBURY PARK** — Bring on the new year, road racers Jeremy Stratton and Megan Smith are ready for big things.

They marked the end of the state's 1994 road racing season with victories Saturday in the 31st annual Polar Bear Races, staging their own New Year's Eve celebration 11 hours early.

Stratton, of Sayreville, ran off with the men's five-mile title in 25:27 and Smith, a Lafayette College sophomore from Middletown Township, took the women's five-mile crown in 31:56.

The co-featured 10-mile race walk produced the closest finish in Polar Bear annals, with Asbury Park's Curt Sheller edging Wall Township's Jack Lach by a stride, 1:32:42 to 1:32:43.

Stratton, Smith and Sheller were first-time Polar Bear champions but women's 10-mile walk champion Pat Weir of Wall Township made it a three-peat, breezing home in 1:35:29 and extending her winning streak, which began in 1992.

The Polar Bear Races were staged by Shore Athletic Club in cooperation with the City of Asbury Park and sponsored

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by Oxford Health Plans.

Stratton, 34, a former Londoner competing for host Shore Athletic Club, hopes to solidify his status as one of the state's leading distancemen. Smith, 19, the former Middletown High School South star who was the No. 1 runner on the Lafayette women's cross country team last fall, aims to become a top collegiate competitor at the 1,500-meter distance.

Both winners had their problems just getting to the Lake Avenue starting line.

"I really had my doubts about making it," Stratton said. "I was sick and had a cold all week. I said I'd wake up on the day and see how I felt."

For more than four miles, Dave Slavinski of Normandy Beach, Dover Township, and Princeton student Tom Knowles dogged Stratton's footsteps before he broke free in the final mile.

Slavinski was 40 yards back in 25:34. Taking third place in 26:30 was the Polar Bear Races' longest-running legend, Harold Nolan of Middletown Town-



BOB BIELK/Asbury Park Press

● Jeremy Stratton of Sayreville grimaces during the five-mile race, which he won.

ship. Nolan, 47, had run every Polar Bear race since their origin in 1964, and won the five-mile eight times.

For Smith, it was rough going early. "We got there just a few minutes before the race started," Smith said. "So my first mile was pretty slow. It took a while to get warmed up."

Once in full stride, though, she worked her way through the field and beat runner-up Pam Carr by 30 yards.

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### POLAR BEAR RACES

Saturday in Asbury Park  
5-Mile Run

**Men's Leaders:** 1. Jeremy Stratton 25:27; 2. Dave Slavinski 25:34; 3. Harold Nolan 26:30; 4. Tom Knowles 26:30 (1st 40-49); 5. Matt Gomola 26:19; 6. Richard Airey 26:41 (1st 18-under); 7. Lou Zimmerman 27:43 (1st 30-39); 8. Chris Peters 27:50; 9. Tim Horn 28:29; 10. Aborn Etchison 28:32; Also, John Schwebel 31:58 (1st 50-59); Bill Malone 40:53 (1st 60-up).

**Women's Leaders:** 1. Megan Smith 31:56; 2. Pam Carr 32:02; 3. Kate Harper 33:33; 4. Lizette Barbosa 34:12 (1st 18-under); 5. Mary Gilligan 34:30 (1st 30-39); 6. Kathy Soto 34:43 (1st 40-49); 7. Pam Allen 36:12; 8. Jill Morrison 36:35; 9. Alyssa Treszkowski 36:53; 10. Nancy Beatty 38:04; Also, Carolyn Heuser 41:31 (1st 50-59); Trudy Schmidt (1st 70-up).

#### 10-Mile Race Walk

**Men's Leaders:** 1. Curt Sheller 1:32:42; 2. Jack Lach 1:32:43; 3. Manny Eisner 1:34:31; 4. Ralph Edwards 1:35:44 (1st 50-59); 5. Nick Bdera 1:35:58 (1st 40-49); 6. Ben Ottmer 1:39:29 (1st 60-69); 7. Robert Knol 1:42:01; 8. Joe LaBruno 1:47:54; 9. Jack Lucey 1:49:14; 10. Tony Noerpel 1:29:24 (started 20 minutes late); Also, Anastasia Perez 1:53:29 (1st 30-39); Dr. Daniel Marzano 2:08:17 (1st 70-up).

**Women's Leaders:** 1. Pat Weir 1:35:29; 2. Marcia Shapiro 1:50:56; 3. Sandy Rubel 1:55:27; 4. Karen Bdera 2:03:17 (1st 30-39); 5. Isabel Stuper 2:07:17 (1st 40-49).



# Kelly looking for a big year in '96

BY ELLIOTT DENMAN  
STAFF WRITER

It's a new year and a whole new ballgame for Alicia Kelly.

The Spring Lake Heights resident, one of the most frequent winners on the New Jersey road racing circuit in recent years, will take aim at all her personal records during the 1996 season.

She ended 1995 in style, winning the women's title in the 32nd annual Asbury Park Polar Bear five-miler last Sunday in a course-record 28:27, and hopes to maintain that momentum through the upcoming campaign.

One of her favorite events is the Colgate Women's Games, where she has a long winning streak in the women's open 1,500 meters and her 4:22 is the meet record. The Colgate Games opens with a series of preliminary meets at Brooklyn's Pratt Institute and winds up with the championship finals at Madison Square Garden.

"Beyond that, I really haven't figured out my (1996) racing calendar," Kelly said. "That part remains to be seen."

Her all-time bests are a 16:07 for the 5K distance (3.1 miles), 26:57

for five miles, 33:50 for 10K (6.2 miles) and 1:14 for the half-marathon (13.1 miles).

She's tried just one marathon in her life and turned in a 2:50, ninth-place performance at Columbus, Ohio, in 1992. Her memories of that event, however, are not fond.

"I was doing pretty well for 15 miles, running 6-minute miles, which would have been about 2:36 (for the full 26.2 miles)," she said.

"But I ran into trouble after 15. I had to jog or walk parts of it. It hurt a lot. I just didn't have the mileage background to run a quality marathon. I'd only run about 55 miles a week."

Somewhere down the line, she hopes to run another marathon, but it won't be soon.

In the Asbury Park Polar Bear five-miler, **Emma Piccoletta** of Millstone Township ran second in 31:14. The Polar Bear record Kelly broke was 29:45, set by ex-Bernards High School star **Meg Waldron** in 1980.

On the men's side, Long Branch's **Elias D'Oliveira** led the pack of

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over 200 in 26:51, with Middletown veteran **Harold Nolan** second in 27:23, marking the 28th time in the 32-year Polar Bear history that he's placed in the top three.

The 10-mile race walkers set a fast pace, too. **Little Silver's John Sou-**

**bury Park's Curt Sheller** (1:21:40), 1-2 in the men's event, set personal records. And close to their all-time bests were **Gloria Rawls** (1:31:08) of Mountain Top, Pa., and **Phyllis Hansen** (1:31:38) of Woodbridge Township 1-2 in the women's 10-mile walk.

### Winter series begins

Bundle up for the Freehold Area Running Club's Winter Series, which kicks off with a 5K at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Liberty Oak Park, Georgia Road, Freehold Township. A one-mile fun run follows at 10:45. No pre-registration is required. The FARC series also includes another 5K at 10 a.m. next Sunday, and five-milers at 1 p.m. on Feb. 4 and 11, all at Liberty Oak Park.

The annual FARC Winter Awards Banquet takes place Jan. 19 at the

American Hotel, Freehold. For information, call (908) 462-1573.

### Party on tap

Shore Athletic Club's annual winter party and awards dinner is set for next Saturday at the West Long Branch Community Center, Locust Avenue. A social hour kicks off the festivities at 6 p.m. For reservations, call (908) 531-2609.

Shore AC's Winter Series of 5K races at Takanassee Lake, Long Branch, opens at 11 a.m. next Saturday. Other 5Ks in the SAC series are Jan. 27, Feb. 10 and 24. Booked for 11 a.m. Feb. 3 at Takanassee is the annual 10K Run Walk, in which competitors run the first 6K and race walk the final 4K. No advance entries are taken for these events.

### Mid-winter marathons

Ocean Running Club's Winter Series again consists of five five-milers, all 11 a.m. starts at Ocean County Park, Lakewood. Dates are Jan. 21 and 28, Feb. 4, 11 and 18. For information, call (908) 288-0814.

□ **Elliott Denman's running column appears Saturday.**

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### 32ND ANNUAL POLAR BEAR RACES

Yesterday in Asbury Park  
5-Mile Run

**Men's Leaders:** 1. Elias D'Oliveira 26:51; 2. Harold Nolan 27:23; 3. Frank Reinecke 27:56; 4. Dan Loughran 28:00; 5. Bob Bonpietro 28:04 (1st 30-39); 6. Ray Driscoll 28:09 (1st 18-under); 7. Bob Price 29:10; 8. Dan Staehle 29:25 (1st 40-49); 9. Michael Moore 29:50; 10. Alex Birzin 30:12; Also, Gene Chase 31:16 (1st 50-59); Ralph Aquino 38:34 (1st 60-69); Harry Berner 40:42 (1st 70-up).

**Women's Leaders:** 1. Alicia Kelly 28:27 (event record; previous record 29:45; Meg Waldron, 1980); 2. Emma Piccoletta 31:14; 3. Jennifer Stachula 32:47; 4. Pam Carr 34:20 (1st 30-39); 5. Leisha Jackuciewicz 35:03 (1st 18-under); 6. Erin Sullivan 36:29; 7. Rosanne Russo 36:45 (1st 40-49); 8. Jill Morrison 36:49; 9. Kathryn Tell 37:25; 10. Laurie Salberg 37:32; Also, Marilyn Ryder 43:06 (1st 50-59); Trudy Schmidt 55:58 (1st 70-up).

### 10-Mile Race Walk

**Men's Leaders:** 1. John Soucheck 1:19:53; 2. Curt Sheller 1:21:40; 3. Jack Lach 1:30:44; 4. Manny Eisner 1:39:20 (1st 50-59); 5. Jack Lucey 1:39:54; 6. Ben Ottmer 1:40:57 (1st 60-69); 7. Avram Shapiro 1:47:09; 8. John Mofendyk 1:49:08; 9. Malcolm Hall 1:49:32; 10. Ralph Edwards 1:52:35; Also, Richard Cahn 2:04:10 (1st 40-49); John Kilpatrick 2:11:10 (1st 70-79); Harry Drazin 2:12:23 (1st 80-up).

**Women's Leaders:** 1. Gloria Rawls 1:31:08; 2. Phyllis Hansen 1:31:38; 3. Pat Weir 1:36:34; 4. Marcia Shapiro 1:49:18 (1st 50-59); 5. Phyllis Wolff 1:54:19 (1st 40-49); 6. Pat Ratz 2:00:43; 7. Pam Cooper 2:05:28.



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# Nolan captures Polar Bear run

By ELLIOTT DENMAN  
STAFF WRITER

**I**t took just over 27 minutes for Harold Nolan to turn back the clock one more time.

The 49-year-old Middletown Township marvel showed his heels to a pack of over 200 pursuers — the majority far younger — to win the 33rd annual Polar Bear Five-Mile Run Sunday in 27 minutes, 8.9 seconds.

Nolan, one of the nation's top Masters Division runners, will be 50 on March 22 but shows no sign of slowing down. This was his ninth career Polar Bear title and an astounding 30th consecutive placing in the top three. He's competed in every Polar Bear race since the first one in 1964 and has 11 second-places and 10 thirds on top of his nine firsts.

"This is hard to believe," Nolan said, after catching his breath. "I was just hoping to finish in the top three, to keep my streak going. Chris (runner-up Christopher Stripto) was there with me, the whole way. At 3 1/2 miles, I slowed down some but he (Stripto) didn't respond."

And the race was decided then and there.

Stripto, the 19-year-old Brookdale Community College freshman from Middletown Township, held on for

sponsored by Oxford Health Plan, attracted athletes from nine states plus Canada. Once held on the boardwalk, the races are now staged on a Lake Avenue course.

Wherever they're run, though, Nolan remains the Polar Bear races' greatest fixture. His previous Polar Bear triumphs came in 1972, '73, '79, '83, '84, '85, '88 and '90.

"With all the young guys around, I didn't think I had much of a chance," Nolan said.

But youth was neutralized by Nolan's speed and experience. A stickler for speed-building "interval" training on the track, Nolan had the big lift when he needed it most.

Happy with his 30:02 performance in ninth place was Long Islander Maury Dean. But the 54-year-old Patchogue resident has no illusions about staying on top of the 50-54 age division, either.

"Soon as Harry (Nolan) turns 50, it's over," Dean said.

