

# Ten Mile Run set tomorrow morning

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Tomorrow morning the ninth annual Annapolis Ten Mile Run will be held.

The starting gun will sound at 7:30 sharp tomorrow morning in the east parking lot of Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, sending nearly 2,500 runners on a labyrinthine course outlined on the map at the right.

The many runners from out of the area will be arriving here today when they will register and partake of pre-race activities including a spaghetti dinner this evening.

One of the main reasons for the popularity of this event is its outstanding direction. Each year the Annapolis Striders, the running club that grew from the early editions of this event, seems to come up with another outstanding race director.

This year Mike Van Buren is responsible for the inordinate planning that will help to continue the fine tradition of this event.

The event, which started when five area men met the challenge of running 10 miles from Severna Park High School to the Annapolis City Dock, has grown into one of the best known events in this entire region thereby enticing runners from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia and the District of Columbia, to name a few.

One of the out-of-area runners who might not make the start this year is three-time defending champion Gary Siriano. The excellent runner was due to compete in this event, but his employer, Nike Shoes, scheduled him for an event in Ohio which might well keep him from attending.

Two years ago Siriano flew in from California and was still suffering from jet-lag when he ran, so it is not yet impossible that the defending champion will be here.

Without Siriano the field opens up considerably, but because so many outstanding runners have chosen to run in this event there are usually a handful of top notch competitors in the running for the victory.

Another of the upper echelon of runners who will not compete here is Eleanor Simonsick, a past winner who

is nursing a strained tendon in her foot and is not able to run.

Residents should remember the traffic problems that will be incurred at some points along the route of the run and attempt to plan around the stoppages. Boaters should also be aware of the Old Severn River drawspan remaining closed to marine traffic from 7:45 until 9:15 tomorrow.

The run takes the herd of humanity around the stadium and out onto Taylor Ave., where the field will already begin to string out. The runners turn right onto Rowe Boulevard, go the wrong way around Church Circle and stampe down the Main St. hill.

The course turns left to Randall St., turns left again onto King George St., and then right at Old Annapolis Boulevard toward the Severn River Bridge.

