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Jim Brown of Farmington is on his way to a first-place finish in the 2½-mile Founders' Festival Fun Run last Saturday. (Staff photo by Randy Bors)

'Everything seemed to go smoothly'

By TOM BAER

The 10-mile Mini Marathon, a Farmington Founders' Festival tradition for many years, is dead, a victim of hot weather and festival congestion on the streets of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

But Kevin Bush, assistant executive director of the sponsoring Farmington-Area YMCA, feels good about the new festival running events — five and 2½-mile runs through a subdivision near the YMCA.

The shorter races, held Saturday, drew 350 participants, including 70 who registered on the morning of the events.

"Some of the runners were telling me that this was the best organized race in years," said Bush, the race director. "Everything seemed to go smoothly."

The runners trotted along a "good, flat surface" in Bush's yards in the subdivision northeast of Farmington and 12 Mile Roads. The

2½-mile course was repeated for the five-mile race.

At the finish line, an electronic digital clock, rented from a local sporting goods store, provided times.

"It kept people from running up to our timers to see how they did," Bush said. "After the race, I asked for a show of hands from the people who liked the clock. There were a

lot of hands up."

THERE WERE 12 competitive classifications, six each for men and women. Age groups were: 13 and under, 14-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-50 and 50 and over.

Wooden plaques were awarded to the winner of each age group. The first 200 runners to pre-register received T-shirts, and every entrant

was given a commemorative patch.

"We gave away a lot of prizes," Bush said. "Every kid under 16 got two tickets to a Detroit Express soccer game. And we had a pair of Fatigue Fighter jogging socks for the oldest person to enter."

Bill Wright, a 60-year-old Farmington Hills resident, received the oldest-runner prize.

Redford Township's Andy Dillon, 18, a former track and cross country standout at Detroit Catholic High School, was the first man across the line in the five-mile race with a time of 25:55.

The top female five-miler was 20-year-old Anna James of Detroit. She crossed the line in 36:20.

In the 2½-mile race, Farmington's Jim Brown, 22, finished first with a 12:45 clocking. Kelly Champagne, 15, of Canton Township was the top woman in the 2½-mile with a time of 15:11.

The 10-mile race may be held in late October "when it's a lot cooler," according to Bush.

Farmington run draws 350

Festival run summary

MEN'S FIVE-MILE RACE

15-UNDER — 1. Jeff Porek, 43:10; 2. Pat Horn, 47:55; 16-18 — 1. Andy Bilton, 35:52; 2. Larry Giron, 38:18; 2. Robert Koenig, 39:05; 19-29 — 1. Pat Welch, 36:39; 2. Mike Foley, 37:47; 3. Harry Mahlen, 39:11; 30-39 — 1. James Nash, 35:51; 2. David Kasper, 36:40; 40-50 — 1. Tom Foley, 37:47; 2. William Barrie, 38:12; 50+ — 1. Joseph Pavi, 33:23; 2. Thomas Ogdow, 33:11; 54-OVER — 1. Jay Moe, 31:29; 2. Nathan Feldman, 34:41; 3. William Allen, 35:01.

WOMEN'S FIVE-MILE RACE

14-18 — 1. Annette Horn, 36:54; 2. Barrie Bailey, 41:15; 19-29 — 1. Jennifer Hady, 35:52; 2. Sandy Rogers, 40:42; 3. Jennifer Carter, 42:31; 30-39 — 1. Barb Frey, 41:52; 40-50 — 1. Barbara Noll, 39:02; 2. Kathy Simmons, 41:52.

MEN'S 2½-MILE RACE

15-UNDER — 1. Jim Brown, 12:45; 2. John Middlebrook, 13:05; 3. Paul York, 13:15; 16-18 — 1. Greg Taylor, 17:12; 2. Jim Holt, 17:35; 3. Brian Fitzgerald, 18:59; 19-29 — 1. Kevin Tobey, 14:41; 2. Terry Brown, 14:49; 30-39 — 1. Jim Fisher, 14:08; 2. Chuck Kolich, 14:53; 40-50 — 1. Tom Foley, 15:18; 50+ — 1. William Barrie, 14:52; 2. Gerald Hunt, 15:18; 3. Terry Moss, 15:17; 54-OVER — 1. John Flannery, 16:16; 2. Glen Sarge, 14:51; 3. Harry Payne, 15:42.

