

Rincon wins Annapolis 10-mile run

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Taking advantage of his cross country experience, Dan Rincon pulled away from the field in the third mile and went on to successfully defend his championship in the fourth annual Annapolis 10 Mile Run yesterday morning.

Rincon, a 28-year-old University of Maryland graduate, covered the 10 miles from Severna Park High School to the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in 50 minutes, 40 seconds. Bruce Robinson was second, in 51:28.

Another University of Maryland runner, Mary Walsh, was the top woman finisher. Walsh, a product of Northwood High School in Montgomery County, ran a superb time, 57:56, in placing fourteenth overall.

The next two women finishers were Baltimore's Marilyn Bevans and Laurie Taylor, a recent graduate of Annapolis High School. Bevans was 64th and Taylor was 75th, in 1:04:16 and 1:04:55, respectively.

Pete Nye, from Alexandria, Va., gave the Washington Running Club a sweep of the top three spots with his third-place finish. Nye, who is 32, trailed teammates Rincon and Robinson, in 53 minutes flat. Charlie Koester, top man from the Baltimore Road Runners, was fourth, 55 seconds behind Nye.

Mark Johnson, grabbing fifth, was the first local finisher. Johnson attended Arundel High School. Todd McAllister and Michael Sterling were sixth and seventh, respectively.

Three other Anne Arundel Countians were among the first 11 finishers. Rick Gildard, John Mullins, and Bob Hall were eighth, ninth, and eleventh. Gildard, from Severna Park, is entering his senior year at the University of Georgia. Mullins, who went to Meade High School, is headed to the University of Tennessee.

Hall, the first Annapolis resident to cross the finish line, attends the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

After 1.5 miles, Rincon and Robinson had established themselves as the front runners, with Gildard hanging on to third. Rincon began pulling away from Robinson on Severn River Rd., and by the time he got to the top of the hill at Askeaton Rd., he led by 50 yards.

The spread was 150 yards when Rincon reached the four-mile mark, moving from Old County Rd. on to Baltimore & Annapolis Boulevard. Nye passed Gildard on Old County Rd., and he was about 200 yards behind Robinson.

Rincon added to his lead before taking on Route 2. It was on Ritchie Highway that Koester and Johnson began closing in on Gildard, who was also passed by McAllister and Sterling.

The leader slowed his pace in the second half of the race, but he looked strong when he crossed the Old Severn River Bridge and cruised into the Navy-Marine Corps Stadium. More than 200 people were in the stands cheering loudly for Rincon when he crossed the finish line.

Rincon won last year's race in 50 minutes, 25 seconds. This year the course was toughened, to Rincon's delight. The Race Committee, headed by Randy Fox, added the Askeaton Rd. hill to make things more challenging. In the process, they helped Rincon's chances.

The 5-5, 120-pound Rincon was affected

more by the humidity. "The humidity takes so much out of you. The course didn't bother me at all, but that humidity is something else," said Rincon.

When the race started at 7:35 a.m., the temperature was 70 degrees. An hour later, it seemed ten degrees hotter. There was little air movement before 9 a.m.

The leaders ran the first two miles in a quick 9:40, and Rincon held a sub-five minute mile pace for the first five miles.

"I slowed things down in the second half of the race. I had intended to wait six miles before I made my move, but I was able to maintain my rhythm up the hill (Askeaton Rd.) and keep things going," said Rincon.

The third-place finisher in the Atlantic Coast Conference cross country championships as a junior, Rincon says that his first love is running on the hills. The momentum he gained on Askeaton Rd. helped him pick up the pace in the third, fourth, and fifth miles.

"After three miles, I thought I could open up a gap. At five miles, I turned around and I couldn't see anybody," said Rincon.

"Dan was really pushing the downhill. After two miles, he began to build a lead. I just wanted to hang with him a little bit," said Robinson.

"Dan is a very aggressive runner," praised Nye.

Rincon and Robinson live 15 minutes from each other in Montgomery County. Along Washington Running Club teammates Terry Baker, Jeff Peterson, Jim Buell, Will Albers, and Nye, they hope to do well in the Amateur Athletic Union cross country championships in North Carolina in the fall.

"Cross country is my first love," said Rincon, the state's premier ten-miler. "I missed it last year. I always enjoyed it in college."

Rincon and Robinson will enter the New York Marathon in late October. Later in the year, they will choose between the Honolulu or Maryland Marathons.

