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Oakland Hills to host 2 major tournaments

By M.B. DILLON

Metropolitan Detroit's football, basketball and baseball fans may be crying in their Stroh's, but golf aficionados can look forward to two local major tournaments — the U.S. Senior Open July 9-12 of this year, and the 1985 U.S. Open, the lauded last leg of golf's grand slam.

Bloomfield Township's Oakland Hills Country Club, home of the 1979 and 1972 PGAs and four previous U.S. Opens, will host both coming attractions.

In an effort to boost the Senior Open's success, the United States Golf Association is offering a package deal to prospective hosts — staging the sen-

ior event gets you the Open.

Sounds like plenty of profit, prestige and power for members of "The Monster" Oakland Hills.

But through experience, Oakland Hills folks know that hosting tournaments also means sacrificed time, wearisome work and Excedrin headaches.

WHEN GOLF'S GILDED gladiators — people like Arnold Palmer, Gene Littler, Don January, Sam Snead, Julius Boros and Oakland Hills professional Al Mengert — approach the first hole at the Senior Open, almost a year's worth of preparation will precede them.

"Even though we expect a gallery of

only about 40,000, hosting the Senior Open means the same amount of work as the PGA did," said Bob Woods, general chairman of the tournament.

The 1979 PGA drew 140,000 spectators.

"We've been meeting at 7:30 a.m. every Friday since August," continued Woods. "It takes over 700 people on more than three dozen committees to host a major tournament."

Financial success depends largely on advertisements sold in the thick, slick Championship Magazine, published and distributed by the club during the tournament, and ticket sales. (Prices range from \$8 to \$150.)

NO ONE'S COMPLAINING, though.

"The members' response was overwhelming," Woods said. "They voted in favor of hosting the tournaments, 355-82."

The Senior Open's debut last year at Winged Foot, in Mamaroneck, N.Y., wasn't quite up to par, at least in the eyes of the sponsoring USGA.

This year, in an effort to expand the field and improve the senior event's financial faring, entry age was lowered to 50 from 55 and the date moved to an open area of the golf calendar.

(The 1980 Senior Open arrived on the heels of the U.S. Open, played across the river from Mamaroneck at Baltusrol, N.J.)

land Hills would be a host-in-waiting.

"We haven't hosted an Open since 1951, and were entertaining the idea of getting another when they (the USGA) called us saying they were in a jam," Woods explained.

A club in Pennsylvania changed its mind and turned them down, so on very short notice they had to find another prestigious golf course.

Despite limited lead time, the Senior Open should be as successful as a hole-in-one.

"From the standpoint of the crowds, conduct of the tournament, the community and the money returned to the PGA, the 1979 PGA was probably the biggest, finest PGA golf tournament ever held," said William Prew, chair-

man of the 1979 PGA and president of Oakland Hills.

The overall enthusiasm and interest of the people was a very positive reflection of the communities of Birmingham and Detroit," Prew added.

"It's like any major sporting event in Detroit."

"They really turn out. The people here are tremendous."

OAKLAND HILLS OWNS the respect of many professionals as well. Ben Hogan, winner of the 1951 U.S. Open at Oakland Hills, named the South Course "a monster. If there's a course any tougher, I don't want to play it."

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Farmington's Mike Wozniak (white uniform) scored 11 points to help the Falcons beat Plymouth Canton. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Northwest tumbles, 81-30

Falcons nip Canton

Farmington High's basketball team gave visiting Plymouth Canton a lesson in fourth-quarter rallies last Tuesday.

Coach Rich-Roy's Falcons battled back from 10 points down twice in the final quarter to nip the non-league Chiefs, 81-30. Kevin Nichols, a 6-foot senior, dropped in two free throws with 13 seconds left to play to put the winners up by four.

"We usually don't quit," said Roy, whose team climbed to 3-3 overall. "This team can come back."

Farmington trailed by three points (11-8) after the opening quarter, by four (28-24) at halftime and by six (42-36) after three quarters. But the Falcons scored 19 points to the Chiefs' 10 in the final stanza.

"We put a press on and played a lot tougher defense," Roy said. "We didn't shoot especially well from the floor or from the line. But we changed our ways in the last quarter by making seven of nine free throws in the last quarter."

Nichols led Farmington with 14 points on four field goals and six of 11 free throws. Teammates Mike Wozniak and Jerry Liphardt added 11 and nine points, respectively.

