

# VICTORIAN MARATHON CLUB

## 1965 MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESTON - JULY 24

Thirty-six runners started in the Annual Club Championship at Preston on a new course. It was a flat course with a few undulations. Basically it was an out and back course in a northerly direction but included out and back sections to east and west so that wind effects minimised. It was measured by a surveyors wheel.

Conditions were ideal, a cloudy day with a little light rain and a temperature of 52°. The early leaders Geoff Watt (Warragul) and Mike McKenna (Tasmania) - a 20 year old - set a steady 5.30 pace and six miles came up in 33.10.

From there on Fred Howe, Pat Clohessey, Ben Mackey & Hank van Wijngaarden pushed ahead as a group. The lead changed but mostly Fred Howe had the running. This group reached 16 miles in just under 87 mins. and such was the pressure amongst

them that they maintained this pace right to the finish, with the last ten under 54 mins. Towards the end Clohessy threw out a strong challenge but Howe was running on well and won by about 80 yards. Talking about the last ten miles Perce Cerutty said" they were probably the fastest I've ever seen".

<u>DETAILS</u>						
<u>Name</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Actual Time</u>	<u>H'cap</u>	<u>Hand Time</u>	<u>Hand Place</u>	
Howe, F.	1st	2.22.18	8.0	2.14.18	13th	
Clohessy, P.	2nd	2.22.32	8.0	2.14.32	14th	
Mackie, B.	3rd	2.23.55	16.0	2.07.55	5th	
Van WjngaardenH	4th	2.24.05	6.0	2.18.05	20th	
Eaton, C.	5th	2.29.53	20.0	2.09.53	7th	
Watt, G.	6th	2.30.01	28.0	2.02.01	2nd	
McKenna, M.	7th	2.30.05	20.0	2.10.05	8th	(Tas)
Brown, R.	8th	2.30.12	12.0	2.18.12	21st	
Ellem, B.	9th	2.31.34	20.0	2.11.34	11th	
Cumming, G.	10th	2.34.42	20.0	2.14.42	15th	
Bruce, P.	11th	2.35.23	15.0	2.20.23	24th	
Allemy, W.	12th	2.35.28	34.0	2.01.28	1st	
Crawford, J.	13th	2.37.10	18.0	2.19.10	23rd	
Gregory, N.	14th	2.38.57	36.0	2.02.57	3rd	
Staveley, J.	15th	2.39.26	32.0	2.07.26	4th	
Williams, D.	16th	2.41.04	22.0	2.19.04	22nd	
Lester, F.	17th	2.42.10	20.0	2.22.10	25th	
Kirkwood, W.	18th	2.42.52	28.0	2.14.52	16th	(S.A.)
Connell, J.	19th	2.43.15	32.0	2.11.15	10th	
Padley, N.	20th	2.45.45	30.0	2.15.45	18th	
Sheppard, W.	21st	2.46.13	30.0	2.16.13	19th	
O'Connor, A.	22nd	2.48.14	40.0	2.08.14	6th	
Casey, J.	23rd	2.50.10	27.0	2.23.10	27th	
Beattie, K.	24th	2.54.30	32.0	2.22.30	26th	(Tas)
Penney, L.	25th	3.05.58	55.0	2.10.58	9th	(Tas)
Poelsma, J.	26th	3.10.02	55.0	2.15.02	17th	
Boxer, R.	27th	3.14.40	62.0	2.12.40	12th	
Logan, H.	28th	3.19.45	50.0	2.29.45	28th	

Did not finish

Bamborough, A, Bird, K, Blewwett, D., Grey, M., Humphreys, B.,  
Pearce, K., Trembearth, D., Walker, R. (36 starters).

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# V.M.C.'S MARATHON C'SHIP —

1:	WALKER
2:	MACKINNEY
3:	WARD

— FRED LESTER —

SATURDAY JULY 27

— AT PRESTON —

31 STARTERS REPORTED IN AT THE PRESTON AAC ROOMS AT EDWARDES LAKE AND IT WAS GOOD TO SEE ROD

MACKINNEY DOWN HERE AGAIN TO GIVE US A LESSON IN CONTROLLED RUNNING. ABC TELEVISION WAS DOWN TO COVER THE MAIN ASPECTS OF THE RACE AND GAVE VIEWERS SOME EXCELLENT SHOTS TO SAVOUR FROM THE COMFORT OF THEIR ARMCHAIRS.

