



One record setting performance at last weekend's MISCA league championships was notched by the Birmingham Athletic Club's 8-Under girls' freestyle relay team. The girls, from left, Shelly Sirich, Jackie Moss, Sarah Yntema and Cory Wayburn, prepped for the record setting effort by improving their times each meet through the summer. Mike Zinn, BAC coach, said that he would have been the most surprised man on earth if the youngsters had failed to post the new mark.

Plum Hollow swimmers take 2nd at club meet

By JIM KINSELLA

The Detroit Yacht Club swim team, a perennial power in the Michigan Inter-Club Swimming Association (MISCA), won the season-ending league meet last weekend at Dearborn Country Club after surviving a serious challenge issued by three of the 13 other teams in the league.

DYC piled up 580 points, finishing ahead of runner up Plum Hollow Country Club which scored 554 points.

Host Dearborn edged its way past the Birmingham Athletic Club to grab third spot with 468. BAC finished the meet with 463.

Six individual, and three relay records were wiped from the books in the massive meet.

Kelly Gest, 13, a DYC swimmer, paced the record setters with exceptional times in the 50-meter backstroke (1:32.3), and the 50-meter fly (1:31.7).

BAC's 8-Under girls' 100-meter freestyle relay team shattered the old age division, league record in that event when the quartet swam the event in 1:11.4—almost two seconds faster than the previous low.

Lochmoor Country Club's 8-Under boys' freestyle relay team matched the Birmingham girls—they swam a torrid 1:07.0.

Other records were set by: Mark Skoyka, Lochmoor, in the boys' 9-10 50-meter breaststroke (.39.5); Jane MacLaren, Western Golf and Country Club, in the girls' 15-16 50-meter breaststroke (.36.6); DYC's 200-meter girls' medley relay team (2:22.7); and

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the Oakland Hills' 200-meter boys' freestyle relay team (1:55.9).

Plum Hollow finished strongly by placing a majority of its swimmers in the first five places in each event. The team won five events outright and finished second in six others.

The first and second finishers in each event were:

Girls' 200-meter freestyle relay—1 Plum Hollow (.32.3), 2 BAC.

Boys' 200-meter freestyle relay—1 Oakland Hills (1:55.9), 2 Plum Hollow.

8-Under Girls' 100-meter freestyle relay—1 BAC (1:11.4), 2 Grasse Pointe Yacht Club.

8-Under Boys' 100-meter freestyle relay—1 Lochmoor (1:07.0), 2 Detroit Yacht Club.

Girls' 9-10 50-meter breaststroke—1 Lynda Measelle, Grasse Pointe Hunt Club (.43.8), 2 Jayanne Robinson, Country Club Of Detroit.

Boys' 9-10 50-meter breaststroke—1 Mark Skoyka, Lochmoor (.39.5), 2 Joe Pody, Dearborn.

Girls' 11-12 50-meter breaststroke—1 Cheryl Skoyka, Lochmoor (.34.1), 2 Marguerite McNulty, BAC.

Boys' 11-12 50-meter breaststroke—1 Scott Hammond, BAC (.38.2), 2 John Lazar, Dearborn.

Girls' 13-14 50-meter breaststroke—1 Lori DeSantis, Detroit Yacht Club (.37.4), 2 Amy Rennebacher, Lochmoor.

Boys' 13-14 50-meter breaststroke—1 Bill Knapp, Dearborn (.34.9), 2 Mike Sachara, Dearborn.

Girls' 15-16 50-meter breaststroke—1 Jane MacLaren, Western Golf and Country Club (.36.6), 2 Kathy Nordstrom, Dearborn.

Boys' 15-16 50-meter breaststroke—1 Jim Sherk, Dearborn (.33.1), 2 John Fisher, BAC.

8-Under Girls' freestyle—1 Shelly Sirich, BAC (1:32.3), 2 Barbie Howell, Plum Hollow.

