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Sidelines

Findlay inducted

Steven Findlay, a 1998 graduate of Farmington High School, will be inducted to the USA Roller Sports Hall of Fame on Monday, Aug. 5, in Lincoln, Neb.

Findlay won first place in the World Figure Skating Championships in 1993-94 and 1995-96. He currently lives in Florida.

Malloure victory

Matt Malloure of Farmington Hills was the 14-15 age group winner in the Meijer Junior Players Tour event July 15 at Chemung Hills Golf Course in Howell. Malloure's victory was not previously reported due to an error in the sponsoring organization's compilation of results.

Malloure, who shot an 83 to win the event, qualified to play in the Meijer Tour Championship Aug. 5-6 at Forest Akers in East Lansing.

Malloure, who will compete in the 13-14 age group, will be a freshman at Birmingham Brother Rice High School this fall.

Fitness awards

Four children representing Farmington Hills received awards at the Metro Youth Fitness Meet July 25 at Kensington Metro Park. Ten-year-old Harod Gussin took first place in his age group for the event of chin-ups. Lauren Zager (age 8) was fourth in her age class for the standing long jump. Joshua Meier (age 11) took fourth place in his age group for the agility run, and Jared Lahiff (age 9) was fourth in his age class for the 50-yard dash.

DeFranco wins

Joy DeFranco (Farmington Hills) carded an 89 Friday to take low gross in the second night of the Women's Suburban Golf Association stop at Fox Hills Classic. Penny Irwin (Plymouth) was second with a 96. Mary Allen (Wayne) captured low net with a 69. Carol Farwell (Southfield) was runner-up (no score available).

Terry Deisler of Wayne shot an 80 to earn low gross honors in the first flight. Livonia's Ginny Karolak was five strokes off the pace with an 85.

Becky Anderson (Brighton) and Jo McVicar (Livonia) took low net honors with 64 and 68, respectively.

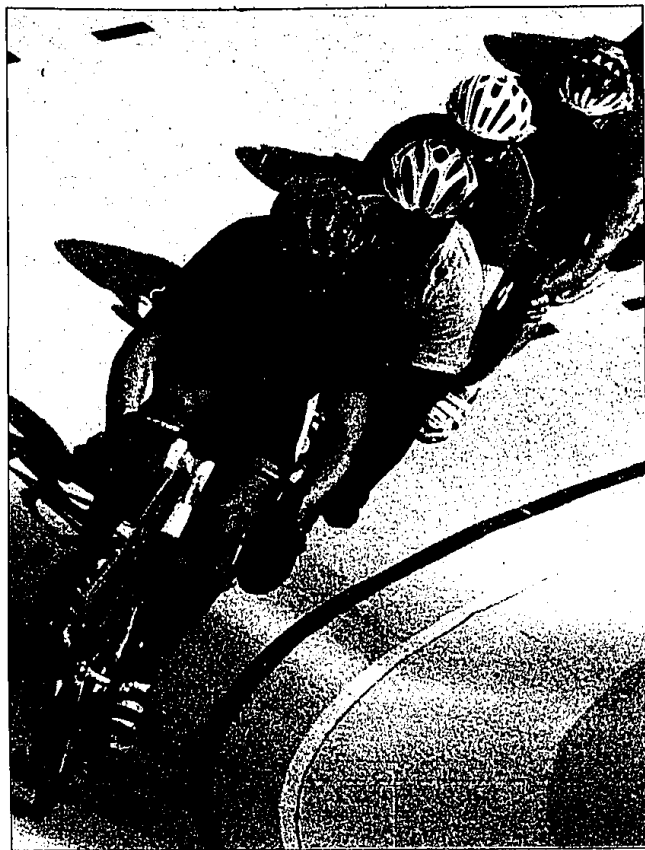
In the third flight, Mary Ann Kraft (Dearborn Heights) led the way with a low gross score of 94. Rae Wensloff (Howell) was second with a 97.

Pat Wilson (Dearborn Heights) won low net with a 68, while Jan Nelson (Canton) was second with a 72.

Coach needed

Farmington High School needs a freshman girls basketball coach.

Interested parties should send a letter of intent to Brian Swinehart at 33000 Thomas, Farmington, MI 48336 or fax a letter to (248) 474-2802.



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Dave Koesel of Livonia leads a pack of riders around the one-eighth mile velodrome track at Bloomer Park in Rochester Hills. Koesel has been an active participant in the NAS-Track Madison Bicycle Racing League.

New velodrome provides thrills for area cyclers

BY JIM TOTH
STAFF WRITER

There's a new game in town and one with a keen eye on lapping the competition.

The sport of bicycle racing has returned to the metropolitan Detroit area with vengeance and vigorous hopes of renewing interest like that generated generations ago. The site for the excitement is the Velodrome at Bloomer Park - a facility created and designed through the leadership of cycling guru Dale Hughes and located in the eastern end of Rochester Hills.