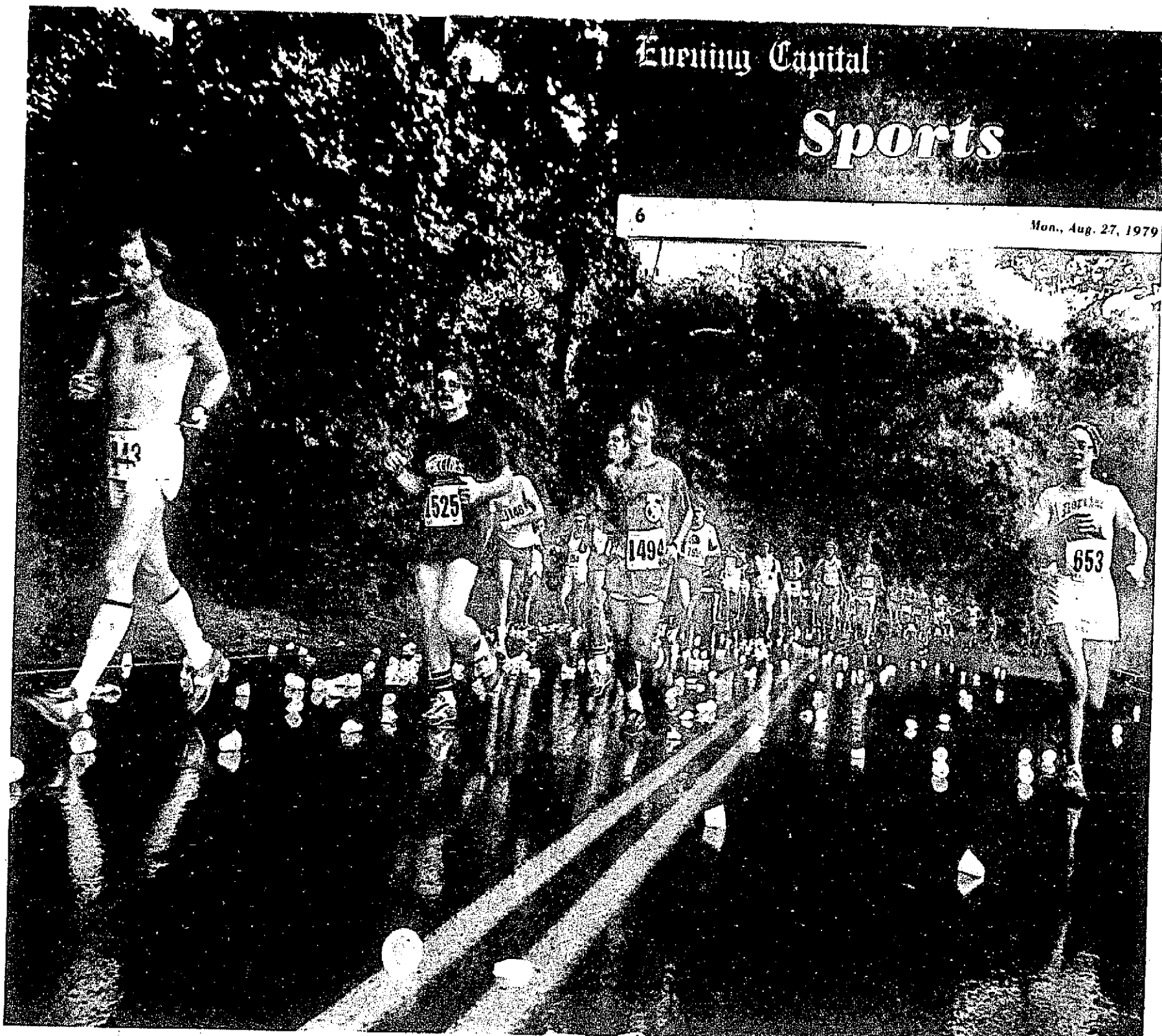
The winner showed no ill effects from the knee injury he suffered last year. Rincon has taken his time coming back, aiming for a strong cross country season in the fall.

Nye and Koester ran one-two in the Sub-Masters (30-39) category. The Annapolis husband and wife team of John and Priscilla Butterfield took top honors in the Masters (40-49) division. John's time, 58:42, was good enough to get him 19th place overall.

For Johnson, who graduated from Arundel in 1970, it was one of his better efforts of the year. Gildard, Mullins, and Hall were also satisfied with their showings. In the booming world of road racing, they will have their best years when they stop competing on the track.

Taylor, the Capital-Gazette Female Scholastic Athlete of the Year for 1978-79, leaves this week for her first year at Abilene Christian University in Texas. Laurie took it easy for most of the summer, starting to train seriously only three weeks ago. She stayed with Bevans for seven miles.

Rounding out the top twenty following Mullins, who was ninth, were Steve Ruckert, Hall, David McDonald, James Hare, Walsh, John Peele, Jon Lott, Tom Oguracak, John Lowman, Butterfield, and Bill Koehler.



THE LADY IS A LONER — Joan Burroughs (653) keeps her distance from a line of male runners as Sunday's fourth annual Annapolis 10-mile Run passes over Laurel Road. Strwn on the roadway are empty paper cups, which had contained water handed out to the runners at the area's aid station.

Photo by Keith Harvey

Orioles win two...

...Weaver suspended

CHICAGO (AP) — "They can do whatever they want as long as we hit home runs and win," said manager Earl Weaver of the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday after learning he had been suspended for three games for questioning the integrity of umpire Ron Luciano.

Weaver was suspended by American League president Lee MacPhail while the front running Orioles were sweeping a doubleheader from the Chicago White Sox, 12-7 and 4-3 in thirteen innings on Gary Roenicke's tie-breaking home run.

