

(the course) wasn't too bad.

"The weather was great. It didn't bother me, I thought it would be a little hotter," he said.

While Wiberg and Koenig were each having good days racing through the quarter-mile swim, 15-mile bike ride and 3-mile run, so was Kathleen Walsh.

Walsh, 26, of Rockford, Ill. won the overall female race in 1:08:33. Walsh edged out Susan Epperson, 30, also of Rockford, by more than a minute for the overall title. Walsh competed in the first heat while Epperson was in the 11th.

Epperson finished first in the female age 30 to 35 division while Walsh won the age 25 to 29 division.

About 45 people did not show for the triathlon, which lowered the total from the capacity 475 people who registered for the YMCA's largest event of the year.

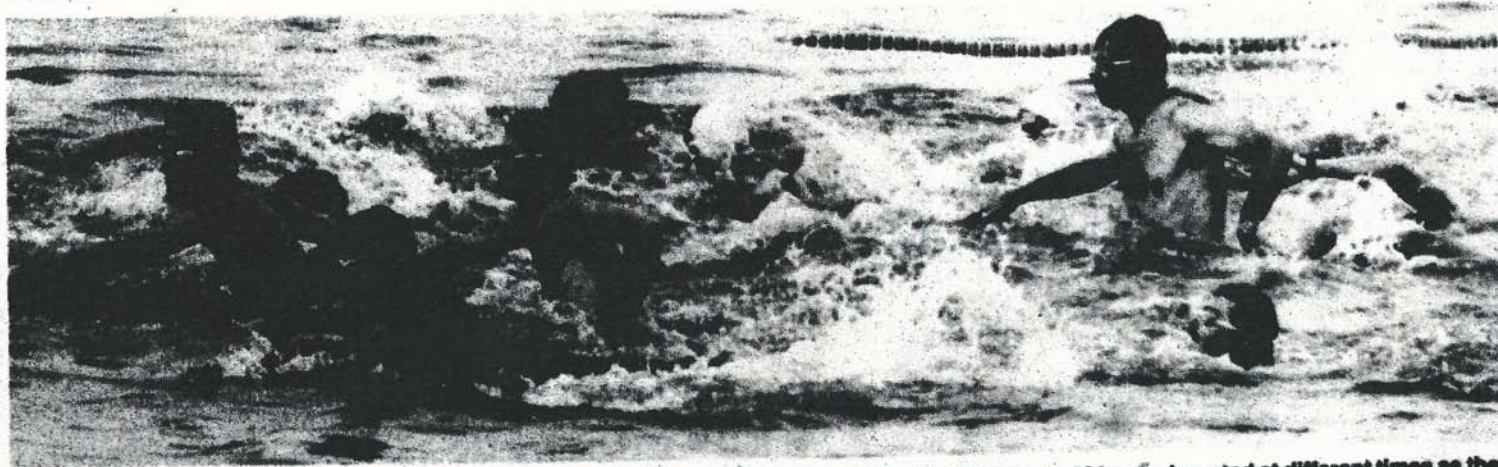
People participated for trophies in seven different male age divisions and six female divisions.

Brian Steinke of Wales placed first in the male age 46 to 55 division with a time of 1:11:29.

Mary Mackovich, 49, of Oconomowoc placed first in the female age 46 to 55 division in 1:34:45. Mary Steinke, 50, Oconomowoc, finished fourth in 2:22:33.



Kathleen Walsh of Rockford, Ill. embarks on the 3-mile run portion of the triathlon. Walsh finished as the overall female winner.



The triathletes plunge into Silver Lake for the quarter-mile swim near the Beach House. Participants in 13 heats departed at different times as the YMCA Triathlon began.

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