

Birmingham racer had edge

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 his new duties as racer/manager of the 7-Eleven racing team.
 "I knew the course and it was good that the three of us (eventual winner Dan Franger and Tom Bronzowski) broke away from the pack like we did," said Schuler. "It's much less dangerous that way, and it's more satisfying to run like that. That's a perfect way to race on a small course like this."
 The start/finish line was located on Maple Road halfway between Pierce and Bates roads in downtown Birmingham. The bikers went down Maple to Bates, then left to Merrill, then left to Henrietta, then left to Martin, then right — the only right-hand turn on the course — to Pierce, then left back onto Maple.
 The stretch down Henrietta to Martin to Pierce proved to be the tightest part of the track. The longest straight away was the stretch on Maple from Pierce to Bates.
 The winners, naturally, enjoyed the tight, windy course.
 "This course, for me, was really nice. But courses are different to every rider," said women's winner Connie Paraskevini-Young. "It was fun out there. The laps go by really

quick. And with two prime lines it makes it more fun for the riders. You can't get lazy out there. It keeps you honest."
 Dan Franger of Sacramento, Calif., also found the course to his liking.
 "It was a great course — I really enjoyed it," said Franger. "It was nice and tight with a smooth surface. I love the tight courses. It's my kind of course. I think this was one of the best courses I've ridden this year."
THE MAYOR'S CUP: It's billed as the Nabisco Mayor's Cup Series. But that official title wasn't of any advantage to Birmingham Mayor Dante Lanzetta.
 In the Celebrity Challenge race prior to the main races, Lanzetta was defeated by his archrival, commissioner Randy Judd. Lanzetta finished second to Judd, who triumphantly raised his arms as he crossed the finish line.
 "If I get on a bike a couple times a month I'm lucky," lamented the mayor prior to the race.
 It was a rough day for Lanzetta in more ways than one.
 Someone ripped off his newly purchased Hawaiian hat while he was

starting the women's race. Then his gun didn't go off while starting the men's race about an hour later.
 Better luck next year, Mayor.
INDEED, WORLD CLASS: If you missed Saturday's race, you did miss out on some world-class competition.
 Schuler was a member of the 1980 Olympic team, which did not compete because of the United States boycott. Connie Paraskevini-Young is a former world champion.
 Also, there were competitors from the countries of Denmark, Canada, England, Switzerland, Germany, France, The Netherlands and Sweden.
WILL THEY BE BACK?: Everyone associated with the race, including race coordinator Dale Hughes and publicity agent Elliot Trumbull, indicated the sponsors — Nabisco and its products — were happy with the first-time event.
 "I think the Nabisco people were really impressed," said Trumbull. "And it was very well organized. The Nabisco people started setting everything up early Saturday morning. And it was all cleaned up by Memo-

rial Day."
 Would the mayor like a return engagement?
 "We hope to have the race again next year," Lanzetta said.
RACE-DAY POTPOURRI:
 • The music could be heard at nearly every point on the course. It ranged from classical to rock as the men's race started to the mood tunes of "Dark Side of the Moon" by the band Pink Floyd.
 • What a great day for munchies. Nabisco had three points around the course where volunteers passed out food and drinks. One cycling spectator was seen stocking his bike bag with mounds of the Nabisco fruit snacks. And it was all free.
 • The weather was a bit on the cool side, as far as the racers were concerned. Women's winner Paraskevini-Young said it was a "little harder to warm up" while men's winner Franger from California, complained the "weather could have been warmer."
 • The fields were small for both the men's and women's races. It was no wonder considering there were similar races that same weekend in California and Ohio.

Area athletes helped CMU get to tourney

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 tributed mightily. Their efforts earned them all-MAC honors.
 Entering the World Series, Webb was batting .331. She had eight doubles, two triples and 17 runs batted in, and scored 20 runs. Swanson was hitting .292, with five doubles, two triples, a home run and 23 RBI.
 The Chippewas finished fifth in the World Series tournament. They lost the opener to eventual NCAA champion Texas A&M 3-0 before beating Florida State 1-0, Nebraska with a 2-1 win Saturday.
 "They were definitely the best players I've played against," said Swanson. "Every team there was great. But if any of those teams were better than us, it wasn't by much."
 Webb agreed. "We had faced three of the teams (A&M, Nebraska and Fresno State) that were there earlier in the season. We knew what kind of competition was in Omaha, and we knew we could compete with them."
 CMU had lost to A&M 4-2 and 6-1, and to Fresno State 6-0, during the season. The Chips beat Nebraska twice, 2-1 and 1-0.

senior, has only to complete her internship to earn her degree in therapeutic recreation.
 Swanson went to CMU as a volleyball recruit. She played four years for the Chippewa spikers, twice earning all-MAC honors, then decided to try her hand at softball.
 "It was something that was always in the back of my mind, to play softball," she said. Swanson played the last two seasons and was glad she did. "It was great. I loved volleyball, and I loved softball just as well."
 "I'm very happy with the way things went. I wouldn't change a thing."
 Webb has another year of eligibility, but with a different task ahead. CMU will lose a bundle of seniors; repeating as MAC champs will be difficult.
 But her goals remain the same. "We'll be competitive," Webb predicted. "We want to win the MAC title and go to the regionals, but we'll be a lot younger. Our goals will be the same because what good is it to shoot for anything less?"
 No good at all. Because it's goal accomplishment, not number of victories, that better measures success in athletics.

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CHEERING TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Farmington Rockets cheerleading squads are scheduled for Friday, May 29, and Saturday, May 30, in the Farmington High School gymnasium.
 The May 29 tryouts will take place between 4 and 8 p.m., and the May 30 session is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Anyone planning to participate is asked to be prompt since registration will take place before the tryouts begin. Saturday participants should bring a sack lunch.

Rocks avenge loss to Chiefs

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 "There's a 'welcome home' sign in front of his locker," Salem coach John Gravin said.
 Gee also was three-for-three. He had two doubles, a single and one RBI.
 In the district tournament at Northville, Salem plays Walled Lake Central at 10 a.m. Saturday, Canton faces Novi at noon and the winners meet at 2 p.m.

After the squads have been selected, coaches will post their respective practice schedules. For information, contact Daria Bares at 478-7584.
COACHES NEEDED
 Farmington Mercy needs freshmeat basketball and junior varsity cheerleading coaches. Interested persons should send a letter of application to Ellen Sekerak, athletic director, at Mercy High School, 29500 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48018.

HOOP INSTRUCTION

Youths in grades 5-12 can receive instruction in the sport of

basketball June 23 to July 9 by participating in a camp at Farmington High School.

Registration is planned for Monday, June 22, from 10 a.m. to noon at Farmington High. The cost of the 12-day camp is \$35.

There will be camp sessions from June 23-June 26, June 29-July 2 and July 6-July 9. Instruction will be given from 9-10 a.m. for boys in grades 11-12, 10 a.m.-noon for boys in grades 9-10, noon to 1:30 p.m. for

boys and girls in grades 5-8 and 1:30-3:30 p.m. for girls in grades 9-12.

Instruction will cover conditioning, fundamentals, team strategies, individual offense and defense and intramural competition. The program director is Bob Kaump. He will be assisted by Ron Sarcevic, Bruce Brown and Bill Robinson.
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