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Founders Festival features a variety of sporting events

By C.J. RISAK

The Fourteenth Annual Farmington Founders Festival will be held July 23 through July 30, with events scheduled every day that will be enjoyed by young and old. And a large number of sporting events will be part of the celebration, featuring every thing from parades to skateboarding.

The sports affairs will range from actual competition to demonstrations and exhibitions. Local sports celebrities are also scheduled to be part of the festival.

"This is the best response from the community we've ever had," Athletic Coordinator Jeff Farland said, referring to the different tournaments. "It's the largest softball tournament we've ever had."

Twenty-seven teams will compete in the softball tournament which will be part of the festival for the 10th year. Competition will begin Friday night, the 28th, and go through Sunday, the 30th. It will be a double elimination tournament. Games will be played at Drake Field, Knights of Columbus Field, Farmington High School, and Harrison High School.

Tennis will also be part of the sports action, with play beginning Thursday at both Farmington and Harrison High Schools. The finals are scheduled for Sunday morning at Farmington High.

There will be three single divisions in the tournament: Junior (14 and under), Teen (16 and under and 18 and over), and adult (19 to 29 and 30 and over). There will also be a mixed, men's and women's doubles for those 19 and over, and a boy's and girl's doubles for those 18 and under.

Skateboarding will also be part of the program. The competition will be held Wednesday on Shawnee and Raphael, across from the Farmington City Park. There will be four age divisions: Midget (9 and under), Junior (10-12 years old), Teen (13-15 years old), and young adult (17 and up). Boys and girls will compete together.

The two events they will compete in are the slalom and the freestyle. In the

slalom, the skateboarders will be required to ride around cones that have been set up by the officials. Contestants will be able to incorporate any equipment they wish in the freestyle event. It will be a timed routine (no longer than 1 minute 15 seconds) in which they will perform any stunts or tricks they wish.

Later that same day, a skateboarding club known as the Radicals will put on an exhibition in the downtown center. They will perform on a special U-shaped track which is used for skateboarding competition. Included in the demonstration will be a talk on skateboarding and skateboarding safety.

There will be much more included in the festivities, including a soccer exhibition. Teams from Windsor, Ont., North Olmsted, Whitehouse, and Forest Park, O.; Evanston, Ill.; and Northville and Farmington, Mich., will compete in the games at North Farmington High School on Saturday. On Sunday, the USA Evanston team will take on the Bonanza Express West Side Sounders. Detroit Express players will be on hand Saturday to greet fans and sign autographs.

Other demonstrations will include gymnastics, judo, pistol, and firearms. The annual mini-marathon is scheduled for Saturday with the course the same one as in past years.

One new exhibition will make its appearance at the festivities this year—the Parahawks. They are a group of parachutists who will go into their act a few thousand feet above Oakland Community College. It's described as a hit-or-miss event; if it doesn't work out, they won't be back next year.

"The sports part of Founders Day is expanding every year," Farland continued. "The skateboarding is bigger this year. We may add a golf tournament next festival. But the whole festival seems to get better every year."

The public is asked to keep the objective of the festival in mind at all times—have fun!

An afternoon at the MIS speedway

By DOUG FUNKE

There is more to auto racing than the actual race itself.

Once a race gets going and cars are strung out all over the track, it's easy for those who haven't been exposed much to the sport to be distracted.

Knowledgeable fans may get so wrapped up following the intricacies of a race that they may fail to observe and appreciate some of the goings-on around them.

Following are some perceptions of a first-time visitor to Michigan International Speedway during a recent Sunday afternoon.

Little tractors pull the Indy-type cars from the garage to the pits. The colorful cars with rear wing flaps (spoilers) being towed into the race area brings to mind jets being towed to take-off positions at airports.

Guests of track management, companies and other freeloaders who have managed to finagle the appropriate credentials loiter in the pits prior to the start of the racing looking at and photographing cars, crew and drivers.

A hot air balloon floats over the track approximately a half hour before the race begins and lands in the infield. Is the balloonist a clever thinker wanting in the cheap way or is the whole escapade a publicity stunt put on by the track?

Engines roar and excited yelps come from the crowd when that most famous of all racing instructions, "Gentlemen, start your engines," is intoned.

Bare backs soak up the sunshine and caps of every color perch atop heads in the grandstands. Spectators stand on the roofs of campers positioned in the infield to get a better view of the race.