Two weeks after gaining All-America status in the USA Track and Field Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships in Lexington, Ky., 10-year-old Leisha Jackucewicz of Howell Township placed seventh in

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### Running

#### 33RD ANNUAL ASBURY PARK

##### POLAR BEAR RACES

Dec. 28 in Asbury Park

**Five-Mile Run**  
Men's Leaders: 1. Harold Nolan 27:08.9; 2. Christopher Stripto 27:22.6; 3. Jim Pila 27:45; 4. Joey Broxmeyer 28:04 (1st 30:39); 5. Dan Loughran 29:20; 6. Tom Zarra 29:32; 7. Richie Broxmeyer 29:35; 8. Kevin McManus 29:58; 9. Maury Dean 30:02 (1st 50:54); 10. Kevin Zimoli 30:03; 11. Scott Duprex 30:44; 12. Brian O'Sullivan 30:53; 13. Lee Pelton 31:10; 14. Edwin Roth 31:29 (1st 40:49); 15. Mike Flynn 31:31; Also, Gene Chase 31:35 (1st 60:59); Brian Gallup 32:43 (1st 18-under).

**Women's Leaders:** 1. Linda Wolfe 30:22.1; 2. Kay Panfile 31:22; 3. Nanette Mitchell 32:06; 4. Kathryn Teal 30:29 (1st 40:49); 5. Janelle McManus 35:13 (1st 30:39); 6. Melissa Saralva 33:37 (1st 18-under); 7. Leisha Jackucewicz 36:00; 8. Monika Roth 36:04; 9. Laurie Pharo 36:19; 10. Pam Caudino 36:53; 11. Anna Bensemire 37:28; 12. Susan Graff 37:43; 13. Susan DiPadova 30:47; 14. Joan Widmer 39:21; 15. Mary Moriarty 39:54; Also, Marilyn Ryder 43:14 (1st 50:59).

##### Ten-Mile Race Walk

**Men's Leaders:** 1. John Soucheck 1:20:54; 2. Jack Lach 1:33:22; 3. Manny Esher 1:39:48; 4. Bob Mimm 1:42:20 (1st 70-up); 5. Ben Otmer 1:42:37 (1st 60-69); 6. Malcolm Hall 1:45:02 (1st 50-59); 7. John Molendyk 1:50:31 (2nd 50-59); 8. Avram Shapiro 1:58:34 (2nd 60-69); 9. Richard Cahn 2:00:37 (1st 40-49); 10. Pete Rogers 2:01:28; Also, Ken Waulich 2:05:53; Bill Walsh 2:08:02 (3rd 60-69); Sal Carretta 2:10:38; John Kilpatrick 2:15:19 (2nd 70-up).

**Women's Leaders:** 1. Marcia Shapiro 1:52:33; 2. Phyllis Wolf 1:58:03; 3. Chuang Chuang Cheng 1:59:20; 4. Donna Klugre 2:10:31; 5. Nancy O'Grady 2:17:07



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## Pilla steps out to win 34th Polar Bear race

**H**e was a tower of strength for the University of Notre Dame cross country and track teams last year. It was no surprise that **Jim Pilla** overpowered the field to win the men's 5-mile title in the 34th Asbury Park Polar Bear Races Dec. 28 along the Lake Avenue course.

The Mater Dei High School graduate and Middletown Township resident, who'd been the Monmouth County and New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Parochial B state cross country champion as a senior, traded strides with Middletown Masters star **Harold Nolan** through the opening mile of the Polar Bear race, then stepped out on his own and went on to win convincingly in 26:41.5.

The women's crown in the Polar Bear event, staged by Shore Athletic Club and sponsored by Ox-

ford Health Plans, went to Edison Township's **Iiona Bella** in 31:23.

Polar Bear original and nine-time winner Nolan settled for second place in 27:22.1, but kept alive one of the state's most incredible records.

In his 34 Polar Bear starts, Nolan has been in the top three 31 times. His top-three streak dates back to 1967.

"Jim's obviously in better shape than he was last year," said Nolan. "He's a top quality runner."

Nolan had won the 1996 Polar Bear crown in 26:52 when Pilla placed third.

"If I can accomplish half the things he's (Nolan) done in his career, I'd be very happy," said Pilla, one of the Irish's emerging distance stars, along with teammate **Ryan Blaney**, a graduate of Monsignor Donovan High School.

Pilla was a model of consistency, running a 5:15 opening mile, and reeling off 5:20's the rest of the way.

"It's a fun course, and this was a good, fast run for me," said Pilla.

**Mike Houlihan**, a former Pilla teammate at Mater Dei and now at Brookdale Community College, shared third in 27:47, with **Richie Broxmeyer** of Milltown, one of the state's most determined and prolific runners, fourth in 27:50, completing his 100th race of the year.

For Polar Bear 10-mile men's racewalk champion **Dave Romansky**, this was an emotional jaunt down memory lane. When this 1968 USA 50K Olympian and former national champion at a variety of distances crossed the finish line in 1:27:59, it marked his first Polar Bear victory since 1969.

Now leaner than he's been in years, Romansky, 59, won easily over **Jack Lach** (1:32:27) and **Tom Quattrocchi** (1:35:08). **Sandy Rubel**, Ocean Township, led the women 10-mile walkers in 1:56:15.

Elliott Denman

## RESULTS

## 34th ANNUAL ASBURY PARK POLAR BEAR RACES

Dec. 28 in Asbury Park  
Five-mile Run

Men's Leaders: 1. Jim Pilla 26:41; 2. Harold Nolan 27:22; 3. Mike Houlihan 27:47; 4. Richie Broxmeyer 27:50; 5. Roger Price 28:15 (1st 40-49); 6. Manuel Pereira 28:29 (1st 30-39); 7. Dan Loughran 28:57 (2nd 30-39); 8. Kevin Gowen 29:26 (2nd 40-49); 9. Tom Zarr 29:42 (3rd 40-49); 10. Kevin Zindell 29:42; 11. Chris Parton 29:47; 12. Hans Graf 29:58; 13. Larry Bergmeyer 30:08 (3rd 30-39); 14. Jim Geleach 30:26; 15. Brian Downey 30:48.

Also, Danny Ratos 31:26 (1st 18-under); Olinar Graf 31:50 (2nd 18-under); Dave Jacobs 31:57 (1st 50-59); James Dykstra 33:01 (2nd 50-59); Eric Sarava 33:27 (3rd 18-under); Mary Hurley 34:20 (3rd 50-59); Dick Hill 35:30 (1st 60-69); Bill Welsh 44:36 (2nd 60-69); Chris Pappas 44:45 (3rd 60-69); Bob Minn 47:44 (1st 70-up); Chaucsey Laake 49:19 (2nd 70-up); Bill O'Brien (3rd 70-up).

Women's Leaders: 1. Iiona Bella 31:23; 2. Pam Cavuino 32:41; 3. Laisha Jackucwicz 33:48; 4. Susan Graf 35:43 (1st 40-49); 5. Dyana Morgaboo 37:39 (1st 18-under); 6. Briana Jackucwicz 38:08 (2nd 18-under); 7. Anna Balsimo 38:26 (3rd 18-under); 8. Eva Daniels 39:31 (1st 30-39); 9. Lori McBride 40:44 (1st 30-39); 10. Madeline Best 41:42 (1st 50-59); 11. Michella LaRoche-Gould 41:43; 12. Linda Thurston 42:56 (2nd 50-59); 13. Jan Farroung-Krause 43:42 (2nd 40-49); 14. Kate Priest 43:46; 15. Ella Rozier 43:52.

## 10-Mile Racewalk

Men's Leaders: 1. Dave Romansky 1:27:57; 2. Jack Lach 1:32:27; 3. Tom Quattrocchi 1:35:06; 4. Bob Minn 1:39:50 (1st 70-79); 5. Marry Estner 1:40:59 (1st 50-59); 6. John Moloney 1:52:08 (2nd 50-59); 7. Michele Hall 1:58:33 (2nd 50-59); 8. Tom Zarr 1:59:26 (1st 60-69); 9. Steve Koss 2:00:27; 10. Tony Brackley 2:01:42; 11. Charles Spaul 2:02:40; 12. Jerry O'Brien 2:03:23; 13. Bill O'Brien 2:03:23.

Women's Leaders: 1. Sandy Rubel 1:56:15; 2. Jan Farroung-Krause 1:56:15; 3. Kelly O'Brien 1:56:15; 4. Kelly O'Brien 1:56:15; 5. Kelly O'Brien 1:56:15; 6. Kelly O'Brien 1:56:15; 7. Kelly O'Brien 1:56:15; 8. Kelly O'Brien 1:56:15; 9. Kelly O'Brien 1:56:15; 10. Kelly O'Brien 1:56:15; 11. Kelly O'Brien 1:56:15; 12. Kelly O'Brien 1:56:15; 13. Kelly O'Brien 1:56:15; 14. Kelly O'Brien 1:56:15; 15. Kelly O'Brien 1:56:15.



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# Clark, Jackucewicz roar to victory at annual Polar Bear Races

BY ELLIOTT DENMAN  
STAFF WRITER

**J**effrey Clark's running career is full of promise. At 18, the Manhattan College freshman from Bogota is already making his mark as a distanceman and outrunning many of his elders.

Clark made his first appearance in the Asbury Park Polar Bear five-mile race a winning one Sunday as he dashed away from a field of 185 to take the traditional holiday event in 27:31.

The 35th annual Polar Bear race, the state's longest running holiday event, was held over a revised mile-and-a-quarter loop along Ocean Avenue and Clark kept close company with Middletown's Christopher Stripto and Harold Nolan and Elmwood Park's Rick Pingitore through the early stages, before setting out on his own.

Youth was definitely served as both Clark and 12-year-old Leisha Jackucewicz of Howell, who took the women's race in 32:51 became the youngest winners in Polar Bear five-mile annals.

After the initial suspense, there was no doubt about Clark's superiority over the second half of the race. He won it going away as 1996 Polar Bear runner-up Stripto took another second place and fought off Nolan for third.

"A lot of great runners have been in this race over the years; I was just glad to be part of it," said Clark, whose winning margin was 200 yards, lapping many runners and barreling on home.

Stripto will brush up on his speed work this winter season and then hopes to run a spring marathon race, hopefully posting a qualifying time for the year 2000 Boston Marathon.

The remarkable Nolan, 51, has run all 35 editions of the Polar Bear and has placed in the top four for 32 consecutive

"This race has some amazing history to it," said Nolan. "You can think back to all the outstanding people who've been here in the past (such names as Marty Liquori, Bill Reilly, Joe Lynch, John McDonnell, Vince Cartier and Buck Logan) and I'm just happy that the people behind it (Shore Athletic Club volunteers, the Oxford Health Plans sponsors and the City of Asbury Park) keep it going.

"I'm just hoping it's here for many years to come, and that I'm still part of it for a long time ahead."

At 12, Jackucewicz is one of the finest prospects her age in America and three weeks ago was a key member of the Shore AC team that won the National AAU Junior Olympic midget division girls cross country team championship in Knoxville, Tenn.

As promising as they come, too, is her eight-year-old sister, Briana, who placed third Sunday, with only Meg Phillips of Spring Lake Heights between the sibling sensations.

Aiming to make his mark on the national level, too, is John Soucheck of Little Silver who took the men's Polar Bear 10-mile race walking crown in a snappy 1:19:48.



**Middletown's Harold Nolan has run in all 35 editions of the Polar Bear.**

*JOE DELCONZO/Special to the Press*

"I didn't really feel 'on' today, but that still was a five-second PR (personal record) for me," said Soucheck.

"The race was like a time trial for me and I'm never good at time trials."

In February, Soucheck flies to the USA National 50K championship race in Sacramento and hopes to post a qualifying time of 4:30 or better that moves into a qualifying spot for the 1999 World Cup team bound for France. Former national champion Maryanne Torrellas of Clinton, Conn., breezed to the women's 10-mile walk title in 1:33:28. Atlantic Highlands' Tom Quattrocchi nosed out Matawan's Manny Eisner for men's walker-up honors.

Again, the Polar Bear race was billed as "the last race of the year." The 36th Asbury Park Polar Bear event—tentatively Dec. 26, 1999—will also be one of the last races of the millennium.



## Running

Runners make their way up Ocean Avenue at the start of the 36th annual Asbury Park Polar Bear races.

JOE DELCONZO  
*Special to the Press*



## Clayton continues strong running pace

STAFF REPORT

ASBURY PARK — Scott Clayton had been running up a storm all last fall, trading strides with much of the nation's best young talent through the collegiate cross country campaign.

The University of Pennsylvania senior, out of Pinelands Regional High School, had placed fifth in the IC4A Championships at New York's Van Cortlandt Park, third in the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regionals at Lehigh, and 69th in the NCAA Championship Finals at Bloomington, Ind. And the 21-year-old Tucker resident continued on his hot streak by racing off with the men's title in the 36th annual Asbury Park Polar Bear Five-Mile Run last Sunday.

The traditional event, sponsored by Oxford Health Plans and staged by Shore Athletic Club volunteers in cooperation with the City of Asbury Park, attracted a field of 170, gathered from nine Eastern Seaboard states.

Clayton, who was prodded out of bed and invited to run the race by friends just two hours before the start, broke out fast, grabbed the early lead and was never seriously challenged. He went on to a 27:03.4 triumph in the event staged around a new Sunset Park course and billed as "the last race of the millennium."

While Clayton is heading into the home-stretch of his collegiate career, women's division winner Briana Jackucewicz, of Howell, is just a grade-schooler. The nine-year-old, fresh from strong performances in both the USA Track and Field and AAU Junior Olympic cross country finals, led the Polar Bear women's field in 33:46. Her older sister, Leisha, had won the Polar Bear crown in 1998.

