

Kids compete in puck contest

Competition at Beech Woods Arena in the Metro Detroit AMC/Jeep Dealers, Southfield Parks and Recreation Skate, Pass and Shoot contest ended Friday. Finalists emerged in five age groups.

Craig Johnston of Southfield and David Fletcher of Plymouth qualified in the 7-8-year-old age group. Johnston scored 155 points in 49 seconds. Fletcher had 145 points in 53 seconds.

Scott Collins of Birmingham and Chris Bayer of Farmington Hills qualified in the 9-10-year-old age group. Collins had 250 points in 49 seconds. Bayer had 210 points in 45 seconds.

Ian Doherty of Southfield and Walter

Bartels of Plymouth qualified in the 11 to 12-year-old division. Doherty had 210 points in 43 seconds. Bartels had 195 points in 49 seconds.

James Muszynski and Kenny Chapat of Southfield qualified in the 13 to 14-year-old division. Muszynski had 210 points in 44 seconds. Chapat had 195 points in 46 seconds.

Dave Johnson of Southfield, with 195 points in 39 seconds, and Russ Belanger of Royal Oak, with 180 points in 41 seconds, qualified in the 15 to 16-year-old division.

Finals will be held Feb. 9 at the Joe Louis Arena before the Detroit Red Wings-Philadelphia Flyers matinee game.



Competitors at Beech Woods tensely await their turns out on the ice. (Staff photo by Mindy Saunders)

Sports champs

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playing on the collegiate level at Trinity University in Texas.

BEST ATHLETE — Mark Churella of Farmington High School earns this honor. After graduating from Farmington in 1975 with a state wrestling title, he went to University of Michigan and became the top collegiate wrestler in the country.

He was Big Ten champ in his weight class three times and won two NCAA titles. He is presently an assistant wrestling coach at University of Nevada-Las Vegas and is in training for the 1980 Olympic trials.

LONGEST STREAK — Mercy's swimming team is an easy pick for this award. Under the tutelage of DeLoris Yager, the Marlins have won 13 consecutive Catholic League swim titles and 178 straight dual meets.

Her best year was in 1972, when Mercy won the first girls' state swim meet. Although they haven't been able to repeat that performance, Yager's teams have finished in the top 10 in every state meet.

Finishing a close second in this category is Lee Averill's cross country teams at West Bloomfield. The Lakor boys have raced to nine consecutive Greater Oakland Athletic League championships. Few teams can boast a record like that.

BIGGEST UPSET — Upsets abound in high school sports, but one of the most startling was Farmington's win over Detroit Denby in the 1977 state district basketball finals.

Bruce Brown had already announced

that this was his final season as the Falcon coach before the Denby game. His team made sure the Denby contest wasn't his last by whipping the highly-rated Detroit team, 97-89.

After the game, a jubilant Falcon team threw their coach into the showers. A few days later, Farmington's season ended against Bloomfield Hills Lakor in the regionals.

BIGGEST WIN — Many observers called North Farmington's 26-7 win over Birmingham Brother Rice in the state semifinal football playoffs in 1978 an upset. But when two teams are both 11-0, it can't be termed an upset.

Holland's group completely dominated the highly-publicized Rice team. Mike Miller had an outstanding game rushing for the Raiders, and players like quarterback Greg Goldstein and running back-defensive back Jeff Cohen earned laurels, but the whole team deserved the honors.

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT — Who, me?

It was an honest mistake, but that didn't make it any easier to explain. Farmington cross country coach Gerry Young took his team to the site of the 1976 state meet, Indian Trail Country Club in Grand Rapids, the Friday before the meet.

Little did Young know that what he was doing violated an obscure state rule.

He also didn't realize his team was seen practicing on the course by people watching a nearby high school football game.

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