8-Under Boys' freestyle—1 Bill Schoff, Lochmoor (1:31.7), 2 Mike Chisham, Plum Hollow.

Girls' 9-10 50-meter backstroke—1 Julie Happer, Plum Hollow (.40.5), 2 Pat Sabo, Dearborn.

Boys' 9-10 50-meter backstroke—1 John Strong, GPYC (.40.5), 2 John Cullen, Plum Hollow.

Girls' 11-12 backstroke—1 Whitney Semple, Country Club of Detroit (.35.4), 2 Lisa Riley, Red Run.

Boys' 11-12 50-meter backstroke—1 Jeff Measelle, Grasse Pointe Hunt Club (.34.1), no second.

Girls' 15-16 50-meter backstroke—1 Nick Trout, DYC (.32.4), 2 Todd Landheim, Lochmoor.

Boys' 15-16 50-meter backstroke—1 Linda Cullen, Plum Hollow (.34.3), 2 Debbie Shantz, Red Run.

Girls' 11-12 50-meter butterfly—1 Sarah Bruden, DYC (.34.4), 2 Ann Kolon, Plum Hollow.

Boys' 11-12 50-meter butterfly—1 John Allen, Detroit Boat Club (.34.0), 2 Jeff Measelle, GPYC.

Girls' 13-14 50-meter butterfly—1 Kelly Gest, DYC (.31.7), 2 Mary Jo Burke, Red Run.

Boys' 13-14 50-meter butterfly—1 Jay Jones, Plum Hollow (.29.3), 2 Nick Trout, DYC.

Girls' 15-16 50-meter butterfly—1 Annette Lucian, Dearborn (.32.7), 2 Jane MacLaren, Western.

Boys' 15-16 50-meter butterfly—1 Kurt Kovach, Western (.28.3), 2 Dru Danworth, Dearborn.

Girls' 9-10 50-meter freestyle—1 Ann Markey, Plum Hollow (.22.6), 2 Julie Robinson, Country Club of Detroit.

Boys' 9-10 50-meter freestyle—1 Charles Myers, Oakland Hills (.31.0), 2 John Cullen, Plum Hollow.

Girls' 11-12 50-meter freestyle—1 Sarah Bruden, DYC (.31.0), 2 Marguerite McNulty, BAC.

Boys' 11-12 50-meter freestyle—1 Greg Dawkins, DYC (.31.1), 2 Bill MacMasters, Red Run.

Girls' 13-14 50-meter freestyle—1 Lori DeSantis, DYC (.29.3), 2 Julie Eugenio, Lochmoor.

Boys' 13-14 50-meter freestyle—1 Bill Knapp, Dearborn (.28.9), 2 Todd Landheim, Lochmoor.

Sandlot squad wins state Pony title

NFWB seeks national crown

By JIM KINSELLA

functions available to an athlete A World Championship.

Shades of 1972. That year, a tournament Pony League team playing out of the North Farmington-West Bloomfield youth baseball association swept its way through state, divisional and regional competition and found itself in the championship game of the Pony League World Series at Washington, Pa.

Only a bad break and the tenacious defense of the Hawaii Pony entrant kept that local team from achieving one of the most unique sports dis-

THREE YEARS pass and another NFWB Pony entrant finds itself thrust up the tournament ladder after an important state title victory. The NFWB Nationals last week took that step when they won the Michigan State Pony Association championship by beating a team from Mt. Pleasant in the final day of the double-elimination fray.

The Nationals opened the state play-offs with three wins over teams fielded by South Farmington, Hamtramck

and St. Clair Shores. The team's final hurdle, a like number of players from Mt. Pleasant, were out to make the championship interesting, though.

Their backs to the wall because of an early round loss to St. Clair Shores—the Mt. Pleasant team rallied for four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning in the opening games of the championship double header Sunday, winning the game 9-4 and evening both teams records at 3-1.

