

Joe Gross
Madness time again



It's time again for the madness known as the Annapolis Ten-Mile Run. Eight times before this event initiated by the running craze has been held. It started with five flakes of their time. But so many others have followed, jogging the yellow brick roads of our nation. This year's limit of 2,500 participants was reached back in May. That's more than three months before the event. This year's run is expected to be bigger than ever. Not in the size of the field, which had been stabilized at 2,500 a few years back, and not in the distance of the run, which has been the same since its inception. This year the run has become a full weekend event instead of just the Sunday morning run it has been for nearly a decade.

The action this year gets under way at 7:30 Saturday morning when all of those volunteers who will help to run the show have their chance to traverse the course that starts and finishes at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. The volunteers used to run the week after the actual event, but this idea makes them all more a part of the main event.

Registration for the runners begins at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon at St. John's College, which means that by Saturday night many of the vivid yellow t-shirts commemorating the run will be visible around Annapolis. From registration the runners have the option of going directly to the traditional spaghetti dinner, also at St. John's. That, of course, is to build up the store of carbohydrates necessary to make up for the loss of bodily everything that comes from running in such events.

Simultaneous with the buffet serving of the pasta, which will go on until 11:30, will be a program that includes a slide show of last year's run here, a display of the latest running equipment, which couldn't possibly be all too big, and a book fair featuring the ever growing list of books on the simple topic of running.

The main event, though, is Sunday morning when the starting gun sounds at 7:30.

Traffic is certain to be muddled in some areas, which means area residents should plan accordingly. The old Severn River bridge will be closed to boat and car traffic from 7:30 to 9:30 that morning. Some city streets will be almost closed. Ritchie Highway will have detours and stoppages.

The funny thing is most area residents by now understand the need of these runners. They don't mind the inconvenience and even help the runners by spraying them with hoses as they pass. They turn out to cheer on these masochists who transcend themselves into a state of euphoria as the churn out stride after painful stride through the usual heat and humidity of a deep summer morning; over macadam and stones and concrete and grass.

Only a few of the 2,500 entries run the distance easily. They get their highs running greater distances. It is one of those events most don't enter to win, but to finish. That is the challenge accepted by runners who live lives similar to our comic book or cartoon heroes and heroines who change from a normal everyday person to some super being at the utterance of a magic word or rapid change in clothing.

It is a madness associated with health and physical well being, but it is more a state of mind. It is something that makes the participants feel they are healthier. Some are. Some aren't.

Running is strange because, like narcotics or tobacco or alcohol, its indulgents become addicted to the peace and tranquility followers of this almost cult-like activity say they feel while running.

And so it is that the Annapolis 10-Mile Run will be held Sunday for the ninth consecutive year, this time being a bigger event than ever before.

Young emulates his hero

Two home runs help Orioles win

By JOE GROSS

Associate Sports Editor

BALTIMORE — Mike Young admits looking up to Eddie Murray. As far as baseball goes, he couldn't have picked anyone better.

Last night they both wore orange on black "Go Deep" t-shirts and Young did what Murray is better known for doing. Mike Young did "Go Deep" — twice.

His 11th and 12th home runs this season helped the Orioles to a 5-4 victory over the Seattle Mariners, who have little luck in beating the Orioles.

"Eddie's an inspirational guy," said Young who is still unaccustomed to being in the spotlight. "Eddie talks to me a lot. He gives me confidence and he and (batting coach) Ralph Rowe have been giving some tips that have helped me recently. I'm really not doing much differently than I ever have, but when you come to the plate 80 percent sure you're going to hit the ball that helps a lot."

Young has had 20 hits in his last 57 at bats over an 18-game span. He has been batting in the leadoff spot even though manager Joe Altobelli says, "Mike isn't really a leadoff batter." Altobelli added, "But he got two dingers and two walks and when you're winning you don't change things like that."

Young sliced a home run to leftfield in the first inning and crushed another Jim Beattie pitch for his second homer in the third inning. Until that point they were the only Orioles' hits.

Later he walked twice, once was intentionally unintentional, while the next was fully intentional. Beattie was scared of Mike Young and with good reason.

"I just go out and try to do the best I can," said Young when asked about his recent success. "I wasn't looking for the home runs and I really wasn't expecting to be intentionally walked."