Sean Houle, Canton's 6-foot-5 center, led all scorers with 17 points. Matt Thomas and Steve Tuttle each had 10 points for the Chiefs, now 4-3 overall.

"It was a slow game for the first three quarters," Roy said. "You could

tell that both teams were coming back from Christmas vacation."

Farmington plays tomorrow at Milford-Lakeland. The Inter Lakes League game has an 8 p.m. start.

LUTHERAN EAST 81

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHWEST 30

Farmington Lutheran High Northwest was out of its league in more ways than one last Tuesday night.

Northwest, a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference member, made the long trip to Harper Woods Lutheran East of the Metro Conference only to lose big, 81-30. Coach George Lemke's Northwest team is 1-6 this season.

Lutheran East, picked by some to win the Metro Conference, established a 17-1 lead midway through the first quarter. The winners led by 19 points (24-5) after the opening quarter and by 22 (35-13) at halftime.

"We weren't playing that badly," Lemke said. "We just weren't throwing up anything that had a chance of going in."

Ten Lutheran East players scored and 10 made double figures. Ernie Murphy led with 13 points. Jim Collier had 12, Dave Raicevich 11 and Tom O'Hara 10.

Mark Garrett led Northwest with 11 points, and Tim Farah had seven.

Northwest was whistled for 25 fouls

to East's 16. Three Crusaders — Garrett, Dave Austin and Mike Aumann — fouled out.

Northwest plays next on Jan. 16 at Pontiac Oakland Christian. The MIAC contest begins at 8 p.m.

LUTH. EAST 81-NORTHWEST 30

LUTHERAN EAST (81) — Ernie Murphy 5, 3-7, 13; Jim Collier 5, 2-3, 12; Kyle Chubert 2, 1-2, 5; Lee Vohsara 0, 0-0, 0; Jan Rice 1, 0-2, 2; Gordon Carr 1, 2-4, 5; Joe Siedstrom 1, 5-7, 7; David Wood 0, 0-0, 0; Tony Love 4, 0-4, 8; Marty Garlington 0, 0-0, 0; Brian Knowles 4, 0-1, 8; Tom O'Hara 4, 2-2, 10; Dave Raicevich 4, 3-4, 11; John Wing 0, 0-0, 0. TOTALS: 81, 19-32, 81.

LUTHERAN NORTHWEST (30) — Mark Garrett 5, 1-2, 11; Andy Farah 2, 0-2, 4; Mark-Serra 0, 2-4, 2; Tim Farah 3, 1-7, 7; Dave Austin 1, 0-0, 2; Brooks Rousseau 0, 0-0, 0; Mark Rocher 0, 0-0, 0; Mike Aumann 1, 0-0, 2; Paul Goode 1, 0-0, 2; Carl Payne 0, 0-0, 0. TOTALS: 30, 13-41, 30.

TOTAL FOULS — Northwest 23, Lutheran East 16. FOULED OUT: Garrett (LNU), Austin (LNU), Aumann (LNU).

FARMINGTON 84 — CANTON 52

FARMINGTON HIGH (84) — Kevin Nichols 4, 6-11, 14; Mike Wozniak 5, 1-2, 11; Paul Robert 3, 0-1, 6; Jerry Liphardt 3, 2-4, 9; Pete Northing 4, 0-0, 5; Mark Orlando 0, 1-2, 1; Steve Downey 1, 0-0, 2; Ken Fashner 0, 2-4, 4. TOTALS: 84, 14-24, 34.

PLYMOUTH CANTON (52) — Sean Houle 5, 4-12, 17; Matt Thomas 5, 0-0, 10; Steve Tuttle 5, 0-0, 10; Bill Chubb 2, 0-0, 4; Dave Mank 1, 0-0, 2; Tom Harris 2, 1-2, 5; Jim Mills 2, 0-0, 4. TOTALS: 52, 16-32.

TOTAL FOULS — Canton 20, Farmington 13. FOULED OUT: Chubb (PC).

FARMINGTON 81-12-18 — 34

CANTON 11-17-14-10 — 52

Girl gymnasts gear up

By TOM BAER

North Farmington's Kathy Temple was a stand-out in the high school girls' gymnastics state meet last March, finishing first in parallel bars, sharing first in balance beam with teammate Suzanne Casillo, and placing second in all-around competition.

This year, Temple's chances to equal or better last year's marks look pretty good, according to North coach Mary Johnese.

"She's a strong competitor, and she's been working really hard," said Johnese of the senior all-arounder.

