

The sea of runners in Park Street, seen through a 640 mm lens from the Kingsgate Hotel.

Marathon runner John Farrington easily won "The Sun" City to Surf race yesterday only three weeks after a foot injury caused his withdrawal from Australia's Olympic Games team.

Farrington, 30, said after the race that he now considered himself sufficiently fit to have competed at Munich.

Farrington broke a bone in his right foot on June 28.

"My injury was not completely healed on the

## Runner misses Olympics, wins City to Surf race

day the team was due to leave, so I had to follow the rules and withdraw," he said.

"I think now that I would probably have done very well at Munich—I took 2hr 12m for the marathon 26m 38.5yd last week."

Farrington, an administrative officer at

Macquarie University, covered yesterday's 9.4-mile course from Sydney Town Hall to Bondi Beach in 45m 15s.

This was 31s slower than his time last year, when he finished second to American marathon champion Ken Moore.

However, none of the runners offered a ser-

ious challenge yesterday and for almost half the race Farrington was out of sight of the rest of the field of 2,500.

"I took it nice and easy and just set a pace which I knew I could maintain," he said.

When he finished the race, Farrington spent the next 30 minutes run-

ning in the sand along Bondi Beach.

His prize for winning includes a Qantas flight to San Francisco next May to contest the annual Bay to Breakers race.

Jeff Julian, the New Zealand track champion, finished second yesterday, 61s behind Farrington.

Another 16s away third was Bill Clark, an American who finished third in this year's Bay to Breakers race.

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John Farrington (152) going as far as his leg will.

## FARRINGTON LEADS

**WINDBENDING**—the sight of a 2,500-strong horde of men, women and children thundering up Park Street, city, on an otherwise peaceful Sunday morning!

The start of yesterday's second "Sun" City-to-Surf mini-marathon undoubtedly rates as one of the world's great sporting spectacles.

The Lord Mayor, Sir Ernest McEwen, perched on top of a mobile hoist outside the Town Elizabeth Street were held, fired the gun that started the human stampede.

Within minutes the three city blocks to the south were settling with eager competitors.

Setting a blazing pace at the head of the field were the main contenders, Australian marathon champion John Farrington, New Zealand Olympic champion Ken Moore, and American runner Bill Clark.

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Harrison, our representative for San Francisco's Bay to Breakers race earlier this year, joined the front runners.

Farrington, 30, went on to a easy win by 62 seconds from Julian, with Clark third.

In the wake, hundreds of other closely contested races were being run — by sports clubs, schoolchildren, family teams and individual joggers.

In most of these competitions, the people who ran for fun and fitness were the main object of the day.

It was to cross the Bondi finishing line, 9.4 miles away over hard roads and winding, hilly terrain.

Most of them did — only 90 starters failed to finish.

Remarkably, 2,668 runners finished in under 100 minutes.

Thousands of spectators, along the route through Kings Cross, Double Bay, Rose Bay and Dover Heights, lined their way with cheers and shouts of encouragement.

In the battle for line honours, it was Farrington who was the main object of the day.

Medical officials at yesterday's "Sun" City-to-Surf race said casualties among runners were far fewer than in the 1971 inaugural event.

Major Seymour, Deputy Commissioner of the St John Ambulance Brigade, said:

"The number of people treated was many, many down on last year's figure."

He said experience gained by organizers from last year's event would be a main factor behind the drop.

"The medical arrangements have been marvellous," he said.

"There was always medical treatment available for those who wanted it."

Medical services, including placement of St John volunteers at regular intervals along the route to treat race drop-outs.

An expert team of doctors, nurses and ambulance men at the Bondi Beach Pavilion.

Ambulances were on constant standby to transport cases needing hospital treatment.

Chief complaints from runners were sore feet, cramps, overheating and minor exhaustion, Major Seymour said.

San Olympic team only three weeks ago because of a foot injury, clocked a winning time of 45 minutes, 15 seconds.

At the halfway mark he increased his pace and shot ahead to set up an unbeatable margin.

But he said, his injury had not completely healed on the day of the race.

Bill Clark, who flew in from California for the race, topped the field after 5m 32s.

He was followed by Moore (46m 43s), McDonald (46m 49s), Smith (47m 13s) and Harrison (47m 44s).

Farrington, who believes in a "wind-down" jog after marathons, topped off his win with a 30-minute run along Bondi Beach.

His prize for winning is a trophy, plus a

Qantas trip to San Francisco next May to contest the annual Bay to Breakers race.