National Manager Joe Boda gave the pitching nod to Chup Chamberlain in that deciding evening game as

Chamberlain responded as if he'd waited all his life to play for a title.

CHAMBERLAIN REEDED the cat with five strong innings before yielding to relief help from Craig Edwards. The move came with the Nationals on top of a six run lead. They held that and took an 8-2 decision.

Sharing honors in the championship game were Mike Miller with two singles and a double, Jeff Cohen, who stroked a triple and drove in two runs, and Jim Kassab, the massive pitching ace who produced a run scoring double for the Nationals.

Farmington Legion team falls in Mack tournament

Farmington ended its American Legion baseball season by dropping a 4-3 decision in 11 innings to Birmingham-Troy last week in the 18th District post-season playoff.

The victory lifted Birmingham-Troy into the Legion's Zone Tournament

The loss dropped Farmington into a Connie Mack Tournament where it lost to Detroit (4-0), defeated Dearborn (11-2), and finally lost to West Orion (4-0).

In the Legion playoff, Birmingham-Troy scored the winning run in the bot-

tom of the 11th when Farmington pitcher Tim Hammer walked Doug Foushian and Lance Dunn and then yielded a single to Dave Smith.

The throw from centerfield hit the ground in front of the catcher and bounced over his head, allowing Foushian to come home with the winning run.

"That's the breaks of the game," said Farmington manager Wally Christensen. "The ball just took a bad bounce over my catcher's head. The catcher was saying, 'Don't drop it! Don't drop it!' And then it bounced over his head."

Hammer pitched 5 1/2 innings in relief of starter Dan Perry. Hammer allowed just three hits, including the winning single, and struck out nine batters.

IN THE OPENING game of the Connie Mack Tournament, the Detroit Eagles stopped Farmington, 4-4, thanks to the four-hit pitching of Duval Gillespie. He struck out two and walked none.

"We hit the ball pretty hard, but always right at someone," Christensen said.

Detroit tagged losing pitcher Bob McKenna for six hits. John Bader drove in one run with a single, and the winners scored two more on an error and a passed ball.

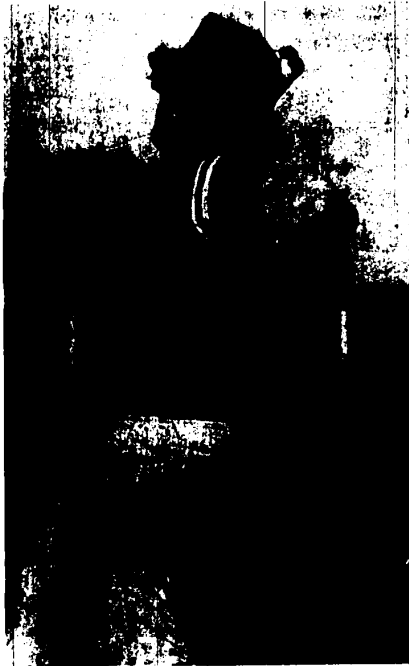
Hammer was an individual standout in Farmington's victory over Dearborn. He scattered nine hits and struck out five during the seven-inning game.

His teammates put it away by scoring four runs in the first inning. Jim Setts walked, Mitch Thomas doubled and Jay Cummings walked to load the bases. Randy Meier's single scored two runs and another came home when the rightfielder misplayed the ball. Mark Chapman then singled to drive in the fourth run.

Farmington added two more runs in the fourth. Chapman doubled, and Jeff Herman walked. Setts' ground out scored one run. Thomas' sacrifice fly accounted to the other tally.

Farmington stranded seven runners in the final game against West Orion. Farmington starter Steve Foeller gave up seven hits in six innings. Reliever Rick Welland, who played the regular season with Southfield, pitched a perfect inning.

Farmington finished its season with an 18-14 record including the Connie Mack Tournament games.



Farmington's Tim Hammer ended his Legion career with a victory over Dearborn.

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