LES PERRY and BERT GARDINER, with the assistance of Preston AAC Stalwarts HARRY and DON DRENAN, distributed watchholders and stewards to such effect that 10 intermediate timing points were covered as well as the main traffic danger points. The many helpers who assisted deserve high praise for the good work done and we hope that their example will be followed by other VMC members.

## THE RACE:

The field gets under way at a moderate pace, everyone being rather conscious of the firm wind blowing into their faces. By the 2 miles turn into Mahoney's Road, a definite pattern has developed. 11:15 is the time for the leading group of MACKINNEY, WALKER, WARD, KELLY, HOWE, SAWYER and BRAHAM. On 11:36 EATON and WATT, trailed by a cautious Kerry PEARCE in 11:45, BRUCE, WARR & PAPROTH just over 12:10 followed 40 secs further back by a big bunch intent on staying the distance. Keith LEIGH, Doug OLIVER and Harry LOGAN were bringing up the rear in just on 13:40.

The 4 miles turn in 21:58 secs the leaders minus FREDDY HOWE in 22:13, while PEARCE has joined COLIN EATON and GEOFF WATT for 23:16. NEIL PADLEY in 23:53 just ahead of BRUCE, WARR, PAPROTH & COCHRANE in 24:05. The big bunch is beginning to string out either side of JIMMY CRAWFORD who is doing steady 6:10 miles for 24:53.

By 6 miles, back on the Epping High Street, TERRY BRAHAM is losing contact as the leaders go through in 32:24, DARRY SAWYER also behind but doing slightly better, while FREDDY HOWE looks a laboured 33:20. The others were unchanged except for KEITH LEIGH guarding the rear.

8 Miles in 44:06 for MACKINNEY, WALKER, WARD & KELLY. An interesting bunch teaming well down the field is 17 year old JOHN VARLEY, 18 year old TIM HANNAH and country school teacher BRUCE WALKER, in his first Marathon, to clock 38:21.

10 miles in 55:28 for the same four, DARRY SAWYER hanging on half a minute down and HOWE & BRAHAM slipping back through the field. Geoff WATT on the hour with 60:40, Peter BRUCE 61:40, Neil PADLEY 61:43, COCHRANE & CRAWFORD 62:18 trailing Robert MOORE but in front of Bill WARR.

Geoff WALKER now applies pressure and at the 13 mile turns in 71:12, the other three 71:26 SAWYER, 72:35 HOWE 74:39, EATON 75:42, PEARCE 75:45, BRAHAM 76:00 and calling it a day WATT 79:41, BRUCE 80:07, ROBERTSON & CRAWFORD 80:26, COCHRANE 80:32, MOORE 80:37, PADLEY 80:44, WARR 81:35, PAPROTH 82:30, TONTI 84:13, VARLEY & WALKER 85:25, TREMBEARTH 86:06, HANNAH 86:08, Kevin GRAY 89:09, Keith BIRD 89:40, LOGAN & OLIVER 90:46. Keith LEIGH bringing up the rear in approx. 95 minutes.

By 15 Geoff leads in 81:42 to MACKINNEY & WARD 82:18 while the strain is getting too much for KELLY, Darry SAWYER calls a halt after 84:09, while the tiring HOWE is being steadily overhauled by EATON & PEARCE. Soon after the 16 mark and back into Epping, Geoff holds almost a minute clear lead with the next three strung out over 100 yards. The same picture is presented by EATON, HOWE & PEARCE 4 minutes further back. Six minutes later Jimmy CRAWFORD now leads the rest of the field, having worked his way through the bunch at virtually the same 6:10 rate he started with. Jimmy gratefully downs a glass of beer outside the local pub and carries on undaunted with Geoff WATT, the latter having decided to stick with Jim.

Geoff makes the most of his break to be at 20 in 107:45 as against Rod MACKINNEY'S 109:02 with no changes in the rest of the field but for the ones and twos dropping out. Back up Mahoney's Road and Rod still cannot master his bad patch to be 120:30 against Geoff's 110:45, but WARD and KELLY are faring worse. This is the 22 miles mark and EATON & PEARCE are still 4 minutes behind, HOWE fading but 4½ minutes up on CRAWFORD who has dropped WATT.