The race was run in mild and near-70 deg temperatures.

Many of last year's winners in the team and special categories rejected their success.

Back Stanford, 23, ran into 13th place in 60m 41s, again becoming the first woman to finish.

First athletic club to finish was last year's winners in the team and special categories.

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### DON'T CHANGE AN INCH OF THE CITY-TO-SURF

JOHN FARRINGTON, winner of the second annual City to Surf mini-marathon yesterday, is convinced the event will develop into one of the world's classic foot races.

"Don't change the route by so much as an inch," he told organizers of the event, after effortlessly covering the tough, hilly, 9.4-mile course in 45min 15sec.

"This year, we had runners from the United States, New Zealand and interstate. I am sure the proportion of overseas runners will increase every year."

"The big challenge in the City-to-Surf is the 11 m American Ken Moore set last year — 45min 15sec."

"That will attract good overseas and local runners here to beat Moore's time."

"And as the record improves so will the challenge to better it," Farrington said.

John Farrington (center) congratulated by American Bill Clark (left) and Jeff Julian (right) after winning the City to Surf race.

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## 2,500 IN CITY-TO-SURF

More than 2,500 men, women and children are expected to start in "The Sun's" City-to-Surf race next Sunday morning.

The Lord Mayor will send them on their 9.4-mile journey from the Sydney Town Hall at 10 am.

The route will take the runners up William Street through Kings Cross, out along New South Head Road to Vaucluse Heights and back along Old South Head Road and Military Road to Bondi Beach.

Runners will be coming not only from Newcastle, Wollongong and country towns, but also from Melbourne and New Zealand.

Bill Clark, who was just beaten last month in the San Francisco "Examiner's" 62nd annual "Bay to Breakers" 7-mile race by US Olympic marathon representative Ken Moore, will arrive in Sydney tomorrow by Qantas.

Entry fees and sponsorships will be shared by the Spastic Centre and the Sports Medicine Federation.

### The great foot race for everyone

IT was a race for EVERYBODY—old, young, big, small, male, female—even a dog or two!

Age was no barrier in "The Sun" classic 9.4-mile City-to-Surf race.

Grey-haired pensioners and youngsters barely into school competed with equal spirit and determination.

Hero of the oldsters was the remarkable George Davidson, 82, of Hurville, the oldest entrant.

He joined his 35-year-old son John in a father-and-son team.

He jogged across the finishing line in Queen Elizabeth Drive, Bondi, to clock around 120 minutes for the race—about 20 minutes better than last year's time!

But he was still outside the 100-minute limit, needed to qualify him for the Oldest to Finish award.

Commented son John, "I hope I'm like that when I'm his age!"

### Some runners thought they were having vision trouble when they saw Neil and Andrew Hanaman, from Dover Heights.

The boys are identical 10-year-old twins, and wore matching track outfits.

They filled the 1,263rd and 1,264th positions.

An unofficial canine competitor was Humphrey, a five-month-old Weimaraner dog.

He led his master, Peter Farrelly-Rogers, of Balmain, to 1,290th position.

Humphrey, training on a diet of cabbage rolls, had joined Peter on six practice runs over the race route, but wasn't going to be left out of the real thing.

One of the youngest finishers was six-year-old Peter Ryan, of Vaucluse.

He outpaced his teammate and father, Dr Maurice Ryan, and commented between post-race puffs:

"It was a bit hard, but I sure want to do it again next year."

And 68-year-old Ambrose Thomas was jubilant—he'd finally broken the 100-minute barrier.

Details of other placemen will be published in "The Sun" starting Wednesday.

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winner, the Randwick Botany Harriers.

Oldest person to finish was T. Millard, 69, who came 457th. He also won the title last year.

Another victor from the US was Tommy Owen, aged nine.

He put in a fine performance to finish 408th.

"It's real tough," he said of the course afterwards.

"It's harder than the Bay to Breakers—there are a lot more hills."

Trophies for the first three placemen, teams, special categories and medallions for the first 23 finishers were presented by the Chief Secretary and Minister for Sport, Mr Griffith.

