

Annapolis Run tomorrow morning



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In this age of mechanization more and more human beings seem to be in a big hurry to get somewhere, anywhere.

It's very likely the popularity of jogging blossomed as the need to get places in a hurry became more important. But many persons rushing from here to there and back weren't satisfied with jogging and began running and running has become one of the most popular participant sports in the nation.

Tomorrow morning there will be over 2,000 persons rushing to get from Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium and back again as the sixth annual Annapolis 10-Mile Run is started at 7:30 in the morning.

The crowd of runners in this most popular event will rush from the west parking lot of the stadium out to Taylor Avenue, then turn left and head for Rowe Boulevard. There the pack, which will already be stringing out, turns right and runs to Church Circle, goes left one-quarter of the way around and turns for a downhill charge through Main St.

Rushing to get where they are going will be easy on this stretch and will remain relatively easy as they pass the two-mile mark at the corner of Randall and Prince Georges streets. The runners turn left at King George Street and follow the perimeter of the Naval Academy to the old Severn River bridge.

Once across the river, the course turns right for a tour of Ferry Farms. The frontrunners will make the backrunners feel badly in this part of the race as some will be heading back down Old Annapolis Boulevard as others are still going up it.

By now, many of the runners are not rushing as much as they had been 20 minutes earlier. And, when the group reaches Sharpe Road to get out to Ritchie Highway and the crossover at the scenic overlook to head back to Annapolis, they'll slow down even more.

There is a frustrating three-tiered hill that winds back toward the highway. Each time it will appear the top of the hill is within sight, only to turn at the apparent crest and find the road is still climbing.

Finally, the pack, strung out by now for nearly two miles, runs downhill again, back across the Severn River bridge and back to Taylor Avenue toward the welcome sight of the stadium.

The last leg is a half trip around the stadium on the tufty grass with the finishing chute on the East side of the football field which is being readied for Navy's opening game two weeks from today.

As the runners get into the stadium and the end is in sight, even those who have lagged begin rushing again if only to get to the finish line.

The race will be won by the defending champion as Terry Baker, a top performer in the Annapolis 10-Mile Run, set the record for the old

course last year, is not returning tomorrow.

However, two-time winner Dan Rincon, who was raised in this county but now resides in Greenbelt, will be back and must rate among the favorites in the overall race as well as the men's divisions.

Mary Walsh, the defending women's champion who is a three-time women's winner, will be back to defend her title once again.

Favorites in the Masters Division (40-49) appear to be Mike Sabino and Dianne Headen, while world record holder Herb Chisholm and Anne Nauman and Margaret Cochran should be favored in the Golden Masters group (50-59).

In the men's Veterans Division (60+), they are led by John Lewis and Han Fletcher. Ed Benham (74 years old) is the world record holder for men 70 and over.

The youngest runners are John Shaw, 9, and Amy Howe, 10, both of Annapolis.

To assure the safety of the runners the following road closings will occur.

The streets of Historic Annapolis will be closed from 7:30 a.m. until approximately 8 o'clock.

Route 648 (Old Annapolis Road) will be closed while there are runners on the road. This will be about 7:45 until 9:30.

Police will control the intersection of Rowe Blvd. and Taylor Ave. from 7:30 until about 9:30.

The draw on the old Severn River bridge will remain closed from 7:45 until 9:30.

Pre-race activities will take place this evening at the Department of Natural Resources on Taylor Avenue.

Race numbers and information may be picked up from 1 p.m. today until 10 o'clock. And tomorrow from 5:30 a.m. to 7:15. During this time tickets for the Navy football games will also be available.

