

Metro fitness meet a success

By TOM BAER

The Metropolitan Youth Fitness Meet has been a summer highlight for thousands of Detroit-area youngsters for the past 19 years, and last Thursday's meet at Wayne State University was certainly no exception.

In Thursday's meet, which attracted more than 2,300 participants, 57 cities—including Southfield and Farmington—of the metropolitan area were represented. The young athletes displayed their playground talents and enjoyed themselves despite the damp weather and some problems with Wayne's facilities.

For one thing, getting to the meet by 10 a.m. starting time was a problem for some teams. More than three inches of rain had drenched the area, flooding streets and expressways. The southbound John C. Lodge freeway was still closed on the morning of the meet.

"We had a heck of a time getting there with the freeway being closed," said Evans Sagara, who directed the 44-member Farmington Area Recreation Commission team. "It took us close to two hours to get from Farmington to Wayne."

But the kids were great about it. They didn't complain one bit. We had four cases of pop, and the kids got more free pop after the meet. Then we had a picnic lunch by our bus.

There were other minor problems. The slippery grass resulted in several injuries during the athletic events. The flame-

which traditionally begins the meet, couldn't be lighted. "They thought they had oil in there, but it turned out to be water," said one observer, and the public address system didn't work.

STILL, the meet went on. Boys and girls competed in the 50-yard dash, running hop, step and jump, softball throw, running long jump, standing broad jump and shuttle relay. There was a changing competition for boys only. There were three competitive classifications—Class A, ages 14-15, Class B, 12-13, and Class C, 10-11.

But the fitness program deals with more important things than just winning athletic contests. The clubs were competing for the John J. Canine Award, emblematic of good sportsmanship and appearance.

Southfield, which usually makes a strong showing in both the athletic and sportsmanship award, won the Canine Award in 1975 and 1973. Suburbania closed again this year. Roseville nudged out Southfield for the coveted sportsmanship trophy.

"I thought we deserved to win it," said Ed Kraus, the playground director for the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department. "The kids were exceptional throughout the meet. They looked good and they behaved well."

I talked to a member of the judging committee, who he told me that the judges voted for Roseville and three voted

for Southfield. So it was very close. Southfield also won several athletic awards. Sandy Niederman won a silver medal for her second place finish in the Class C running long jump. She leaped more than 11 feet. Eric Schwartz finished fourth in the Class A 50-yard dash. Dina Noorli took a fourth in the Class II standing long jump. Brad Under finished fourth in the Class B running long jump and Doug Menech finished fifth in the Class II softball throw.

FARMINGTON, WHICH completed its second year in the program, had a pair of silver medal winners in Jeff Lemanski and Bobbi Lay. Lemanski finished second in the Class A softball throw with 226-foot toss. Miss Lloyd finished second in the Class B softball throw with a heave of 160 feet, four inches.

Another Farmington athlete, Kim Rogers, took a third place in the girls' Class B running long jump.

"We jumped about 200 per cent and I'm really happy about that," said Rogers, whose Farmington team scored in only one event in last year's meet. "And I understand that we came close to scoring in several other events."

Officials in the Farmington Area Recreation Commission said they were happy to be involved in the Youth Fitness Program. There's a lot of work and some expense involved, but it's all worth it," Rogers said. "The kids seem to enjoy it. As long as they keep showing up, we'll keep doing it."

The program has become popular with the youngsters because the meet's events can be practiced on a playground with little or no equipment. Most of the participants are just average kids, not trained athletes.

Most of these kids have never been in athletic competition before, but this will give them a taste of it," Rogers said. Maybe their interest will carry over into junior high and high school sports.

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Heather Markey waits her turn at the standing broad jump event during the Metropolitan Youth Fitness Meet last Thursday at Wayne State University. Heather was one of 44 young athletes representing the Farmington Area Recreation Commission at the annual meet. (Staff photo by Craig Newman)

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, August 19, 1976
8:00 P.M.
Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48024

The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to a Proposed Amendment (Rezoning Request PC 84-76) which would rezone part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, being more particularly described as:

Lot 11, Supervisor's Map Estates No. 1 Subdivision.

This property lies directly North of Twelve Mile Road between Alyrekey and Greening Streets.

The above mentioned request would rezone the above mentioned property from its present RA-2 (One-Family Residential) District to RC-2 (Multiple Family Residential District).

The proponent in this matter is Mr. Albert Stader who seeks this rezoning in order to construct an apartment complex thereon.

Any person who is interested in participating in the discussion of the proposed zoning change, blueprint and map and zoning laws may be observed at the Farmington Hills City Hall on any business day between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

L. DAVID STADER, Chairman
City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission

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Caesars triumphs

Farmington Little Caesars baseball team may have finished last in the Livonia Adray League, but manager John Stinson's team isn't finished with the summer sandlot routine. Caesars, which also plays in the Detroit Recreation League, lifted its record to 3-1 in that league by defeating the Detroit Toros 1-0 last Thursday at Baker Field.