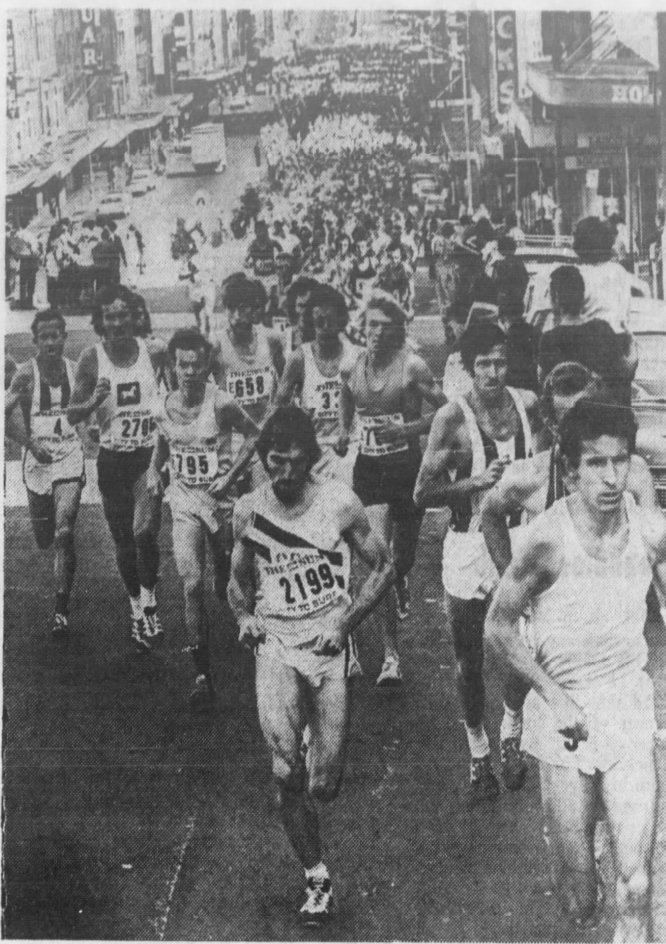
A full colour film of the race was made by the US was Tommy Owen, aged nine.

The film was sent to San Francisco to be shown over TV station KRON 4.

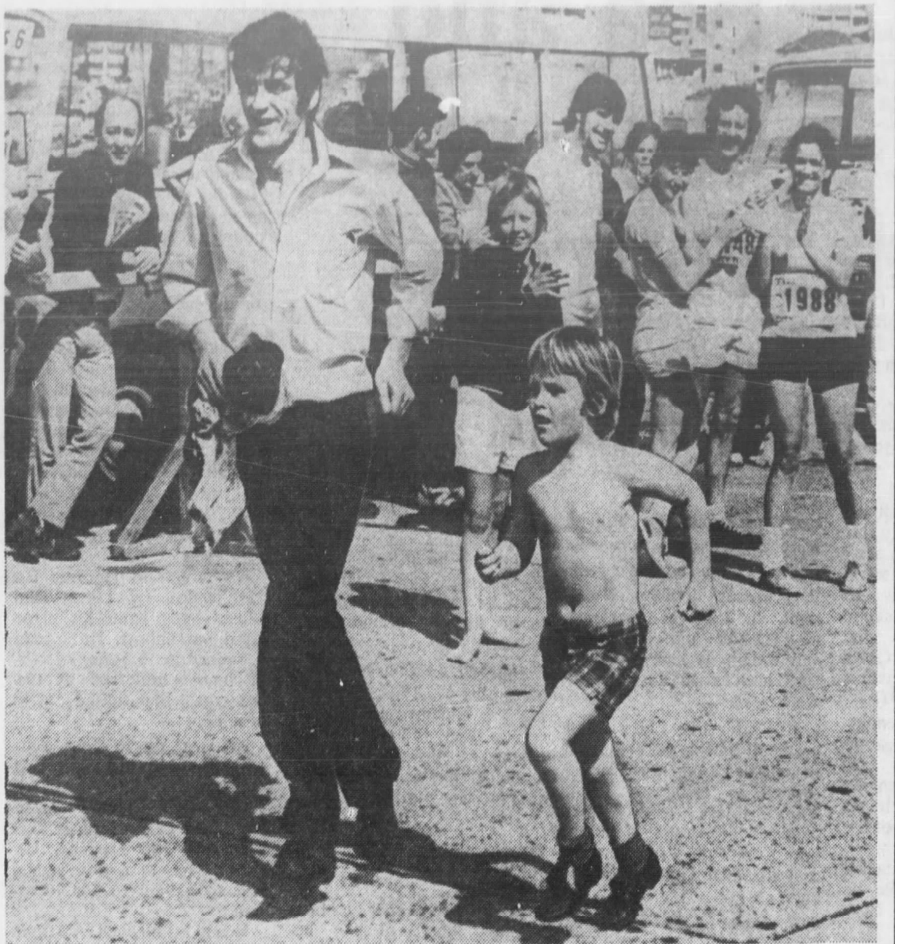
# A beautiful morning for a run down to the sea



John Farrington after the race.



