

Falcons pass Stevenson in ILL meet

By TAMI McCLARAN

With 1,510 youths, ages eight through 14, the West Bloomfield/North Farmington Baseball For Youth relies on the assistance of interested parents.

Yet, many people participate in Little League action as managers, coaches or officers regardless of their own children remain involved.

"They like working with kids," explained Don Sarin, West Bloomfield/North Farmington registrar. "Many adults with former Little League players or without children help in developing a successful Little League season."

"There is much work and we need many people to help," explained Sarin.

"Many coaches are high school players," he added. "What the kids need is someone to teach them how to play, regardless of their age."

EACH YEAR the season's official start kicks off with the Michigan Week Parade, and runs through mid-July.

Little League teams play competitively twice weekly. Inter-league games and All-Star teams, where three representatives from each team are chosen, highlight the season.

A maximum of two coaches and one manager guide the fast pitch players.

This year 304 girls are involved in Little League softball, a drop of 26 over last year. However, 10 girls in the 9-10 age bracket participate in T-ball.

Both softball and baseball have been open to the girls and vice versa," explained Sarin.

"Many of the girls are better than the boys," commented Sarin. He added the girls' presence in competition play doesn't present problems as the boys welcome their involvement.

Sarin agreed the number of girls

participating in Little League continues to rise as interest in women's sports grows.

Generally, before only girls that were better in softball came out for Little League," he said.

Inter League League Meet Team Scoring - Pontiac Northern 100% points, Farmington 90%, Livonia Stevenson 80%, Walled Lake Central 50, Milford Lakeland 22, Waterford Township 15%.

Individual Results Shot Put - Moore (Farmington) 49.4, Hanson (Farmington), Bone (Farmington), Long Jump - Green (Pontiac Northern) 25.4, Lokar (Stevenson), Fordfield (Northern).

High Jump - Miracle (Farmington) 6-1, Lokar (Stevenson), (tie) Oge (Northern) and Holerman (Stevenson).

Pole Vault - Bowyer (Farmington) 15-3, Johnson (Stevenson), Tandy (Stevenson).

800 Relay - Pontiac Northern 1:39.3, Stevenson, Farmington.

800 Run - Williams (Walled Lake Central) 1:59.7, Rowley (Stevenson), Gallagher (Stevenson).

1500 High Hurdles - Smith (Northern) 14.8, Niemczak (Stevenson), Struoff (Farmington).

5000 Relay - Cowley (Lakeland) 4:28.2, Brown (Stevenson), Murray (Walled Lake Central).

100 Dash - Hummel (Walled Lake Central).

100 Yards - Williams (Northern), Herring (Northern).

400 Run - Washington (Northern) 3:0.2, Berger (Walled Lake Central), Lokar (Stevenson).

Two Mile Run - Gladfelter (Farmington) 9:35.8, Stal (Farmington), Turner (Walled Lake Central).

800 Low Hurdles - Smith (Northern) 15.8, Lokar (Stevenson), Armster (Northern).

220 Dash - Green (Northern) 22.4, Hummel (Walled Lake Central), Williams (Northern).

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NFWB sets up baseball season

By TOM BAER

Pontiac Northern had little trouble winning the Inter Lakes League track meet last week at Waterford Township High.

Teamwise, the real battle was between Farmington High and Livonia Stevenson for second place. And Farmington came through with 80% team points to Stevenson's 86%, Walled Lake Central was fourth with 50

points, Milford Lakeland had 22 and Waterford 18%.

The Inter Lakes League bases its final track standings solely on the league meet finish, so Farmington's efforts meant runners up honors in the league.

"We were shooting to beat Stevenson," said Farmington coach Gerald Young. "That was our goal, but we didn't think we had much of a chance. Several people came through for us. Our pole vaulter, Scott Bowyer, won at 13-3. That's his best of the year by nine inches."

"And Dave Miracle won the high jump at 6-1. Our shotputters were one-two-three, which really helped. Jim Moore won the shot put at 49-4. Brian Stealoff, a hurdler, had been injured, but he came back to take third in the highs and fifth in the lows."

Farmington's Stuart Gladfelter won the two mile run in 9:54.0. The Falcons also took second in the 440 relay and third in the 800 relay.

Pontiac Northern scored 100% points and won eight of the 15 events. Northern's Mitch Green won two individual events: the long jump at 22-4 and the 220-yard dash in 22.4. George Washington, another Northern speedster, won the 440 in .49.8.

Stevenson didn't take any firsts, but Spartan Paul Lokar was second in the long jump and the 180-yard low hurdles. Walled Lake Central's Randy Hummel won the 100 in 10.1 and finished second in the 220.

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