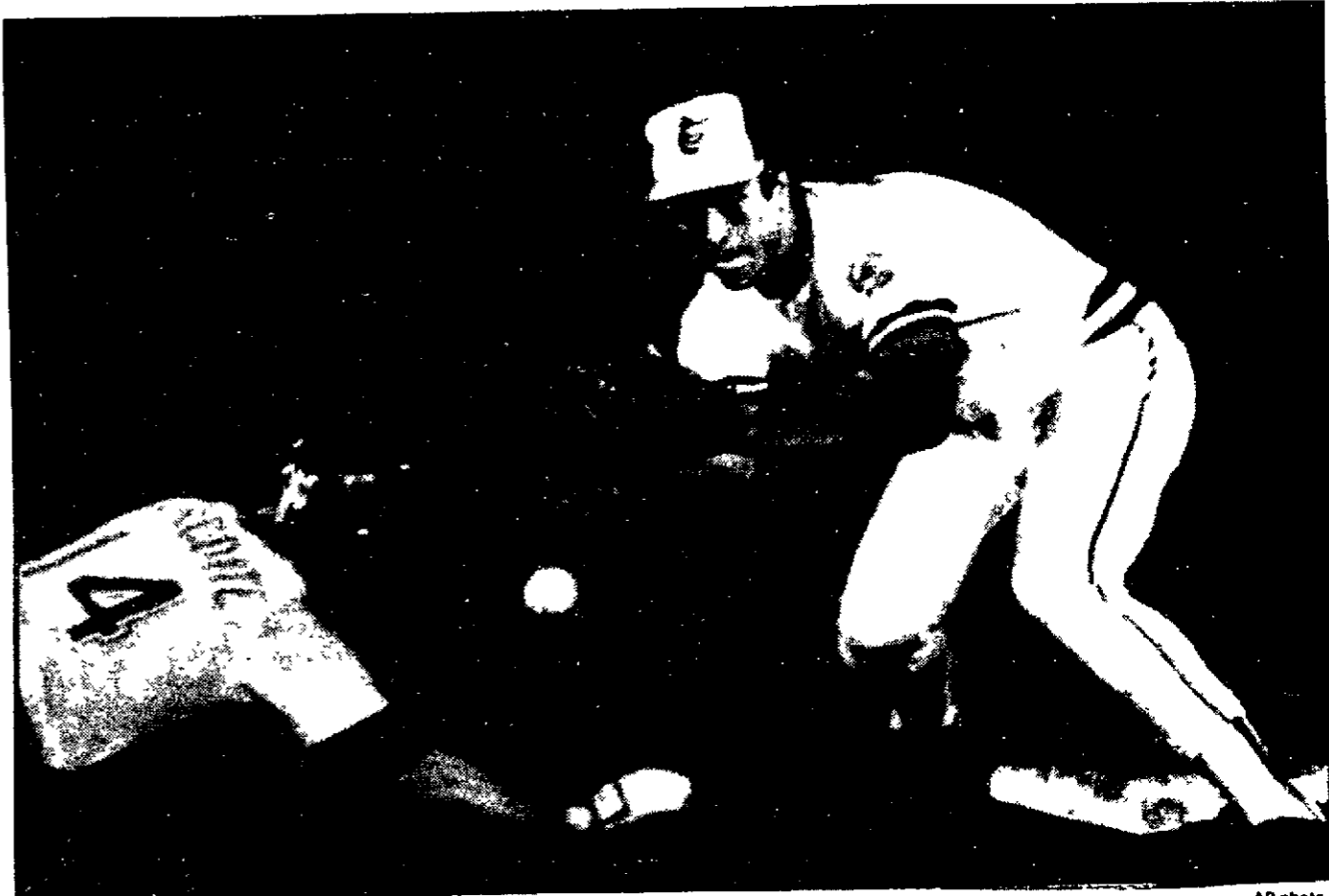
After Young lined out to rightfield in the ninth inning, he received a standing ovation of appreciation from the smattering of fans the Orioles announced as 19,820 — that was the paid count, certainly not the turnstile count.

Other than the Young home runs, Beattie fared well through six innings, despite getting into a number of jams mostly with bases on balls. The Orioles returned the favors by leaving runners on base at an alarming rate, as has been the case during the current four-game winning streak. Last night they left nine runners on, bringing their three game total to 32.

Even in the seventh inning, when Beattie was relieved by Ed Nunez as the Orioles got what proved to be the decisive runs, a pair of errors helped the Orioles to give winning pitcher Dennis Martinez some breathing room.

Martinez has pitched as well as any member of the staff through much of the season, only to have his teammates get him a scant number of runs and other mates to lose leads he had when leaving games.

Last night Dennis scattered seven hits before coming out after committing an error in the seventh inning. He had to be apprehensive with Tippy Martinez coming to



CAL RIPKEN awaits the ball as Seattle Mariners Jack Perconte dives back to second base on a pickoff attempt by Dennis Martinez in the third inning of last night's game. The Orioles won the game, 5-4.

relieve him, but Dennis was showing his tiredness.

