

Stingrays remain champs

Michigan Stingray Swimming Association successfully defended its state championship in girls short-course competition Sunday, March 6, and gave coach Peter Leonhardt his third such title.

Leonhardt's teams also took home the top prize in the 1987 girls short- and long-course state meets.

"The third time is just as sweet as the first," said Leonhardt, adding he believed he had the most spirited team among the 38 clubs and 448 swimmers who competed.

The Stingrays, who were host for the three-day meet at Oakland Community College, recorded a first-place total of 1,431 points to outdistance runnerup Livonia Spartan Aquatic Club (1,058).

Stingray relay teams in the 13-14 age group set two of the eight state records that were established at the meet.

Linda Goldstein, Danielle Frotlier, Kara Goetz and Kerry Doran shattered the 800-yard freestyle relay time of 8:04.72 by winning the event in 7:55.76.

The foursome of Goldstein, Katie Knipper, Doran and Frotlier also won the 400 medley relay with a record-breaking time of 4:07.12. The

old standard was 4:07.88.

In addition, the Birmingham Blue Dolphins team of Natalie Najarian, Kathleen Whitley, Meredith McMahon and Sue Ann Dimar were record setters in the 10-and-under 200 freestyle relay. They took first place with a 1:54.98 time, eclipsing the old mark of 1:57.21.

Liz Hockabay of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Atlantis team, who was the leader in individual scoring with 105 points in the 11-12 age bracket, set the state record in the 50-yard butterfly. She finished the race in 26.97 to break the former record of 27.12.

In the 13-14 division, Goldstein was first in total individual points with 112, and teammate Frotlier was third with 79. The Stingrays' Janet Caraher was third in the 15-17 age group with 77 points.

Ann Arbor Swim Club also set three state records: Olivia White, Sandra Yoon, Brie Carpenter and Stefanie Forrest, 11-12, 200 freestyle relay, 1:44.87, old record was 1:44.93; same foursome, 11-12, medley relay, 1:57.04, old record was 1:58.44; Kerry McClosky, Annette Salmeen, Melissa Harris and Kath-

leen Wilcox, 13-14, 400 freestyle relay, 3:39.13, old record was 3:42.84.

The overall team standings and the top three teams in each age group are as follows:

GIRLS SHORT-COURSE STATE CHAMPIONS

Club standings: 1. Michigan Stingrays, 1431; 2. Livonia Spartans, 1058; 3. Ann Arbor Swim Club, 791; 4. Oakland Live Y's, 642; 5. Birmingham-Bloomfield Atlantis, 629.

10-and-under: 1. Birmingham Blue Dolphins, 316; 2. Clarenceville Swim Club, 128; 3. Birmingham-Bloomfield Dolphins, 119.

11-12: 1. Ann Arbor Swim Club, 286; 2. Birmingham-Bloomfield Atlantis, 240; 3. Livonia Spartans, 190.

13-14: 1. Michigan Stingrays, 566; 2. Ann Arbor Swim Club, 320; 3. Livonia Spartans, 131.

15-16: 1. Michigan Stingrays, 247; 2. Livonia Spartans, 238; 3. Oakland Live Y's, 106.

17-18: Livonia Spartans, 277; 2. Michigan Stingrays, 257; 3. Oakland Live Y's, 139.

Salem's Dena Head decides

By Dan O'Meara
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Plymouth Salem girls basketball standout Dena Head, winner of the 1988 Miss Basketball Award, will play her college basketball at the University of Tennessee.

After narrowing her final choices to Ohio State, Iowa and the Volunteers, Head said she spent "a lot of time" doing "a lot of hard thinking" before accepting UT's offer of a full athletic scholarship.

She has cast her lot with a program that is among the national leaders in the women's game. The Vols won the national championship last year and, under coach Pat Head Summitt, have been to the Final Four in either the AIAW or NCAA tournaments eight of the last 11 years.

But a good basketball program was not the only thing Head was looking for when selecting a school. An excellent student who plans to follow a pre-med curriculum, she was concerned as much about the academic side.

"I FELT I could get everything I needed from that program and be

happy at the same time," Head said. "All three had an equal amount to offer me, and it was a hard decision."

"(The basketball team) might be ranked No. 1, but basketball was not the only reason," she said. "What matters is what happens when basketball is done and life goes on. Education should come first."

Head said she considered the "full package" at each school, and that included three things: the basketball program, the campus atmosphere and whether she thought she would be happy at the school and the coach.

In Summitt, she will be playing for a coach with an international reputation, having coached the United States women's team to the Olympic gold medal in the Los Angeles Game of 1984.

But the coach alone was not what sold her on UT. Again, it was the total package the school, in Knoxville, Tenn., had to offer.

"It's not just a matter of who's there or what's there," Head said. "It has to be all of those things combined."

"THAT SHE IS a great coach is demonstrated by her record and her success in the Olympics. Where her success is every year is a positive."

Two former Michigan high school stars, Daedra Charles of Detroit DeForest and Tonya Edwards of Flint Northwestern, are current members of the UT squad, which boasts a 23-2 record.