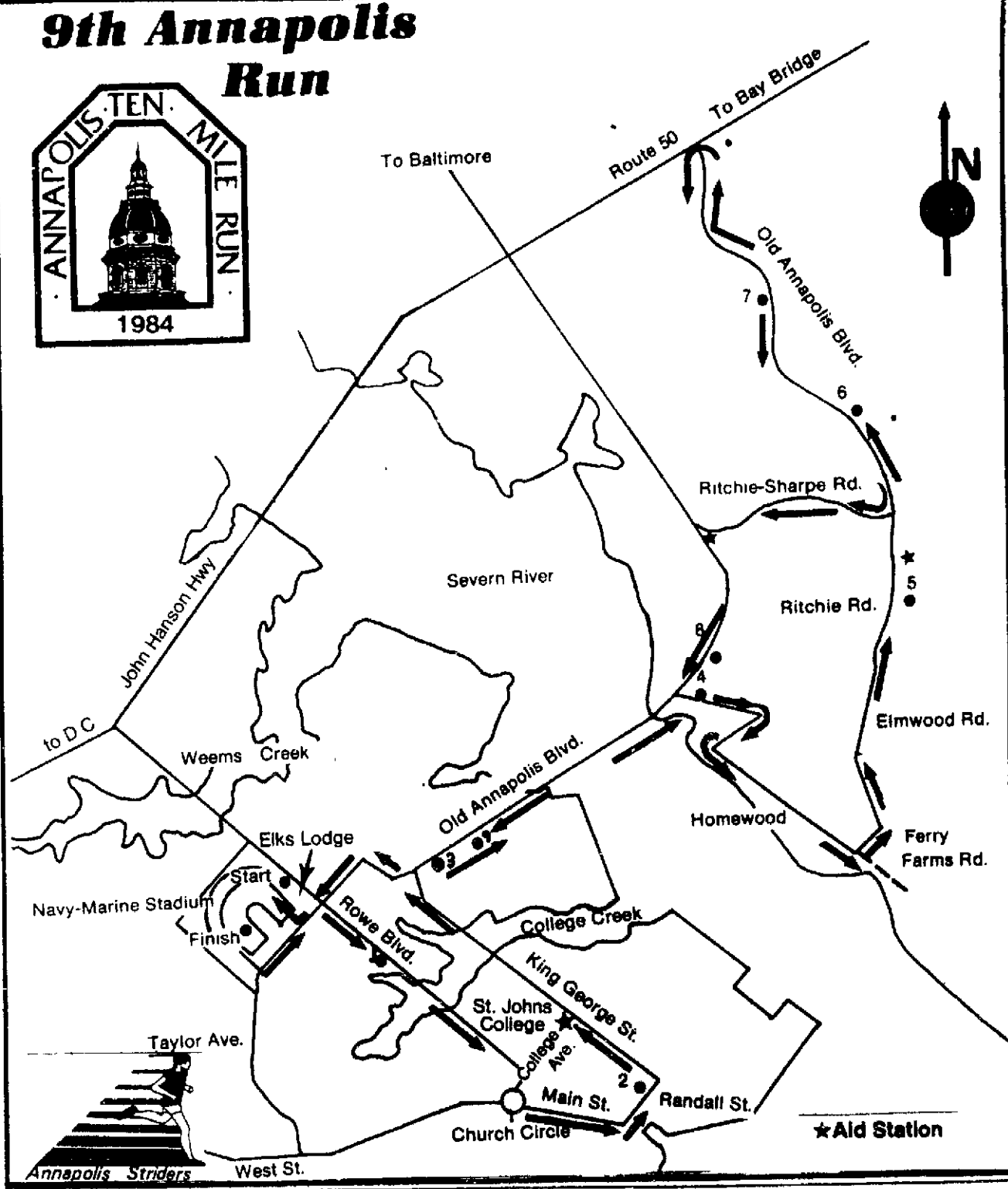
The course becomes slightly more complicated, though it will be clearly marked and monitored, as it turns right just across the bridge. The runners wind through Ferry Farms and St. Margarets where there is a turn around and runners will be seeing those ahead of them on the way back toward the finish, which is inside the stadium.

The top runners are expected to go the distance in approximately 49 minutes, with the tail enders taking a little over two hours.

There will be numerous water stations and aid stations as well as emergency personnel along the route, but the runners can be aided by residents along the route who might spray the runners with their hoses as they pass.

Spectators are also welcome to the west stands of the stadium, where the sponsoring Annapolis Striders will be selling doughnuts and coffee, at a nominal fee, for the spectators. And, they will have a refreshment extravaganza set up for the participants when they finish, all on the promenade beneath the stands.

Awards will be presented at the ceremonies slated for approximately 9:45 in front of the stands where spectators can give the runners their due. Awards will be presented to the top 25 finishers overall, as well as the first 10 women to finish and to the top three finishers in each of four age groups for men and three for women.



## College football initially oriented

By The Associated Press  
Never mind the LSUs, UCLAs, BYUs and USCs. This is the season of the ABCs, CBSs, ESPNs and USAs, the season you need a program to tell the networks as well as the players.

The Miami Hurricanes may have been No. 1 last season, but a storm of a different sort rules college football as the defending national champions prepare to open the new season Monday night against Auburn, which along with Clemson figures to be among the powers this year.

The overriding issue is television appearances, which mean television money, and the bitter competition on football fields has spilled into ivy-covered buildings.

By the time a new champion is crowned Jan. 2 — after a record 18 bowl games, capped by the Rose, Orange, Sugar, Cotton and Fiesta on New Year's Day — college football will have gone through a season of pigskin proliferation, more games on more channels than ever before. Whether it will be for better or worse is still being debated.

All this is because the NCAA is out of the football TV business, following the Georgia-Oklahoma lawsuit that went all the way to the Supreme Court and was ranked No. 1 among college football lawsuits.