WOMEN'S 2½-MILE RACE

15-UNDER — 1. Jennifer Hady, 15:00; 16-18 — 1. Jennifer Hady, 15:00; 19-29 — 1. Dawn Johnson, 19:12; 30-39 — 1. Dawn Johnson, 19:12; 40-50 — 1. Dawn Johnson, 19:12; 50+ — 1. Dawn Johnson, 19:12; 54-OVER — 1. Dawn Johnson, 19:12; 2. Dawn Johnson, 19:12; 3. Dawn Johnson, 19:12.

Cafe Fior falls in finals

Country Lanes earns softball title

Country Lanes, managed by Gary Garrant, won the 12th-annual Farmington Founders' Festival Softball Tournament Sunday with a 20-5 thumping of Cafe Fior in the finals at Knights of Columbus Field.

Country Lanes, which won five-straight tournament titles in the Farmington Hills Men's Industrial League during the regular season, Cafe Fior plays in the Industrial B League.

Winning pitcher Don Fradette, one of four Country Lanes players to be

named to a tournament all-star team, went the distance on the mound and contributed a three-run home run and an RBI single at the plate. Fradette posted a 5-0 record in the tourney.

Teammate Rick Dunning was another offensive key with three singles and a double and three runs batted in. Dale Champagne added three hits, including a solo homer.

Country Lanes pounded two Cafe Fior pitchers for 26 hits. Losing pitcher Bob Risko lasted the first two innings before being lifted by manager Steve

Mittenberger in favor of Doug Brzak. Harry Crowe drove in two Cafe Fior runs with a fourth-inning single.

Bartlett and Associates, another representative of the Industrial A League, finished third in the tournament, finally losing to Country Lanes (9-2) and Cafe Fior (14-1).

Chris Landacre belted a two-run homer to help Lanes beat Bartlett. Bartlett's Mike Jones had a double and a single, and teammate Jim Golich had two singles. In the Cafe Fior contest, Crowe had two hits and drove in a run

to support winning pitcher Risko. Doug Dillard had three hits and drove in four runs.

A HOME RUN derby was part of the tournament in the Country Lanes' Landacre and Raquette's Jerry Tressler tied with one each.

"The wind was blowing in that day and it really held the balls in," said Andy Lang of the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department, which sponsors the tournament.

Other Country Lanes players on the all-star team were: Landacre, Champagne and Jay Foran. All-star players from Cafe Fior included: Crowe, Risko and Brzak. Bartlett and Associates' all-stars included John Bartlett, Jones and Golich.

Country Lanes' Dunning was named the tournament's most valuable player. His award included dinner for two at a local restaurant and the use of a new car for a weekend courtesy of a Farmington-area dealer.

The tournament field included 25 teams, all but eight from the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department's summer leagues. A total of 48 games were played at Knights of Columbus, Drake Park and Farmington High School.

Tennis ace wins 2 titles

Oscar Ziembra, a 49-year-old financial advisor from Farmington Hills, dominated the fourth-annual Farmington Founders' Festival Tennis Tournament last weekend, winning two championships.

Ziembra, one of 49 residents to enter the tournament, won the championship in the men's 30 division by beating Tom Harrett, 6-7, 4-6, 6-2, in the finals at Oakland Community College.

In the semi-finals, in which a 10-game pro set scoring system was used, Ziembra whipped Richard Solmski, 10-4. Harrett overcame George Grisdale, 10-

4, in the other semi.

In the men's doubles division, Ziembra and Larry Mendelson combined to beat Lars Ziembra, Oscar's teenage son, and Glen Glicker, 6-2, 6-0, in the finals.

The elder Ziembra and Mendelson won their semifinal match with a 10-3 decision over Bud Bunyak and Doug Button. Lars and Glicker recorded a 10-4 decision over Dave Pavan and Solmski in the other doubles semi.

Glicker won the boys' under 18 title by beating Lars Ziembra in three sets, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5, in the finals. In the semis Lars beat Mike Schupp in a match de-

cided by a tiebreaker after a 10-all tie. In the other semi, Glicker downed Evan Hughes, 10-1.

Dave Justice of the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department said he was disappointed in the light turnout.

"Tennis hasn't been a super-popular part of the festival," he said. "For one thing, it's community oriented — you have to live here (in Farmington or Farmington Hills) to play. And there have been several conflicting tournaments in the area."

South Farmington all-stars head for Pony tournament

By TOM BAER

Manager Tom Zang calls his South Farmington baseball team "a pretty average bunch of kids" talent-wise.