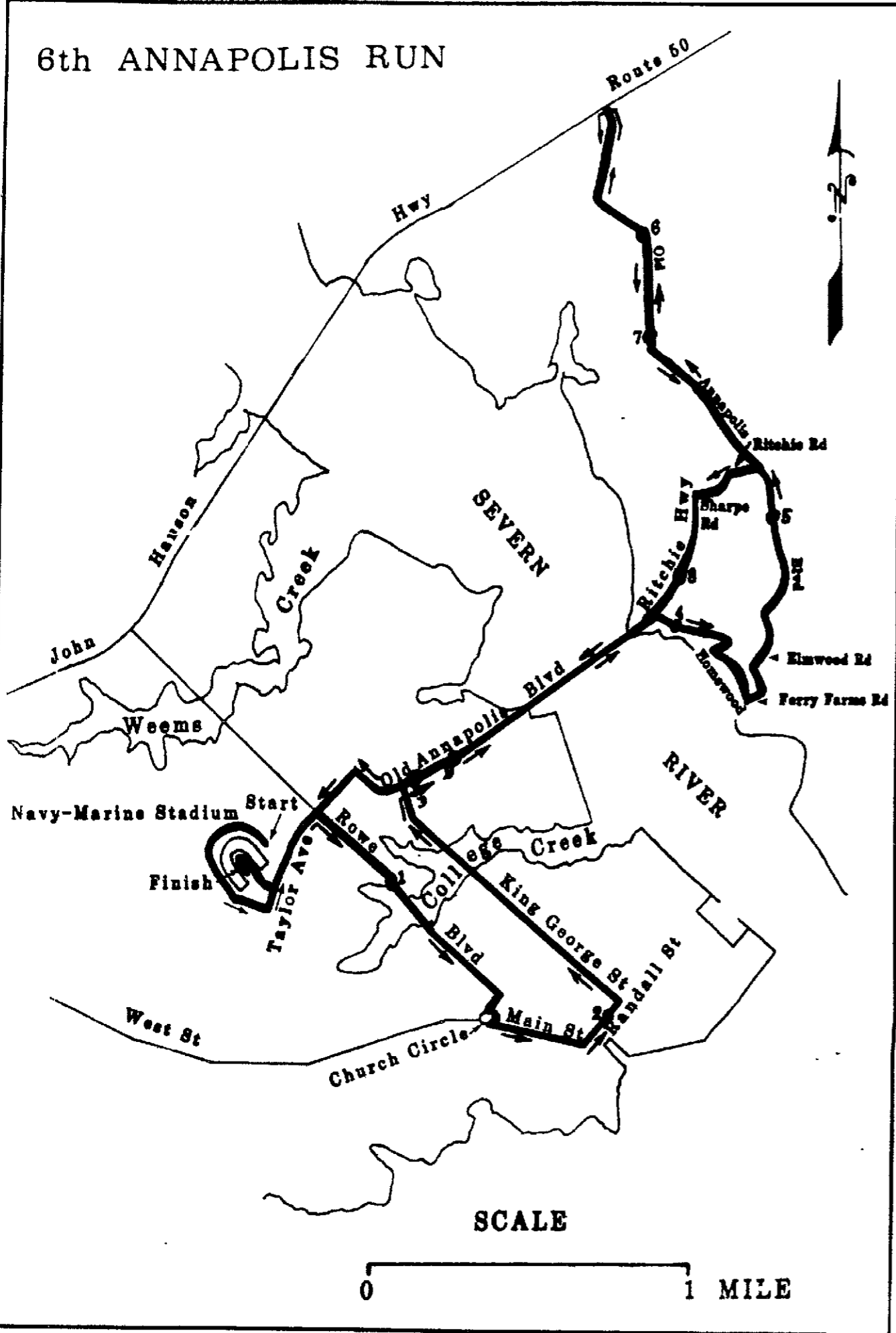
From 5:30 this afternoon until 10 tonight, Nike will have a shoe display and race films showing.

The traditional carbohydrate loading spaghetti dinner will be served from 6:30 until 8:30 at the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome while reservations last.

Proceeds from the dinner and the race will go to the Annapolis Police Department to create a cardio-vascular fitness program.

There will be refreshments for the runners after the race at the stadium, provided by the sponsors, Miller Lite Beer and Nike Shoes and Colombo Yogurt.

The Annapolis Striders encourage everyone along the course to come out and cheer the runners on. Those not on the course come to the Stadium, and witness one of the finest runs in the country.



Mids to open soccer season

By STEVE RISSER

Navy's soccer team, the defending ECAC-South champions the past two seasons, begins its sixth year under the tutelage of head coach Greg Myers when it hosts St. John's University here Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 2.

Myers, who watched his highly-promising team finish 10-7-1 a year ago against a most challenging schedule, now faces the prospect of a more ambitious slate after having lost to graduation several key performers. "Inexperience is our greatest nemesis, especially at the fullback spots and in goal," notes Myers frankly. Graduation struck hard defensively, claiming All-South goalie Greg Denkler and All-South fullback Mike Wilson. Myers believes a successful restructuring of the defense, traditionally a Mid strength, is a prerequisite to a winning season.

