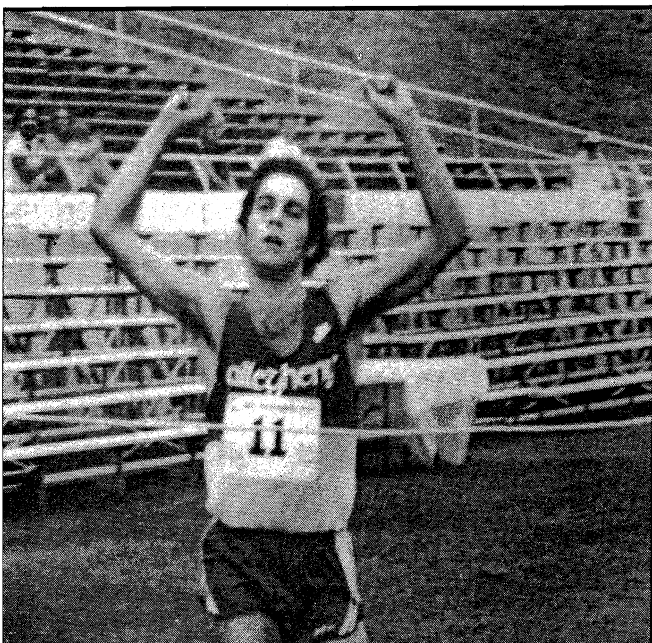


THE START of yesterday's Annapolis 10-Mile Run sent more than 2,000 runners circling Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium and out onto a course that would eventually bring them back to finish inside the stadium.

Photos by Stephanie Gross-Harvey



New course deemed a success *Siriano wins 10-mile run*

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The temperature was right for running, but the humidity was not. That, however, did not keep Gary Siriano from his appointed rounds.

Siriano representing the Allegheny Track Club and the Nike Team, established the record for the new course in the Annapolis 10-Mile Run at 48:59. He crossed the finish line inside Navy-Marine Stadium just as the second-place runner Matt Wilson entered the stadium gate.

The runners continued to flow, then straggle into the stadium for the next hour and a half until a great percentage of the 2,000-plus runners who had started had finished.

After several duels for the lead during the middle miles, run across the Severn River from Annapolis, Siriano emerged with more than two miles remaining to pull away from the strung-out pack.

Dan Rincon, the local favorite and a three-time winner of the event, had dropped out early in the competi-

just over 10 minutes behind Siriano was the first of the women finishers, Eleanor Simonsick, who runs out of Cherry Hill, N.J. Simonsick finished at 59:05 and noted shortly thereafter that the humidity had been horrible. The women's defending champion, Mary Walsh, was not among the first five women to cross the finish line.

The race had been started in the east parking lot of the stadium by Annapolis' Mayor Richard Hillman, who noted "I always finish what I start," and gave the starter's gun to a race official and charged off into the huge throng of runners heading out onto the 10-mile course.

The new course, which actually utilizes some Annapolis streets, seemed to be favorable to the runners who had previously run in the event. The old course started at Severna Park High School and, though called the "Annapolis Run," did not actually go through the city.

Many of the runners in this year's race came to Annapolis from out of town, though hundreds of local run-

eight runners, no traffic was disturbed and no one took notice of the event. And, no one could have imagined that the feat of those eight runners would so rapidly explode into so big an event as the run has become in so short a span.

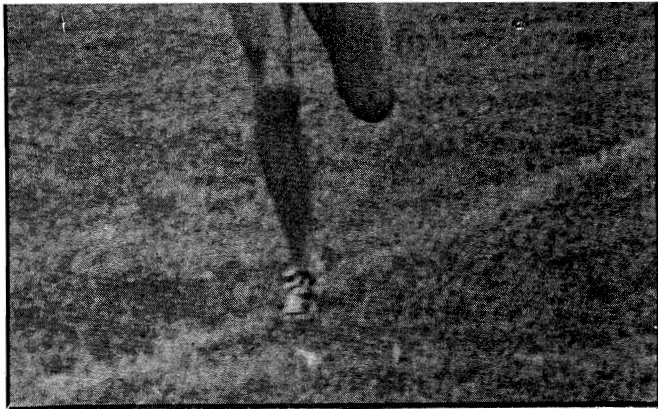
Finishers behind Siriano and Wilson were John Doub, Mark Donahue and Jeff Petersen, rounding off the top five in the open competition.

In the women's division, finishers behind Simonsick were Patricia Walker, Sue Crowe, Cathy Heckman and Mary Copeland.

Leaders in the various divisions of the race were as follows:

In the men's 14-19 group Craig Welch was first and Tom Jackson second.

In the men's 20-29 field Matt Wilson and John Doub, the second and third finishers overall, were the leaders. In the 30-39 age group Anthony Grier and Peter Nye were first and second respectively. Mike Sabiano and Richard Jamborsky were the top two in the



AND THE FINISH of the event was a more solitary event as Gary Siriano crossed the finish line with no other competitors in sight.

jury that has kept him down in recent races. Anon's abortion of the competition spread around the finish area rapidly bringing about much speculation as to who might then come out the leader.

Siriano crossed the finish line all alone and disappeared up the long flight of steps necessary to climb in order to get the expected post-race refreshment. In past years the runners sprawled over the stadium turf following the finish, but the preparation for the forthcoming football season made it necessary to use another area for the refreshments and resting.

Within minutes after Siriano's finish the runners began to come into the stadium at a steady pace and

stadium until very many others had come across the finish line. The number of runners from other areas bears out the prestige this event has taken on in its short history.

Among the runners was Annapolis' John Astle, who was the first winner of the event in 1976. That race was between only eight runners and had evolved from a dare at a party. Astle, who ran in the Annapolis' mayoral race against Hillman earlier this year, again finished behind his political competitor.

The first run was from Severna Park High School to the Annapolis City Dock and, because there were only

runners were paced by Fletcher Hanks and Peter Andrews.

In the women's divisions, at 14-19 the top two runners were Dana Bredice and Sarah Lestz. In the 20-29 category were Sue Crowe and Pat Walker. Jeannie Libutti and Diane Dulin led the 30-39 runners. The 40-49 year-olds were headed by Sylvia Shriver and Dianne Headen. And Dorothy Bright and Margaret Cochran were one and two in the 50 and over field.

Kristin Coleman was the 13 and under leader.

Further results on the run will be published when fully compiled by the Annapolis Striders.

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