John Farrington (right) leads the field up William Street.



Spontaneous entrants William Hutchinson and his son, Thomas, 5, cross the line.

## Tom, 5, a 'ring-in', put dad in the race

Peter Ryan, 6, of Vaucluse was the youngest competitor to compete officially yesterday in "The Sun's" City to Surf race.

But an unofficial contender, Thomas Hutchinson, 5, of King's Cross who "gate-crashed" the event in William Street was the youngest to cross the finishing line.

His father, Mr William Hutchinson, was watching the runners with his wife and their boy.

"Thomas tugged my arm and said: 'Let's go dad,'" he said.

"I gave my coat to my

wife and started to run, thinking Thomas would have had enough by the time we reached Edgecliff," Mr Hutchinson said. "But he didn't, and here we are —and I left my wallet in my coat, so it looks like a run back to Kings Cross as well."

Mr Peter Farrelly-Rogers, 29, of Balmain, aware of the loneliness of the long-distance runner, took his five-month-old Weirmaner dog Humphrey along for company.

"Humphrey thought it was a great lark," he said.

Mr Ambrose Thomas, 68, travelled from Surfers Paradise for the race because he "likes a bit of exercise."

He finished the course ahead of many younger men.

The winner, John Farrington, took the lead soon after the Lord Mayor, Sir Emmet McDermott, fired the starting gun from a mobile hoist perched 15ft above Park Street, City.

The field was stretched almost the entire length of William Street when Farrington turned into New South Head Road at Kings Cross.

At Ocean Street, Edgecliff, he was more than 100 yards ahead of the other two placegetters, Julian and Clark, and setting a cracking pace.

He was cheered on by hundreds of people who lined the shopping centres at Double Bay and Rose Bay.

Farrington had increased his lead to 1,000 yards when he turned into Military Road, Vaucluse, on the final section of the race.

More than 5,000 people waiting at Bondi Beach cheered as he produced a final sprint to cross the finishing line.

Beth Stanford, 28, the Australian women's cross-country champion, was the first woman to finish for the second year.

She was 138th outright and took 1hr 41s.

Warren Devlin, 18, and his father, Mr Fred Devlin, 47, of Kingsford, were the first father and son team to finish.

They also won this section last year.

Alan Crothers, 12, of Kogarah, limped across the line in the first 500 and then sought treatment for a blister on his right heel.

Forty ambulancemen, 20 St John ambulance cadets, 20 nurses and five doctors treated more than 50 competitors for exhaustion, dehydration, sprains and blisters during the race.

Fewer than 300 starters failed to finish the course.

Proceeds will go to the Spastic Centre of NSW and the Australian Sports Medicine Federation.

The race was organised by "The Sun," the Amateur Athletic Association of NSW and the NSW Women's Athletic Association.

### RESULTS:

**Outright:** J. Farrington (Aust) 45m 15s, 1; J. Julian (NZ) 46m 16s, 2; W. Clark (US) 46m 32s, 3.

**First schoolboy:** P. Bromley, 48m 50s, 15th outright.

**Husband and wife:** Mr R. Martin, 34th outright, and Mrs Martin, 486th outright.

**Father and son:** W. Devlin and F. Devlin.

**Men's team of three:** RAAF.

**Women's team of three:** Cumberland Women's Athletic Club.



Smile and the world smiles with you — especially if the "smilers" are lovely entrants in the Miss Australia quest.

## Happy on job

Here we have Miss NSW, Rosemarie Gatloff, and four potential Miss Australia's undertaking an unusual but most important task.

Out at Allambie Heights, at the Spastic Centre, they are attach-

ing numbers to chest badges to be worn by runners in "The Sun's" second City to Surf race, from the Town Hall to Bondi Beach, on August 27.

Busily engaged at the table are (from left) Dianna Andrews, 18, of

Eastwood; Vivienne Tout, 19, of Narrabeen; Susie Elelman, 18, of Mona Vale; and Sally Manwaring, 18, of Balgowlah.

They don't mind how many chest badges they have to make up — the

more starters in the 9.4-mile Sunday morning run the more money, in 50c entry fees and sponsorships, will be shared by the Spastic Centre and the Sports Medicine Federation.

The entry coupon is in "The Sun" each day.