Back on Epping Road with a little over 2 miles to go, Geoff is happy to just run it out, while Rod is moving faster but not enough to be a serious threat, Rob WARD, tiring, manages to break the 2½ hours and qualify for the Laurel Wreath Insignia while the strong running Kerry PEARCE closes the gap to less than 2 minutes and loses Colin EATON in the process. Tommy KELLY makes the finish line in fits and bursts behind Fred HOWE, after needing just on 30 minutes for the last four miles.

RESULTS:

1. Walker Geoff	2.23.40	8.00	2.15.40	2nd (Hand)
2. MacKinney Rod	2.24.27	Scr	2.24.27	9th
3. Ward Rob	2.29.47	13.0	2.16.47	3rd
4. Pearce Kerry	2.31.31	6.00	2.25.31	11th
5. Eaton Colin	2.34.16	11.0	2.23.16	7th
6. Howe Fred	2.36.20	3.00	2.33.20	14th
7. Kelly Tom	2.37.05	7.00	2.30.05	12th
8. Crawford Jim	2.38.58	19.00	2.19.58	4th
9. Watt Geoff	2.44.05	12.00	2.32.05	13th
10. Cochrane Bob	2.47.04	23.0	2.24.04	3th
11. Robertson Peter	2.40.50	28.00	2.21.50	5th
12. Padley Neil	2.56.27	22.0	2.34.27	15th
13. Varley John	3.05.48	28.0	2.37.48	17th
14. Hannah Tim	3.08.59	47.0	2.21.59	6th
15. Trembeath Doug	3.10.01	45.0	2.25.01	10th
16. Bird Keith	3.19.19	65.0	2.14.19	1st
17. Tontifillipini Paul	3.20.35	40.0	2.40.35	18th
18. Leigh Keith	3.45.59	70.0	2.35.59	16th

NON-FINISHERS.

Dosman Dick, Doulton Eddy, Braham Terry, Gray Kevin, Logan Harry, Moore Robert, Oliver Doug, Paproth Daryl, Segal Alan, Sawyer Darry, Walker Bruce, Warr Bill, Bruce, Peter.

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# V.A.A. MARATHLION

1: NOBLE 2: DUFF 3: TREGENZA — (FRED LESTER)

WILLIAMSTOWN - 8/10/66.

40 VICTORIANS AND 3 NEW SOUTH WELSHMEN FACED THE STARTER ON A BLOWY, BUT MILD AFTERNOON TO WEND THEIR WAY PAST THE SMELLS OF REFUSE, SLAGHEAPS, OIL REFINERIES, ROTTING SEAWEED AND CAR EXHAUSTS TO LAY CLAIM TO THE PREMIER LONG DISTANCE TITLE OF THE STATE.

NORM DUFF took the lead to set a pace just over 5.30 p.m. with the main bunch in close attendance for the first 7 miles. GEOFF NOBLE, GEOFF WALKER, HENK van WIJNGAARDEN, DAVE POWER, BARRY TREGENZA, BARRY SAWYER, FRED HOWE, TOM KELLY and RAY HERBERT formed a solid phalanx to this stage. The rest of the field strung out very early, only JOHN VISSER, WOLF VOIGT, NOEL GREGORY and RAY BROWN worked as a bunch for a while, pegging back the ones and twos who had rushed in early.

From 7 to 10 the front bunch started to string out, Walker and Power having applied pressure shortly before then. These two went through in 54.50 then SSH team mates Noble, Sawyer and Tregenza together with Wijngaarden in 54.57, Duff and Kelly in 55.15 altogether 20 runners under the hour. Of the early leaders, Fred Howe and Ray Herbert looked distinctly unhappy at this stage and FRED BROOKS, last year's country champion, was also struggling.

Coming to the turn, Walker was 70.40 and leaving Power, Noble and Sawyer passed in 71.29, Wijngaarden 71.37, Duff 71.46, Tregenza 72.02, Kelly, Howe and Brooks struggling now on their own while Visser, Gregory and Voigt were working well together to turn in 76.55 and gathering in GERRY VANDER PLOEG, who had been left in "No Man's Land" after a somewhat hasty beginning. REX FOULKES was faring no better than Gerry, while NSW mate JEFF DANIELS had called it a day at 10 in 57.15.