With the opener only a week away, Myers' defense is beginning to take shape. Junior Eric Bressler of Oakhurst, N.J., a starter at an outside spot last year, is being groomed at the stopper back position. Second classmen Scott Purvis of Annapolis last year's starting stopper back and Tom Harrigan of Willingsboro, N.J. will man the outside posts. The sweeper position was wide open at the start of fall drills but now sophomore Mark Barranco of Atlanta, Ga. and freshman Rob Gisse, of Potomac, appear to have the inside track. In goal, firstie Pat Reno of Sanford, Fla. will get the opening day nod, even though his varsity game experience has been limited. Sophomore Jeff Young of Marlboro, Conn. will be the backup.

Four lettermen return at midfield prompting Myers to term this area a team strength. Seniors Bob Julius of Hellertown, Pa. (1G, 2A) and Mark Snyder of Canandaigua, N.Y., are seasoned veterans

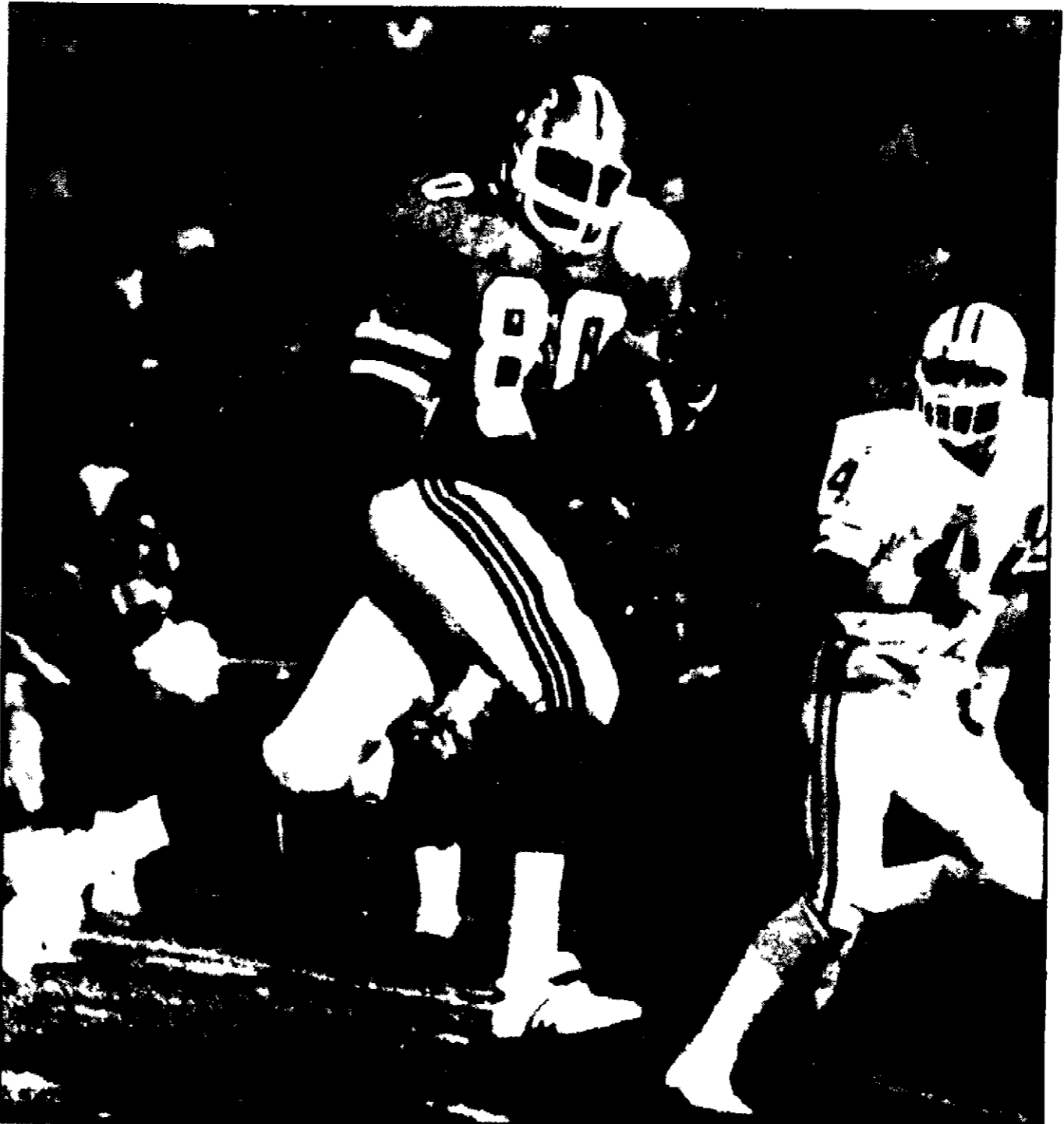
while juniors Bob Haskins of Alexandria, Va., (2G, 2A) and converted forward Keith Eauters of Medford, N.J., (4G, 1A) will provide added scoring punch. The return of junior Pat Coronado of Dallas, Tex., emphasizes Mid depth in this area.