Sharing the spotlight with Clayton and Jackucewicz were Polar Bear 10-mile race walking winners John Soucheck, of Little Silver, and Sherry Brosnahan, of Bridgewater, both members of host Shore AC.

Soucheck, warming up for the USA Olympic Trial 50K racewalk Feb. 13 in Sacramento, Calif., repeated as Polar Bear walk champion with a one-hour, 23-minute, 18-second performance, with Long Islander Heber Ramos of New York's East Side Track Club his closest rival in 1:28:55.

Brosnahan, who has set eight U.S. women's Masters records this year, walked to the women's 10-mile crown in 1:37:19.

Shore AC veterans Bill Scholl and Harold Nolan were the closest threats to Clayton in the five-miler. Neptune's Scholl, 48, the former Jersey Shore Marathon champion in Asbury Park, claimed second in 28:13 with Middletown's Nolan third in 28:24.





PETER ACKERMAN/Chief Photographer

Harry Nolan (left) wins third place in a Polar Bear Race event yesterday in Asbury Park.

# Polar Bear racers run on grisly day

By ROYA RAFEI  
MIDDLETOWN BUREAU

since 1964.

ASBURY PARK — On a day that Anchorage, Alaska, was a warmer place to be than the Jersey Shore, a group of die-hard runners braved gusty winds, snow-covered streets and freezing temperatures yesterday to compete in a three-mile race.

Michael Cerchia, 16, of Howell, came in first out of 35 runners who completed the Asbury Park Polar Bear Race with a time of 14 minutes and 45 seconds. Cerchia, who is on the track team of Howell High School, was the youngest winner in the history of the competition. Elliott Denman, a former Shore Athletic Club president,

The Polar Bear Race has become a tradition here, staging the competition on the last Sunday of the year. A day after a foot of snow was dumped on the Jersey Shore, yesterday's tournament was the snowiest and sloppiest in the event's history, said Middletown resident Harry Nolan, 53, who has run in the race every year since it began.

Denman said he created the race as a way to promote amateur track and field competition and to demonstrate that the sport "doesn't take a back seat to the weather."

The race did not let the weather drive it away, but the poor conditions did play a role. Though the

going twice around Sunset Park. "The people who are here are very dedicated and the most loyal people who realize the show must go on," said Denman.

After yesterday's run, Robert McGill, 40, of South Plainfield, had completed 146 races in 2000, mostly in New Jersey. But that may be his record because next year he is giving up running in different competitions on the same day.

"We came for bragging rights," said Sherry Brosnahan, 49, of Bridgewater, who won the race walk in the women's division. "We do this for the personal achievement."

Though the run brought 85 participants, the race walk in which Brosnahan competed had five athletes — three men and two women.

Still, John Soucheck, 35, of Little Silver, came to win, and he did. He came in first in the men's division of the five-mile walk.

"If you don't try to win, there's no point being here," he said. Soucheck said that race walking in the snow was like

walking in sand. Harry Drazin, 87, of Interlaken, ran three miles of the five-mile race walk. He said he has competed in races all over the world, including Australia and Rome.

"I love this sport," he said. "You meet so many people, and it keeps you in shape."

The leaders in the men's three-mile run were: Cerchia; Jimmy Leslie, Ocean Township, with 15:01; Nolan; Bob Malysa, Jackson, 15:21; and Eric Villaita, Red Bank, 15:41.

The leaders in the women's three-mile run were: Lisa Wilhelm, Little Egg Harbor, 17:58; Gillian Grossman, Boston, 19:41; Summer Anderson, Long Beach, Calif., 20:03; Lori Stein, South Brunswick, 21:24; Amy George, Atlantic Highlands, 21:47; Theresa Caro, Matawan, 21:48; Maryanne Kerts, Brielle, 22:21; Vered Stek, Somersat 23:13; Emily Laird, Rumson 23:31; Kaitly Prozio, Middletown 23:42.

## Polar

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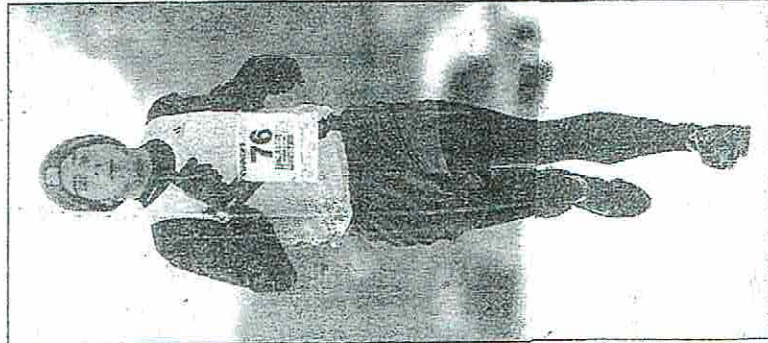
event went off as scheduled, the races had to be scaled back. The 10-mile race walk was reduced by half and the five-mile run was cut to three miles, said Denman.

The 21 mph wind gusts to 31 mph at times, making the 30-degree temperature feel like 5 degrees, according to the National Weather Service. At the Anchorage International Airport yesterday afternoon, the temperature was also 30 degrees, but there was no wind chill, according to the National Weather Service.

But nothing was going to stop Nolan from racing.

"It's one of those things, you don't want to break the streak," said Nolan, who came in third in the three-mile event with a time of 15 minutes and five seconds. "I've raced with pneumonia, foot conditions."

Runners took off at the corner of Ocean and Fifth avenues,



PETER ACKERMAN/Chief Photographer

Michael Cerchia, 16, of Howell, takes first place in the men's three-mile run yesterday.

### POLAR BEAR RACES

At Asbury Park, Dec. 31  
3-Mile Run

Men's leaders: 1. Michael Cerchia, Little Egg Harbor 17:58; 2. Gillian Grossman, Boston, Mass. 19:41; 3. Summer Anderson, Long Beach, Calif. 20:03; 4. Lori Stein, South Brunswick 21:24; 5. Amy George, Atlantic Highlands 21:47; 6. Theresa Caro, Matawan 21:48; 7. Maryanne Kerts, Brielle 22:21; 8. Vered Stek, Somersat 23:13; 9. Emily Laird, Rumson 23:31; 10. Kaitly Prozio, Middletown 23:42.

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# About 250 take part in the 38th annual Polar Bear event

By **JOSEPH SAPIA**  
STAFF WRITER

ASBURY PARK — Temperatures were between 25 and 30 and the wind blew stiffly, but runners and race-walkers in yesterday's 38th annual Asbury Park Polar Bear Races dealt with the conditions gamely.

Aside from the wind that threw strides out of rhythm, participants said they warmed up as they moved along. If anything, they said, it was tougher on people standing around, either helping or watching.

"I train on the boardwalk, you get used to the wind and the gusts," said Anne Gonella, 40, of Point Pleasant, whose 1 hour, 49 minutes, 18 seconds, was good enough for second-place among women and seventh overall in the 10-mile race-walk. "I'd rather be a racer than a volunteer."

About 50 walkers kicked off the day at 10 a.m., participating in either the 10-mile race or a five-mile health walk. Then, at 1 p.m., about 195 runners did a five-mile run.

The Polar Bear events were held on city streets with the start and finish lines at Convention Hall. Since its inception in 1964,



MICHAEL SYFNIEWSKI/Special to the Press

**First-place winners in the men's and women's divisions, Corey Smith, Hawley, Pa., and Lorena Adams, Manahawkin, Stafford, both seniors at Georgetown University hug after the race.**

the Polar Bear has been put together by the Shore Athletic Club, a track and field club whose roots go back to 1934.

"We take a lot of pride in what Shore AC has done over the years," said meet director Elliott Denman of West Long Branch.

The club has produced about 20 Olympians in

track and field, Denman said. Denman, 67, was an Olympian himself, participating in the 50-kilometer race walk in 1956.

"I'm just organizing," not race-walking in this year's race, said Denman, a retired Asbury Park Press sportswriter.

Yesterday's event did not have last year's snowy

streets. Instead, clear skies — and an annoying wind.

"It was hard to get into a rhythm," said Corey Smith, 22, of Hawley, Pa., who was the overall winner of the five-mile run at 25 minutes, 19 seconds — only 44 seconds off the meet record.

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## RUNNING

### 38TH ANNUAL ASBURY PARK

#### POLAR BEAR RACES

Sunday, Dec. 30

#### FIVE-MILE RUN

##### Men's Results

1. Corey Smith, Washington, D.C. 25:19; 2. Dave DeMonico, South River 26:23; 3. Walton Kingsberry, Shrewsbury 26:38; 4. Rich Roundtree, Philadelphia 26:40.5; Eric Villalita, Red Bank 27:22 (1st 30:39); 6. Scott Setton, Philadelphia 27:52; 7. Ryan Lavender, Neptune 28:24 (1st 18:under); 8. Adam Rubinan, Lakewood 28:26; 9. Charles Jenks, West Long Branch 28:38; 10. Sean Clancy, Atlantic City 29:27; 11. Harold Nolan, Middletown 29:31 (1st 50:59); 12. William Canon, West New York 30:02; 13. Mike Cerchia, Howell 30:44; 14. Chuck Jewel, Lake Hopatcong 30:45 (1st 40:49); 15. Ernie Beach 30:46; 16. Steve Puchalski, Boonton 30:47; 17. Billy Vogel, Orsen Twp. 31:16; 18. Kevin Hunley, Marlton 31:55; 19. Ben Palmer, Lakewood 32:03; 20. Mark Leary 32:39; 21. Mitch Radella, Cranbury Twp. Pa. 32:43; 22. Ernie Bright, Oak Ridge 32:46; 23. David Zurbelle, Middletown 32:53; 24. Richard Siderko, Brielle 33:10; 25. Joe Kostan, Guttenberg 33:17.

##### Women's Results

1. Lorena Adams, Washington, D.C. 30:19; 2. Lauren Rhattigan, Ship Bottom 31:42; 3. Joanne Boothby, Margate 32:36; 4. Maggie Freeman, Spring Lake 32:43 (1st 30:39); 5. Jennifer Clausen, Jackson 33:22 (1st 18:under); 6. Terra Sarnacki, Long Branch 35:52; 7. Colleen Campbell 36:29; 8. Lynn Brady, Holmdel 38:51 (1st 40:49); 9. Jan Farming-Krause, Dunellen 39:16; 10. Jenna Ganner, Long Valley 39:37; 11. Kathy Brady, Brielle 40:26; 12. Claudia Danko, Barnegett 40:36; 13. Maryanne Kerrs, Brielle 40:46; 14. Vera Stek, Somerset 41:32 (1st 50:59); 15. Michelle Ellis, Fairless Hills, Pa. 41:44; 16. Allison Gentner, Long Valley 41:59; 17. Kaifina Ryan, Pine Beach 42:54; 18. Peggy Branch,



# Hurley, Sarnacki top field

By ELLIOTT DENMAN  
SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

As the Hurleys of Marlton and the Walshes of Aberdeen proved at the 39th annual Asbury Park Polar Bear Races, held Sunday, the families that run together excel together.

Kevin Hurley, 19, a sophomore at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, led a big family delegation to the traditional holiday race

and the led the entire Polar Bear field of 168 five-mile runners, too.

The Polar Bear five-miler and the co-featured 10-mile race-walk, staged by the Shore Athletic Club and sponsored by Oxford Health Plans, once again were the last races of the year on the busy Shore area racing calendar.

"I've had a lot of injuries so this was so great to come back to Asbury Park and win this one," said Hurley, who has best track times of 4:30 for the mile, 9:56 for two miles and 16:16 for 5K. "I thought I was in trouble early in the race (which covered four loops around Bradley and Sunset parks) but I took the lead about a quarter-mile past the mile post and stayed there."

Hurley crossed the finish line in 27:08, as Stephen Marsalese of New York snared second in 28:03, outdueling Morehead (Ky.) State University junior Adam Rubman of Lakewood, who clocked a 28:10.

Placing fourth — and winning the boys 18-and-under division in 28:18 — was Matawan Regional High School sophomore Thomas F. Walsh, 15, the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group III cross country champion.

Terra Sarnacki of Eatontown, the former Monmouth University star who now coaches the Red Bank Regional High School girls' track team, won the women's division in 34:52, but only after a strong challenge from 12-year-old Marie Walsh of Aberdeen, who ran a 35:08.

Completing the Walsh family



Top: Runners in the 39th Polar Bear five-mile run move off the starting line Sunday in Asbury Park. Above: Kevin Hurley (left) of Marlton went on to win the race and Terra Sarnacki of Eatontown took women's honors.

ED CURRY/Special to the Press

team performance was Thomas Walsh, father of Thomas F. and Maria, who ran a 36:55 in 38th place.

Continuing their Polar Bear winning streaks were racewalking stars John Soucheck of Little Silver and Sherry Brosnahan of Bridgewater, both of the Shore AC.

Soucheck walked his 10 miles — 10 one-mile loops on an Ocean Avenue course — in a brisk 1:21:47, notching his fifth consecutive Polar Bear victory and seventh in eight years.

