Fun, Food, Games Continue
At Broussard’s Boudin Fest

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BROUSSARD — Over 200 area runners gathered under cloudy, gray skies here Saturday morning, braving just above-freezing temperatures to participate in the second annual Boudin Marathon Run.

The run was only the beginning of the many weekend festivities scheduled for the third annual Louisiana Boudin Festival, sponsored by the Broussard Jaycees and Jaynes.

Festival activities began Friday night with a dance at the St. Cecilia Gym and will continue through this afternoon at Arceneaux Park.

Breaux Bridge High School Track Coach Carl Lawson was the winner of the 6.2 mile run, finishing the race in 35.28 minutes.

The 26-year-old Lawson, who beat out 174 runners, is a former half-mile record-holder for USL.

Second place honors in the run went to Linwood Broussard, 36, of Lafayette, who completed the course in 36.56. Russell Stelly, 31, Church Point, garnered third place honors with a time of 37.07.

Thirty-two-year-old Eddie Sorel of New Iberia was the winner of the 1.5 mile “fun run,” winning the event in 8.10 minutes.

Second place winner was Gurvis Artigue, 16 of Arnaudville, in 8.35 minutes. Another former USL trackster, Richard Henderson, 31, Lafayette, received third place honors in a time of 8.36 minutes.

By noon Saturday, boudin, beverage and crafts booths had been set up and a crowd of festival-goers were beginning to filter in to enjoy the week-end long activities. A country-and-western dance was also held last night, with music provided by The Wheels.

Highlighting today’s activities will be a boudin-eating contest, beginning at 11 a.m. Boudin booths and the arts and crafts display will open, however, at 9 a.m. today.

A boudin-making demonstration will be held at 10 a.m. and a cracklin making demonstration will begin at 10:30.

Other festivities include carnival rides, pork jambalaya dinners and live French, and country and western music from 1-6 p.m.

Arceneaux Park is located on Hwy. 182, just outside the city limits of Broussard, near the Bel Air Motel.

There is no admission to the scheduled activities and the public is invited to attend.