Doug DeCinces hit a grand slam homer in the first game out in which Ken Singleton, Rich Dauer and Eddie Murray also hit homers.

In the fifth inning of the first game, DeCinces was called on a strike by Luciano, who has had a long running feud with Weaver. Weaver stepped out of the

dugout and was immediately ejected by Luciano.

Weaver then protested the game because of "umpire integrity" and the protest was announced on the public address system, on Weaver's insistence. MacPhail was in the stands and, in announcing the suspension, said "I simply cannot tolerate Earl making public comments like that about an umpire's integrity."

Weaver said he did not plan to appeal the suspension. "How can you appeal to the man who suspended you? I said what I wanted to say and they did what they wanted to do."

"Of course I question an umpire who once said he does not care who wins as long as it isn't the Orioles and Weaver."

Luciano made that statement two years ago and since has worked few Oriole games. In fact, this was the first time this

season he has worked any games involving the Orioles.

Weaver insisted he did not say a word to Luciano but came out of the dugout to make sure that DeCinces did not get into a dispute and get ejected from the game.

"I didn't say a word to him and I don't know why he threw me out," said Weaver. "He's the only guy who knows. Go ask him."

Reporters were not allowed in the umpire's quarters between games and after the doubleheader, John Stevens, assistant supervisor of American League umpires, said "Luciano has been informed not to talk to any one. Lee will make all necessary statements from his office."

The doubleheader, following two postponements because the outfield at Comiskey Park has been in poor condition due to recent heavy rains, began auspiciously.

Weaver filed a protest on behalf of the players who felt the games shouldn't be played because of poor footing in the outfield. While most players agreed that the footing was bad, there were no misplays that had any bearing on the games.

"It wasn't good and I wouldn't want to play on that kind of field every day," said Singleton who hit his 32nd homer with two aboard in the first game. "Every ball that was hit well went into the seats."

In addition to the four homers by the Orioles in the first game, Jim Morrisson and Chet Lemon homered for Chicago, and Morrisson also homered in the second game which finally ended in the thirteenth inning on Roenicke's 20th homer.

Mike Flanagan, 18-7, went the distance for Baltimore in the first game to become the American League's first 18-game winner this year.

Brewers climb over Red Sox

The Milwaukee Brewers and Kansas City Royals begin an important three-game series in Kansas City tonight but their thoughts are likely to be elsewhere.

Like in Minnesota and Detroit, where the American League division-leading Baltimore Orioles and California Angels will be playing the Twins and Tigers, respectively.

For the first time since June 6, a team other than the Boston Red Sox is on the heels of Baltimore in the AL East. Milwaukee climbed into second place, one game ahead of Boston, by downing the Texas Rangers 6-2 Sunday while the Red Sox were bowing to the Royals 6-3. Nevertheless, the Brewers dropped one-half game to Baltimore — they trail by 6½ games — when Baltimore swept a doubleheader from the Chicago White Sox 12-7 and 4-3 in 13 innings.

The Royals are still in third place in the AL West but are only one percentage point behind Minnesota — the Twins' game with the New York Yankees was rained out — and just 2½ in back of the Angels, who lost to the Toronto Blue Jays 9-3. Elsewhere, the Detroit Tigers won a doubleheader from the Seattle Mariners 4-3 in 10 innings and 9-8 while the Cleveland Indians defeated the Oakland A's 7-5.

Two-run homers by Gorman Thomas and Cecil Cooper powered the red-hot Brewers over Texas behind the eight-hit pitching of Billy Travers. It was Milwaukee's third victory in a row and 13th in the last 15 games. Thomas hit his 33rd homer in the first inning and Cooper belted his 20th in the fifth, both times following singles by Sal Bando.

Royals 6, Red Sox 3

Willie Wilson continued his torrid pace against Boston with four hits, one RBI, two runs and two stolen bases as the Royals completed a sweep of the three-game series. Wilson, who had a game-winning inside-the-park homer Saturday, singled and scored in the third inning, rapped a run-scoring single in the fourth to give Kansas City a 2-2 lead and tripled and

scored in the sixth. The speedy left fielder, who also singled in the eighth, is batting .514 against Boston with 19 hits in 37 at-bats.

Blue Jays 9, Angels 3

John Mayberry socked two solo home runs and Rick Cerone drove in five runs with a two-run homer, two-run double and

bases-loaded walk. Rookie Butch Edge and Tom Buskey held California to seven hits while Nolan Ryan was the loser as the (Continued on Page 17)



AP Photo

TIME—Umpire Dallas Park signals time out, following a triple by Kansas City Royals' Willie Wilson (atop the base) as Boston Red Sox third baseman Butch Habson observes. The Royals won the game, 6-3.



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GOTCHA — Orioles' third baseman Doug DeCinces (right) tags out Milt May of the Chicago White Sox during run-down between third base and home plate in second in-

ning of second game of Sunday's doubleheader in Chicago. The Orioles won the game, 4-3 in 13 innings, after winning the opener 12-6.