

Farmington road race draws top distance men

By TOM BAER

There'll be lots of prizes and medals waiting for the winners of the Farmington Founders' Festival Road Race this Saturday.

For those who don't win, but still manage to finish the 10-mile trot through the streets of Farmington and Farmington Hills, there'll be another honor—the right to run down the middle of Grand River during the Festival parade.

Sponsored by the Farmington YMCA, the road race has been part of the Founders' Festival for five of its 11 years.

This year's race should attract more than 100 runners including some of the best distance men in the Midwest, according to race director Gerald Young.

"It's quite a well-known race," said Young, who coaches track and cross country at Farmington High School. "We've had some outstanding runners from all over Michigan, plus some from Ohio and Canada. We give prizes: a television set for first place, track shoes, stop watches, things like that."

"It's the only race I know of in Michigan where they give merchandise prizes. So we do attract some of the best out-of-school runners."

Of course, high school athletes can't win prizes. Instead, they compete in a special class and are awarded medals for top performances.

LAST YEAR, Paul Baldwin, a former track star at the University of Kentucky, won the race's Open Division.

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son, Baldwin, who represented the Flint Track Club, set the course record of 47 minutes.

Pat Davey, a former outstanding miler at Birmingham Brother Rice High School, finished sixth last year.

Dwaine Spitz of Lansing won the

race two years ago and finished second last year. Spitz is a regular participant in the Boston Marathon. He finished 40th in the 1973 Boston classic.

The race has four competitive divisions—Open, ages 18-40; Master's, 40 years and over; Junior, high school

age and under; and Women's. The women will run a special 5 1/2-mile race.

"The race is open to anybody," Young said. "Of course, the Open Division is our fastest group. That includes anybody out of high school up to 40 years of age. That's where we get most of our horses."

The runners will assemble at the Farmington Hills City Hall, Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake roads, at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

The race route winds west on Eleven Mile to Powers Road, north on Powers to Oakland Community College, through the OCC campus to Farmington Road, north on Farmington to Thirteen Mile Road, west to Drake Road, south on Drake to Grand

River, and then on to downtown Farmington by way of Shawassee and other side streets.

"The last half mile will be run down Grand River as the participants become part of the Founders' Festival parade. The race should be over by 10 a.m."

"The police kind of lead the runners and also bring up the rear," Young said. "But even then, the runners have to watch for cars and watch for dogs. And they have to watch it when they run across the intersections, although the police try to keep the main intersections clear for us."

Runners may enter the race by simply showing up at the city hall on Saturday morning before the start. The Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, has entry forms for those who wish to pre-register.



JOHNNY MILLER

Tom Shaw shoots 66 to win Wabeek tourney

By JIM KINSELLA

Tom Shaw shot a sizzling 20-34-66 Tuesday to capture the third edition of the J.P. McCarthy-Wabeek Invitational PAL Golf Tournament in front of a gallery estimated at 14,000.

Shaw won the celebrity-packed invitational by holding off serious challenges put together by Oakland Hills' head pro Al Mengert, and J.C. Sneed, winner of the tournament in 1974. Both finished 18-holes at 68.

THE TOP amateur team of Alex Veitnis, Frank Sherker, Pat Mulligan and Lloyd Heussner, finished the day with a best-ball 57.

Gross receipts for the tournament are expected to reach \$100,000, top-

ping the \$50-75,000 figure tournament officials were hoping to raise.

Although early crowd estimates indicated that the tournament might not draw the expected 16,000 spectators, McCarthy and the Police Athletic League were looking for bumper-to-bumper traffic from the Wabeek Clubhouse entrance west of Franklin Road stretched all the way east to Telegraph more than an hour before the shotgun start at 1 p.m.

While fans of Johnny Miller, Lee Trevino, Tom Watson and Chi-Chi Rodriguez streamed from hole to hole in pursuit of their heroes, the warmest applause seemed to be kept in reserve for the appearance of Sam Sneed.

EACH TIME the aging golf genius

County parks ready brochure

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission is currently distributing a 22-page, four-color brochure containing detailed information about the six Oakland County parks open to public use.

Along with this all-inclusive look at the parks, the commission has issued a pamphlet illustrating the county's

mobile recreation program now in its second year of operation.

The public can obtain copies of these guides by writing to: General Brochure and Mobile Pamphlet, Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, 2800 Walkers Lake Road, Pontiac, 48054.

approached a green the ovations broke out. His acknowledgment was a touch to the ever present straw hat.

"This is one course that allows very few mistakes," Sneed said from a crest overlooking four holes. "One poor shot and you're in trouble the rest of the day."

Beechview SC outswims CB

Farmington Hills Beechview Swim Club defeated Livonia CB Swim Club, 315-222, in a Northwest Suburban Swim League meet last week.

In the girls' eight-and-under age group, Beechview's Joe Walsh set a team record in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 1:16.9. Teammate Michele Laforet swam the 50 butterfly in 1:20.0 to set a team record in the nine-and-10-year group.