Brosnahan, U.S. Masters Division walker of the year for 2002, did a 1:40:54 for her fourth straight Polar Bear title.

Walkers-up were Jack Lach of Marlboro (1:34:01) and Maria Paul of Long Branch (1:58:05).

Harold Nolan of Middletown, a nine-time Polar Bear champion in past years and the only runner who has competed in all 39 Polar Bear events, continued his long-run stardom in this event with a 28:48 performance, good for seventh place and the

50-59 divisional title over Shore AC teammate Bill Scholl of Neptune.

Registering Polar Bear firsts were seven members of the Brooklyn-based Coney Island Polar Bear Club. After finishing the five-mile race, the seven — Louie Scarcella, James Wynne, Steven Batebaring, Capri Djiatsword, Ben Karasik, Lucy Prieto and Niel Paresi — took a swim in the icy Atlantic Ocean.

Two leading New Jersey runners, Dave DeMonico of South River and Rich Broxmeyer of Milltown, on hand as Polar Bear officials, joined in the spirit of the occasion by taking Polar Bear dips, too.

"Never felt so good," said Scarcella, a retired New York City police detective, on emerging from the water.

"This is great," he said. "We're going to start a new Polar Bear tradition. We're definitely coming back next year."

Complete Polar Bear race results will appear Saturday in Community.

## FIVE-MILE RUN

- MEN'S LEADERS:**
1. Kevin Hurley, Marlton, 27:08
  2. Stephen Marsalese, New York, 28:03
  3. Adam Rubman, Lakewood, 28:10
  4. Thomas Walsh, Aberdeen, 28:18 (1<sup>st</sup> 18-19)
  5. Bob Horn, Brick, 28:26
  6. Tim Horn, Brick, 28:32
  7. Harold Nolan, Middletown, 28:48 (1<sup>st</sup> 50-59)
  8. Bill Scholl, Neptune, 29:13 (2<sup>nd</sup> 50-59)
  9. Charles Jenks, Alexandria, Va., 29:5
  10. Kevin Zindell, Tempe, Ariz., 29:57
  11. Chris Chiaro, Jackson, 30:01
  12. Tom Zarra, Pt. Pleasant, 30:07 (1<sup>st</sup> 40-49)
  13. Tom Stoddart, Belmar, 31:34
  14. Gary Leeman, Toms River, 32:49
  15. Robert Nydick, Burlington, 33:17
  16. Richard Siderko, Brielle, 33:36 (2<sup>nd</sup> 40-49)
  17. Steven Schwartz, Marlboro, 33:55
  18. Jim French, Manalapan, 34:00 (3<sup>rd</sup> 30-39)
  19. Joe Kostan, Guttenberg, 34:14 (4<sup>th</sup> 30-39)
  20. Marty Bryan, Three Bridges, 34:21
  21. Dave McSherry, Camp Hill, Pa., 34:27
  22. Donald Phillips, Manchester, 34:33
  23. Chas/Weschler, Colts Neck, 34:37
  24. Jared Culotta, Voorhees, 34:48 (5<sup>th</sup> 30-39)
  26. John Gere, Belmar, 34:54 (6<sup>th</sup> 40-49)
  27. Andrew Rogers, Belmar, 35:07 (5<sup>th</sup> 18-19)
  29. Ted Lanter, Kendall Park, 35:15 (1<sup>st</sup> 10-17)
  30. John Gunderson, Woodbridge, 35:2
  31. Rob Maxton, Tinton Falls, 35:31 (8<sup>th</sup> 18-19)
  32. David Piscasia, Holmdel, 35:33 (9<sup>th</sup> 40-49)
  33. Eric Maggio, Vienna, Va., 35:38 (10<sup>th</sup> 18-19)
  34. Joseph Renzella, Neptune City, 35:4
  35. Walter MacGowan, Spring Lake, 36:0
  36. W. Croke, Middletown, 36:17 (6<sup>th</sup> 10-17)
  38. Thomas Walsh, Aberdeen, 36:55 (6<sup>th</sup> 10-17)
  39. Richard Brugger Jr., Neptune City, 37:0
  40. Daniel Carvill, Carlstadt, 37:16 (11<sup>th</sup> 18-19)
  41. Dean Moise, Long Branch, 37:33 (7<sup>th</sup> 10-17)
  42. Greg Kowalenko, Somerset, 37:39
  43. Mike Dombrowiecki, Ocean Twp., 37:4
  44. Jim Walsh, Red Bank, 37:44 (13<sup>th</sup> 40-49)
  45. Dave Pettit, Manasquan, 37:56 (10<sup>th</sup> 18-19)
  46. Nick Stephan, Millstone, 38:13 (14<sup>th</sup> 18-19)
  48. Marty Hurley, New Orleans, La., 38:1
  51. Doug Kerr, Brick, 38:28 (11<sup>th</sup> 30-39)
  52. Brian Tuzzolino, Pt. Pleasant, 38:4
  54. Unidentified, 39:25
  55. Art McPeak, Long Branch, 39:25
  57. Jim Massarelli, 39:27 (15<sup>th</sup> 40-49)
  58. Bob Hayes, Ocean Twp., 39:39 (9<sup>th</sup> 18-19)
  59. Rob Moir, Fair Haven, 39:45 (3<sup>rd</sup> 60-69)
  60. Leon Moore, Oakland, 39:56 (12<sup>th</sup> 18-19)



# Eric Savoth goes to the head of

Ocean Township resident dominated the 40th Asbury Park Polar Bear five-mile run.

By ELLIOTT DENMAN  
COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

**E**ric Savoth has what it takes to rank right up here with America's brightest young middle distance runners.

The 23-year-old Ocean Township resident, a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy and Georgetown University, put his talent on display in the 40th annual Asbury Park Polar Bear five-mile run, cruising to an overwhelming 24-minute, 53-second triumph in the Dec. 28 holiday event staged by Shore Athletic Club and sponsored by Oxford Health Plans in cooperation with the City of Asbury Park.

The 40th Polar Bear run attracted a strong field of 225 that included an array of other leading prospects for future stardom. Many of the state's best runners had appeared in the Polar Bear race over its previous 39 years and Savoth's 24:53 performance moved him into a tie for seventh place on the all-time Polar Bear performance list, a lineup still topped by ex-Seton Hall star Ray Cerankowski's 24:35 in 1977.

Now - as Savoth heads back to California, where he trains with and competes for the powerful Nike Farm Team club in the Palo Alto area - his biggest job may be to stay injury-free for the full campaign leading up to the USA Olympic Trials in Sacramento in July.

When he's clear of running-related foot problems, Savoth keeps proving he could be a contender in the Olympic Trials 5,000-meter race. At Georgetown, he won a pair of IC4A outdoor 5,000-meter crowns. Running for the Nike Farm Team, he placed fifth in the 3,000 meters at the USATF Indoor National Championships last March in Boston. But he's yet to be able to train through a complete season at full tilt staying injury-free.

Savoth completely outclassed the Asbury Park Polar Bear field, bolting to an early lead and finishing 1:59 in front of runner-up Matt Kootman of Middletown, the former Boston College star, who ran 26:52. Dickson Mercer of Fair Haven, a top runner at Gettysburg College, claimed third in 27:19, ahead of Marlton's Kevin Hurley (27:41), the 2002 Polar Bear champion for University of Mary-



Eric Savoth captured the 40th Asbury Park Polar Bear five-mile run.

TANYA BREEN/Staff Photographer

Masters Division title, Harold Nolan (29:35) beat out Tom Hall (29:42). For Nolan, the only runner to have competed in all 40 Polar Bear events, it was one more outstanding achievement in a brilliant career. Over the years, he's netted nine Polar Bear first-places, 14 second-places and 12 thirds.

"This was one of the strongest fields we've had in a while, and it was good to

now coaches the girls track team at Red Bank Regional, ran 32:21 to take her second straight Polar Bear women's title, edging Holmdel High School student Lisa Picascia (32:46), with Woodbury's Sandra Kusserk third (33:46).

The co-featured Polar Bear 10-mile racewalk produced an outstanding duel between New Yorker Nick Bdera and Little Silver's John Soucheck, the five-

## FIVE-MILE RUN

**MEN'S LEADERS:** 1. Eric Savoth, Ocean Township, 24:53; 2. Matt Kootman, Middletown, 26:52; 3. Dickson Mercer, Fair Haven, 27:19; 4. Kevin Hurley, Marlton, 27:41; 5. Jesus Resendiz, Perth Amboy, 27:49; 6. Rainier Koch, Germany, 27:52; 7. Robert Horn, Brick, 28:03; 8. Martin Suarez, Burlington, 28:03 (1st 18-under); 9. John Brady, Neptune, 28:50; 10. Joseph Rooney, Howell, 29:50; 11. Tim Horn, Brick, 29:17; 12. Joe Hamler, Ocean Township, 29:18; 13. Harold Nolan, Middletown, 29:35 (1st 50-59); 14. Tom Hall, Middletown, 29:42; 15. Tom Zarra, Point Pleasant, 29:52 (1st 40-49).

Also, Michael Bair, Holmdel, 30:38 (1st 30-39); Joseph Ranzella, Neptune City, 34:06 (1st 60-69); Chris Pappas, Manahawkin, Stratford (1st 70-up).

**WOMEN'S LEADERS:** 1. Terra Samacki, Eatontown, 32:21; 2. Lisa Picascia, Holmdel, 32:46 (1st 18-under); 3. Sandra Kusserk, Woodbury, 33:46; 4. Jennifer Rafferty, Delanco, 34:17; 5. Rachel Provost, Millstone, 34:34; 6. Chrissy Judge, Marlboro (1st 30-39); 7. Jacqui Kapinaewski, Point Pleasant (1st 40-49); 8. Sara Nealon, Ocean Grove; 9. Theresa Mariani, Brick; 10. Jan Farnung-Krause, Dunellen; 11. Sarah Rooney, Orangeburg, N.Y.; 12. Colyn Lucario, Somerville; 13. Regina MacLane, Middletown; 14. Peg Kolbenshlag, Howell; 15. Kathleen Pearlberg, Brattle.

Also, Linda Piff, Wall (1st 60-69); Marilyn Ryder, Long Branch (1st 60-69).

## 10-MILE RACEWALK

**MEN'S LEADERS:** 1. Nick Bdera, New York, 1:18:59; 2. John Soucheck, Little Silver, 1:19:14 (1st 30-39); 3. Tom Quattrocchi, Spotswood, 1:37:44 (1st 50-59); 4. Wayne Baker, Westfield, 1:38:05 (1st 40-49); 5. Ben Ottmar, Freehold, 1:44:29 (1st 60-69); 6. Art Glass, Middletown, 1:48:37; 7. Bob Mimm, Willingboro, 1:51:15 (1st 70-79); 8. Niall Mandai, Holmdel, 1:52:16; 9. John Molendyk, Oak Ridge, 1:53:32; 10. Joe LaBruno, Bayonne, 1:57:04; 11. Elliot Collins, Paritan, 2:04:08; Fitness Walking Division; Dr. Daniel Marzano, Ocean Township, 2:11:13 (1st 80-up).

**WOMEN'S LEADERS:** 1. Sherry Brosnahan, Bridgewater, 1:43:24; 2. Colleen Glass, Middletown, 1:45:46; 3. Maria Paul, Long Branch, 1:49:32 (1st 30-39); 4. Fran Emanuel, Brick, 1:53:24 (1st 50-59); 5. Karen Bdera, New York, 1:56:24 (1st 40-49); 6. Shirley Read, Sayreville, 1:59:31; Fitness Walk Division; Jane Grail, Avon, 2:08:17.



# Runners brave icy air, surf for Asbury Polar Bear race

By DAN KAPLAN  
COASTAL MONMOUTH BUREAU

ASBURY PARK — Jim and Edna Rooney spent early Sunday afternoon on the boardwalk, of all places, cheering on their 18-year-old son in the 41st annual Asbury Park Polar Bear Races.

Despite the chilling winds and subfreezing temperatures, the Howell couple still mustered enough energy to root for Joseph Rooney each time he ran by in the five-mile event. But they also got to thinking — what if their son, a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy in Middletown, had pursued something besides cross-country racing?

"He probably should've tried out for swimming," Jim Rooney, 63, joked dur-



running into the strong head wind was difficult.

Most of the accomplished runners in the field said they've trained in elements much more frigid than Sunday's.

"I go to school in Michi-



Wearing bathing suits under their running outfits, the brave few jumped into the icy Atlantic Ocean, screaming as they hit the rough surf.

"They always say it's warmer in the winter,"

**"They always say it's warmer in the winter. They lie."**

— Rich Marino, 59,  
of East Brunswick

## Run

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"Asbury's coming back," said Clarence Lurch, 84, of Wall, the race's oldest entrant. "I can see it now."

Nine-time winner Harold Nolan, believed to be the only runner in the field to compete in the race for all 41 years, said he loves the event because it gives him a chance to see old friends.

Is the weather always this cold?

"We've had some days when it's been 70 degrees out here and some when it's been 10 degrees," said Nolan, who finished seventh.

Whatever the temperature, it doesn't seem to matter to Nolan. He was one of the few runners to race in shorts.