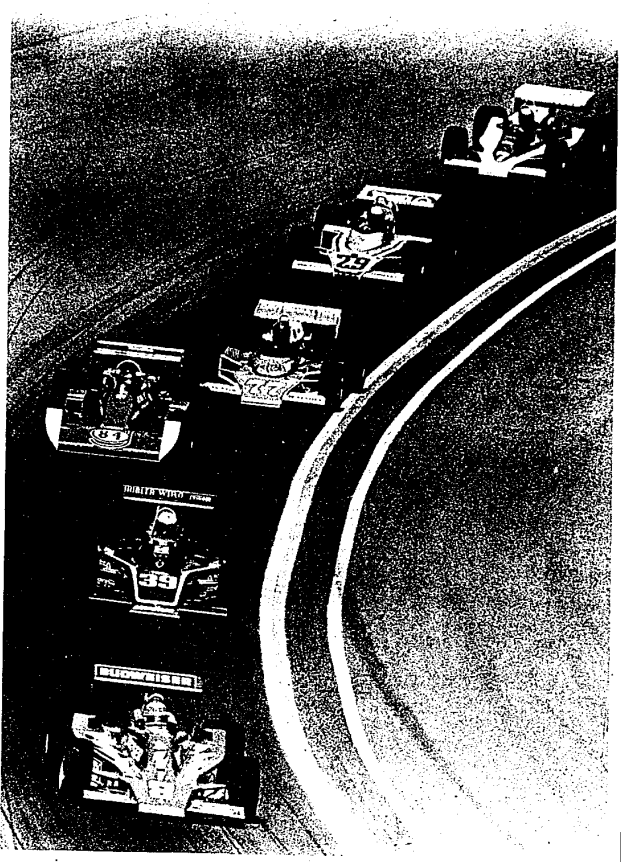
Thousands of people wave their arms and caps to welcome the drivers during a pace lap at the urging of the track announcer, and the drivers wave back.

The track announcer constantly chatters during the race. Hundreds of beer and pop cans and bottles lie under the bleachers after they have been discarded.

Long lines form to use the rest rooms when the racers are running at lower speeds under the caution light.

A woman reads a paperback novel while leaning against a support girder under the main grandstand while the race is in progress.

Security people constantly shoot people away from the restraining screen which surrounds the track while the high-speed cars zip around



The race itself is interesting, but so is taking in what goes on between the start and the finish.

Woodbrooke Hills, Farmington Glen both victorious in NSSI dual meets

Woodbrooke Hills handed Beechview Swim Club its fourth dual meet loss of the season, defeating the Blue Racers, 299-264.

The victory was Woodbrooke Hills second against two losses. Beechview, who moved into the upper division of the Northwest Suburban Swim League this season, are still winless this year.

Woodbrooke Hills had nine double winners enroute to the victory. Jason Wolf won both the 7-8 boy's 25-meter back

and 25-meter free. The 9-10 boy's 50-meter fly and 50-meter breast was captured by Pat Dunigan.

In 11-12 year-old competition, Woodbrooke Hills had two double winners. Lori Arabian was victorious in the girl's 50-meter free and 50-meter fly, while Jill Andries won the girl's 100-meter I.M. and the 50-meter breast.

Three Woodbrooke Hills swimmers won two events each in the 13-14 year-old age bracket. Mary Dunigan captured the girl's 50-meter breast

and the 50-meter free. John Pierce took first in the boy's 100-meter I.M. and the 50-meter fly. Tom Rennard won the boy's 50-meter free and the 50-meter back.

Two swimmers from the 15-17 year age group were also double winners. Betsy Leahy won the girls' 50-meter free and 50-meter back, while Jim Gasser was victorious in the boys' 50-meter breast and the 100-meter I.M.

Both Beechview and Woodbrooke Hills will resume NSSI dual meet action this Thursday night.

Farmington Glen-Beverly Hills

Farmington Glen had little trouble in Thursday's dual meet, as they handily defeated Beverly Hills, 316-241.

The win was the second for Glen, enjoying its first season in the upper division of the NSSI, against two losses. Beverly Hills is winless thus far this season.

Double winners for Glen included Jim Vilk in the 7-8 boy's 25-meter free and 25-meter fly; Mike Pelon in the 11-12 boy's 50-meter back and the 100-meter I.M.; Margaret Richards in the 13-14 girl's 50-meter free and 100-meter I.M.; Alec Campbell in the 13-14 boy's 50-meter free and the 100-meter I.M.; Tami Richardson in the 15-17 girl's 50-meter fly and 100-meter I.M.; and Jim Pogue in the 15-17 boy's 100-meter free and 100-meter I.M.

