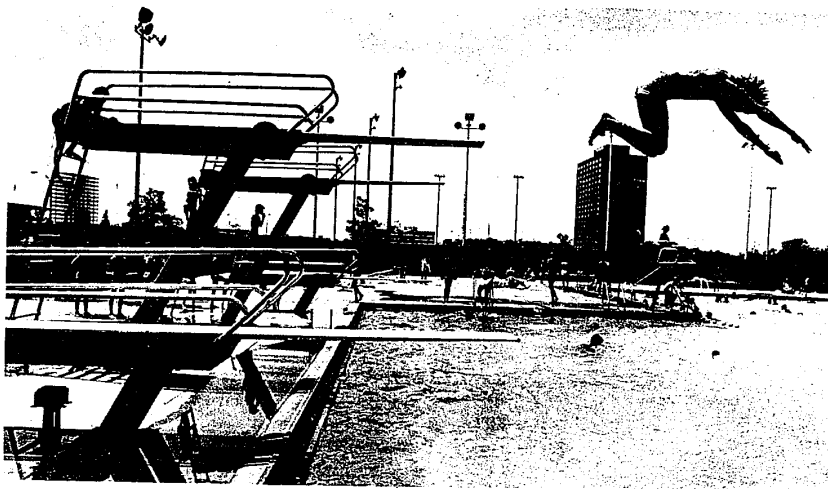


AAU tankers prepare for Long Course meet



Southfield's Civic Center swimming pool will be the site of the 1978 AAU Longcourse meet. (Staff photo by Gary Friedman)

By C.J. RISAK

The Ann Arbor Swim Club will attempt to retain its team title in the Michigan AAU Long Course Swimming Championships at the Southfield Civic Center pool Aug. 14.

"We anticipate that the 1978 championships will be the largest AAU meet ever conducted in the state," said Charles Nave, meet director from the host Royal Oak Penguin Swim Club.

"Ann Arbor Swim Club, the defending champion, must be considered the favorite to capture the overall team title. However, the Royal Oak Penguins should give Ann Arbor a run for their money," Nave said.

With the growth of AAU swimming during the past few years, especially during the summer long course season, Nave anticipates more than 400 swimmers representing 40 clubs from across the state will compete in this year's meet.

All in all, we are anticipating the largest and fastest swim meet in Michigan history," Nave said.

Outstanding swimmers in this year's meet will include, in 10 and under competition, Scott Christie, of Farmington, from the Michigan Stingray Swim Association and Mary Schoenle of Livonia, representing the Bulldog Aquatic Club.

In 11-12 year old competition, Doug Celand, of Rochester (Oakland Live Yers), Bill Zeitz of Farmington (Michigan Stingrays), and Tim Hynes and Amy Bouckaert (Royal Oak Pen-

guins) are expected to do well.

GUY DELFRANCO (Bloomfield Hills Swim Club), Suzy Coykendall (Southfield Swim Club), Anita Rival (Royal Oak Penguins), and Greg Patrell and Lisa MacMillan (Fitzgerald Swim Club) are the leading 13-14 year old swimmers.

In the 15-18 age bracket, Tom Smith of Livonia (Clarencville Swim Club), Joe Hynacki, Joe Slowcan, Sue MacMillan and Pennie Currie (all from the Fitzgerald Swim Club) are expected to be among the top competitors.

A total of 114 individual and relay events will be offered in those four age groupings for both boys and girls. Team titles in each of the age group classes, along with a girl's team, boy's team, and overall team champion will be determined at the end of the three-day competition.

Southfield, with its 50-meter, eight lane heated pool, has an "excellent facility" for a meet of this size, according to Nave.

It's probably the outstanding 50-meter course in the state right now," he added. "And we always get super support from the city's Parks and Recreation Department. Everybody—the AAU, the Penguins, and the swimmers themselves—appreciate the city making the pool available to us without charge."

Preliminary events will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the finals getting underway every day at 6 p.m. Admission to the meet is free.

Area tennis buff a David among the Goliaths

By BRAD EMONS

"It's not the size of the man in the fight...it's the size of the fight in the man."

That legendary sports quote has been plastered on lockerroom walls for decades and applies to a small but powerful 13-year-old tennis player from West Bloomfield.

Standing 5-1 and weighing a mere 88 pounds, Ed Nagel is a David among Goliaths on the national 14-and-under tennis scene.

Since March, Nagel has lost only three matches competing against some of the top ranked players in the country.

At the end of the summer campaign, Nagel will surely be placed among the top 20 players in his age category.

"Ed is an exceptional talent and is definitely national caliber," said his coach Mark Reznich who teaches out of Rochester Hills Racquet Club in Rochester.

"Ed is on the small side but hits the ball with a lot of pace," said Reznich. "He's not a pusher and his game will really improve with size and age."

Nagel has been temporarily set back with a bout of "walking pneumonia" for the past week.

The Orchard Lake Middle School eighth grader has been restricted to play for only an hour each day since recovering from the illness.

Before his illness, Nagel was tearing up opponents from Michigan to Florida.

In March, Nagel won the consolation round of the prestigious Easter Bowl tourney in New York. He then followed with first place honors in a junior tourney in Columbus, Ohio, played in May.

Nagel then kept up his hot play by gaining the finals in the Cincinnati Junior Open.

After a two-loss tourney in Louisville, Ky., Nagel rebounded to win the Southeastern Michigan Tennis Association district qualifier in June.

In between Louisville and district play, Nagel grabbed the 16-and-under junior championship at Square Lake Racquet Club.