The suit killed the final two years of the NCAA's lucrative four-year pact with ABC and CBS. As a result, for much less money, the College Football Association signed on with ABC and CBS snapped up the Big Ten and Pacific 10 Conferences, the only major schools that don't belong to the CFA. In addition, ESPN will provide a supplemental CFA package on Saturday nights, while individual conferences joined up with different TV syndicators and cable outlets.

The USA Network will show a game each week — coverage provided by Katz Sports, which has obtained rights to the Big Eight Conference as well as defending national champion Miami, Pitt, Boston College and Syracuse. Besides its CBS tie-up, the Big Ten will show 20 games syndicated by Sports View Co. and Sports Time.

TCS-MetroSports will air some Notre Dame, Penn State, Texas, West Virginia and South Carolina games, among others. WTBS hooked up with the Southeastern Conference and Atlantic Coast Conference games will be produced by Jefferson Teleproductions.

Pay TV began to rear its head when Alabama announced that the Mizlou Television Network will broadcast on pay TV all sold-out Alabama games not shown on conventional TV. Cable subscribers reportedly will be sold a four-game package for \$100.

"We're also gonna show slides," jokes South Carolina athletic director Bob Marcum.

However, no sooner had Pac-10 executive director Tom Hansen declared that "we are entering a brave new world of college athletics. Our position is that the fans should have the best games possible," than the controversy erupted all over again.

CBS hoped to show Nebraska (CFA) at UCLA (Pac-10) and Notre Dame (CFA) at Southern Cal (Pac-

10), but the CFA quickly squelched that plan. As a result, the Big Ten and Pac-10 are suing the 63-member CFA in federal court, charging it with selling the TV rights to games it does not own. The CFA replied that the two conferences "represented to CBS that they could deliver games over which they do not have complete control."

There are some hard feelings even within conferences. Washington State Coach Jim Walden has criticized as unfair the holdover Pac-10 formula for allocating TV revenue. It calls for the two schools on TV to split roughly 50 percent of the money with the rest divided equally among the other league schools and the Pac-10 office.

"The television revenue problem is a mess and it's going to be very difficult to work out," says Washington State president Glenn Terrell.

And some Big Ten coaches are less than thrilled with the pact with CBS.

"No question in my mind there can be too many games on television," says Illinois' Mike White. "I saw it happen in basketball, and it can happen in football."

And just when you thought there were enough, if not too many, bowls, along come two more — the Cherry Bowl in the Pontiac, Mich., Silverdome on Dec. 22 and the Freedom Bowl at Anaheim, Calif., on Dec. 26.

Nevertheless, despite all the tumult and shouting, the season gets under way Monday when Miami meets Auburn in the second annual Kickoff Classic at East Rutherford, N.J.

Key games next Saturday include Brigham Young at Pitt, East Carolina at Florida State, Florida vs. Miami at Tampa, Washington State at Tennessee, Mississippi State at Tulane, Northwestern at Illinois, Texas-El Paso at Texas A&M, San Diego State at Air Force, Fresno State at Arizona and New Mexico State at San Jose State.

Major conference lineups remain the same, except that New Mexico State will start competing for the Pacific Coast Athletic Association title. Major-college coaching changes find Fisher DeBerry at Air Force, Ken Hatfield from Air Force to Arkansas, Dave Currey from Long Beach State to Cincinnati, Bill Mallory from Northern Illinois to Indiana, Mike Sheppard at Long Beach State, Bill Arnsperger from the Miami Dolphins at LSU, Rey Dempsey from Southern Illinois to Memphis State, Jimmy Johnson from Oklahoma State to Miami, Fla., Lou Holtz from Arkansas to Minnesota, Lee Corso at Northern Illinois, Pat Jones at Oklahoma State, Watson Brown from Cincinnati to Rice, Dick Anderson at Rutgers, Claude Gilbert at San Jose State, Jack Elway from San Jose State to Stanford and Ron Chismar at Wichita State.

Parity? The last four national champions were first-timers — Georgia in 1980, Clemson in 1981, Penn State in 1982 and Miami last year. In fact, Clemson and Miami weren't even ranked entering the season.

While Auburn, the 1957 champion, and Clemson are strong candidates to end that string this year, Arizona State is a threat to continue it.

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