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# 2005

## 2005 Polar Bear 5 Mile Run

Place	Number	Age	Sex	First Name	Last Name	Time	Award
001	284	23	M	Tom	Falvey	25:29	1st Overall
002	289	25	M	Bill	Hoffman	25:30	2nd Overall
003	477	33	M	Joe	Pawlich	27:53	3rd Overall
004	411	25	M	Jeff	Propert	28:28	4th Overall
005	087	29	M	Bob	Horn	28:42	5th Overall
006	268	41	M	Juan	Venegas	28:44	6th Overall
007	403	31	M	Chris	Gebhardt	28:57	7th Overall
008	298	40	M	Mike	Bair	29:54	8th Overall
009	283	58	M	Harry	Nolan	30:07	9th Overall
010	257	54	M	Bill	Scholl	30:20	10th Overall
011	095	29	M	Tim	Horn	30:53	
012	303	16	F	Rachel	Provost	30:58	1st Overall
013	471	46	M	Ken	Vercammen	31:02	1st 40-49
014	366	48	M	Tom	Zarra	31:16	
015	339	27	F	Terra	Sarnacki	31:45	2nd Overall
016	395	42	F	Lauren	Rhatigan	32:14	3rd Overall
017	443	17	M	Anskar	Fosse	32:26	1st 18 & Under
018	258	35	M	Matthew	Shafer	32:33	1st 30-39
019	446	49	M	Richard	Brugger	32:48	
020	448	44	M	Doug	Twyman	33:08	
021	330	44	M	Brian	Holderness	33:24	
022	025	29	M	Mark	Doering	33:26	
023	428	47	M	Dave	Freund	33:27	
024	292	35	M	Mike	Monahan	33:40	
025	269	54	M	Fabio	Rico	33:43	1st 50-59
026	433	42	M	Jim	Redeker	33:44	
027	319	42	M	Sid	Aires	34:35	
028	445	38	M	Noelle	Delgado	35:04	
029	277	50	M	Sam	Vlacich	35:06	
030	304	14	F	Melissa	Provost	35:28	4th Overall
031	055	40	M	Chris	Dunford	35:41	
032	450	42	F	Suzanne	Ryan	35:47	5th Overall
032	452	41	M	Stephen	Ring	35:54	
033	290	51	M	Jim	Pate	36:06	
034	402	41	M	Brian	Sullivan	36:12	
035	398	53	F	Winnie	Ng-ngan	36:17	6th Overall
036	271	48	M	Stephen	Marva	36:22	
037	470	50	M	Ed	Mulligan	36:36	
038	344	14	M	Mike	Zarra	36:41	
039	341	54	M	John	Bergacs	36:51	
040	076	43	M	Andrew	Gehman	36:53	
041	045	11	M	Andrew	Dombrowiecki	36:59	
042	461	31	M	Dave	Breenberg	37:10	
044	276	48	M	Joe	Ladura	37:12	
045	418	23	M	Lence	Dayo	37:15	
046	060	51	F	Jan	Farnung-Krause	37:18	7th Overall
047	214	52	M	Peter	Kuchinski	37:26	
048	419	43	M	Mark	Pritchard	37:33	
049	274	60	M	Dave	Kaplan	37:34	1st 60-69
050	079	64	M	David	Gross	37:47	

## RUNNING

### POLAR BEAR RACES

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5-MILE MEN: 1. Tom Falvey, Long Branch, 25:29; 2. Bill Hoffman, Eatontown, 25:30; 3. Joe Pawlich, Asbury Park, 27:53; 4. Jeff Propert, Wall, 28:28; 5. Bob Horn, Brick, 28:42; 6. Juan Venegas, Summit, 28:44; 7. Chris Gebhardt, Alpine, 28:57; 8. Mike Bair, Holmdel, 29:54; 9. Harold Nolan, Middletown, 30:07; 10. Bill Scholl, Neptune, 30:20.

5-MILE WOMEN: 1. Rachel Provost, Millstone Twp., 30:58; 2. Terra Sarnacki, Long Branch, 31:45; 3. Lauren Rhatigan, Long Beach Twp., 32:14; 4. Melissa Provost, Millstone Twp., 32:26; 5. Suzanne Ryan, Clarksburg, 35:47; 6. Jan Farnung-Krause, Dunellen, 37:18; 7. Lisa Wilhelm, Little Egg Harbor, 37:59; 8. Joanne Cinter, Kaneohe, Hawaii, 38:21; 9. Katy Roberts, Alpine, 38:29; 10. Peg Kolbensschlag, Howell, 39:11.

10-MILE RACEWALK MEN: 1. John Soucheck, Little Silver, 1:20:41; 2. Rich Luet-

schau, Middlesex, 1:24:01; 3. Ron Salvio, Manchester, 1:43:34; 4. Randy Miller, Montville, 1:49:19; 5. Ben Ottmer, Freehold, 1:54:02; 2:15:42; 6. Art Glass, Red Bank, 1:56:13; 7. John Molendyk, Oak Ridge, 1:58:33; 8. Jim Parry, Belmar, 1:59:05; 9. Joe LaBruno, Bayonne, 2:03:36; 10. Tom Hartman, Cranford, 2:11:06. 10-MILE RACEWALK WOMEN: 1. Dana Vered, Paramus, 1:39:35; 2. Maria Paul, Long Branch, 1:52:01; 3. Karen Schroeder, Belmar, 1:59:59; 4. Deana MacLean-Roberts, Berkeley, 2:01:45; 5. Leigh Curtin-Wilding, Ocean Grove, 2:31:02.



# Espinosa puts finishing kick for the win

## STAFF REPORT

The Asbury Park Polar Bear Races, first staged on the Asbury Park boardwalk in 1964, continue to make history.

For the 21st straight year, the Polar Bear Races — staged by Shore Athletic Club and sponsored by Oxford Health Plans — produced a new men's five-mile run champion.

It was Pedro Espinosa, 23, of Freehold first over the line on the city's boards the afternoon of Dec. 30, as he unleashed a powerful finishing kick to win in 26 minutes and 21 seconds, just ahead of Fair Haven's Dickson Mercer, who had led most of the way but settled for second in 26:24. Toms River High School East star Neil Sheridan took third in 28:11.

Asbury Park's Joe Pawlish was fourth in 28:36.

"Every time I start, I try to do the best I can," said Espinosa, who won the Reindeer Romp 5K earlier this month in Point Pleasant Beach. "When I finished and saw my time, I felt very happy."

Not since Harold Nolan of Middletown won in 1985, repeating his victory of 1984, has a Polar Bear men's five-mile winner emerged in consecutive years.

Nolan, 59, and a nine-time winner, continues to rank as the Polar Bear event's most enduring participant. He ran his 43rd consecutive Polar Bear race in 31:38, placing 18th as second finisher over 50 in the field of 240.

It was a completely different story, though, in the women's division of the five-miler, as well as the co-featured 10-mile racewalk. Peddie School senior

ant (32:10) and Lauren Rhatigan of Ship Bottom (33:04).

For the third straight year, and ninth time in 11 years, John Soucheck of Little Silver reigned as Polar Bear 10-mile walking champion. He won it in 1:21:44 but this was a result that had a twist.

Rich Luetichau, a Richard Stockton College senior, actually walked the 10-miler faster than Soucheck, clocking a 1:18:33. Only trouble, though, was that he arrived late for the start and spotted Soucheck a 5:43 lead before taking chase.

Spotswood resident Tom Quattrocchi was third in 1:37:04.

The women's 10-mile walk, however, produced a new winner in Lisa-Marie Vellucci of Staten Island, N.Y., who walked the boards in 1:33:50.

Closest to her were Maria Paul of Long Branch (1:49:56) and Fran Emanuel of Brick (1:57:13).

## POLAR BEAR RACE RESULTS

**MEN'S 5-MILE RUN:** 1. Pedro Espinosa, Freehold, 26:21; 2. Dickson Mercer, Fair Haven, 26:24; 3. Neil Sheridan, Toms River, 28:11; 4. Joe Pawlish, Asbury Park, 28:36; 5. Adam Nalven, Brick, 29:06; 6. Jeff Propert, Wall, 29:14; 7. Andrew Dinnebell, Toms River, 29:24; 8. Tim Ragan, Spring Lake, 29:27; 9. Chris Peters, Barnegat, 29:34; 10. Joe Ward, Spring Lake, 29:52.

**WOMEN'S 5-MILE RUN:** 1. Rachel Provost, Millstone, 30:34; 2. Dianne DiOliveira, Point Pleasant, 32:10; 3. Lauren Rhatigan, Ship Bottom, 33:04; 4. Cameron Parke, 33:06; 5. Melissa Provost, Millstone, 33:24; 6. Stephanie Dixon, 34:51; 7. Jennifer Lanterman, Jersey City, 35:11; 8. Kristen Fagan, 35:41; 9. Maura Boiger, Brielle, 36:10; 10. Peg Kolbenschlager, 36:22.

**MEN'S 10-MILE RACEWALK:** 1. John Soucheck, Little Silver, 1:21:44; 2. Rich Luetichau, Middlesex, 1:18:33 (started 5:43 late); 3.





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## RUNNING

**44TH ANNUAL ASBURY PARK POLAR BEAR RACES** will be held Dec. 29 on the boardwalk. The Polar Bear 5-mile run will start at 1 p.m. and will be preceded by the 10-mile racewalk, and 5-mile health and fitness walk at 10 a.m. The races are staged by Shore Athletic Club and sponsored by Oxford Health Plans. Special awards will go to leading finishers and traditional commemorative T-shirts to all entrants. Registration for all events will be held

in the lobby of Convention Hall. Telephone (732) 409-3948, visit the Web at [www.shoreac.org](http://www.shoreac.org) or e-mail [elliottden@aol.com](mailto:elliottden@aol.com) for additional information.

### 2007 (Short Course)

1. Jeff Peterson	23:48	Andres Chocho	1:14:14
2. Craig Segal	23:48	Rich Luchchau	1:19:19
3. Jeff Propert	25:29	John Soucheck	1:22:23

2007 Lauren Rhatigan

28:40

Loretta McGovern

1:32.37



# Run 5 miles, then cool off in the ocean?

By **SAMETTA M. THOMPSON**  
KEYPORT BUREAU

**ASBURY PARK** — Pedro Espinosa knows all about giving a solid performance.

In 2006, Espinosa of Freehold finished first in the annual Asbury Park Polar Bear 5-mile run. On Sunday, in the latest running of the race that has become a city tradition, he came out on top again, this time running against a strong but warm wind on the boardwalk.

"I feel very happy," said Espinosa, who finished with a time of 27:06 in the men's portion. "I trained so hard in the last couple of months. This is the result."

Espinosa, 25, who has also competed in races in New York and Boston, was among some 240 runners who took part in the race, which started at 1 p.m. at Convention Hall.

Runners completed four loops on the boardwalk. Shore Athletic Club sponsored the 45th annual run, which offered participants the option of taking an after-race plunge in the ocean.

Longtime coordinator Elliott Denman, a journalist and former Olympian, said the crowd was a bit smaller this year. Still, he said, "there were lots of enthusiastic people and terrific performers."

Erin Lunny, 19, of Middletown, a graduate of Red Bank Catholic High School, finished first in the women's 5-mile race with a time of 31:58. A student at the University of Richmond in Virginia, Lunny also competed last year. Taking part in this year's run, she said, has helped her prepare for the indoor-track season at her college.

"I needed to get a hard work-

out," Lunny said. "Going against the wind made it difficult. But it feels good. It was fun."

A resident of Vienna, Va., but formerly of Holmdel, Eric Maggio has been running in the Polar Bear race since 1997. Maggio came to spend the holiday with his mother, Doris, who still lives in Holmdel. His two daughters, Quinlan, 16, and Anya, 14, ran with their father for the first time.

Anya said the race was a little tough because the wind pushed her slim body in all directions.

"But it was fun, though. It was an enjoyable experience to run with my sister," she said.

"I do it to stay in shape," said Eric Maggio, 46. "Be a part of the running community. Keep a healthy family."