The weather had turned overcast and colder which made the 16 mile feeding station a tempting resting place, 9 runners joining five earlier ones on the sidelines soon after. Geoff, 86.42 was now 1 minute up on Gordon who was just about to pass Power, Duff and Wijngaarden a further minute down; Tregenza only little further back and Kelly hanging on grimly.

By 23 miles, a radical change had taken place. Noble was forging ahead from a limping Walker, then Duff at a steady rate, Tregenza and Sawyer a little slower, Power and Wijngaarden out of the race. Visser had come through the field and moving faster than anyone was about to catch a weakening Kelly, but too far behind to threaten those further ahead.

Saint Stephens Harriers, with places 1, 3, 4 & 5 set the seal on a most successful winter season. Sure they had five who did not finish, but the more you have in it the better your chances!

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SUCCESS WON'T COME TO YOU. YOU MUST GO AFTER IT.

RESULTS	4M	7M	10M	13M	16M	19M	Finish
1. G. Noble (St. Stephens)	22.23	38.50	54.58	71.29	87.43	104.35	2h 24m 59s
2. N. Duff (Collingwood)	22.19	38.50	55.15	71.46	88.20	106.00	2h 29m 06s
3. B. Tregenza (St. Steph)	22.23	38.50	54.57	72.02	89.15	107.45	2h 32m 21s
4. B. Sawyer (St. Steph)	22.23	38.50	54.57	71.29	89.50	108.10	2h 33m 41s
5. J. Visser (St. Steph)	23.36	41.25	59.10	76.55	94.29	113.15	2h 37m 01s
6. T. Kelly (Box Hill)	22.23	38.50	55.15	72.30	89.57	109.35	2h 38m 16s
7. K. Gregory (G'huntly)	22.54	40.38	59.10	76.55	94.30	113.15	2h 39m 45s
8. W. Voigt (S. Melb)	23.46	41.25	59.10	76.56	94.30	113.15	2h 40m 52s
9. G. van Der Ploeg (Mt. Bis)	22.45	40.16	58.20	76.32	94.28	113.15	2h 41m 04s
10. R. Brown (ivanhoc)	23.46	41.25	59.10	78.29	96.50	116.20	2h 44m 09s
11. F. Brooks (Ball. Harr)	23.03	40.04	57.32	75.17	92.42	112.00	2h 44m 22s
12. F. Devlin (St. Kevins)	24.06	42.34	60.50	79.13	95.46	114.45	2h 44m 48s
13. N. McLennan (MHSOB)	24.35	43.30	61.10	78.38	96.05	114.45	2h 49m 32s
14. D. Paproth (Ringwood)	23.38	41.35	60.30	79.59	99.24	120.00	2h 51m 38s
15. J. Telfer (O. Parade)	24.06	42.34	61.05	81.53	100.00	120.45	2h 53m 34s
16. R. Harbert (Collingwood)	22.28	38.50	55.40	73.10	91.30	114.15	2h 56m 35s
17. K. Routley (Box Hill)	27.52	49.06	69.50	80.06	110.16	131.55	3h 05m 23s
18. K. Skelton (Footscray)	25.10	44.30	64.43	85.58	108.35	133.10	3h 14m 36s
19. H. Logan (Box Hill)	27.52	50.07	73.25	96.20	120.20	148.35	3h 28m 28s
G. Walker (Sand)	22.23	38.50	54.40	70.40	86.42	103.40	Retired
D. Power (NSW)	22.23	38.50	54.41	71.07	87.28	105.50	Retired
H. van Wijngaarden (G'hly)	22.23	38.50	54.57	71.37	88.33	107.05	Retired
W. Warr (Melb Univ)	23.55	42.00	60.33	79.52	97.35	118.20	Retired
W. Stafford (Oakleigh)	24.06	42.34	61.05	80.10	98.50	119.50	Retired
P. Robertson (Ball YCW)	25.10	44.30	63.33	83.23	103.08	126.15	Retired
R. Young (St. Stephens)	24.35	43.30	62.20	82.53	102.32	126.24	Retired
B. Charles (Collingwood)	24.10	42.34	62.00	81.53	102.30	131.15	Retired
W. Oliver (Frankston)	27.52	49.06	69.51	90.55	112.10	134.35	Retired
A. O'Brien (St. Stephens)	27.50	50.07	73.25	96.20	120.20	148.35	Retired
F. Howe (Williamstown)	22.23	38.50	55.45	74.10	92.10		Retired
R. Foulkes (NSW)	22.45	40.00	57.48	76.03	94.22		Retired
J. Hunt (Old Melb)	24.06	42.34	60.50	79.13	100.30		Retired
A. Alexander (S'ham)	25.50	45.15	64.26	83.18	103.08		Retired
B. Gifkins (G'huntly)	23.00	40.38	59.58	83.22	104.05		Retired
S. Gallop (Goburg)	27.03	47.45	68.40	89.26	110.42		Retired
F. Scurr (St. Stephens)	25.52	46.04	67.27	83.33	120.21		Retired
W. Bishop (St. Stephens)	27.50	50.07	79.25	96.42	120.45		Retired
K. Leigh (St. Stephens)	26.48	49.06	71.42	95.43	122.03		Retired
S. Stack (Glenhuntly)	23.48	41.40	59.59	78.38			Retired
D. Trembearth (Mt. Dist)	25.23	45.30	66.45	89.24			Retired
B. Murphy (Unattached)	27.50	49.06	70.55	94.10			Retired
J. Daniels (NSW)	22.45	39.48	57.15				Retired
R. Boxer (Preston)	27.50	50.07	73.25				Retired

