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Founder's Fest marathon

Runners trot through city

By C.J. RISAK

A passerby wandering through the streets of Farmington last Saturday morning may have witnessed a scene that would have prompted this question:

Where are all those people running to?

And the answer would have been simple—to the finish.

The runners were taking part in the Farmington Founders Day Festival Mini-Marathon. The course wound through a number of Farmington streets, and a large number of men and women of all ages participated.

The mini-marathon was divided into a five and 10 mile run. Each event was divided into five different groups: women's, open (18-29 years-old), sub-masters (30-39 years-old), masters (40-49 years-old), and veterans (50 years-old and up). It is a grueling experience, but it remains one of the highlights of the Founders Festival.

In the five mile event, Marsha Chapman finished first in the women's division, going the distance in 40:19.6. Givlio Panicia was first in the veteran's

division with a time of 35:02.9, while Hank Schmidt won the masters in 35:14.9.

In the five mile open category, Eric Hagemeyer crossed the finish line in 29:57.2, while George Gerrin was the sub-masters champ with a time of 33:37.4.

In the 10 mile event, the women's

winner was Hillary Callahan, going the distance in 76:16. The veterans first place finisher was Max Nemazi with a time of 58:03, while the masters champ was Brian Harris, who finished in 52:24. The 10 mile open division was won by Herb Lindsey in 48:04. Peter Hallop came in first in the sub-masters with a time of 49:33.

Marathon results

The following are the top finishers in the Farmington Founders Festival Mini-Marathon, which was held July 29.

FIVE MILE RUN

Women's Division — 1. Marsha Chapman (40:19.6); 2. Teresa Kampa (41:27.7); 3. Julie Lehto (41:57.5); 4. Barb Fry (42:33.3).
Veterans' Division (50 years old and up) — 1. Givlio Panicia (35:02.9); 2. Nathan Feldman (38:34.0); 3. Charles Sailer (40:28.4); 4. Robert Sachs (41:12.1).
Masters' Division (40-49 years old) — 1. Hank Schmidt (35:14.9); 2. Joseph Sweeney (36:14.8); 3. Lester Gerroes (36:29.1); 4. Jim Cooper (42:43.9).
Sub-Masters' Division (30-39 years old) — 1. George Gerrin (33:37.4); 2. James Bush (34:57.2); 3. Gary Van Koot (36:06.4); 4. Robert Knapp (37:10.5).

Open Division (18-29 years old) — 1. Eric Hagemeyer (29:57.2); 2. Jim Brown (30:24.3); 3. Bill Witala (31:20.3); 4. Paul McKinnon (39:29.1).

TEN MILE RUN

Women's Division — 1. Hillary Callahan (76:16); 2. Debby Jensen (77:07.7); 3. Jill Popov (80:22.1); 4. Ellen Tenner (85:58.1).
Veterans' Division (50 years old and up) — 1. Max Nemazi (58:03.0); 2. Fred Hallop (59:04.1); 3. Darwin Spayak (59:20.2); 4. Frank Gerlach (71:44).
Masters' Division (40-49 years old) — 1. Brian Harris (52:24.0); 2. Bob Pakian (54:38.0); 3. Robert Binkelman (58:52.1); 4. John Doyle (59:49.0).
Sub-Masters' Division (30-39 years old) — 1. Peter Hallop (49:33.0); 2. Lou Putnam (52:06.1); 3. Robert Lucas (52:12.1); 4. Charles Frame (52:29.0).
Open Division (18-29 years old) — 1. Herb Lindsey (48:04.0); 2. Dwight Spitz (49:40.0); 3. Dave Denis (49:12.1); 4. Dennis Kuris (50:55.3).

Farmington legion baseball team loses out in bid for playoff berth

Farmington lost a game and a chance for the playoffs Friday night, as they dropped a 7-1 decision in American Legion baseball play to league-leader Berkley.

Berkley, who clinched the title on Sunday by splitting a doubleheader with Royal Oak, finished with a 19-4 record. Waterford edged out Royal Oak for second place by winning two games with Southfield on Sunday. Both teams will advance to the Legion tournament, while the third and fourth place teams, Royal Oak and Auburn Heights, will enter the Connie Mack tournament.

In Friday's game, Berkley scored twice in the first inning and added five more in the second for the win. Six of the runs came off Farmington starter and loser Steve Zerito. Marty Kelly relieved Zerito with one out in the sec-

ond and was charged with the seventh Berkley run, then shut them out the final five innings.

Farmington scored its only run of the ballgame in the third. Doug Christensen led off the inning with a walk. After the next two Farmington batters were retired, Kevin Delp and Bill Philp singled, scoring Christensen.

Delp was the team's leading hitter, getting three hits in four trips. On Sunday, Farmington split their final two games of the season with Novi, losing the first, 1-0, and winning the second, 3-0.

In the opener, Kevin Delp was the starter and loser, despite a well-placed game. Novi scored the only run of the game in the third inning, capitalizing on one base hit and two Farmington errors while two were out. Marty Bona and Delp each had two

hits in the loss. Delp allowed just two hits in going the distance, striking out ten and walking five.

