

Schulz wins first marathon

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SEASIDE — Historically the marathon is the premier run.

Perhaps it always will be.

It will always be remembered by 20-year-old Harold Schulz of San Anselmo, Calif., a junior at University of California-Berkeley, for his victory in his very first try at the 26-mile, 385-yard run.

"I didn't hit the wall," Schulz said between quick gasps of breath, "I hit the wind."

That was the problem for most of the nearly 2,000 competitors who lined up for the start of the 10th Trail's End Marathon in the annual mid-winter break between tourist seasons for this coast community.

The "wall" was a torrent of rain and a gale of wind that pelted runners from the time Doc Swan, the retired Oregon State track coach, launched proceedings at the Times Theatre on Broadway until the last straggling competitor crossed the finish line in front of the Seaside Hotel.

"I had planned a 5:12 (5-minutes, 12-seconds) pace," said the winner, "about a 2:16 (2-hours, 16-minutes) race."

But in this, his very first marathon, he ran the third fastest ever for the Trail's End course with a clocking of 2:20.03, under the most gruelling circumstances.

Schulz was a front-runner from the start though he was kept company by Terry Heath of Orofino, Ida., for about eight miles. Heath, as did most everyone else, faded from the front and finished ninth.

Though Schulz, who has been accepted for enrollment

at Pacific University's school of optometry, had never seen the course before, he had the advantage of some excellent coaching and counseling.

His coach is Brian Maxwell, a two-time winner and Trail's End record holder (2:14.43), who coaches Golden Bear distance runners. Schulz is a steeplechaser and 5,000-meter performer at Cal.

Schulz admitted his conferences with Maxwell may well have provided him with the edge of some six minutes on his nearest rival, Matt Yeo, 24, a graduate student at University of Oregon.

The growth of Trail's End is part of aura that now surrounds the event. This is a "happening" among race runners. How else do you explain the increase from a modest 220 starters back in 1970 to some 2,000 who answered the gun 10 years later?

"It's neat," said Yeo, "so many people. Says something about the community and the quality of the race."

Yeo finished 11th a year ago, moved up 9 places this time.

"I gave up trying to run a good race," said Pat Becker of Portland, one-time sprint star of University of Portland track teams who extended his distance to marathoning and was participating in his eighth.

"The first 12 miles," he continued, "was like being shot out of a gun. I've never seen anything like it. On the way back it was just like running straight uphill. The wind almost stood me up."

The wind wasn't a factor for 18-year-old Gail Volk of Seattle until the final 10 miles, but she still managed to set a personal record by five minutes as the Ballard High senior claimed her first Trail's End title.

Gail ran with her coach, Dick Whittick, until she felt

compelled to "take off". She displaced two-time winner Irene Griffith of Port Townsend, who was at the race but unable to compete.

"I like the marathon," said Gail, "because I feel more competitive at 26 miles."

Rob Redman, a Willamette University junior, appreciates the marathon "because I like to run. There are no standards to meet, and it's a way I can score points for my school."

Like most marathoners, Rob finds the marathon distance a challenge. Jogging in itself, he says, is unrewarding.

"Once you get past the jogging stage," Rob explained, "you desire a greater challenge. And that challenge gives your training program direction."

About that time, some three hours, 45 minutes into the race, one shivering, stiff-legged finisher spotted the training room where runners sought solace and medication.

"First aid room," said the elated foot-blistered runner. "I wonder if they have adrenalin."

An instant supply, perhaps.

TRAIL'S END MARATHON At Seaside, Ore.

1. Harold Schulz, Berkeley, Calif., 2:20:03.8; 2. Matt Yeo, Eugene, 2:26:02; 3. Barry Thompson, Tacoma, 2:26:13; 4. Joseph Stewart, Kelso, Wash., 2:26:39; 5. Phil English, Pullman, Wash., 2:27:55; 6. Frank Dauncey, Arcata, Calif., 2:29:04; 7. John Blalock, Cheney, Wash., 2:29:10; 8. Dan Gruber, Aptos, Calif., 2:30:03; 9. Terry Heath, Orofino, Ida., 2:30:06; 10. Pat Tyson, Seattle, 2:30:12; 11. Mark Jensen, Portland, 2:30:27; 12. Robert Ray, North Bend, Ore., 2:30:53; 13. Chris Lingle, Eugene, 2:31:05; 14. Tim Rutledge, Salem, 2:31:27; 15. Martin Brown, Bellingham, 2:31:32.

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Boxing's comeback is strong in Portland.



