

## Farmington Olympics draws 350

# Longacre wins playground crown

By TOM BAER

The second-annual Farmington Youth Fitness Olympics was "fun for all" in the words of a meet official, despite the heavy rain which splattered the 350 young athletes on Farmington High School's football field last Tuesday evening.

"It was a little wet," admitted Jol Farland, of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, which sponsors the annual physical-fitness meet. "But by the time the rain started, we were too far into the meet to stop. We took a poll of the kids, and most of them wanted to keep going. I don't think the rain affected the performance much."

Even with the rain, the kids seemed to enjoy it. So did the spectators. Most of the parents in the crowd stayed through the whole thing.

Each of the commission's 12 playgrounds sent a team to the meet. Competitors were judged on their athletic performance, their sportsmanship, conduct and appearance.

The Longacre Elementary school team won its second-straight athletic team trophy, scoring 71 points. Bond Elementary had 52 and Larkshire 28.

The sportsmanship award was won so easily to pick. As of last Friday, five teams—Edgewood, Longacre, William Grace, Ten Mile and Larkshire—were still in the running. Each school had one vote for the award, and it remained for commission director Doug Gaynor to vote and break the tie. Gaynor finally voted last Friday afternoon by telephone from Lansing.

The winner, Ten Mile Elementary.

running long jump and standing long jump. There was a chess competition, for boys only.

Competition was held in four classes—Class A, ages 14-15; Class B, 12-13; Class C, 10-11; and Class D, nine and under.

Farmington's winners in classes A through C will represent the area in the Metropolitan Youth Fitness Meet on Thursday at Wayne State University. Some 60 cities from the Detroit area will send teams to the Metro Meet.

Events at the Metro Meet are the same as on the local level. Conduct and appearance will be just as important at Wayne State as they were at Farmington High.

The teams will be judged by the John J. Conscience Award, emblematic of good sportsmanship, conduct and appearance during the track and field events.

Farmington won a third-place trophy in the boys' hop, step and jump in last year's Metro Meet.

Recreation Commission officials said they were pleased with the acceptance of the Youth Fitness Olympics in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

People are becoming aware of the Youth Fitness program now," Farland said. "We get lots of calls asking us about it. Kids are other kids competing, or they hear about last year's meet, and they say, 'Hey, that looks like fun.' And then they want to compete, too. The kids may be a little more conscious of the physical fitness because this is an Olympics year."

The program has become popular with the youngsters because the meet's events can be practiced on a playground with little or no special equipment.

### YOUTH FITNESS OLYMPICS

Team Finish—Longacre 71 points, Bond

BOYS AND GIRLS competed in the 50 yard dash, running and stand hop, step and jump, softball throw, shuttle relay

## Standings

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Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Longacre	10	2	0	Larkshire	10	2	0
Farmington	8	4	0	Harvest	8	4	0
William Grace	7	5	0	New Bay	7	5	0
Ten Mile	6	6	0	Harvest	6	6	0
Larkshire	5	7	0	Longacre	5	7	0
Edgewood	4	8	0	William Grace	4	8	0
Harvest	3	9	0	Ten Mile	3	9	0
Longacre	2	10	0	Larkshire	2	10	0
Farmington	1	11	0	Edgewood	1	11	0
William Grace	0	12	0	Harvest	0	12	0
Ten Mile	0	12	0	Longacre	0	12	0
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