Frank Sague took a first place in 50 butterfly for 11 and 12-year old boys with a time of 2:18.

Frank Sague took a first place in the 100 individual medley for 11 and 12-year-old boys with a time of 1:22.6.

Meier's hitting sparks Farmington Legion '9'

By TOM BAER

Randy Meier is having a great summer for Farmington's American Legion baseball team—and his efforts haven't gone unnoticed.

Meier, an outfielder, was batting .407 going into last Sunday's 18th District doubleheader with Royal Oak and Meier, a 16-year-old who's playing his third season of Legion ball, went three for three to help Farmington win the first game, 2-1.

"TS scouts are already looking at him," said Farmington manager Wally Christensen. "He's doing everything right. The big thing is that he's struck out only three times all season. And all three of those strikeouts came against the same pitcher—Berkley's Bill Trapani."

Farmington Dan Perry held Royal Oak to one hit, a fourth-inning home run by Ed Stanton. Perry struck out 12.

Stanton's homer gave Royal Oak a 1-0 lead, but then Meier and Farmington went to work. In the bottom of the fourth, Meier led off with a single and moved to second on Jay Cummings' ground out. Meier scored on Sam Pink's single.

Farmington scored the winning run in the sixth inning on Meier's long home run.

Royal Oak won the second game, 7-2, thanks to the two-hit pitching of righthander Brian Levine, who struck out nine and walked two.

"He (Levine) was throwing a good curve and a sneaky fastball," Christensen said. "He wasn't really that fast, but he did the job."

Royal Oak's Tony Berdi had a homer and two singles. Teammate Fran Scilowicz had a double and a triple. The winners scored two runs in the first inning off starter John Jajach, who worked 2 1/3 innings. Bob

McKenna pitched the rest of the game and provided one of Farmington's two hits.

Farmington's other hit accounted for both of its runs. Channing homered in the fifth inning after Meier had walked.

"Jay's home run was the longest hit at Drake Park this season," Christensen said. "He pulled it to left center-field. The ball went across another baseball diamond and landed in the weeds."

The doubleheader split left Farmington with a 13-7-1 record. Farmington plays next on Friday (July 25) at Troy-Clawson. The game begins at 6 p.m.

Hills athletes at summer camp

Two Farmington Hills boys, Mike Callahan and Robert Marilla, were among 130 high school and junior high athletes who attended a week-long summer sports camp at Central Michigan University at Mt. Pleasant. Both

received instruction in basketball. The annual clinics are sponsored by CMU's off-campus education office. In addition to daily instruction, the camp participants also enjoyed recreation facilities in the evenings.

scored on Brian Desmond's double.

Lathrup added four more runs in the sixth inning. John Byrd was safe on an error. Coden made base on another miscue, and Beers walked to

load the bases. Otterbein's double cleared the bases, and Desmond singled to knock in Otterbein.

Berkley-Southfield

Berkley defeated Southfield, 63 and 3-0, in another 18th District doubleheader last Sunday.

In the first game, three Berkley pitchers held Southfield to just four hits. Mark Bielcki drove in two runs with a single and a triple. Mike Jusino was the losing pitcher.

In the second game, Berkley's Greg Smith struck out nine batters and allowed just two hits—a double by Bruce Sher and a single by Norm Merritt.

Bill Trapani's single knocked in one run in the first inning. Bielcki's sacrifice fly in the fourth drove in the other run. Rick Welland was the losing pitcher.

No show

Southfield's box lacrosse team won its fifth victory the easy way—by forfeit.

Southfield was scheduled to play Berkley in a Michigan Indian Lacrosse Association game last Monday night at the Beechwood Arena. But the victory was given to Southfield when only three Berkley players showed up, according to Southfield coach Gary Law.

"The story I heard is that Berkley had a tough game against Jackson on Sunday night, and none of its players wanted to play against us," said Law, whose team is 5-3 this season.

Lathrup, Southfield drop Legion twin bill

Southfield-Lathrup's American Legion baseball team continued its slide by losing a doubleheader to Rochester, 12-0 and 11-4, in the 18th District last Sunday. The double loss dropped Lathrup to 1-15 in its first season of Legion baseball.

In the first game, Rochester's Don Guillis pitched a strong game, giving up seven hits, striking out four and walking one. Rochester pounded Lathrup pitcher Mike Maroney for 11 hits. Scott Ciske had three singles in four trips and scored two runs. Greg Dubats drove in two runs with a home run and a triple.

In the second game, Rochester pitcher Jerry Willis gave up six hits. Teammate Curt Smith went four for four at the plate. He smacked a double and three singles, driving in four runs. Lathrup scored two runs in the third inning. Dan Coden and Bruce Beers walked. Both runners moved up on a passed ball. Curt Otterbein's sacrifice fly drove in one run. The second run

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