Hughes, a resident of Rochester Hills, has been a staple in the cycling industry for more than two decades designing race tracks from Rochester to Mexico and Atlanta to South Korea. His dreams of producing a venue locally became reality June 1 following a ribbon-cutting ceremony that formally introduced the 200-meter wooden track, Michigan's first since 1969.

"A bunch of volunteers got together and created this through funding," said Hughes, former Olympic Committee Member and chairman for the National Off-Road Bicycle Association, about the infant stages of the project. "We (the cycling industry) were going through tough times, so a lot of cyclists got around and had a little meeting. There was moaning and groaning about (not having) a velodrome, so I said we need to put our money where our mouth is."

Through private donations and a matching interest-free loan, and complete cooperation by the City of Rochester Hills, the velodrome was uniquely constructed, and already has been tagged "the only bicycle track of its kind in North America."

"The Rochester velodrome is very special," explained Hughes. "It's an eighth of a mile where most others are a fifth or sixth of a mile. Riders are closer to rub elbows so the action is much closer. It allows for more exciting racing."

And "exciting racing" is precisely the program being featured Friday evenings throughout the summer. NAS-TRACK, the Madison Bicycle Racing League - with Hughes serving as chairman - raced onto the scene a month ago, providing competitors, as well as spectators, two hours of heart-stopping excitement.

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Wunderle dethrones champion

BY C.J. RISK
STAFF WRITER

What Vic Wunderle did well was get off to a good start. What he did even better was never let up.

Wunderle opened up a fair-sized lead in the first half of the Senior Male Recurve archery competition at the National Target Championships last week at Canton's Heritage Park, then continued to dominate in the second half to post a surprisingly easy 27-point win over defending champ Butch Johnson.

Johnson (whose first-half score was initially miscalculated; he actually had 1,299 points) rallied to post the third-best single-round total (at the four distances of 90, 70, 50 and 30 meters), scoring 1,319 points in the second round for a two-round total of 2,618 points.

Unfortunately for Johnson, Wunderle was responsible for both higher scores. In his first run through the four distances (archers shoot 18 arrows at each distance in each round, a total of 36 arrows for both rounds at each distance), Wunderle scored a tournament-best 1,324 points to lead by 25; he scored 1,321 in the second round for a total of 2,645.

"It's always nice to be out in front (instead of trying to come from behind)," the 2000 Olympic medal-

PLEASE SEE WUNDERLE, C4

Falcons have new boys hoop coach

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Having been part of a winning basketball program at Schoolcraft College, Steve Norgrove hopes to bring the same kind of success to Farmington High School.

He was hired earlier this summer to coach the boys varsity team, replacing Steve Korpisuk, who was the interim coach last season following Denny Mikel's resignation in November.

The 32-year-old Norgrove spent the last three seasons as an assistant to Carlos



Norgrove

which followed a 32-4 finish the previous year.

"Farmington has some good athletes come through its program," Norgrove said.

"There's a lot of potential there. With the success we've had at Schoolcraft, staying in the area I think will be very helpful."

After finishing second in the Western Lakes Activities Association in 2001, the Falcons slipped to 2-19 last season.

"Whenever you take over a program, it's always a challenge," Norgrove said. "If you're organized and focused on what your goals are, that will lead to success."

"My goal is to keep kids in school and make sure they do what they're supposed

PLEASE SEE COACH, C4

Cobras take 9th place in World Series

The NFWB Cobras finished ninth in the 11-and-under AAU Division II World Series, which was played July 19-26 in Orlando, Fla.

The Cobras won their first three games and captured a pool-play title to become one of 12 surviving teams at the Wide World of Sports Complex.

NFWB opened with a 4-3 win over the Central Florida Raiders behind the pitching of Jake Holloway.

With two outs in the first inning, back-to-back doubles by Cory Manogian and Andy Buchanan and a single by Jarret Levine gave the Cobras a two-run lead. In the third, a sacrifice fly by Buchanan added to the NFWB lead.

The Cobras won another tight game, defeating the Boothill Bandits from the Ozarks of Arkansas and Missouri, 5-4.

NFWB scored a run in each of the first two innings with Manogian and Eli Lewitt getting the RBI.

The Cobras added two runs in the fifth



The members of the 11-and-under NFWB Cobras baseball team are (front row, left to right) Brad Hantler, Cory Davis, Jake Holloway, Eric Altman, James Long, Alex Goldfarb, (second row) Andy Buchanan, Jarret Levine, Steven Kanter, Cory Manogian, Eli Lewitt, Max Rankin, (back row) coach Doug Holloway, coach Dave Long, manager Jeff Levine and coach Alan Kanter.

PLEASE SEE COBRAS, C5

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