As for Bryelle Echols, 7, of Tinton Falls, she got an award for being the smallest person in the race. A second-grader at Mahala F. Atchison Elementary School, Bryelle was present with her aunt Valerie Echols-Gardner, 44, of

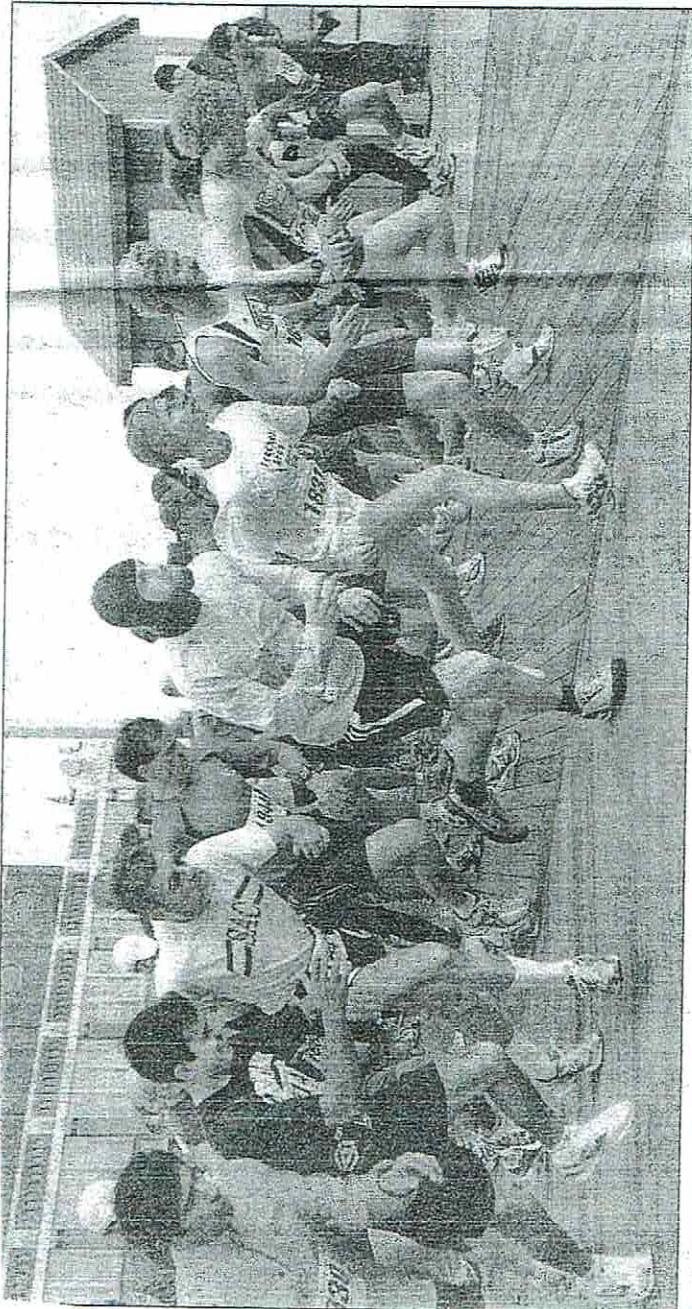
Neptune. The girl was one of the few runners who took a plunge in the ocean.

"It was her first experience," said Echols-Gardner. "She was the inspiration; she actually pulled me in the race."

"It was cold, and I like it," Bryelle said of the water. "I want to go back."

A 10-mile race walk also was held earlier Sunday. Richard Leuttchau of Middlesex Borough finished the race first in 1:18:29. On the women's side, Panse Geer of Hazlet finished first in 1:51:49.

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Left: Participants in the Asbury Park Polar Bear 5-mile run begin the race Sunday on the city's boardwalk. (Staff photos: ANDY FRANK)



# Capping off holiday weekend

By **KIM FREDHAM**  
STAFF WRITER

**ASBURY PARK** — Neither snow nor ice could have kept 200-plus hardy souls from running the city's boards Sunday.

But luckily for them, the weather gods had something better in mind.

"We were so fortunate with the weather," said Elliott Denman, a former Olympian and newspaperman who first brought runners together 46 years ago for the Polar Bear Races.

An annual post-Christmas tradition, the races are put on by the Shore Athletic Club of New Jersey and sponsored by restaurateur Tim McLoone.

A 10-mile racewalk was held in the morning, followed by a five-mile race at 1 p.m.

"It's a way of working off ... all the overeating and overindulging (of the holidays)," Denman said.

For some, the races are also a way to reconnect with old acquaintances.



Runners take off at the start of the Polar Bear Races on the Asbury Park boardwalk.

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for a photo gallery from the Polar Bear Races.

Harry Nolan of Middletown was a teenager when he ran in the first-ever Polar Bear Races. When he went off to college, the races were where he would

meet up with old friends who had gone off in their own directions.

"It's nostalgic. ... It's kind of like going back home," said Nolan, now 62.

Nolan was one of more than 200 people who participated in Sunday's five-mile run on the city boardwalk. Racers ran five loops from just south of Convention Hall to the Casino and back.

They moved to the beat of holiday songs played by the Santa suit-wearing Dave De-

Monico on the trumpet and Keyport resident Chick Albers on the bass drum.

Runners were sent off with the tune of "Jingle Bells," and those who were fading got their own little melodies to revive their spirits.

"They (runners) love it!" said DeMonico, 42, of Ocean Township. DeMonico, himself a runner, said he performs for many local races.

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## 10-MILE RACEWALK, MEN: 1.

Andres Chocho, Ecuador, 1:10:18. Polar Bear record (old record was 1:11:43 by Ray Funkhouser in 1984); 2. Richard Luettichau, Middlesex, 1:21:44; 3. Dave Talcott, Johnson City, N.Y., 1:22:29 (first ages 40 to 49); 4. John Soucheck, Little Silver, 1:26:58; 5. Marin Perez, Newark, 1:29:16; 6. Bruce Logan, New York, 1:38:43; 7. Tom Quattrocchi, Spotswood, 1:46:22 (first ages 50 to 59); 8. John Fredericks, Brick, 1:49:46 (first ages 60 to 69); 9. Manny Eilsner, Aberdeen, 2:04:13; Also, Ben Ottmer, Freehold, 2:04:52 (first ages 70 to 79.)

## 10-MILE RACEWALK, WOMEN: 1.

Erin Taylor, Bergenfield, 1:32:28; 2. Panse Geer, Hazlet, 1:53:06 (first ages 60 to 69); 3. Gail Warshaw, Demarest, 1:53:08 (first ages 50 to 59); 4. Maria Paul, Long Branch, 1:53:52 (first ages 40 to 49); 5. Susan Middaugh, Brick, 2:04:16.

## FIVE-MILE RACE, WOMEN: 1.

Briana Jackucevitz, Howell, 30:46; 2. Lindsay Ritchings, Point Pleasant Beach, 31:16; 3. Caitlin Dorgan, Red Bank, 31:27; 4. Kellee Hand, Howell, 32:13; 5. Dactilia Booth, 32:39 (first ages 30 to 39); 6. Laura Wronski, Edison, 32:58 (first ages 40 to 49); 7. Lauren Rhattigan, Long Beach Township, 33:43; 8. Justine Perlberg, Little Rock, Ark., 34:54; 9. Jeanne Cinter, Kaneohe, Hawaii, 36:19; 10. Cristelle LaRosa, 36:56. Also, Maddy Picard, 39:30 (first age 19 and younger); Jan Farnung-Krause, Dunellen, 38:14 (first ages 50 to 59); Jo Ann Coffee, Somerset, 38:32 (first ages 60 to 69).

## THE WINNERS

The following runners were the leaders in the 46th annual Polar Bear Races on Sunday in Asbury Park:

### FIVE-MILE RACE, MEN: 1. Matt

Forys, Howell, 25:20; 2. Jeff Propert, Wall, 26:02; 3. Marc Altenau, West Long Branch, 28:54; 4. Farnese DaSilva, West Long Branch, 29:34 (first ages 40 to 49); 5. Joe Rooney, 29:45 (first ages 20 to 29); 6. Brice Kane, Howell, 30:13 (first age 19 and younger); 7. Aaron Cherry, Rutherford, 30:59; 8. Kyle Shaughnessy, Farmingdale, 31:21; 9. Chris Joe, Wethersfield, Conn., 31:41; 10. William Miller, West Long Branch, 31:58. Also, David Franz, Denville, 32:48 (first ages 30 to 39); David Hoch, East Brunswick, 34:00 (first ages 50 to 59); Harold Nolan, Middletown, 32:24 (1st 60-69); James Leitz, Bayonne, 36:06 (first ages 70 to 79); Hal Smith, Freehold, 1:01:44 (first 80 and older).



# More than 100 participate in Shore Athletic Club's 47th event

By **KIM FREDHAM LUEDDEKE**  
STAFF WRITER

**ASBURY PARK** — In 47 years, the Shore Athletic Club of New Jersey has never canceled its Polar Bear Races.

So for a little thing like snow — even a predicted 16 or more inches — organizers were not about to call off Sunday's post-Christmas race along the city boardwalk.

"This was not the worst year," Harry Nolan, who has competed in every Polar Bear Race since it began, told a hardy crowd of runners and fans who stuck around for a postrace awards ceremony at the Grand Arcade.

Believed to be the oldest five-mile run in the nation, the Shore Athletic Club's annual Polar Bear Race is a tradition for many area runners. The race was preceded Sunday by a 10-mile walk won by 24-year-old Andres Chocho of Ecuador, who completed the walk in one hour, 35 minutes and one second.



Lauren Rhatigan of Surf City is lifted up by fellow plungers after the race.

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## Polar

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Nolan, 63, of Middletown, has run in the Polar Bear Race when the temperature was 5 below zero and when the race course was "pure ice." Even so, he considered skipping this year's race when he saw the snow start to fall.

"Any other race, I'd probably go back to bed," he said.

But Nolan did show up, one of 117 runners who finished the Polar Bear Race, which was cut to three miles this year because of the weather. Many of the competitors were bundled up in sweat pants and jackets to ward off the sleeting snow and chilly temperatures.

"It was intense," said Howell native Joe Rooney, the first to cross the finish line at 18 minutes, 33 seconds.

Rooney, a triathlete, guessed he has run in the Polar Bear Race four times. This year, he said, "it was kind of rough. But there was a lot of energy out there."

The first female to complete the race was Allison Linnell of Colts Neck, who runs for University of Washington's cross-country team.

Linnell, 20, clocked in at 18 minutes, 54 seconds.

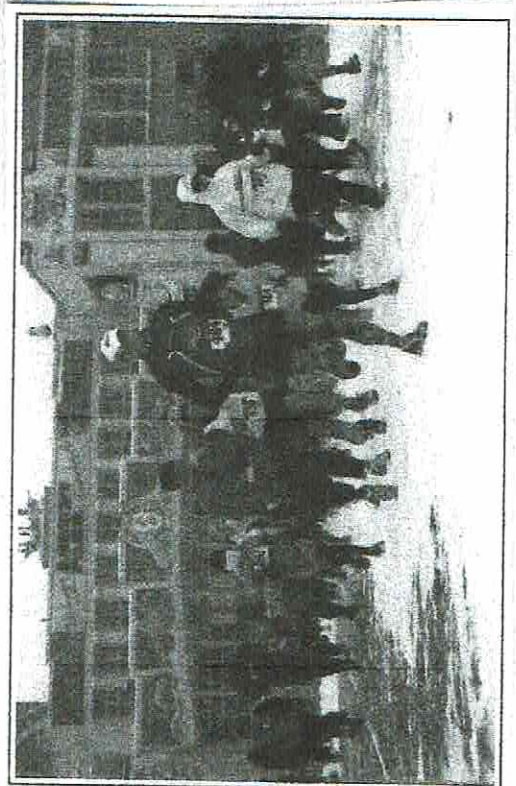
Ice formed on her eyelashes as she ran and could barely see, Linnell said after the race. But, she said, "it was fun. ... Definitely makes you tougher."

Runners probably got a boost from the sight and sounds of Dave DeMonico, a fixture at the Polar Bear Races for years now.

The Ocean Township resident was out there on the boards once again this year, wearing his trademark Santa suit and playing tunes on his trumpet for the competitors.

"It's fun. People seem to like it," said DeMonico, 43.

DeMonico also was the one to start another annual







The 48th Annual Asbury Park Polar Bear Races were held on the resort city's famed boardwalk on New Year's Eve. FRANK GALIPO/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

## Polar Bear runners foot five-miler

By Chris Christopher  
Staff Writer

ASBURY PARK — The results are in from the 48th annual Polar Bear Five-Mile Race on New Year's Eve on the boardwalk.

The event was staged by the Shore Athletic Club under the direction of Elliott Denman. There were 460 finishers.

**Male overall leaders:** Gerard Sciafani, 21, Rutherford, 27:33.07; Tom Yakowenko, 43, Metuchen, 27:44.74; Rob Napolitano, 17, Brick, 28:06.21; Nathan Twomey, San Diego, 28:37; Patrick Sheehan, Mooresville, 28:42; Patrick Hill, Rumson, 28:43; Jeff Propert, Wall, 28:48; Joe Donahue, Point Pleasant, 28:48; Colin Johnson, Clark, 28:54; Tyler Gillies, Howell, 28:54

**Female overall leaders:** Allison Linnell, 21, Colts Neck,

30:19.10; Caitlin Dorgan, 23, Red Bank, 30:55.55; Jacqui Gordon, 38, Point Pleasant, 31:36.03; Elizabeth Campbell, 31:44; Dawn Wilcox, Shrewsbury, 32:17; Samantha Farina, Bayville, 33:42; Sheila Scotti, Newport News, Va., 34:27; Caren McCormack, Little Silver, 33:51; Amanda Farina, Bayville, 34:45

**Female 1-18 age group leaders:** Taylor Racioppi, 14, Ocean, 37:34.00; Christien Adams, 12, Mount Laurel, 37:59.74; Erin Largey, 17, Oceanport, 38:34.36

**Male 1-18 leaders:** Tim Latner, 18, Allendale, 29:14.69; Andrew Dombrowiecki, 17, Ocean, 29:58.73; Ryan Denver, 18, 30:27.91

**Female 19-29 leaders:** Erin McCarthy, 27, Belford, 35:35.66; Megan Okuniewicz, 23, Tomis River, 36:22.00; Alex Okuniewicz, 21, 36:23.24

**Male 19-29 leaders:** Dan

Teichmann, 19, East Windsor, 28:58.59; Dylan Lynch, 20, 29:45.41; Daniel Lenahan, 19, Wall, 30:08.27

**Female 30-39 leaders:** Heather Monahan, 33, Wall, 35:53.06; Liz Spector, 36, Manalapan, 36:43.00; Alyson Freeman, 36, 37:40.63

**Male 30-39 leaders:** Anthony Canova, 32, Farmingdale, 30:06.06; Joe Ward, 32, Wall, 21:21.59; Chad Safran, 38, Freehold, 31:31.57

**Female 40-49 leaders:** Bettina Shepard, 45, Brick, 34:47.70; Christie Patla, 43, Aberdeen, 36:30.72; Jo Cinter, 44, Kaneone, 36:49.98

**Male 40-49 leaders:** Greg Sheehan, 45, Mooresville, 30:56.57; Jeff Nichols, 40, 31:58.00; Chris Marino, 47, Lavallette, 34:16.33

Taking the men's walk crown was Soucheck, who won for a record 11th time. Geer is one of the nation's top-ranked Masters racewalkers.