Weather: Fine and mild from the start to the turn. Conditions worsened on the return journey competitors having to face a breeze from the Bay. Light showers also fell during the latter part of the race.

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# CLARKE'S GREAT 10 MILE (ROAD)

DANDENONG, Sat. 5th Aug. 1967.

1: R. Clarke (G'H)	47:50	54: R. Brown (Ivan)	54:05	67: N. McKern (Co)	56:10
2: D. Clayton (SSH)	48:21	55: J. Keddie (G.G.)	54:06	68: J. Lyon (Yal)	56:11
3: I. Blackwood (SSH)	49:17	56: J. Nash (D.H)	54:09	69: B. Brooks (D.H)	56:14
4: J. Coyle (G'H)	49:44	57: P. Hickey (S.Melb)	54:15	70: J. Stafford (Oak)	56:15
5: D. Layh (DH)	49:53	58: D. Williams (Ring)	54:20	71: J. Waite (SSH)	56:16
6: A. Blackburn (DH)	50:20	59: A. Hackenberger (Yal)	54:26	72: J. Telfer (O.P)	56:18
7: N. McLennan (D.H)	50:28	60: P. Hall (O.Car)	54:29	73: R. Chugg (Chel)	56:20
8: R. Munro (Ess)	50:43	61: K. Dreen (EMH)	54:30	74: D. Gill (G'h)	56:22
9: G. Walker (Sand)	51:07	62: P. Henshall (Oak)	54:37	75: T. Harrison (M.Uni)	56:26
10: D. Tregenza (SSH)	51:10	63: F. Howe (Wit)	54:38	76: D. Marburg (EMH)	56:27
11: B. Sawyer (SSH)	51:20	64: J. Axsentieff (O.Car)	54:42	77: B. Johnston (O.X)	56:29
12: T. Kelly (D.H)	51:25	65: A. Dambrough (Pres)	54:44	78: J. Hunt (O.Mel)	56:31
13: H. Van Wijngaarden G	51:29	66: R. Walczak (MHSOB)	54:58	79: W. Warr (M.Uni)	56:39
14: G. Cumming (S.Melb)	51:33	67: D. Tout (Oak)	55:10	80: D. Paproth (Ring)	56:46
15: B. McLennan (Dal H)	51:45	68: W. Sawall (Dal. H)	55:12	81: B. McLean (SSH)	56:52
16: C. Eaton (Oak)	51:54	69: B. Mee (SSH)	55:16	82: G. Pratt (YMCA)	56:57
17: T. Phelan (Wit)	51:58	70: A. Götterill (G'h)	55:21	83: R. Moore (Ivan)	56:59
18: P. Bruce (O.X)	52:15	71: T. Vincent (G'h)	55:25	84: B. Black (SSH)	57:01
19: A. Irwin (G'h)	52:22	72: K. Falloon (S.Mel)	55:29	85: G. Wise (O.Sc)	57:07
20: K. Goudge (Rich)	52:29	73: B. Jones (MHSOB)	55:30	86: B. Hicks (Dri)	57:08
21: I. Leeder (G.G)	52:41	74: R. Crowe (EMH)	55:32	87: M. Watson (D.H)	57:10
22: W. Voigt (S.Melb)	52:43	75: W. Ward (D.Hill)	55:33	88: I. Jones (D.H)	57:16
23: K. Cornish (Co)	52:45	76: N. Padley (Went)	55:36	89: R. Hansen (D.H)	57:17
24: M. Howe (G'h)	52:53	77: W. Sheppard (Rich)	55:37	90: R. Hill (Mor)	57:20
25: A. Barrie (Ment)	53:12	78: B. Burston (Sand)	55:40	91: G. Knox (Ring)	57:24
26: J. Visser (SSH)	53:22	79: B. Chesterfield (Dal H)	55:44	92: P. Share (Ess)	57:30
27: R. Dew (Wal)	53:28	80: R. Burston (Sand)	55:46	93: B. Jones (St.K)	57:33
28: P. Fraser (Oak)	53:34	81: T. Draham (G'h)	55:47	94: I. Sheppard (San)	57:35
29: D. Jones (S.Mel)	53:36	82: V. Smith (Sand)	55:50	95: F. Lester (YMCA)	57:38
30: F. Brooks (Dal H)	53:39	83: M. Mines (Sand)	56:00	96: G. Smith (D.H)	57:42
31: R. Donella (O.S)	53:54	84: R. Hendy (Col)	56:01	97: K. Hall (D.H)	57:51
32: R. Gerrard (Ment)	53:57	85: J. Crawford (S.Mel)	56:02	98: J. Gaddy (DYCW)	57:52
33: D. Campbell (YMCA)	53:59	86: E. Elderhurst (Ring)	56:03	99: J. James (Ring)	57:58