In winning their two events, Margaret Richards and Alec Campbell also set team records. Richards' swim to a record 30.3 in the 13-14 girl's 50-meter free, while Campbell won the 13-14 boy's 100-meter I.M. in 1:11.7.

Other record setters for Glen included Terese Button in the 15-14 girl's 50-meter back (36.2), and Cathy Bambridge in the 11-12 girl's 50-meter fly (34.6).

Beverly Hills had two double winners in the meet. Tamar Johnson won the 15-17 girl's 50-meter free and 50-meter back, and Dave Smith captured the 13-14 boy's 50-meter fly and 50-meter breast.

Glen coach Bob Smith expects a tough meet this week against Woodbrooke Hills, made even more difficult by the absence of several of his key swimmers. The meet is scheduled for Thursday night.

Celebrities to participate in Hal Newhouser tournament

Several local celebrities have been recruited to play in the Second Annual Hal Newhouser Michigan Heart Celebrity Golf Tournament, scheduled for Aug. 7 at Bay Point Golf Club in West Bloomfield according to tournament chairman Jim Osborn.

Dick "Night Train" Lane, Johnny Orr, Vince Doyle, Art Houtemeyer, Jack Taylor, Joe Ginsberg, Joe Falls, Bob Reynolds, Rick Forzano, Sonny Grandelius, Gene Bonom, Tom Nowatzke, Ray Lake, Bill Bonds, Marc Avery, Rob Kress, Larry Adlerley, Joe LeCoff and Hal Newhouser will all play according to Osborn, who is general manager and vice president of WXYZ.

"We're still recruiting," Osborn said. "Also on hand to serve as emcee and auctioneer at the evening banquet will be Detroit Pistons coach Dick Vitale."

"We are encouraging women to golf in this year's tournament, which honors Tiger great Hal Newhouser and will raise funds to conduct programs for the Michigan Heart Association," Osborn said.

Each foursome will play 18 holes with a celebrity. Entry fee also includes a cart or caddy, continental breakfast, buffet lunch, steak dinner, gifts and door prizes.

For more information contact the Michigan Heart Association at 557-8600.

OAKLAND HILLS Country Club's junior golf team has gotten off to its best start ever by winning its first four matches by wide margins.

Tee-Off With The Stars At Michigan



Pro-Celebrity Invitational

August 9

Michigan Hall of Honor Dinner

August 9

Michigan Open

August 10-13

Golf, glamour and a new award will be combined at The University of Michigan for five days in August to provide area fans with a sports spectacle. The Michigan Open will be played on the University course in Ann Arbor on Aug. 10-13, Thursday-Sunday, and the state's promise to conduct another exciting journey while assuring the U-M course record.

But the real action begins on Wednesday, August 9 at 1:00 p.m. when the Pro-Celebrity Invitational test off the pros, headlined by touring stars Randy Enkine and John Schroeder, will team with amateurs and celebrities to create exciting live events. The celebrity list is topped by President Gerald Ford, a former Michigan MVP in football and he will be joined by such luminaries as Al Kaline, J. P. McCarthy, Bill Bonds, Mike Lucio, Ron Kramer, Bill

Freehan, Cazzie Russell and Michigan's great coaching pair of Bo Schemenbeier and Johnny Orr.

Following the day of golf will be the Michigan Hall of Honor dinner, where Michigan will induct its first group of former greats. The original six will be President Ford, Tom Harmon, Bennie Osterman, Bill Freehan, Cazzie Russell and Bob Ufer.

Dinner starts at 8:00 with cocktails preceding at 6:30 and will be held in Crister Arena. Tickets are \$50 and include a full evening of entertainment along with the induction ceremonies.

Gallery tickets for the Pro-Celebrity are \$3.00 while tickets for each day of the actual Open are \$2.00. Use the coupon below and send today for your tickets to five days of golf and sports excitement.

For Further Information Call 763-4093 or 764-6227

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Name		
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No of Tickets		Total Cost
Pro-Celebrity, Aug. 9 at \$3.00 each	\$	
Hall of Honor Dinner, Aug. 9 at \$50.00	\$	
State Open Championship, Aug. 10 at \$2.00	\$	
State Open Championship, Aug. 11 at \$2.00	\$	
State Open Championship, Aug. 12 at \$2.00	\$	
State Open Championship, Aug. 13 at \$2.00	\$	
Participation in Pro-Celebrity Golf Tournament Aug. 9 at \$3.00 each (includes Hall of Honor Dinner)	\$	
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