North opened its girls' gymnastics season Wednesday with a dual meet at Ann Arbor Huron.

"I think we should have a good year," said Johnese, who is beginning here sixth year as North's coach. "I know their routines are good, but you never really know until you see them compete."

Some other North prospects include senior all-arounder Jody Schupbach, sophomores Donna Deidie, Alyene Wolf and Janice McCallum, and freshmen Kim Edwards and Sharon Shiffra.

For girls' gymnastics purposes, North Farmington competes in the Northwest Suburban League. Other schools: Farmington High, Farmington Harrison, Plymouth Canton, Clarenceville and Northville.

North Farmington, which compiled an 11-4 overall record last season, has won the past two league championships.

HARRISON AND Farmington High have new coaches. Tammy Lee Thompson takes the reins Harrison, and Marta Scharrenberg heads Farmington. Both coaches were outstanding gymnasts during their high school days at Clarenceville.

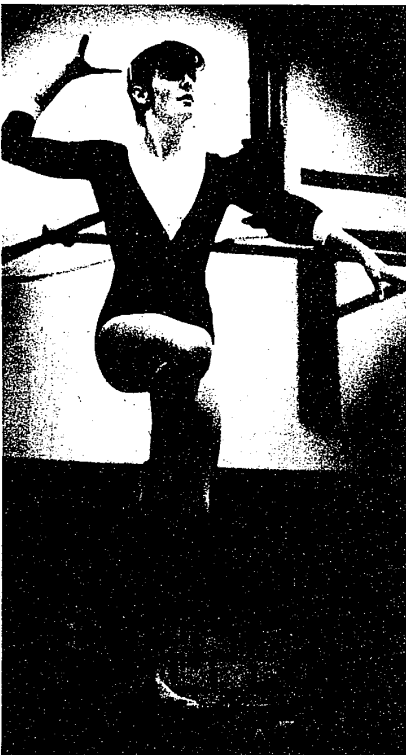
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GIRLS' GYMNASTICS

NORTH FARMINGTON — Jan. 12, at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.; Jan. 15, Plymouth Canton, 7 p.m.; Jan. 17, at Dearborn Invitation, at 9 a.m.; Jan. 24, East Lansing, 7 p.m.; Jan. 27, Oak Park, 7 p.m.; Jan. 28, at Farmington Harrison, 7 p.m.; Feb. 2, Farmington High, 7 p.m.; Feb. 5, Walled Lake Western, 7 p.m.; Feb. 6, at Troy High, 7 p.m.; Feb. 11, Pontiac Northern, 7 p.m.; Feb. 16, Walled Lake Central, 7 p.m.; March 3, at Northville High, 7 p.m.; March 7, at conference meet; March 14, at regional meet.

FARMINGTON HIGH — Jan. 9, Northville High, 7 p.m.; Jan. 12, at Plymouth Canton, 7 p.m.; Jan. 14, Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.; Jan. 19, at Pontiac Northern, 7 p.m.; Jan. 21, at Oak Park, 7 p.m.; Jan. 26, at Farmington Harrison, 7 p.m.; Jan. 29, Grosse Pointe North, 7 p.m.; Feb. 2, at North Farmington, 7 p.m.; Feb. 9, Walled Lake Western, 7 p.m.; Feb. 12, at Walled Lake Central, 7 p.m.; Feb. 16, Clarenceville, 7 p.m.; March 2, Southfield-Lathrup, 7 p.m.; March 7, at conference meet; March 14, at regional meet.

FARMINGTON HARRISON — Jan. 12, at Southfield-Lathrup, 7 p.m.; Jan. 14, at Birmingham Groves, 7 p.m.; Jan. 21, Plymouth Canton, 7 p.m.; Jan. 26, Farmington High, 7 p.m.; Jan. 28, North Farmington, 7 p.m.; Feb. 2, Walled Lake Central, 7 p.m.; Feb. 4, at Plymouth Canton, 7 p.m.; Feb. 13, at Grosse Pointe North, 7 p.m.; Feb. 17, Walled Lake Western, 7 p.m.; March 7, at conference meet; March 14, at regional meet.

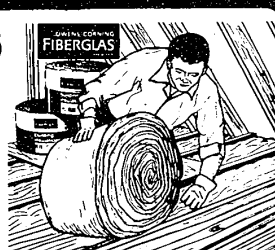


North Farmington's Kathy Temple won state titles in the balance beam and uneven parallel bars last season. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

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