246 finished - 133 under 60 mins.

## TEAMS RACES.

- "A": 1: St. Stephens 101; 2: Glenhuntly 111; 3: Box Hill 121; 4: Sandringham 346.  
 "C": 1: South Melbourne 219; 2: Ballarat Harriers 318; 3: Oakleigh 357; 4: Glenhuntly  
 "C": 1: Mentone 260; 2: Ringwood 275; 3: Geelong Guild 509; 4: St. Stephens 690; (576)  
 "D": 1: Williamstown 360; 2: Yallourn 415; 3: Ballarat Harriers 542; 4: St. Kevins 567.

# VMC MARATHON: FRED SHOWS HOW

TYABD, 27.5.67.

Cool, Sunny, light breeze.

Thanks to the efforts by VMC members DOUG OLIVER & HARRY LOGAN who has surveyed the course, and the good officers of the Shires of Hastings & Cranbourne this became the inaugural run over the course. Councillor G.L. PENTREATH, the President of the Shire of Hastings was introduced to the runners before the race & then started the competitors on their journey. Our warmest thanks go to Doug Oliver's parents & relatives who provided some much appreciated refreshment in the hall afterwards, and also to the many willing helpers who assisted in different ways during the race. It was a pleasure to see ROD MACKINNEY competing with us again, he was not as fit as he would have liked to be, but made a fight of it just the same.

RESULTS:

1: F. Howe	2:24:13	10: T. Phelan	2:34:55	19: A. O'Connor	2:55:36
2: B. Sawyer	2:25:16	11: J. Crawford	2:40:44	20: M. Stonehouse	3:00:24
3: G. Claxton	2:25:28	12: B. Rogers	2:41:40	21: J. Visser	3:01:58
4: R. Solomon	2:25:53	13: D. Jones	2:45:09	22: K. Fraser	3:02:30
5: R. MacKinney	2:27:37	14: G. Watt	2:48:27	23: W. Sheppard	3:11:19
6: H. Van Wijngaarden	2:29:35	15: M. Holmes	2:49:26	24: N. McLeish	3:13:21
7: W. Robinson	2:30:04	16: J. Nash	2:49:44	25: D. Oliver	3:16:21
8: G. Cumming	2:31:43	17: P. Dowdle	2:50:22	26: J. White	3:26:12
9: W. Voigt	2:34:46	18: D. Paproth	2:50:50	27: K. Bird	3:31:15

Retired: I. Blackwood, R. Bonella, A. Berry, R. Boxer, J. Claxton, J. Hunt, T. Kelly, D. Lebas, R. Moore, N. Padley, R. Petrie, G. Ploeg, E. Poulton, D. Trembearth, J. Varley, W. Warr, D. Williams.