But last Saturday, that "average bunch" showed some sparkling play in winning a Pony League district championship.

South Farmington, a newly-formed all-star team of 13- and 14-year-olds from the local Pony League, closed out its tournament with a 6-5 win over Waterford in the

* finals at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington.

And now it's on to the Pony League state tournament on Thursday at the Wayne-Ford Civic League Park in Westland. South Farmington plays at 8:30 p.m.

"We really don't have any superstars on this team," said Zang, a salesman. "They're a pretty average bunch of kids. But they play well together for being such a new team."

* And they have the desire to win — that

can overcome a lot of other problems."

In the finals against Waterford, South Farmington's Dan Zang clouted a three-run home run in the top of the seventh inning to break a 4-4 tie. Teammate Sean Boyd, who had two hits in four trips, singled ahead of Zang.

Earlier in the game, Jeff Apple singled to drive in two runs for South Farmington. WINNING PITCHER Jerry Kroy went the distance, allowing six hits. He struck out seven and walked three.

South Farmington opened its tournament bid with a 5-1 win over the same Waterford team. Paul Wenson, called the team's "best pitcher" by the manager, struck out 15 and scattered seven hits to gain the win.

"He has an outstanding fastball to go with a good curve," Zang said. "He'll set up his batter with two fastballs and then use the curve ball as the strikeout pitch."

Wenson starred with the bat, too, collecting a triple and two singles and driving in two runs. Teammates Eric Engel and Jeff Apple each contributed an RBI single in the second inning, and Apple knocked in a run with a single in the fourth.

In the next round, South Farmington overcame host Franklin, 7-4, in a game which was moved to the Sorrows field when rain made Franklin's ground unplayable. Engel, who pitched six innings in relief of Kroy, picked up the win. Engel entered the game with the bases loaded and a 2-0 count on the batter. He fanned that man and went on to pitch a four-hitter with three more strikeouts and five walks.

South Farmington produced five hits. Zang had a good day at the plate with two hits, a triple and a single, in three trips and an RBI. Apple and Davis each went one for three, and Kevin Rice had a hit and drove in a run.

Should South Farmington win the state tournament in Westland, it will advance to the Pony national regional tournament in Paducah, Ky.

Wayne-Ford Civic League Park is located on Wayne Road south of Ford Road.

Legion squad fails in Mack tourney bid

Wally Christensen can unpack the suitcase and cancel the motel reservation. He's not going anywhere — at least not with the Farmington American Legion baseball team he manages.

Until last Tuesday night, Farmington was in the running for a fifth-place finish in the final standings of the Legion's 18th District. That showing would have earned the squad a trip to Flint for a post-season Connie Mack tournament.

But Auburn Heights, not Farmington, advances to Flint on the strength of its doubleheader sweep of Waterford Chief Pontiac, 6-3 and 10-0, Tuesday at Avondale High School.

Auburn Heights finished its season at 18-9, including the sweep. Farmington closed at 17-10.

Chief Pontiac would have had to win both ends of the twin bill in order for Farmington to advance. A split would have necessitated a special playoff game between Auburn Heights and Farmington.

"Just another one of those lousy years," muttered Christensen, who attended the doubleheader with most of his team. "After the last game, I walked away from that

field with one of the biggest headaches I can remember having."

Farmington ended its season by taking a doubleheader from Milford, 15-0 and 11-5, last Sunday. Last Friday, Auburn Heights beat Farmington, 8-4, in a key game.

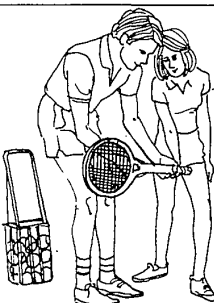
Farmington's Mike Tetreault, who'll be playing for Southfield's Legion team in the Mack tournament in Saginaw, was the winning pitcher in both games against Milford. Brian Bruce pitched two innings of relief in both games.

Pete Tompson went three for four, including a seven-run homer, in the nightcap, and Dave Schultz had two hits in two trips and drove in two runs. In the opening game, Dave Hall went four for four and drove in three runs. Schultz clouted a three-run homer in the second inning.

* Against Auburn Heights, Mike Tatomir pitched a seven-hitter and struck out five, and contributed two hits. Gary Smith's second-inning single drove in two runs for the winners.

Hall had a single and a solo homer for Farmington. Tompson went two for four, and Rich Nutter had two hits in three trips.

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