

4,000 SCRAMBLE OFF ON RUN TO BONDI



A boy falls and another competitor stumbles in a scramble at the start of "The Sun" City to Surf race yesterday.

Australian marathon champion John Farrington, 31, defeated easily a record entry of more than 4,000 competitors in "The Sun" City-to-Surf race yesterday, from the Town Hall to Bondi.

Time surprised winner of City-to-Surf race

His time was also record-breaking. He covered the 15 kilometres (9.4 miles) course in 43min 16.6sec, beating his American rival Ken Moore by 47.6sec.

Farrington said he had surprised himself with his time. He had not felt that he was running more than a minute better than his time last year. "I was surprised when

I left the field behind," he said. "I had to keep asking the officials for times, to be sure how I was doing."

Ken Moore described Farrington's run as "one of the best races I have ever seen anyone run in middle-distance running."

Alan Harrison, who finished third in the 1971 City-to-Surf race, finished fourth this time; fifth was Michael Wagenbach, a US Navy storeman, and Bay-to-Breakers placegetter. The first woman to finish was Miss Tess Bell.

Farrington, his long-standing American rival Ken Moore, New Zealander Terry Manners, Ryde-Hornsby runner

Got in front and stayed that way

More than 4,000 people in a great variety of running gear packed into Park Street, between Pitt and George Streets, City, yesterday to compete in "The Sun" City-to-Surf race to Bondi Beach.

The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman David Griffin, sat 50ft above the roadway in a mobile crane and fired a starting pistol, and the stampede began.

Most of the competitors — a world-record entry for any race of its type — wore coloured singlets or T-shirts, and shorts and running shoes, but many wore unusual attire.

A team of 11 soldiers from Army Headquarters 2nd Division, Company 1, covered the 15 kilometres (9.4 miles) from the Town Hall to Bondi Beach, wearing full uniform and boots.

Australian marathon champion John Farrington, pre-post favourite, took an early lead and won the race. It was as simple as that.

Farrington, his long-standing American rival Ken Moore, New Zealander Terry Manners, Ryde-Hornsby runner Alan Har-

ron and American Mike Wagenbach, soon strode out from the pack.

Pressed mainly by Moore and Manners, Farrington had a clear lead going up the William Street hill.

By the time he approached Rushcutters Bay, 10 metres clear of Manners and Moore, the rest of the field was dropping out of sight.

As Farrington made the twisting climb along New South Head Road from Rose Bay to Vaucluse, he was 80 metres in front of Moore, who had taken a firm grip on second place, clear of Manners.

The rest of the field stretched back to Kings Cross, with drop-out points (provided for entrants who found they had been over-ambitious) well patronised.

About 2,000 people cheered when Farrington crossed the finishing line in Queen Elizabeth Drive just before 10.45 am. The last stragglers arrived between noon and 12.30 pm.

The first woman home miss Tess Bell, 22, of Eastlakes — runs with the Randwick-Botany Athletic Club. She did not

know where she finished but she beat many men.

Among the oldest competitors to finish was Mr Tom Millard, 70, of Long Jetty.

Among the youngest was seven-year-old Stuart Bloomfield, of Peakhurst, who ran in the father-and-son team category with Mr Hilton Bloomfield.

Mr John Williams, of Rose Bay, took along his three Irish terriers — Padraic, Bridgid and Fred.

The NSW district superintendent of the St John Ambulance, Mr L. Carrington, said ambulance officers at a temporary station in the Bondi surf pavilion treated about 60 people.

Three were taken to hospital suffering from exhaustion; the others had sprains, cuts and bruises, and a number had internal disorders.

Mr Carrington said the ambulancemen had not been as busy as they were last year, when only about 2,000 people started.



Mr Tom Millard, 70, of Long Jetty, one of the oldest competitors, finishes the race.



Robert Goldman, 10 (left), and his brother, David, 8, cross the finish line.



Terry Manners, of New Zealand (left), who ran third, Tess Bell, of the Randwick-Botany Club, who was the first woman to finish, Ken Moore, of the US, who ran second, and the winner, John Farrington, of the Ryde-Hornsby Club, with their trophies.



RECORD CITY TO SURF

THE 1973 "Sun" City-to-Surf race yesterday went in to sporting history as probably the biggest ever footrace.

Once again, it was Australian Marathon champion John Farrington's race. He burst through the yellow ribbon at Queen Elizabeth Drive to clock 43 min 16.6 sec, the fastest time in the 15 kilometre course.

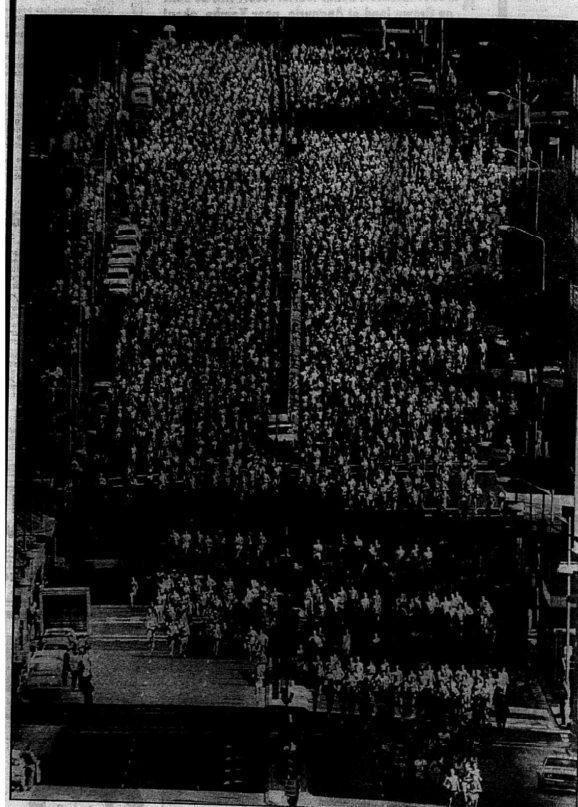
He clocked a provisional 43 min 59 sec. In a fine show of sportsmanship, he later said of his winning opponent: "I think you've seen one of the most magnificent displays — this year or any year — of middle to long-distance running."