Head, a prep All-American, takes a realistic approach to her future as a college player. She hopes eventually to be a key contributor at UT, but she has no illusions about slowing the competition right away.

"How well someone fits in all depends on the particular individual," she said. "If you can learn the program and excel, you're going to get that playing time."

"If I go in and need time to develop and adjust, so be it. I'll accept that."

"When you get to college, the players are of equal ability and better," she added. "That will be the fun part, accepting that challenge."

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LIFT-A-THON PLANNED

Farmington High School students began seeking pledges today for a lift-a-thon scheduled for Friday, March 25, in the school gymnasium.

Donations can be made on a per-pound basis. Proceeds will be used to replace equipment in the school's weight room. About 100 students, both boys and girls, will participate. The event begins at 11 a.m. and will continue until the lifters are done. For information or to pledge support, call Todd Lipa at 855-0632.

RECORD SETTER

Farmington Hills Mercy graduate Susan Herzog won two events with record-setting times as the University of Maryland-Baltimore County women's swim team shattered 15 school records in the Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming Championships.

Herzog, however, not only set team records but pool and EISC records in the 500- and 1650-yard freestyle races. She posted a 17:15.78 time in the 1650 and 4:57.66 in the 500.

Herzog also was second in the 200 free and a member of four UMBC relay teams that finished either second or third.

NCAA PRACTICES

The public is invited to watch four of the nation's top college basketball teams practice on Thursday, March 24, as part of the NCAA Midwest Regional at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The open practices will be 1-5 p.m. Each team will have one hour on the floor. Attendance and parking is free.

Plans should enter the Silverdome through the East Gate and proceed to Sections 114 and 115 where they will be seated. Gates open at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets for the Friday, March 25, semifinals and Sunday's championship game can be obtained from the Silverdome Box Office (456-1600).

COACHES NEEDED

Mercy High School is in need of coaches for various sports and activities for the 1988 fall season. There are openings in swimming, pom-pom, cheerleading and junior varsity basketball.

Applicants should send a letter of application and resume to: Athletic Director, Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, Mich. 48031.

PISTONS CONTEST

Each of the 36 Ticketmaster/AAA Michigan Ticket Contest stations, including one in Farmington Hills, will conduct drawings for two tickets to the Detroit Pistons' April 13th basketball game with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

In addition, one grand-prize winner — to be drawn from the 36 winning entries — will receive dinner for two, overnight accommodations, two court-side tickets to an upcoming Pistons game and limousine transportation to and from the Pontiac Silverdome.

The entry deadline is Thursday, March 21. The winners will be announced Tuesday, April 5.

THINK SOFTBALL

Farmington Hills Recreation Division is accepting registrations for new softball teams until the leagues are filled.

The entry fees are as follows: men's open, \$360; women's open, \$360; men's resident, \$320; women's resident, \$320; men's industrial, \$320; women's industrial, \$320; and open coed, \$285.

All classifications are guaranteed 14 games except for the open coed league, which has 10 games guaranteed. The softball season begins May 2 and runs through Aug. 27.

For more information, call 473-9370 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

GOLF SHOW

Golfers looking for the latest in golf equipment, new golf vacation ideas and answers to questions on how to improve their game will find it at the 1988 Metro-Detroit Golf Show on Saturday and Sunday, March 19-20.

The show, open to the public, will take place between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Novi Hilton, at Hagerty and Eight Mile roads, just west of I-275. Admission is \$4 per person. For ticket and exhibit information, call 882-8860.

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Detroit Tiger Baseball is fun for the whole family. And with no price increase in 1988, it's also the best sports bargain around. Which means that Tiger tickets are going to be hot items this summer.

To avoid the long lines, it's best to order your tickets in advance. So fill out the order form below and mail it in today. It's the surest, most convenient way to see the baddest cats in town.

DETROIT TIGER TICKET REFUND AND EXCHANGE POLICY
Among a line with leading teams of professional sports teams, Michigan and Detroit Tigers are among the major leagues. The Detroit Tigers will continue the following ticket refund and exchange programs for all 1988 home games:
Individual Purchases — There will be NO monetary refund. Tickets may be exchanged for another date if received by "Ticket Department" at least 30 days before scheduled game.
Group Purchases — There will be NO monetary refund on the first 50 tickets purchased. A full cash refund on any tickets above 50 can be received up to 15 days before scheduled game. Tickets may be exchanged for the entire group if they are received up to 14 days before scheduled game. Exchange — Refunds and exchanges will be made or postponed games. All ticket refund requests must be made through the "Ticket Department" by mail only. Exchange may be made at anytime. The Tigers assume your preference and support.

Detroit Tigers 1988 Ticket Order Form

Prices include 90-cent city surcharge on each ticket

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Apr 28	Friday	Sea	7:35		
Apr 29	Saturday	Sea	7:35		
Apr 30	Sunday	Sea	7:35		
May 1	Monday	Sea	7:35		
May 2	Tuesday	Oak	7:35		
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May 4	Thursday	Oak	7:35		
May 5	Friday	Minn	4:05		
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