



AREA RUNNERS SET FOR BOSTON MARATHON APPEARANCE MONDAY

... they are from left: Joe Holland, Scott Lutrey, Sue Jacobs, Gus Jacobs, John Roemer, Bailey St. Clair and Les Kinion
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Area Runners Assault Boston Marathon

It's time for Baltimore's annual assault on the Boston Marathon as more than 30 area runners prepare to depart today for the most famous long distance event in the world.

The Baltimore delegation will be headed by Joe Holland, who has been highly instrumental in the resurgence of interest in the sport that has been evidenced here the last 10 years.

Monday's race will draw 2,800 contestants, all of whom must have produced qualifying times before gaining admission. It's necessary that marathon runners under 40 years of age have an accredited time of less than three hours during the past year.

For men over 40 and females, the qualification is 3½ hours for the same

distance. Hollands says most of the runners from around Baltimore are passing up using the airlines because of higher prices but are going instead by car, bus and train.

Jimmy Lears, who was the first Baltimore runner home a year ago when he posted a time of 2:40.46 in Boston, along with Steve Mahieu, Mike Sabino and Mike Hill are highly considered among the Baltimore entrants.

In the women's division, Marilyn Bevins, a school teacher, who had a 3:01.22 time in 1976, along with Sue Jacobs and Marge Rosasco are given a chance for turning in excellent performances.

Don Heinecke, age 63, and Holland, 55, will lead the senior contingent. Ten

days ago, Heinicke, who has been a Boston Marathon participant since the late 1930s, took part in the Raleigh (N.C.) Masters.

Others from Baltimore making the trip for the race include Les Kinion, the Baltimore fire fighter, Alex Drabkowski, Al Filar, Ed Geisendaffer, Rhody Holthaus, Gus Jacobs, Joe Lacetera, Allen Lembitz and Scott Lutrey.

Also Herb Magin, Dave Mahan, Don Miller, Dick Nair, Larry Roberts, Brad Roberts, John Roemer, Steve Rosasco, Bill Redman, Bailey St. Clair, Bill Schwartz, Mel Walton, Jack Ward and Harry Piotrowski.

The first Boston Marathon was run in 1897 and was won by John J. McDer-

mott in 2:55.10 over 14 other runners a far cry from the mob of 2,800 expected for the 81st running from Hopkinton to Boston.