VICTORIAN MARATHON CLUB - 10M 10/6/1967 - PRINCES PARK.

Good, overcast, light breeze, extremely humid.

1: John Coyle	(2.40)	51:16	8	27: Dob Petrie	(9.30)	58:57	17
2: Wal Robinson	(3.00)	52:21	e14	28: Mick Skinner	(10.00)	59:15	12
3: Norm Duff	(5.00)	52:25	3	29: Mike Hubbert	(9.00)	59:34	30
4: Amor Nowell	(5.00)	53:00	5	30: Kelvin Cornish	(4.50)	59:53	46
5: Fred Howe	(3.00)	53:22	27	31: Mark Hennessy	(9.30)	59:54	28
6: Wolf Voigt	(5.00)	53:30	7	32: Ken Fraser	(10.30)	60:14	e20
7: Gordon Cumming	(4.40)	54:06	16	33: Max Holmes	(8.00)	60:22	38
8: Mike Kennedy	(5.20)	54:24	11	34: Robert Moore	(8.00)	60:45	39
9: Colin Eaton	(4.40)	54:29	23	35: Terry Harrison	(9.00)	60:55	35
10: John Nash	(6.00)	55:03	10	36: Geoff Watt	(9.00)	61:07	37
11: Kevin Falloon	(4.30)	55:25	31	37: Alf O'Connor	(14.00)	61:42	2
12: Eddie Elderhurst	(5.30)	55:30	24	38: Ross Sharpe	(7.30)	62:13	44
13: Bill Rogers	(4.00)	55:56	36	39: Bruce Walker	(9.00)	62:28	41
14: Ian Minter	(6.00)	56:10	26	40: Norm McLeish	(11.00)	62:41	33
15: Ken Goudge	(7.00)	56:21	e14	41: Colin Sedgman	(11.30)	63:14	34
16: Albert Dambrough	(8.50)	56:35	4	42: Doug Oliver	(12.40)	63:38	32
17: Brendan McVeigh	(7.00)	56:44	e20	43: Ian Worth	(11.00)	63:59	40
18: Jim Crawford	(7.20)	57:05	22	44: Ted Poulton	(11.00)	66:00	45
19: Ray Harbert	(8.00)	57:19	12	45: Ray Boxer	(18.00)	67:02	9
20: Darrell Paproth	(7.40)	57:22	19	46: Colin Crawford	(13.00)	67:28	18
21: Gary Knox	(10.30)	57:38	Inf	47: Harry Logan	(14.30)	68:37	42
22: Wally Sheppard	(9.30)	57:46	6	48: Adrian Porter	(15.00)	74:41	48
23: John Cosgrove	(8.00)	58:07	25	49: Brian Gourley	(14.00)	74:56	49
24: John Stafford	(8.00)	58:33	29	50: Mike Porter	(15.00)	77:37	50
25: Ray Solomon	(3.20)	58:48	47	51: Roy Barrett	(15.00)	78:15	51
26: Bill Stacey	(4.30)	58:56	43				

Did not finish: Roy Richardson, Kenk Popplestone, Roger Ellis, Greg Ellis, Eric Hudson, Bernie Murphy, Gary Smith, Neil Taylor.

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Derek Clayton	82:55	David Jones (Ring)	92:46	Mike Hubbert	97:59
George Claxton	83:19	Geoff Watt	92:58	Dick Hetherington	99:59
Tom Kelly	84:29	Ian Sheppard	93:24	Paul Tontifilipini	100:23
Neil McLellan	85:22	Darrel Paproth	93:55	Jim Crawford	102:05
Wolf Voigt	86:57	Gerry Van Der Ploeg	94:09	Bernie Murphy	102:31
John Nash	87:05	Wally Sheppard	95:32	Doug Oliver	103:28
Bill Rogers	88:13	John Stafford	96:18	Harry Logan	113:28

Did not Finish: Tim Walsh, Mike Howe, Roger Ellis, David Campbell, McLucas, Alan Deville, Ted Poulton, John Claxton, George Cumming, Fred Lester, Doug Trembearth, Eric Simmons, Tony Cook. 34 Starters, WEATHER: Cold, Overcast, Strong Northerly wind.

