

Youth Fitness Meet catching on in area

By TOM BAER

The Youth Olympics is fairly new to Farmington and Farmington Hills, but the program is catching on fast if last Wednesday's meet is any indication.

More than 300 youngsters ages eight through 14 entered the third annual Youth Olympics last Wednesday at Farmington High School. The participants were cheered on by some 200 spectators.

"The kids themselves seem to love this meet," said Evans Bageris, the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department, which sponsors the annual competition. "These kids are not trained in any particular event. It's the first taste of competition for many of them."

"But I checked around the playgrounds the day after the meet, and they're still talking about it. And they're still wearing their home-made uniform shirts."

Each of the area's 12 playgrounds entered a team in the athletic competition, which tested playground skills. Longacre playground directed this year by Jean McGregor, won its third-straight Team Title for athletic excellence, scoring 75 points. Wood Creek was a distant second with 37 points, and Middlebelt was third with 25.

"Longacre always enters a large team," Bageris said. "There are two or three other teams with as many kids, but for some reason those Longacre kids really go on it."

WOOD CREEK won the Sportsmanship award, which is given to the playground team displaying the best sportsmanship, conduct and style during the meet. Joan Andrews is the playground director at Wood Creek.

Boys and girls competed in the 50-yard dash, running hop, step and jump, softball throw, running long jump and shuttle relay. There was a chinning competition for boys only.

The program has become popular with youngsters because the meet's events can be practiced on a playground with no special equipment. The meets are colorful affairs with the contestants making their own uniforms, and constructing their identifying banners.

There are four competitive classifications — Class A: ages 14-15; Class B: 12-13; Class C: 10-11; and Class D: eight and under.

The winners in the first three classes will represent the Farmington area in the Detroit Youth Fitness Meet to be held July 28 at Willow Metropark near Flat Rock. The Metro Meet will attract more than 4,500 boys and girls from 13 communities in the metropolitan area.

The athletic events in the Metro Meet are the same as at the Youth Olympics. The teams Sportsmanship and conduct are just as important at the Metro Meet as in the local Olympics. The teams

will be shooting for the John J. Conshine Award, emblematic of good sportsmanship, conduct and appearance.

"We stress the sportsmanship trophy more than the athletic awards," Bageris said. "Last year, I thought we should have won it. Of course, every team thinks that. I know we did well in the sportsmanship area, and I know we'll do well again this year."

The Metro Meet begins at 8:30 a.m. at Willow Metropark, a Huron-Clinton facility located at Van Horn and Huron River roads in Huron Township.

YOUTH OLYMPICS TEAM FINISHES — 1. Longacre

25 points; 2. Wood Creek, 37; 3. Middlebelt, 25. SPORTSMANSHIP WINNER — 1. Wood Creek.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS SHUTTLE RELAY — Class A: Shawnee (Jean Johnson); Class B: Longacre (Ann McGowan); Class C: Longacre (Ann McGowan); Class D: Longacre (Ann McGowan).

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Legion '9' wins

By TOM BAER

Troy-Birmingham may be on top of the standings in the American Legion's 18th District, but second-place Farmington showed last Thursday night that it's still very much in the title race.

Manager Wally Christensen's Farmington squad passed a big test by battering Troy-Birmingham, 6-0, last Thursday in a key Legion contest at Farmington's Drake Park. The victory left Farmington with a 15-3 record. Troy-Birmingham dropped to 15-4.

Kevin Delp, the winning pitcher, was one key to Farmington's easy victory. Delp, a right-hander who starred for Farmington High School last spring, went all the way, scattering four singles, striking out six and walking two.

Delp has a 6-1 Legion pitching record. Farmington supported Delp with nine hits. The winners had a big fourth inning, batting 11 men and scoring seven runs on five hits. Farmington loaded the bases when Gregg Mathiak walked.

Tom Blakeslee singled and Mark Purcell bunted for a hit. Bill Philip then tripled to centerfield, clearing the bases. Philip scored when ball four to batter Tim O'Malley turned out to be a wild pitch. Dick

Radatz tripled, driving in O'Malley, and Randy Meier tripled, knocking in Radatz. Rick Milhizer capped the barrage by singling home Meier.

Farmington had scored a run in the first inning. With two in, Meier reached first on an error and then scored on Milhizer's single.

Losing pitcher "Terry Schults" lasted 3 1/2 innings. Troy-Birmingham only threat came in the sixth inning, when it had men on first and second.

EARLIER LAST week, Farmington defeated Southfield, 10-2, in an 18th-District game at Southfield High School.

Farmington, which had 13 hits, scored six runs in the sixth inning. Philip and O'Malley reached base with singles, and Radatz singled to drive in Philip. Meier's single drove in O'Malley, and Milhizer's single knocked in Radatz.

O'Malley opened the scoring by hitting a home run off losing pitcher Gary Ritten in the first inning.

Meier was the winning pitcher, going the distance, giving up six hits, fanning eight and walking five.

Farmington plays next on Saturday (July 30) at Berkley. The game begins at 11 a.m. at the Berkley Community Center on Catalpa between Coolidge and Greenfield.

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FLOYD A. CAIRNS City Clerk