

Bicentennial theme wins Olympics trophy

By TOM BAZER

Bicentennial enthusiasm has reached the playground level in Southfield.

The Magnolia Minutemen, a group of youngsters dressed in Revolutionary War costumes, marched onto Southfield High's football field before the 10th-annual Rotary Olympics last week. When the competition was over, Magnolia had won its second straight Sportsmanship Award.

The award is given to the playground team which displays the best sportsmanship, conduct and style during the Olympics. Magnolia totaled 176 points. Runnersup Simms had 174 followed by Eisenhower with 170 and Leonhard with 168.

"There was a lot of work and a lot of time spent preparing for this," said Ed Krass, a Parks and Recreation Department employee who completed his 10th year as meet director. "The kids make their own uniforms and banners."

And they also add whatever extra touches they want. The Magnolia kids called themselves the Minutemen. They had a bicentennial format complete with piccolos, files and drums.

More than 700 youngsters ages eight through 15 participated in this year's Rotary Olympics. Each of Southfield's 18 playgrounds entered a team for the athletic competition, which tested playground skills.

LEONHARD ELEMENTARY scored 82 points to win the team trophy for athletic excellence. Leonhard seems to be establishing a dynasty in Rotary Olympics athletics: this year's trophy was its third straight and its eighth in the past 10 years.

Simms finished second with 60 points. Beechwood, a new playground competing in its first Olympics, was third with 53.

Boys and girls competed in the 30-yard dash, running hop, step and jump, softball throw, running long jump, standing long jump and shuttle relay. There was a chinning competition for boys only.

There were four competitive classifications—Class A, ages 14-15; Class B, 12-13; Class C, 10-11; and Class D, eight years and under.

The winners in the first three classes will represent Southfield in the Detroit Youth Fitness Meet to be held July 31 at Metropolitan Beach near Mount Clemens. That meet will attract more than 2,500 boys and girls from 60 communities.

Sportsmanship and conduct are just as important at the Metro Meet as in the local Olympics. The teams will be shooting for the John J. Conzidine Award, emblematic of good sportsmanship, conduct and appearance.

Southfield won the award in 1970 and 1972.

Krass has high hopes for Southfield's team in the Metro Meet competition.

"Looking at the scores, I can see that a lot of the kids who went with us last year didn't win in the local meet, so it looks like we'll have some other people coming on strong," Krass said.

SOUTHFIELD SHOULD be strong in several areas. In the standing long jump, Dina Noorily of Leonhard won the Class B title with a 127 jump, two inches better than the Class A winner. Last year, she just missed a Class C victory at the Metro Meet.

In the chinning competition, Pete Roberts of Birney won the Class A crown with 28 chins. Marc Burnas of McKinley won in Class B with 17, and Scott McKenzi of Beechwood took the Class C title with 20.

Southfield also has some good softball throwers. Tim Turrin of Southfield No. 10 won the Class A competition with a toss of 230 feet. Wendy Stone of Simms threw 154 feet to take the girls' Class A crown.

Leonhard should give Southfield some added punch in the shuttle relay. The winners in Classes A-C were from Leonhard.

Last year, Southfield won seven trophies in the Metro Meet.

Strongarms to compete

By RICHARD GOLD

Rochester is fast becoming site of the offbeat sporting event. From the Alex Karpis Celebrity Tournament at Great Oaks to the "Floatable Boat" Memorial Day run down the Paint Creek river, the list of events held in Rochester grows every year.

This year, a new event is to be added to the list. Rochester will host the Michigan State Arm Wrestling Championships Aug. 3 at Adams High School.

LAST YEAR'S competition, held at Oakland University, attracted more than 150 competitors, who paid \$5 a shot to test their wrist strength. Organizers this year are hopeful that the number of participants and spectators will exceed last year's turnout.

Competitors will be vying for five titles, one for women, and four for men by weight classes. Featherweight goes to 150 pounds, lightweight to 175, middleweight to 200 and heavyweight is more than 200 pounds.

Rochester's strongest entry in this year's competition is Ron Gentry. A formidable 6-4, 225 pounds, Gentry won both the Mid-Michigan and Pontiac Mail Barbershop titles last year, after losing in the state competition in April.

Gentry, whose last opponent was Muhammad Ali (in a boxing exhibition at Olympia Stadium), has been in training for this year's state arm wrestling meet. "If I hadn't injured my elbow after the fight, I'd have the title sewed up," he commented. "I'm sure I can beat him (last year's Michigan champion Joe Mikulec)."

ALTHOUGH GENTRY uses conventional methods such as weightlifting to train, he says some competitors have been known to go outside before the competition and lift cars.

"It's just to get a little psyched up," said Gentry. According to Gentry, Ed Bond, last year's middle weight champion, broke spines before the match to "get warmed up."

Last year's victors included Butch Boucher, Mikulec, Bond, Richard Charnika and Rokanne O'Shaughnessy.

Mikulec finished fifth in world competition held at Petaluma, Calif. last year while Boucher pulled a third. A lightweight, he won the world title in 1972.

Bond finished a disappointing fifth last year after taking second two years ago.

Although the sport involves technique, Gentry said that raw strength often proves to be the decisive factor.

He said, "Everybody has a chance. If you think you're strong, you ought to come out and try. Guys with a lot of natural strength have a good chance."

Cost of entering the tournament is \$5. Admission is \$2 for adults. Children under 12 can watch for free. All proceeds will go toward the winners' trip to Petaluma later this year.

Those interested in competing must sign up between noon and 2 p.m. Aug. 3. Eliminations will begin at 2 p.m.

Lucky 17th

Maurice Kurzmarm of Southfield recorded a hole in one during a round of golf at Knollwood Country Club last week. Kurzmarm's ace came on the 17th hole, a par three, 181-yard test. He used a three iron. The ace was Kurzmarm's second in more than 15 years of playing golf.

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