Dennis almost saw another lead slip away as he watched on the locker room television set, but Sammy Stewart regained his composure enough to get the final out with a runner in scoring position.

"We held 'em off and we scored more runs than they did," said Stewart after the game. "It's really nice to have a couple of runs to work with when you come into a game. I was able to just throw the hard stuff and that got them out."

Stewart had come in after Tippy Martinez was hit in the right ankle by a hard ground ball in the seventh inning. He started the ninth with a two-run lead, but a double, a run scoring single by pinch-hitter Pat Putnam and an error by Cal Ripken created some tension among the Orioles.

"I know that gets the fans nervous," said Stewart. "I was nervous, too."

The game finally ended when Alvin Davis was induced to pop up to the infield.

The seventh inning uprising that called for the removal of Dennis Martinez started when Jack Perconte, who came into the game with an 0 for 25 streak, got his second hit to lead off the inning. Phil Bradley then squibbed a twisting bouncer toward third base. Martinez fielded the ball, but when he tried to throw off balance to first base, it went awry.

Exit Dennis. Enter Tippy.

Tippy walked Davis to fill the bases with Mariners with no one out. A ground ball to Eddie Murray allowed one run to score, then Cowens ripped the one-hopper off Tippy's right ankle. The ball caromed to Cruz, who threw out Cowens as another run crossed the plate.

Hurting, but not seriously injured, Tippy was taken from the game and Stewart was summoned. The big righthander whiffed Steve Henderson to end the threat. Dennis' fifth win against seven losses was all but in the bag, or so it seemed.

The only run Dennis had allowed before the fatal eighth was on a fourth-inning homer run off the bat of Cowens.

The Orioles runs not supplied by Young came when Gary Roenicke walked after Joe Nolan was intentionally put on to load the bases with two out in the third inning. In the seventh, after Cal Ripken reached first, then second base on separate errors, Wayne Gross singled him home. Then Todd Cruz, running for Gross, came around on Nolan's triple to leftfield.

EXTRA BASES: Dennis Martinez is now 5-7...this was only the third game this season in which he's allowed as many as three runs...Gary Roenicke walked twice giving him seven bases on balls in the last three games...two with the bases loaded...Dan Ford is back on the disabled list, this time with a fracture of a wrist bone...Beattie is now 9-14...tonight the Mariners send Salome Barojas, 8-4, against the Orioles Storm Davis, 12-6.

Evans thrilled with Tigers' play

By The Associated Press

It was a super game in what has been a super season for the Detroit Tigers.

Lance Parrish and Chet Lemon each blasted two-run homers and Darrell Evans had a solo shot to back the combined five-hit pitching of Jack Morris and Dave Rozema as the Tigers belted Oakland 14-1 Monday night. The Tigers, runaway leaders of the American League East, collected a season-high 20 hits and even forced the A's to use infielder Mark Wagner on the mound for the final 1 2/3 innings.

"I've played 15 years and never been in this situation before, and that's why I came here in the first place," said Evans, who joined the Tigers as a free agent this season and has been a part of their divisional romp — Detroit has a 10 1/2-game lead on Toronto. "I think I've done a lot to help this club."

Morris, 16-8, also has done plenty. He tied St. Louis' Joaquin Andujar for the most wins by any major-league pitcher, giving up only three hits in seven innings. In his previous three games, Morris had surrendered 20 earned runs on 26 hits in 13 2/3 innings. His earned run average zoomed to 3.89 from a low of 1.88 on May 30 after he got off to a 10-1 start that included a no-hitter.

"Tonight, Jack had good control. In his last few starts, he didn't," Parrish said. "I think maybe he came away with some positive thoughts tonight."

"I think they go hand in hand. You control yourself, you have a better chance of controlling pitches."

Wagner was the only Oakland pitcher able to control his pitches. He relieved Chuck Rainey in the seventh after Manager Jackie Moore asked for volunteers.

"In the sixth inning, he went around and asked who wanted to pitch," recalled Wagner, a former Tiger, who surrendered two hits, walking one and striking out Johnny Grubb. He did not allow a run. "I went up and told him I'd go a couple of innings. When I was a little kid, I always wanted to pitch in Tiger Stadium. It was fun. It was a big thrill."

"The last time I pitched was about 1972 in American Legion ball."

Kirk Gibson and Doug Baker doubled in runs in each of the first two innings. In the four-run third, Parrish and Lemon had two-run homers.

In the fifth, Barbaro Garbey singled in a run, Doug Baker scored on a wild pitch by Rainey, Alan Trammell tripled to drive Garbey home and Gibson singled Trammell across. Herndon eventually singled home Gibson.

Evans hit his homer in the sixth.