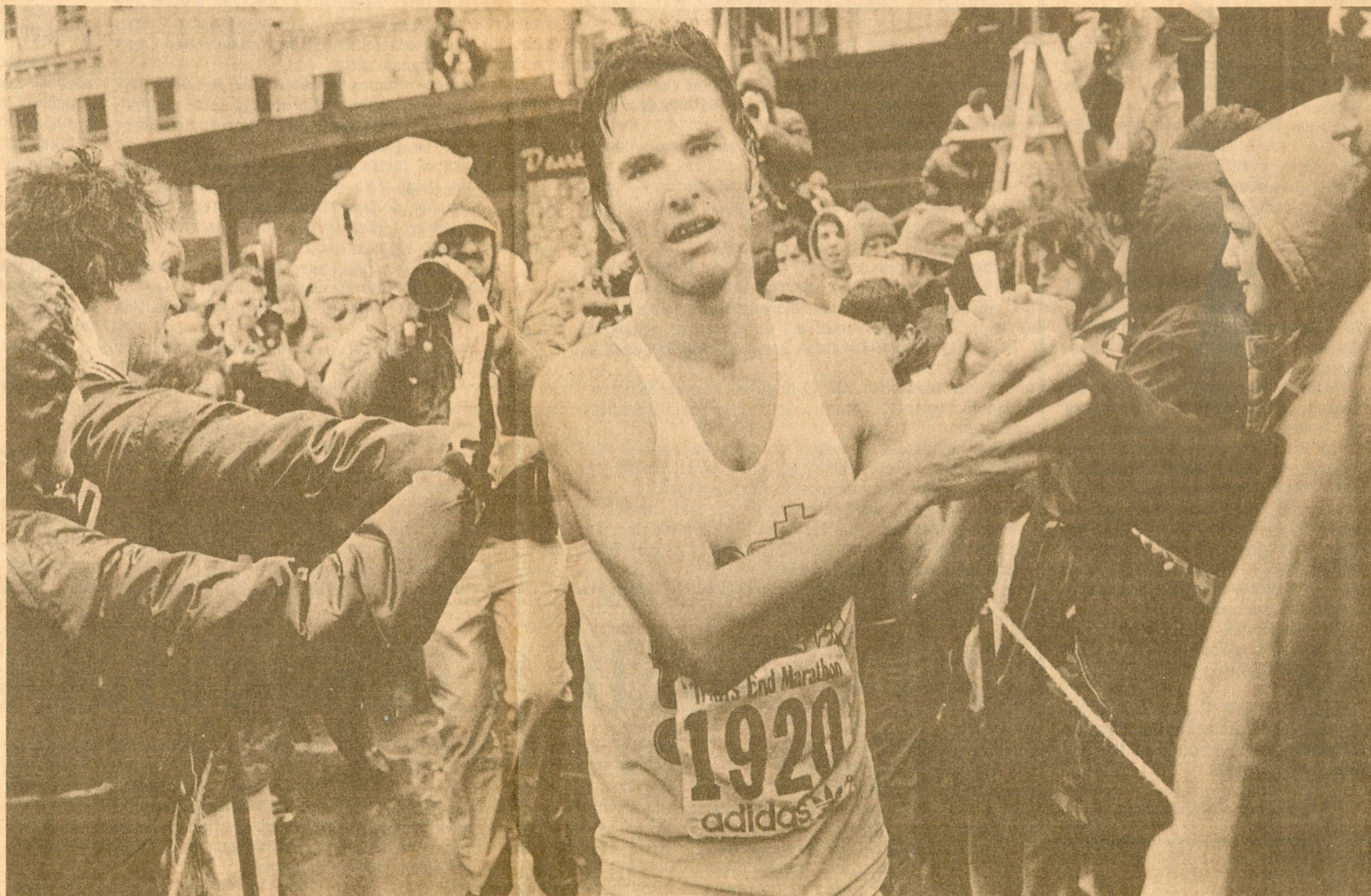
A half hour before fight time at Jantzen Beach Ice Center, fans were massed in front of the ticket windows. Promoter Fred McNally couldn't get them in fast enough, although his people were trying.

Finally, some 2,700 made it inside, many of them to stand. These were excited fans, coming to cheer and stomp, particularly for the mauling favorite, Alan Webb.

Some were satisfying their curiosity about the ex-prisoner from Florida, the heavyweight Willie "The Cannon" Shannon, recommended to Manager Mike Morton by Chris Dundee, Angelo's brother.

All were sure they'd get their money's worth from the main event, the rematch of welterweights Curtis Ramsey and Webb. Their first fight had been a dandy and the draw in that one had made both most unhappy.

When it's Webb, a bruiser of the style of Andy Kendall, you can count on action. And, if some were disappointed that Webb suddenly called it quits in the 10th round, well, that wasn't until Alan exhausted himself in the middle rounds trying to take out his clever opponent.



TRAIL'S END — California distance runner Harold Schulz, 20, receives accolades from fans at finish of 26-miles, 385-yards of torturous marathoning in

Seaside Saturday. Schulz, a junior at Berkeley, finished nearly six minutes ahead of nearest rival as wind and rain pelted a field of nearly 2,000

runners from start to finish of the 10th annual event. Story on page 10.

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