

The sporting life

Bloomfield jumper second by half inch

Sports are games of inches, goes an old saying. And Bloomfield Hills' Leslie Rose has become a firm believer in it.

During the 1974 U.S. Youth Games last week, she ranked runner-up in the girl's long jump with a distance of 16-1/2 feet, just one-half inch behind the winner.

Next autumn, Leslie will be an eighth grader at East Hills Junior High.

During the same games, Bloomfield Township's Dave Witty belonged to the team which pinned down the third spot in boy's bowling competition.

The games — which annually cover basketball, bowling, tennis and track — took place this year at Morgan State University in Baltimore.

Locally, Miss Rose and Witty were sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills Schools Recreation Department.

Regionally, they were sponsored by the Detroit Recreation Department.

Altogether, 66 contestants represented Michigan in Baltimore.

DETROIT LITTLE CAESARS made a shambles of early play in Mickey Mantle Baseball's national tournament, taking place this week in Sherman, Tex.

Through Sunday, Manager John Moraitis's sandlotters remained as the only unbeaten team in the two-loss, knockout tournament.

In its tournament opener, Little Caesars nipped Nashville, Tenn., 4-3. Paul Chatlin pitched the first

six and two-thirds innings to notch the victory.

A righthander from West Bloomfield High, he scattered two hits while whiffing six and walking none.

Mike Cullen, an outfielder from Birmingham Brother Rice, contributed a hit to Little Caesars' offensive attack.

In subsequent tournament games, Little Caesars first dispatched Cincinnati, 6-3, then defeated St. James, N.Y., 6-2. Against St. James, Steve Morrison, an infielder from Farmington Harrison, spurred the winners with three hits.

Mickey Mantle Baseball is structured for players ages 15 and 16.

OAKLAND COUNTY netters swept the top three spots in the girl's division of National Tennis Foundation's Serve, Stroke & Volley Detroit Area Finals competition.

This year's competition concluded both for boys and girls age 14 and under Sunday at Cobo Arena in Detroit.

Pacing the girl's division was Bloomfield Hills' Nicole Lorenzetti, representing Square Lake Racquet Club.

Ending second was Franklin's Amy Neville, representing Centaur Farms Racquet Club. Taking third was Southfield's Patsy Cox, representing Beverly Hills Racquet Club.

Co-sponsors for this year's competition were World Tennis's Detroit Loves and the J. L. Hudson Co.

BIRMINGHAM PROVED well-represented during the National Amateur Athletic Union's diving championships for 1974 in Decatur, Ala., last week.

Lori Wetulafer took fourth in 10-meter platform competition, 10th in three-meter springboard competition and 17th in one-meter springboard competition.

Allison Baum finished 38th in 10-meter platform competition.

BIRMINGHAM'S H. Clare Shepard became eligible to win a free trip to Scotland and \$1,000 when he carded a hole-in-one recently at Pine Lake Country Club.

Shepard's ace on Pine Lake's links in West Bloomfield qualified him for the Rusty Nail Hole-In-One Sweepstakes for 1974.

The Sweepstakes is national competition sponsored annually by the Drumbo Company of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Competition winners will be announced early next year.

SPRINGFIELD-OAKS & Fairgrounds in Davisburg will host the 1974 Longhorn World Championship Rodeo Thursday through Saturday.

This year's version of the annual festivities will spotlight some of the world's finest equestrian acrobats and cowboy athletes. Advance tickets for the rodeo are available at J. L. Hudson Co. and Grinnell's ticket centers.

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Franklin round-up Sept. 2

The annual Franklin round-up will open at 9 a.m. Sept. 2 with an English Horse Show and conclude late in the afternoon with a Western Horse Show.

Entrants will compete for a high point trophy for the day, four place ribbons for each event and a smaller trophy for each class. R. C. Trotman, 4625 Pickering Road, Birmingham, will supervise the show and events.

Beginning at 9 a.m., competition will include Mares and Geldings at halter, English pleasure, 15 and under; English pleasure, 16 and over; open jump three feet, 15 and under; open jump three feet, 16 and over; English equitation, open; hunter jump, 15 and under; hunter jump, 16 and over.

Afternoon events at 1 p.m. include western pleasure, 15 and under; western pleasure, 16 and over; trail class, open; western horsemanship, open; flag race, open; musical stails, open; pick-up, open; pole bending, 15 and under; and pole bending, 16 and over.

YMCA sign-up underway now

Registration for fall classes at the Birmingham YMCA will begin Monday.

Classes and activities will include swimming at all levels, dance classes, flag football, gymnastics and Judo.

Complete lists of classes and activities can be obtained by calling the Birmingham YMCA at 644-9036.

Kaline hit contest open

When do you think Al Kaline will hit 3,000?

If you are the reader who most closely guesses the date Kaline gets his number 3,000 base hit, you will win a "Night to Remember."

Details of the contest, sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric, are given in a full-page ad in this week's issue.

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