Royals 8, Red Sox 5
George Brett singled off the Fenway Park wall to knock in three runs in the second inning, but injured his left hamstring running to first base and left the game. He'll be out on a day-to-day basis.

Starter Mark Gubicza, 9-9, surrendered all five Boston runs on solo homers by Mike Easler and Rich Gedman and a three-run blast from Marty Barrett. But relievers Joe Beckwith and Dan Quisenberry, who picked up his 33rd save, closed the door as Kansas City moved into a tie for second in the West with California, 4 1/2 games behind Minnesota.



MARTY BARRETT, surrounded by Red Sox teammates Jim Rice and Rick Miller, watches the bouncing ball that got away from him during last night's game against the Kansas City Royals.

Yankees 8, Angels 4

Joe Cowley finally is making his mark in the majors after eight seasons of minor-league duty and 52 1/3 innings of work for Atlanta in 1982. Cowley struck out 13 Angels — including Reggie Jackson three times — as New York, which has scored 25 runs in its last three games, cruised. Bobby Grich and Rob Wilfong homered for California.

White Sox 7, Rangers 5

Greg Walker hung in on Charlie Hough's knuckleball, then deposited a fastball into the seats for a three-run homer to pace Chicago. Richard Dotson, 13-10, won for only the second time in eight starts since the All-Star break.

In the National League the San Diego Padres have been rapped for its perplexing inability to win in front of a big home crowd. So much for that bugaboo.

Before 50,869 lured into San Diego's Jack Murphy Stadium for the game and a fireworks display, the Padres rode the pitching of Eric Show and Rich Gossage to a 3-1 victory over the New York Mets Monday night.

The victory maintained San Diego's nine-game lead over Atlanta in the National League West while New York slipped four games in back of Chicago, a 6-1 winner, over Houston, in the NL East.

Cubs 6, Astros 1

Left-hander Steve Trout, 11-5, equaled his career high for victories in a season, but the outing was not without incident. Trout gave up six hits and seven walks, and twice in the first four innings had to pitch out of bases-loaded jams. The only Houston run scored in the fourth on a double-play ball.

Ron Cey slugged a three-run homer and Keith Moreland drove in three runs with a pair of singles as Chicago snapped Houston's longest winning streak in three years at nine games. Bob Knepper, 12-9, took the loss.

Brewers 4, Pirates 1

Brad Komminsk broke up a 1-1 game in the 10th with a two-out double and Alex Trevino followed with a two-run single as Atlanta marked Manager Joe Torre's return from a three-game suspension. Torre was penalized for his role in the San Diego-Atlanta beanball war Aug. 12.

In the 10th, Dale Murphy reached on a force play and moved to second on Chris Chambliss' single before Komminsk dropped a double inside the left-field line. Ken Oberkfell was walked intentionally and Trevino followed with his single to hand reliever Kent Tekulve his ninth loss in 11 decisions. Reliever Gene Garber, 2-2, got the win.

Cardinals 9, Reds 7

Pitcher Dave LaPoint drove in three runs, rookie Terry Pendleton doubled in two and Darrell Porter slammed a two-run homer to key the Cardinals' 15-hit assault. LaPoint knocked in runs with a groundout, a single and a sacrifice fly before being lifted during a three-run Reds uprising in the fifth. Jeff Lahti, 4-2, pitched the final 3 2/3 innings.

Ozzie Smith, making his first appearance since a broken wrist put him on the disabled list July 13, tripled to start the Cardinals fourth off Reds starter Jay Tibbs, 2-1. Smith scored on LaPoint's single, and Pendleton's two-run double capped the uprising. An inning later, Porter drilled his 10th homer and LaPoint added a sacrifice fly.

Cesar Cedeno had a two-run homer and Dave Parker a solo shot for Cincinnati.

Phillies 6, Giants 4

Al Oliver, traded by San Francisco on Monday morning, came back to haunt his old club only 10 hours later, stroking a two-run double that climaxed a five-run Philadelphia uprising.

John Russell opened the Philadelphia second with a double off Giants starter Mark Calvert, 2-4, who then hit Ivan DeJesus with a pitch. Russell and DeJesus advanced on a sacrifice bunt and came home on a double by Juan Samuel. One out later, Von Hayes singled to score Samuel. Mike Schmidt reached on an infield hit and Oliver finished things with a two-run double to left-center.

Expos 3, Dodgers 1

Bill Gullickson, winless in eight previous decisions against Los Angeles, finally beat the Dodgers by scattering seven hits over eight innings. Gary Lucas pitched the ninth for his eighth save. It was Montreal's sixth consecutive victory and the third straight defeat for the Dodgers.

"It took me five years, but I finally beat them," said Gullickson, 9-7. "I pitched some bad games and lost, and pitched well and still lost."