Third was New Zealand Olympian Terry Manners with 44 min 16.6 sec. Then came Alan Robinson

with 44 min 46 sec and US Navy storeman Mike Wagenbach (45 min 55 sec). Times of every finisher are now being fed into one of our computers. When it shuffles the 4,000 odd names into order they will be published with time and placing. More photos, full report, pages 12, 13.

1973 CITY-TO-SURF PHOTO SOUVENIR

CHARGE...!



THEY'RE off... a human flood surges down Park Street as 4,300 runners set off in "The Sun" City-to-Surf race yesterday.

The weather was perfect for yesterday's 15 kilometre race — sunny and cool after a cold, rainy Saturday.

The 4,300 competitors, ranging in age from 7 to 70, began assembling in Park Street at 8 am.

By starting time at 10 am, the entrants filled the block between George and Pitt Streets.

T-shirts and running singlets showed the names of sporting clubs from all over Australia, from America, New Zealand, Fiji, New Guinea, and Switzerland.

A big squad of police charged the "runners" as the Lord Mayor, Alderman Griffin, mounted a City Council "cherry picker" crane to fire the starting pistol.

Then, a human stampede erupted out of Park Street, heading for Kings Cross.

Australian marathon champion John Farrington, 31, took an early lead and maintained it until he reached Bondi, 43 minutes 16.6 seconds later.

This is a record for the event, cutting 11.4 seconds from the previous best set in the 1971 inaugural race.

Farrington, who wins a free trip to San Francisco to compete in our sister city's Bay-to-Breakers race next year, defeated US Olympian Ken Moore by 47.6 seconds, who has won

LOIS WALKED IT..!

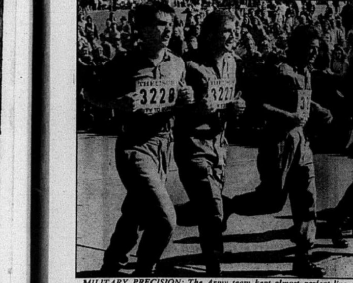
ONE of the most remarkable performances was by 19-year-old, Lois Eade.

A member of the Northern Suburbs Athletic Club, Lois walked the 15 kilometres in 88 min 50 sec.

"I've been walking competitively for six years now and find it hard to run," she said. "It takes a lot of stamina, but once you're used to it, it's quite easy."

Lois regarded the course as "a little too short."

"It's a case of the further the better for me," she added.



MILITARY PRECISION: The Army team kept almost perfect line abreast for the entire length of the race and it's not surprising they finished well back... they ran in uniform, boots and gaiters!



Tom, who has won this section in the two previous City-to-Surf races, completed the course in 91 minutes, 12 seconds.

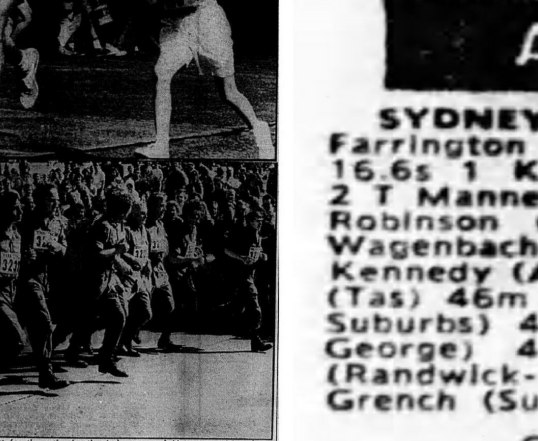
One of the first father and son teams to finish were the Goldmans, of Botany.

Father, Ken, and his two sons, David, 8, and Robert, 10, completed the race in 84 minutes, 49 seconds.

Youngest competitor to finish was 7-year-old Stuart Bloomfield, of Peakhurst.

Running with his father, Hilton, he completed the course in 109 minutes, 11 seconds.

The first woman to finish was Tess Bell, 22, of Eastlakes, in 56 minutes, 44 seconds.



ABOVE: John Williams of Rose Bay took three unofficial starters with him during the race, his Irish terriers Padraic, Bridgid and Fred. LEFT: Short and tall, all ages and shapes took part and most had no trouble making the 15 kilometres.

RUNNERS FITTER

MEDICAL officials at yesterday's City-to-Surf run said competitors were generally fitter than in previous years.

He is Dr George Hession, Director of the Sports Medicine Clinic.

"Competitors seemed to have trained more fully this year," he said. "I treated 20, and these were the ones that hadn't trained."

Dr Hession said two competitors were taken to St Vincent's Hospital with heat exhaustion.

Athletics

SYDNEY CITY TO SURF RACE:

Farrington (Ryde-Hornsby)	43m 16.6s
1 K Moore (US)	44m 4.2s
2 T Manners (NZ)	44m 16.2s
3 A Robinson (R-Hy)	44m 46s
4 M Wagenbach (US)	45m 55s
5 M Kennedy (ACT)	46m 28s
6 N Gale (Tas)	46m 30s
7 B Talay (Eastern Suburbs)	46m 47s
8 V Byrne (St George)	47m 4s
9 K Mayhew (Randwick-Botany)	47m 44s
10 D Grench (Sutherland)	47m 45s
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