Just before his sickness, Nagel won the consolation round and placed fifth overall in the 14-and-under Western Closed Championships held at the Lansing Tennis Club earlier this month.

As a result of his performance in the Western Closed, the West Bloomfield resident qualified for the U.S. Junior 14-and-under Nationals, slated to begin

Aug. 7 in Shreveport, La.

This week, Nagel was invited to participate along with Birmingham's Roger Blackburn in the National Clay Court Tournament held in New York. He turned down the offer in order to recuperate from his illness.

IN THE NATIONALS, Nagel will most likely cross the path of number-one ranked Doug Pilot of Aurora, Ill., who beat Nagel in the Western Closed.

"I've been working on my net game and have improved my overhead and passing shots," said Nagel. "My passing shots are more accurate and harder," he said.

"With Mark, this coach I work all the time on my volleys and he gives me a lot of drills which help me to improve," Nagel said.

It is the second straight year Nagel has qualified for the 14-and-under nationals.

"He was the youngest and smallest player in his age group last year at the nationals," said his father, Ed Jr., who is also his number one fan.

This year, Nagel will go into the Shreveport tourney with sincere optimism.

"I think I can win it," he said. Until four years ago, Nagel was strictly a hockey player. A summer tennis camp quickly changed his loyalties. Bill Thomas, then a pro at Court House Tennis Club in West Bloomfield, encouraged Ed and saw his potential.

Thomas, now living in Chicago, scheduled matches and entered Nagel in tournaments. He also laid a lot of groundwork for his game.

Nagel has since fallen in love with tennis. His coach, Reznich, was recommended to his parents by Thomas when he moved from this area.

Physicals set for SHS athletes

Physical examinations for Southfield High School students who plan on participating in athletics during the 1978-79 season will be given from 9 a.m. to noon on Aug. 9 at the school, Ten Mile and Lahar roads. The cost of the physical is \$5. The physicals are for athletes of Southfield High only.

NAGEL HAS ALSO picked up points from Lou Graves, a nationally ranked 55-and-under player who strokes out of Court House.

The West Bloomfield youngster estimates he takes only two to three days off each month.

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Nagel said his goal in tennis is to "gain the highest ranking possible in the juniors" and then "go from there."

In his spare time, the West Bloomfield netter likes to play table tennis and occasionally "hacks" around with his father.

With hours of teaching instruction and court rental fees, tennis is expensive for Nagel.

"If you want to get competition and excel, you have to spend money," said his father.

"Tennis is not a cheap sport."

Nagel's big goal this tennis year is to be invited to the Orange Bowl Junior Tournament held every Christmas week in Miami, Fla.

"All the best players are there," he said.

IN PAST YEARS, players such as Jimmy Connors, Manuel Orantes, Guillermo Vilas and Bjorn Borg have graced the Miami clay courts.

Another long-range goal for Nagel is to qualify for the U.S. Junior 16s, held annually in Kalamazoo.

"This winter I want to play in the Grand Prix weekly matches besides my regular schedule," said the young netter.

Opponents may shiver when Nagel gets taller and stronger. His father is 6-3, 190; his mother stands 5-7.

"Ed already wears a size nine shoe," said his dad. "He's just a late grower."

Nagel's game, however, is not small.

Farmington Legion dumps Royal Oak on Delp's two-hitter

The Farmington American Legion baseball team improved its playoff chances last Tuesday as they defeated Royal Oak, 3-2, behind the two-hit pitching of Kevin Delp.

Delp gave up one earned run and seven walks to the second-place Royal Oak team, while striking out five. He also provided the hitting heroics, as he slashed a pair of hits and knocked in two runs, including the game winner.

Royal Oak scored first, getting two runs in the second on a fielder's choice and an error. But Farmington came back to score three in the fifth for the win.

Billy Lehman led off the Farmington fifth with a walk, then stole second. One out later, Tim O'Malley singled Lehman home to cut Royal Oak's lead to 2-1. Bruce Hulscher followed with a single, sending O'Malley to third. Hulscher then stole second, setting up Delp for his clutch base hit, which scored both runners and gave Farmington the victory.

Earlier last week it was Farmington who fell victim to some late inning rallies, as they lost to Berkley, 6-5, and to Troy-Birmingham, 6-2.

Farmington scored five runs in the second inning against Berkley last Saturday to open up an early 5-1 lead. Bill Philip, Mark MacDonald, and Larry Mendelsohn combined three singles for a run to lead off the inning. Tim O'Malley forced MacDonald at third before Billy Lehman singled.

Farmington Glen tankers win

Farmington Glen, with the 64-year combined-age freestyle relay providing a decisive first place, edged Woodbrooke Hills, 7:28.277, last Thursday in a Northwest Suburban League Upset Division meet in Woodbrooke's pool.

The relay (Mike Larson, Sahnon Catlett, Matt Ratliff and Jim Pogue) won with a team-record 1:46.7 — and pulled Farmington Glen into the win column with the showing.

Pogue, who was an outstanding swimmer at Farmington High, also won a pair of individual events in the boys' 15-17 age group. He took the 50-meter backstroke (:30.5) and the 100-meter free-

style (:56.2). Teammate Alec Campbell, swimming in the boys' 11-12 group, won the 25-meter freestyle in a record :28.8.

Woodbrooke's Betsy Leahy, who swims for Farmington Our Lady of Mercy High in the fall, won two events in the girls' 15-17 age group. She posted a :35.0 in the 50 backstroke and logged a :23.3 in the 50 freestyle. Teammate Lori Arabian, swimming in the girls' 11-12 group, set a team record in the 50 butterfly with a :35.1 clocking, and won the 50 free in :33.0.

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