

215 runners brave rain at Stony Creek

By MARTY BUDNER

Joe Washburn and his daughter Jill were the featured winners at the ninth annual Stony Creek Distance Run. More than 200 persons from throughout the Detroit-Metropolitan area participated in the run, which was held

Thursday at Stony Creek Metropark north of Rochester. Competition was held in six different age groups, with certificates awarded to the top 15 finishers in each division. The courses were five miles long for the Open Class runners, one mile for the under-10 runners and 2 1/2 miles for

everyone else.

The run attracted some 50 fewer persons this year — mainly due to weather, according to meet director Tom Loll. A brief early-morning rain dampened the Oakgrove Picnic site where the meet was held, and the threat of rain existed throughout the morning.

Rochester's Joe and Jill Washburn appeared oblivious to the weather conditions.

Joe, who ran high school and college track in Ohio, won the 31-and-over division with a time of 12:58. Clawson's Donald Wood was second some 29 seconds behind.

"Once I got out of college I quit running for a few years, then I got back into it again when I was 33 or 34 years old," said Joe, who graduated from

Baldwin-Wallace College outside of Berea, Ohio.

"Eventually I'd like to get back into road racing. I enjoy running because it's healthy, and I like the competition. I also think it's a good way to teach sportsmanship and set an example for the kids."

Jill, WHO graduated two years ago from Rochester High School, successfully defended her women's division title with a time of 12:33. Tere Stouffer of Auburn Heights was more than two seconds behind to finish second, and Troy's Lee Ann Yanik took third.

Jill Washburn, who is on a partial track scholarship to Michigan State University, helped lead the Spartans to an eighth place finish in the AIAW

cross-country finals last year.

"There's a lot stiffer competition in college than there was in high school,"

said Jill, who ran both track and cross country under coach Hal Commerson at Rochester high.

Farmington kickers win

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said, "Glynn sort of passed the ball in front of the goal. The ball went off Debbie and into the net."

Ann Schoene played an excellent game, according to the coach. "She probably didn't make as many saves as Ann Arbor's goalie, but she was outstanding. Ann Arbor had quite a few breakaways. They surprised us with their speed."

Farmington's game with Huron Valley East begins at 6:30 p.m. Schoolcraft College is on Haggerty between Six

Mile and Seven Mile roads.

The Great Lakes Women's Soccer League will host Soccerfest 1980 Sept. 6 at Ann Arbor's Fuller Field. Called a soccer-for-fun tournament, the games are shortened so that several teams can play in the one-day tournament.

Interested teams may register by calling Sheri Lynn Takas at 522-3804 or 425-3455. Cost is \$30 for GLWSL members, and \$35 for unaffiliated teams.

Fuller Field is on Fuller Road west of Huron Parkway.

Adray slugers sink

For want of a victory in either of two baseball games last week in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Regional, Livonia Adray lost the opportunity to compete in the AABA national finals this week in Johnston, Pa.

Two Ohio teams — Youngstown and Columbus — defeated Adray 7-5 and 4-3, respectively, at Ford Field in Livonia.

Both teams from the Buckeye State advance to Johnston. That would not have been so earlier in the week.

It was learned last Tuesday just prior to the start of the regional that Ft. Wayne, Ind., would not be sending a team to the AABA finals this year. To fill the void, it was determined that the winner and runner-up instead of the winner only from the Livonia Regional would qualify.

Livonia downed Schenectady, N.Y., 7-5 in the opener of the double-elimination regional to get off to a good start. All the advanced games were cancelled, though, when Livonia met its sad demise Thursday in front of a home crowd.

"I don't think they got over-confident (after the first win), but they sure let up," said Adray manager Ron Hellier. "The game against Youngstown, we felt, was the key."

"I was talking to their manager in about the third inning and we agreed that both teams reacted the same way," Hellier continued. "Both were acting like they were already in Johnston."

LIVONIA DIDN'T really look that sharp during the tournament, even in its victory over Schenectady.

Adray rallied for the tying run in the eighth inning when Jim Ross scored from third base on a sacrifice fly by Jim Wilson.

In the ninth inning, Livonia loaded the bases on successive infield singles by Tom Barrett, Steve Popp and Tim O'Malley and notched two runs on an opposite-field bloop single by Herb McManaway.

Ross pitched the last three innings and was awarded the victory.

Art Wendt and Jeff Sergison each doubled and singled and Popp singled twice.

LIVONIA COMMITTED five errors while losing to Youngstown and Hellier said that every one of the five was costly.

Youngstown picked up one run during the fourth inning, two in the fifth and four in the eighth.

Paul Assemacher, who was relieved by Ross in the eighth inning, sustained the pitching loss.

Livonia scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning to take a 4-3 lead. O'Malley singled home a run that inning. Ross batted in a run with a ground out and Popp crossed the plate when the catcher dropped the ball on a strike during a missed suicide-squeeze bunt.

The lead, though, did not hold up, as Youngstown rallied for four runs in the eighth and held on to win.

O'Malley and McManaway each collected a pair of singles in the defeat.

LIVONIA PLAYED errorless ball against Columbus, but totalled only three-hits during the 11-inning game.

Wild pitches figured prominently in all of Adray's runs.

Ross sent O'Malley home with a sacrifice fly during the first inning. O'Malley advanced to third base on a wild pitch.

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