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THE VMC MARATHON, a Feast of Personal Bests!

(Fred Lester)

Just after the start the "old" hands and National veterans, BARRY SAWYER and IAN WHEELER, were closely attended by Terry Phelan and Ian Leeder, who are making steady progress to the top in the man's game. This group went through 3M in 16:11, but around the 6M, the first "pinch" in a Marathon, Ian started to lose contact and never regained it although he tried very hard. Defending champion, FREDDY HOWE, found himself in "No man's land" behind this group without the support of any other battle hardened Marathoner. PETER BRUCE struck a pace which hardly deviated from steady 5:40 - 5:50 miles for the whole journey, while KENK van WIJNGAARDEN was content to treat the race as a conditioner for 20 miles.

At the 10 mile the three leaders passed in 53:36, Ian Leeder fighting hard to be only 54:04 and in striking distance, Fred Howe 55:17 and closely followed by newcomer to the long road races, TONY BARRIE, 55:39, PETER BRUCE was on schedule with 57:27 and had young GARY KNOX for close company, while Tasmanian visitor and National veteran, LES LINSELL, with 59:20 was the only other finisher to pass this point under the hour.

This order remained to the turn for the leaders to time 69:42. Following Lonsell and running on their own were Allan Castle 79:25, Geoff Watt 80:44, Alf O'Connor 81:11, Noel Dunstan 81:20, Ken Fraser 81:57 and a struggling but determined trier, John James 82:26.

A foursome who had worked together steadily since the start was next: Keith Routley, Sam Hilditch, Doug Oliver and Bill Warr taking 84:42 for the outward 13 miles. Jimmy Crawford 84:04 and New Zealander Bruce Sullivan 83:34 were being rapidly overhauled by the quartet at this stage.

The 16 miles spelled finish for seven more runners and five others were to join them soon after. The pressure was really on the front runners now, but the first crack did not come until the 20th mile when TERRY PHELAN started to fall behind 107:37 for Barry and Ian, with the former looking stronger, then Terry 10 seconds down. Ian Leeder, 110:03 and visibly tiring was next while Peter Bruce 112:45, had been moving just as fast as the leaders and possibly was the strongest at this stage. However, 1 mile leeway at 20 is rarely made good in a Marathon. The only other runner under the 2 hours was LES LINSELL, 119:12, maintaining an unconcerned pace hovering around the 6 minute per mile since the beginning.

The 22 miles mark spelled the end of Ian Wheeler's hopes of victory as Barry strode to the end without faltering for a well deserved win and P.B. Terry and Peter Bruce qualified for the Laurel Wreath, while Ian Leeder missed by only the odd minute, all running P.B.'s as well as Les Linsell, Noel Dunstan, Keith Routley, Sam Hilditch and Doug Oliver.

One effort to stand out, and possibly a world's best for an athlete over 60, was the brilliant performance by 61 year old VMC President, ALF O'CONNOR. His figures for the first 13 miles were 81:11 and he covered the first 19 miles in 2 hours 25 secs! The boisterous conditions did take their toll after this, but quite a number of other runners weakened more than Alf over the remaining miles.

All competitors were most appreciative of the hot soup, tea and eatables provided by our worthy treasurer's family, whose considerable attentions are eloquent witness of their enthusiasm and support.

V.M.C. MARATHON TYABB 27/7/68 - cold, cloudy, strong and gustywind

1: P. Sawyer	2:22:56	8: N. Dunstan	2:50:13	15: K. Fraser	2:58:04
2: I. Wheeler	2:24:00	9: K. Routley	2:52:22	16: B. Sullivan	3:01:33
3: T. Phelan	2:24:39	10: S. Hilditch	2:52:22	17: J. James	3:08:35
4: P. Bruce	2:28:13	11: D. Oliver	2:52:34	18: D. Trembearth	3:10:17
5: I. Leeder	2:31:01	12: G. Knox	2:52:36	19: R. Boxer	3:13:06
6: L. Linsell (Tas)	2:39:31	13: A. O'Connor	2:54:00	20: A. Castle	3:16:07
7: G. Watt	2:48:13	14: J. Crawford	2:55:46	38 starters	