For the 48th consecutive year, Nolan played a prominent role in the Polar Bear action.

Nolan was there on the starting line when the first Polar Bear Run was staged in 1964 — this was a race won by John McDonnell, who went on to recognition at Arkansas as one of the most successful coaches in American collegiate track and cross country history — and Nolan was back on the starting line for this one, earning rounds of applause from his fellow runners.

"This is an incredible tradition and I think it's just great to see it going so strongly after all these years; I'm always happy to be a part of it," said Nolan, who'd won it nine times in past years and won the men's 60-69 divisional title in this one.

In addition to Nolan's role as a racer, he is the Polar Bear event's official historian. And his archives remind us that the five-mile event records are Ray Cerankowski's 24:35 in 1982, for men, and Alicia Kelly's 28:27 in 1995, for women.

**Female 50-59 leaders:**

Lori Bugert, 51, Brick, 38:07.81; Cathy Capozzi, 54, Middletown, 38:28.64; Diane Weeks, 52, Metuchen, 39:24.40

**Male 50-59 leaders:**

Tom Cawley, 52, Hazlet, 31:30.62; Brian Hanlon, 50, Toms River, 33:50.62; Bob Halthcock, 56, 34:08.30

**Female 60-69 leaders:**

Marcy Seymour, 62, Toms River, 50:55.76; Patricia O'Hanlon, 68, Jersey City, 53:23.31

**Male 60-69 leaders:**

Harold Nolan, 64, Middletown, 33:31.41; Mike Washakowski, 60, Ocean, 37:27.59; Jack Bleach, 64, Belmar, 38:04.04

**Female 70-79 leaders:**

Marilyn Ryder, 70, Long Branch, 47:09.56

**Male 70-79 leaders:**

Dick Hill, 75, Middletown,

### 10-mile racewalk

(male overall leaders):

John Soucheck, Little Silver, 1:29.08; Bill Vayo, White Plains, N.Y., 1:35.20; Bruce Logan, New York City, 1:40.38; Nickolas Day, Queens, N.Y., 1:40.38;

### 10-mile racewalk

(female overall leaders):

Panse Geer, Hazlet, 1:49.41; Maria Paul, Long Branch, 1:52.12; Brigitta Graf, Middletown, 2:09.47; Stephanie Akers, Florham Park, 2:16.29; Elizabeth

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2012

## Weather just right for polar bears but not runners (Photos)

RUNNING | DECEMBER 30, 2012 | BY: BOB BOTH |

The **49th Annual Polar Bear Races** were held in Asbury Park, N.J. on Sunday, December 30, 2012.

It was a cold and windy day with temperatures in the 30's and winds gusts of over 30 miles per hour jostling the participants as they made their way through the course. It was just right for polar bears but a tough day for the runners.

The races started with a 10K Race Walk at 10 a.m. on the boardwalk on the north side of Asbury Park's Convention Hall. The walkers did several loops up and down the boardwalk and finished at the doors of the hall.



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Polar Bear 5K start

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At 1 p.m. the 5K run started a hundred meters or so north of Convention Hall on the boardwalk and had the runners do 4 loops to the finish.

Race Director, **Shannon Gillespie** of Neptune, N.J. gave the throng of several hundred runners their instructions and then gave the start command.

Coming in first for the men was **Andrew Brodeur** of Brick, N.J. in a time of 16:47. He was followed by Dwayne Penny Alexis of Brooklyn, N.Y. in 18:15 and then Patrick Sheehan of Mooresville, N.J. in 18:30.

For the women it was **Nicole Corre** of Red Bank, N.J. in a time of 22:13 followed by Caitlin Dorgan of Red Bank, N.J. in 22:26 and then Dawn Wilcox of Little Silver, N.J. in 22:30.

Harry Nolan who has run in the race all 49 years and winning the event in 1972, 1973, 1979, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1990, and 1996 finished in 41st place with a time of 24:06..

Elliot Denman of Shiore AC has also been present at all 49 races as an organizer and is looking forward to next year's 50th Anniversary.A

After the run a group of participants did their annual plunge into the frigid ocean. For at least that group of "wanna be" polar bears the weather was just right.

The participants then headed over to McCloone's on the boardwalk for the awards and a post race party - and also to warm up with some hot soup.



# Brodeur wins rainy Polar Bear 5-miler

By Elliott Denman  
for NJ Press Media

ASBURY PARK -- First staged in 1964, and ever since on the last weekend of the year, the Asbury Park Polar Bear Races have dealt with an array of weather situations -- everything from blizzards to driving rainstorms to temperatures just above zero and, yes, to temps well into the 60s.

So the racers -- both runners and racewalkers in this event that now ranks as one of the nation's longest-running holiday competitions -- have learned to be prepared for whatever the meteorological gods have chosen to dish out.

History was again served on Sunday, as over 250 took part in the co-featured 5-mile run and 10-mile racewalk, slogging it out over the city's boardwalk and roadways despite the steady rain, cold and generally challenging conditions.

"You guys were awesome," 5-mile run director Shannon Gillespie told the competitors at the post-race awards ceremony.

Specially so were the winners -- men's champion Andrew Brodeur of Bethesda, Md. (25:13.67) and women's winner Caitlin Dorgan of Red Bank (30:33.62) in the 5-mile run, and 10-mile racewalk leaders John Soucheck of Little Silver (1:36.29) and Maria Paul of Long Branch (1:58.07.)

They toughed it out in true Polar Bear tradition. Brodeur, the former

*"The weather? If you're a true Polar Bear, you learn to deal with whatever you get."*

**HAROLD NOLAN**  
The original Polar Bear

Brick Memorial High School and Duke University star now teaching school, repeated his 2012 victory, when the course was shortened to 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) in the aftermath of superstorm Sandy conditions. And it was a perfect warmup for the Shore AC member's next big start -- he's headed to the High Mountain 10K in Mandeville, Jamaica, as its defending champion on Jan. 26.

"I'm sure the weather will be a little different down there than it was in Asbury Park," said Brodeur, 23, chilled but smiling as he downed a cup of hot bean and bacon soup provided all the racers by McLoone's Asbury Grille.

Dorgan, 25, placed ninth overall as she outran Amanda Tripoli of Englishtown (31:43.36) for the women's title.

But the loudest applause of the day was reserved for Harold Nolan of Middletown, "the original Polar Bear," as he finished 27th in 33:40.36. He ran his first Polar Bear race as a Middletown High School student in 1964 and has been here every year since -- sometimes coming back from Utah, Nebraska and New Hampshire to compete. A nine time winner, he's still at the top of his game at age 66.

"This actually was one of my best races in quite a while," said Nolan. "I'm over the injuries and running well again. Of course, you know I wouldn't miss this race no matter what."

"The weather? If you're a true Polar Bear, you learn to deal with whatever you get."

Once again, some Polar Bears took it another step -- by taking a post-race dip in the frigid Atlantic Ocean.

"It's not as bad as it looked; it's just psychological," said Polar Bear Dave DeMonico of Ocean Township, who saw triple duty as the race's designated Santa Claus, and leading the runners in a spirited pre-race singing of the National Anthem.

"This race is never easy," said Soucheck, a frequent Polar Bear racewalk winner over the years. "And this year was one of the toughest. But it wouldn't be the Polar Bear if people weren't talking about the weather."

The races were once again hosted by Shore AC volunteers and friends, and staged in cooperation with City of Asbury Park officials and the support of local merchants. A post-race awards ceremony was held at the Berkeley Oceanfront Hotel.



RUNNING NOTEBOOK

# Polar Bear races bring season to close

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The 51st annual Asbury Park Polar Bear Races, scheduled for Sunday on the boardwalk, will bring down the curtain on another busy Shore area road racing season in traditional fashion.

First staged in 1964, the Polar Bear Races, a doubleheader hosted by Shore AC featuring a 5K (3.1-mile) run at 1 p.m. after a 10-mile racewalk and 5-mile healthwalk at 10 a.m., have attracted many of the sport's notables over the years.

Among them have been star distance runners Bill Reilly, Marty Liquori, Vince Cartier, Fred Best, Bill Scholl, Rich Kenah and Andrew Brodeur, and standout racewalkers Todd Scully, Dave Roman-sky, Bob Minum, John Soucheck and Andres Chocho, internationalists all.

But the most enduring Polar Bear of all is Middletown's Harold Nolan. He ran that first Polar Bear event as a high school student in 1964 and hasn't missed one since. No matter where he was based - and at times it was Utah, Nebraska or New Hampshire - Nolan found a way to be in Asbury Park on Polar Bear day.

"Wouldn't miss it for the world," he's often said. "It got such amazing history to it. And it's always great to see so many friends home for the holidays."

Day-of-race sign-ups will be happily received, along with shirt and number pick-up, at race headquarters, Kim Marie's Irish Pub, 1411 Kingsley Ave., Asbury Park. A post-race ocean dip with Santa is a post-race option.

## Cross Country Nationals held at Lehigh University

The USA Track and Field National Club Cross Country Championships, staged Dec. 13 at Lehigh University, saw Shore AC athletes play several starring



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Matawan's Sam Anderson, shown here in 2013, won the 300 and 600 at the Demarest Invitational Meet last Saturday at the Bennett Center in Toms River.

roles.

In the Masters 10K men's race, Shore AC runners claimed the over-all national team title in the 70-79 division and the Shore AC 60-69 squad placed fourth.

SAC's winning 70s team, Przemyslaw Nowicki, Ed Smith, Roland Cormier and John Nowakowski, took their national crown by holding off top challengers Atlanta and Clifton.

In the 60s event, SAC's Reno Stirrat, Spider Rossiter, Tony Plaster, John Kilduff, Arthur Noland, Marc Bloom, Harold Nolan and James Wright trailed only the Atlanta, Ann Arbor and Cal Coast teams. Stirrat was a strong second in in-

dividual scoring.

Mike Mooney, Doug Twyman and Scott Linnell led Shore AC to 19th place in 50-59.

In women's 6K Masters racing, the Shore AC squad of Lauren Rhatigan, Diane Rothman and Lori Scisco placed 11th in 50-59, and teammates Dawn Wilcox, Laura Deykerhoff and Kimberly Gittines were 19th in 40-49.

The men's Open 10K title went to Oregonian Ryan Hill (29:08) with Colts Neck High School and University of Michigan graduate Craig Forsys fourth in 29:14.

A record field of over 1,800 competed in the four-race Lehigh program.

## Indoor season under way

The scholastic indoor track season is underway and Shore athletes have starred in meets in New York and New Jersey.

The Jim Mitchell Meet at The Armory Dec. 19 in New York saw Shore's Andrew Linkowitz win the shot put (55-11) and Mike Zupko the 300 (35.40), Chris Alexander run second in the 60 hurdles (7:90) and Drake Anzani third in the 1000 (2:35:53.)

Manchester high jumper Frieson Ceyemere (6-4) and St. Rose shot putter Luke Prodeska (54-20) earned silver medals in the Bishop Loughlin Games at the Armory Dec. 20. For Jackson, Ryan Rafferty ran sixth in the mile (4:27:59), Aaron Turet was seventh in the triple jump (43-00) and Vincent Lee eighth in the long jump (20-11).

Montgomery (42 points) and Old Bridge (39) went 1-2 in boys team scoring with Freehold Township and Matawan (35 each) tied for third at the Demarest Invitational Meet last Saturday at the Bennett Center "bubble" in Toms River.

It was Southern (53), Weequahic (48) and Matawan (32) 1-2-3 in girls scoring.

Raritan's Joe Cowley won the boys 1000 (2:39:34) and Neptune's Marvin Morgan (6:63) the 60. East Brunswick's Ayman Saleh and Matawan's Matthew Isaacson went 1-2 in the pole vault, both clearing 12-6.