Our guys are coming around," said Stinson, whose team recently completed its first Adray season with a 5-20 record good for last place in the six team league. It's about time we started some of these

one-run games. We lost quite a few games by one run in Adray ball and these guys the Toros beat us by one run 15-1. The first time we played them.

Little Caesars, which collected eight hits against the Toros, scored the winning run in the third on a Ron Saberski walk and went to third on Jim Vogl's single. Randy Wroten then singled home the run. Wroten had two hits and walked twice. Vogl went three for four at the plate. Steve, a veteran of two baseball seasons at Farmington High School, was also the winning pitcher. He gave up only two hits, struck out five and walked two.

He had a good changeup curve, and his fastball was on the corner," Stinson said. He also had some good support from the field. There were some good stops behind him.

For example, in the last inning both Tim Raymond (second baseman) and Chris Kallgren (shortstop) knocked down hard hit ground balls to save the game for us. They the Toros were hitting the ball pretty hard, but always on the ground.

Little Caesars plays next on Thursday, Aug. 5, against Local No. 163. The game begins at 5:30 p.m. at Baker Field. Lyn don't hear Merri.

Travel teams set tryouts

The Farmington Hockey Association has scheduled tryouts for its Mike and Squat travel teams. All tryouts will be held at the Norm for Arena.

On Monday (Aug. 2) and Wednesday (Aug. 4), Mike players may try out from 6-8 p.m. Mike hockey is for 10- to 18-year-old boys. On Aug. 10, Squat (10- and 16-year-old) players may try out from 6-8 p.m. All players must wear their hockey equipment to the tryouts. There is a \$2 fee for all prospective players.

The Farmington Hockey Association will hold a general meeting for parents of players at 7 p.m. Aug. 10 at East Junior High School in Farmington Hills.

Mike McGuire earns letter

Mike McGuire, a Farmington High School graduate, has earned one of the 35 varsity track letters awarded this spring at the University of Michigan.

McGuire, in his freshman season at Michigan, set four indoor track records and took part in a fifth outdoor mark. He set the Michigan varsity and Big Ten record in winning the conference indoor three-mile championship. He also established Michigan indoor records on the two and six mile runs while taking part in the record setting four mile relay team.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE CITY OF FARMINGTON

The Farmington City Council will meet at 8:00 P.M. Monday, AUGUST 16, 1976, in the Council Chambers, 2380 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan, to hear all interested persons on the proposed amendments to the Farmington Zoning Ordinance as follows:

The following Article, Schedule of Regulations and Other Sections which pertain to the R-4 Residential One Family Cluster District, including footnotes thereto, are proposed to be amended in their entirety:

ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 38, SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS A and B which pertain to the R-4 Residential One Family Cluster District, including footnotes. Sub-sections 551 through 553 and are proposed to be amended.

Article 7, Schedule of Regulations, (Schedule B) Cluster Housing District lot coverage is increased from 30% to 35% to correspond with other residential districts. The required side and rear yard setbacks are amended to require 60 ft. setbacks on all sides of a cluster unit. The bedroom density is increased from 10 to 12 units per acre to correlate with other types of residential units which have 2.8 units per acre. The criteria for establishing an R-4 District are deleted as unnecessary encumbrances on City Council's legislative prerogative.

Other changes are contemplated which refer to landscape terms, common walls and common ownership of recreational and other facilities.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views at the above time and place. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk.

NEDRA VIANE, CITY CLERK

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF FARMINGTON

The Farmington City Council will meet at 8:00 P.M. MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1976, in the Council Chambers, 2380 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan, to hear all interested persons on the proposed rezoning of the following described property located on the West Side of Drake Road South of Grand Road from RA-2 (One-Family Residential) District to RC-2 (Multiple Family Residential District):

Part of the E 1/4 of Section 26, T1N, R9E, City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan.

Beginning at point distant 56' 45.00" W 65.00' N from NE corner of Sec. 28, thence N 88-44-21' W 61.60' N, thence N 61-45-00' E 23.00' N, thence N 61-45-00' E 70.00' N, thence N 61-45-00' E 23.00' N, thence N 61-45-00' E 23.00' N, thence S 71-00-00' E 100.00' N, thence S 71-00-00' E 100.00' N, to point of beginning, containing 27.24 acres.

The above description includes the following parcels:

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The proponent in this matter is the Farmington Hills Planning Commission who seeks to recommend this rezoning in order to bring the land into conformance with the Master Plan for Farmington Hills.

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