Offensively, Myers is hoping his Midshipmen can improve on last year's output which saw only 27 goals recorded in 18 games. Returning front liners include sophomore Paul Horgan of St. Louis, Mo., (4G, 0A), Tab Bruner of Medford Lakes, N.J., and Steve Young of Pensacola, Fla. Other returnees are junior John Davis of Pensacola, Fla., (0G, 1A) and senior Charlie Borowski of Philadelphia, Pa., who missed the entire 1980 season.

Myers rates this year's schedule far superior to last season's itinerary. "We're playing San Francisco, Evansville (Ind.), Penn State, Harvard, and Old Dominion, each of which could easily be in the Top Ten," observes the intense mentor. "When USF (Univ. of San Francisco) visits here in mid-October they'll probably be rated the number one team in the nation."

Although the schedule is gruesome the layout is not, according to Myers. "Playing the first four contests here at Dewey Field is definitely an advantage. "Everybody plays better at home, especially the Midshipmen," he mused.

The 1981 schedule: Sept. 2, St. John's, home; Sept. 5, Old Dominion, home; Sept. 11, Howard, home; Sept. 20, Maryland, home; Sept. 23, at Swarthmore; Sept. 25-26, at George Mason Tournament (Radford, Campbell, George Mason); Sept. 29, Evansville, home; Oct. 3, George Washington, home; Oct. 7, at American; Oct. 11, James Madison, home; Oct. 18, San Francisco, home; Oct. 20, at Towson State; Oct. 23, Penn State, home; Oct. 28, at Catholic U.; Oct. 31, UMBC, home; Nov. 6, Army, home.



JUNIOR MILLER, the Atlanta Falcons tight end, hauls in a pass from Steve Bartkowski as Tampa Bay's Billy Cesare moves in to make the stop after the gain. The game was

one of numerous NFL exhibition games played last night. This is the final week of the exhibition season with the regular season slated to begin one week from tomorrow.

Colts lead Seahawks

The Colts scored with 54 seconds to play in the first half to take a 14-10 lead over the Seattle Seahawks in a game that will decide the poorest team of the exhibition season.

Both teams went into the game with 0-3 records and hoping to find some cohesiveness leading into the start of the regular season next Sunday. The Colts' first-half play showed none of what coach Mike McCormack had hoped for.

The special teams once again demonstrated their ineptitude as a punt was partially blocked and an on-sides kick was recovered by Seattle's kicking team.

The Colts played again without the services of second-year running back Curtis Dickey, who is nagged by a pinched nerve in the back of his neck.

The Colts were the first to get on the scoreboard when Bert Jones connected with Ray Butler for a 23-yard touchdown on the second possession for the Baltimore club. Obed Arirri converted the point after and the Colts led 7-0.

The Seahawks could do nothing with the ball on their own possession, but a controversial call when a pass to Randy McMillan appeared to be incomplete only to be called a catch and a fumble, which was recovered by Seattle. Three plays later the game was tied when Jim Zorn fired a nine-yarder to tight end John Sawyer.

Then Seattle showed some of the frustration the Colts don't have. Following a pair of penalties, Seattle countered with an on-sides kick and recovered the ball at the 41 yard line.

With the Colts secondary continually being beaten by Seattle receivers, the Seahawks moved swiftly downfield, slowed only by penalties.

The drive though blunted resulted in a field goal by Efran Herrera, putting the Seahawks in front 10-7 until Jones again hit Butler with Seattle coming on a blitz. The touchdown was a 48-yarder with 54 seconds in the half.