

By TOM RAEER

THERE WERE three other competitive divisions — Master's, 40 years of age and older, Junior, high school age and under, and Women's. The Juniors and Women ran a special five-mile course.

Jerry Garber, 42, of London, Ont., repeated as champion of the Master's Division

Prizes, including a portable television for the Open Division winner, were donated by local merchants. High school and college athletes couldn't win prizes. Instead, they were awarded medals for winning performances.

Meet summary

FESTIVAL MARATHON
Open Division—Ed Griffin 49:39, Dave Hays 50:36, Gary Ruffin 51:26, John Cross 52:30, Robin Call 53:29, Gary Ellis 54:47, Steve Elford 55:14, Doug Curtis 55:36, Dennis Curtis 55:38, Steve Landy 56:10.

It was our first try at a tennis tournament, but things seemed to go really smoothly," he said. "Next year, I'm sure it's going to be even better with lots more participants."

After the tournament an all-star team was selected. It includes Pitcher Bill Taylor (Farmington Merchants), Catcher Jim Graessle (Len's Drywall), Firstbaseman Tom Carlson (Stein Haus Open), Second baseman Miles Kearney (Stein Haus Open), Thirdbaseman Tom McGrath (Stein Haus Open), Shortstop Steve Walker (Stein Haus Open), and Outfielder Steve Walker (Stein Haus Open).

(Stein Haus Open), Shortstop, Steve Walker (Stein Haus City), Outfielder Charlie Heberstiel (Farmington Merchants), Outfielder, Tom Crozier (Len's Drywall), Outfielder, Dick Johnson (Stein Haus Open) and Outfielder, Bruce Commings (Stein Haus Open).

Some 18 men's softball teams participated in the tournament, which was sponsored by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission. A women's softball tournament was planned, but was cancelled when only two teams signed up.

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"We didn't place nearly as many swimmers as we did last year," said Harding, who coaches varsity swimming at Southfield High School. "But our kids who had qualified for this meet did very well. We have a group of 11- and 12-year-olds who



Bowmer, swimming in the boys 11-12 age group, recorded the best finish with a third place in the 50-meter freestyle with a 29.4 clocking. He missed an opportunity to score in more events because he participated in another meet, the Michigan Inter-Club Swim Association championships, which was held on the same weekend at Plum Hollow Golf Club.

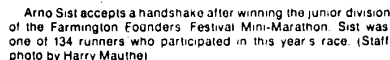
Harding was enthusiastic about Suzy's swimming future. "She's a very dedicated young lady," he said. "Probably her best stroke is the breaststroke, but she really isn't weak anywhere. She trains hard and enjoys swimming."

Kushner, who swam for Harding during his high school days at Southfield, finished sixth in the 15-18 50-meter freestyle. His time was 27.8.

In the 400-meter freestyle, the two stayed close throughout the race, but Smith sprinted to victory with a state AA record time of 4:25.88. Martin finished shade behind at 4:26.54.

The two standout swimmers met again in the 1,500-meter freestyle. Again it was close all the way during the rough, 3-length race. Martin took a body-length lead with about 300-meters left, but Sims caught up with and passed his opponent win in 17:28.5, another state record.

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Village Swim Club, coached by Larry Driver, lifted its Northwest Suburban Swimming League record to 6-1 with a 305-263 victory over Woodside Athletic Club last week. Three Village swimmers established team records. Lisa Hoss, swimming in the 15-17 year old group, recorded a 40.2 in the 50-yard breaststroke. Scott Marsfield finished the 50 breast in .34.2 in the same age group. Lisa MacMillan won the 11-12 50 backstroke in .35.8.

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