Matawan sophomore Sam Anderson was a double winner in the girls meet with a 41.89 300 and 1:58 600. Donovan Catholic sophomore Alyssa Wilson (42-80) and Ocean's Michelle Macia (39-60) went 1-2 in the shot put. Nicole Macco of Matawan led the pole vaulters at 10-6.

The Bennett "bubble" season continues with the Merit Invitational Meet on Saturday.



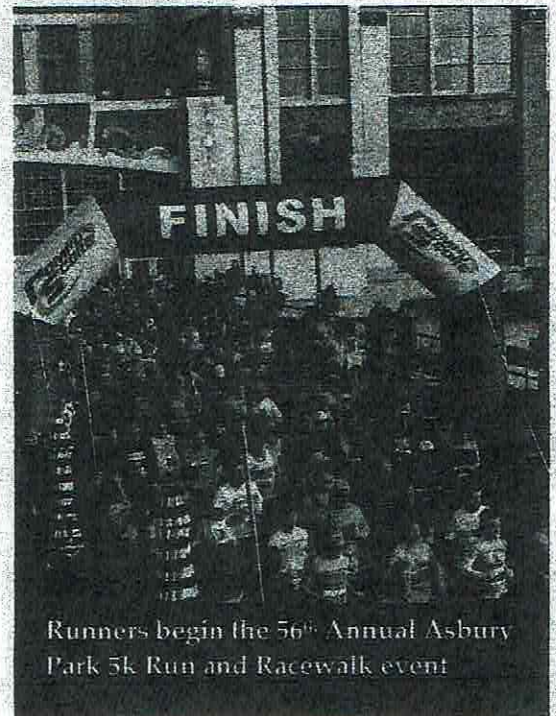
# 2019

## 56th ANNUAL ASBURY PARK POLAR BEAR RACES ATTRACTS A RECORD NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

*By Elliott Denman*

The 56th Annual Asbury Park Polar Bear Races attracted a record number of participants at the 2019 edition of the event. Over 500 athletes turned out on a perfect fifty degree day to run in both the 5000 meter run and 5000 meter Racewalk. The traditional end of the year event was held on December 28th, and again was conducted by the Shore Athletic Club, who began the event in 1964. The races have been conducted both on and off the boardwalk for the entire fifty-six years of its existence. While it has never been cancelled, athletes over the years have run in snow storms, icy roads, gale winds and sub-freezing temperatures.

Leading the way this year were the Scheid brothers, Jeremy (15:31) and Justin (15:33), who were one hundred yards clear of third place finisher Mark Sidebottom, who clocked in with A 15:52. On the women's side, it was Kerry Dyke covering the Asbury boardwalk course in 17:35. Polar Bear race coordinator Erin O'Neil performed double duty finishing a solid second in 19:50.72, with Linda Spooner, a Massachusetts resident finished third in 20:47.72. The finishing time by the Scheid's moved them to the fourth and fifth fastest all-time 5k finishers in the men's race. Former U.S. Olympian Marty Liquori set the record of 15:23 in 1975, while Shore A.C. member Amanda Marino is the women's record holder with a 17:41 run in 2016. Running in the race again this year was 72 year old Dr. Harry Nolan. Nolan has run in every one of the 56 polar bear races since his days at Middletown (North) high school, and remains the third fastest polar bear runner ever.



Runners begin the 56th Annual Asbury Park 5k Run and Racewalk event

The 5k Racewalk saw newcomer Tim Chelius out walk the field finishing with a 31:35.44, out racing Fred Linkhard (32:57.51) and Ray Robertson (36:57.21) in the men's division. Lori Schoch not only won the women's division race, was but second overall in the race. She crossed the line in 32:40.57, out pacing Monica Loperena (42:40.63) and Paloma Loperena (42:48.80). Watching the walkers keenly was 85 year old Elliott Denman, a 1956 U.S. Olympian in the 50k Racewalk. Denman began the Polar Bear races in 1964, and has only missed one time in officiating the event over the years.

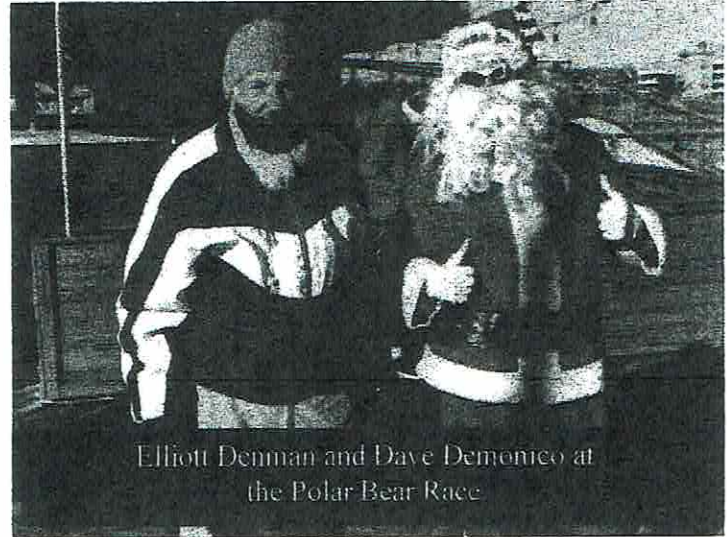
The event was supported by a number of volunteers from Red Bank Regional and Manalapan High School, and the Gone Running Athletes. Additional support was provided by a number of donors who contributed to this year's Polar Bear event.



## KUS, O'NEILL WIN 57<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ASBURY PARK POLAR BEAR 5K RACE

*By Elliott Denman*

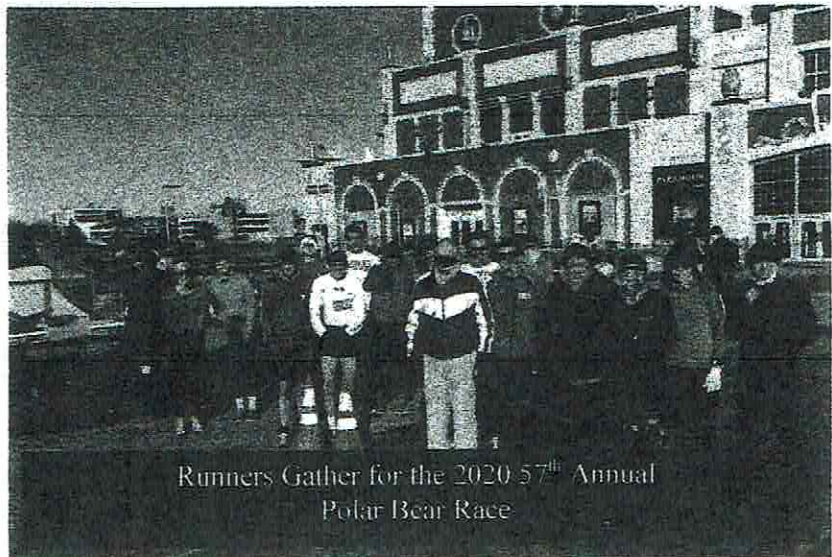
Nolan Kus, a freshman student at Quinnipiac University won the 5k race at the 57<sup>th</sup> running of the annual Asbury Park Polar Bear Carnival on December 27, 2020. Taking the lead from the start, Kus built up twenty-yard gap over second place runner Dan Campbell of Middletown to win in 19:21. Campbell was clocked in a close 19:32, while it was new comer Christian Politan taking third place in the men's division in 21:51. Erin O'Neill ran off with the women's title in a quick 20:09, with Liz Geiger (26:36) and Leslie Nowicki (26:39) capturing the second and third spots. The race once again was held on the Asbury Park Boardwalk, with runners traveling from Convention Hall out to Ocean Grove and back over a two-loop course.



Elliott Denman and Dave Demonico at  
the Polar Bear Race

The Polar Bear Carnival event is the oldest road race within the shore region, and one of the oldest in New Jersey. It was first organized in 1964 by former Asbury Park Press sport's writer and 1956 Olympian Elliott Denman. Denman was on hand once again this year to help with the race administration. While the program of races has changed in distance over the years, and the actual course has varied due to weather conditions and construction on the Asbury Park Boardwalk, this year's race took on a different tone of its own. Limited in the number participants that were allowed to gather for outside events to twenty-five people due to state COVID-19 restrictions, the race became an invitational event of mostly club members and past winners of the race. Thus, the race once again maintained its reputation as an event which has never been cancelled for any reason.

Among the participants this year were former 1974 winner Phil Hinck and Shore A.C.'s Dr. Harry Nolan, who has won nine of the races over the years between 1972 to 1996. Nolan has also run in every one of the Polar Bear races going back to his high school days at Middletown (North) High School. Also helping Denman in the race management was Shore A.C. President Walter MacGowan handling the administration and longtime club member John Kuhl serving as Chief Timer. The number of runners this year was a far cry from the 2019 event which saw over five hundred athletes take part. The 2021 race is scheduled for December 26<sup>th</sup>, and hopes to be back to full participation.



Runners Gather for the 2020 57<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Polar Bear Race



2021

**PEDERSEN, DYKE RUN TO VICTORIES  
AT 58TH ANNUAL ASBURY PARK  
POLAR BEAR RACES ON BOARDWALK;  
PAUL AND LOGAN LEAD RACEWALKERS.**

By ELLIOTT DENMAN

**ASBURY PARK - The Asbury Park Polar Bear Races - held to a limited few participants by the Covid pandemic raging at Holiday Time 2020 - were back at virtually full strength for their 58th annual edition on Sunday morning, December 26th, 2021.**

**That was the very good news delivered at the Day-After-Christmas special, the gala event whose history dates back to 1964, which attracted nearly 300 participants and crowds of onlookers to the Asbury Park boardwalk. All the racers were sent on their way by the honorary starter, Asbury Park councilwoman Eileen Chapman.**

**The featured 5K race winners were a coast-to-coast combination.**

**As Robert Pedersen Jr. of Santa Rosa, California was racing to a men's 5K triumph in the Polar Bear record-time of 15:14.18, Perth Amboy resident Kerry Dyke, a star member host Shore Athletic Club's women's distance racing team, was leading the women's division in 18:49, quick but not up to her own Polar Bear-record pace of 17:35, dating to 2019.**

**Pedersen did something very special - cracking the Polar Bear 5K record of 15:23 set by the famed Marty Liquori 46 years ago.**

**It was the remarkable Liquori, then of Cedar Grove, whose brilliant career started at Essex High School in Newark and continued on at Villanova University, and reached**

**Recent Monmouth University star Kyle Mueller ran second in 15:45.27, with Middletown brothers Brian (15:45.30) and Kyle Hill (15:46.44), both former Christian Brothers Academy stars, in 3-4.**

**Completing the top five was Kyle Spector of Manalapan (16:02.04), now excelling at**

**Just one Polar Bear runner has been at the event for all 58 years - and that is Middletown's Harold Nolan, a member of both the Shore Athletic Club and National Masters Halls of Fame. A nine-time Polar Bear champion over the years, Nolan continues in excellent form. He was clocked in at 25:55.47 in 93rd place, and second spot just nine seconds back of Monmouth Beach's Mike Washakowski atop the men's 70-74 division.**

**Nolan was given special recognition at the start of the race by Shore AC president Walter MacGowan, who was serving as meet announcer.**

**"Thanks for the personal mention of my 58 years," said Nolan.**

**"Good job on (organizing) the Polar Bear," Nolan told event director Erin O'Neill. "It was nice to see a big turnout: it was a good day for racing."**



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# News/ Blog

## **RAFFERTY AND HUNEKE TAKE HONORS IN THE 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POLAR BEAR CARNAVAL 5K**

Ryan Rafferty and Amanda Huneke took the men's and women's crowns in the 59<sup>th</sup> edition of the Asbury Park Carnaval 5k run on December 31. Rafferty went right to the lead at the start of the race with runners Justin Scheid and Riley Maher hot on his heels. At the midway point all three were close together, but Rafferty pulled away on the return trip to Asbury Park's Convention Hall to break the tape in a fast 15:47.92. That time placed Rafferty as the 11<sup>th</sup> fastest runner in the history of the event. Scheid, a two time winner of the event landed a close second in 15:53.28, while Maher clocked in with a 16:08.89.

Amanda Huneke established a strong lead throughout the race, finishing in a fast 18:26.44, but well off the record of 17:35 set by Kerry Dyke in 2019. Runners Erika Flores and Casey Hopkins battled it out for most of the race, with Flores pulling away to land second in 18:42.75, with Casey taking third in 18:51.21. Over 300 runners and walkers entered the event this year. The Polar Bear races were again conducted by the Shore Athletic Club, under the direction of Erin O'Neil, a former winner of the women's race, assisted by Coach Joe Compagni. Running in 59<sup>th</sup> edition of the race was Dr. Harry Nolan, who has not missed running in any of the Polar Bear races over the years, having won the event nine times.

Many who attended the awards ceremony were privileged to hear Shore A.C. member Bob Bazley read a Congressional Presentation awarded to Elliott Denman, the founder of the Polar Bear races, as well as founder and long time President of the Shore A.C., and a 1956 Olympian. Denman could not be present at the event for the first time due to illness, but there was much clapping after the award reading as well as from tributes by club President Walter MacGowan and other club members.