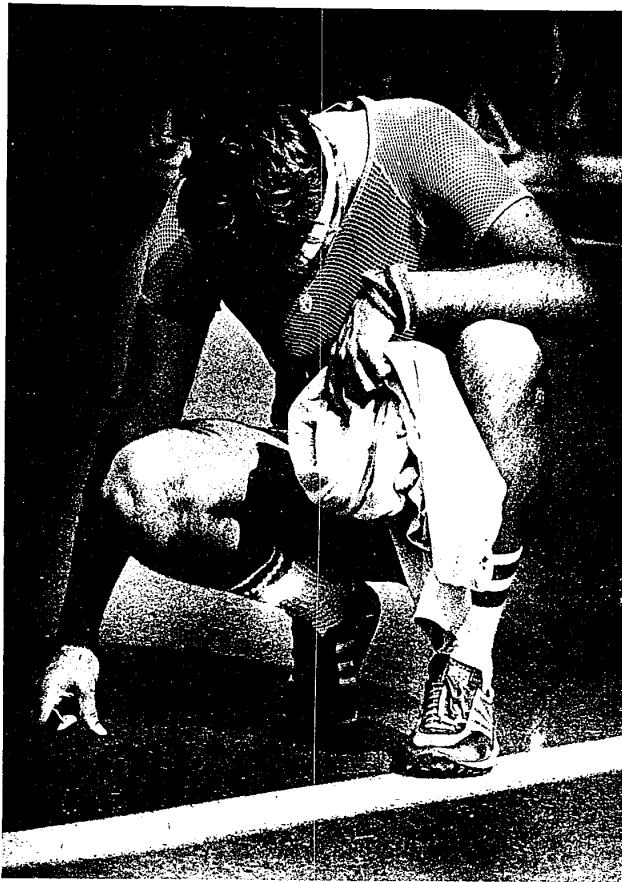
In the nightcap, Steve Zerito fired a three-hit shutout as Farmington won, 3-0.

Zerito came back after getting hit hard on Friday night, striking out nine while walking five to claim the victory.

Farmington scored their first run in the fourth inning as Delp led off with a single. One out later, he stole second and then came home on Bill Philp's base hit.

They added two more runs in the seventh on consecutive doubles by Philp, Mark MacDonald, and Dave Schultz.

The victory left Farmington with a final season record of 11-13.



A fatigued Lawrence Kolassa regains his breath after competing in the Farmington Founder's Festival Mini-Marathon. (Photo by Allan Schlossberg)

Lions enjoy tougher camp

By GREG ZOTT

From atop one of the giant hills at Oakland University you get a panoramic view fit for a nature poem.

Down in the valley, green trees mesh with blue sky to form a quiet, pleasant landscape.

Ironically, this Wordsworthian setting has, for the last two months, been the site of Monte Clark's Detroit Lion renovation. While nature sleeps, Clark and his assistants shatter the serenity with precise, physical practice sessions.

Many people are excited about the Lions this year, perhaps with good reason. The constant bickering between coaches and players that marked the last few futile years has seemingly been put aside.

Long gone are the four-hour practice marathons of former coaches Rick Forzano and Tommy Hudspeth. They are replaced by Clark's more thorough 90 minute morning and afternoon sessions. The results have been better concentration and more effort by the players.

"You can give 100 per cent all the time the way practices are set up now," says Lem Barney, one of the most respected Lions' veterans. "The way it was before made it hard to concentrate. You just got tired."

The Lions' practices have an order this year noticeably lacking in the recent past. Practices are run on a strict time-table. Players know what is going to happen at a certain time and the same fundamentals are done repeatedly.

For one Lion veteran, the change is the best thing that could have happened to the team.

"This is the best organization here since Joe Schmidt," said Greg Landry, starting his eleventh season with the club. "The players needed someone who would come in and concentrate on fundamentals. Clark has done that."

As the leader of the skill-position players, Landry knows all about repetition. Under the tutelage of backfield coach Jimmy Raye, the offense walks, trots, then runs through plays. And they start walking again. The monotony can be trying on the patience of the spectator, but Landry sees it as essential for a successful season.

"This coaching staff is technique-oriented," said Landry. "How you do it is very important. The only way you can get things accomplished is to keep working on them. So most of our practice is doing the same things over and over, until it becomes natural to do it that way."

While the backfield may get a chance to walk in the morning and afternoon sun, such is not the case for the remainder of the squad. Linemen continuously work on blocking form against dummies, players, and then dummies again.

"Get that but up," shouts Monte Clark as he walks by a lineman in a drill. "I don't want to see that stance again."

And the precision goes on and on until another lineman makes a mistake, causing Clark, a former all-pro tackle, to act as a schoolmaster. He remedies the mistake, hopefully so it doesn't happen again.

While Clark an offensive line coach Fred Hage-

lin toil at one end of the field, linebacking coach Marty Schottenheimer runs players through drills at the other side. The work-out is one of the most demanding: sprints, footwork, tackling drills, covering feet running backs in passing drills, more footwork, more sprints.

"It's not the physical nature, it's the mental nature that is different from college," says Fred Arrington, a 10th round draft choice from Purdue trying to crack the linebacking core. Standing with hands on hips, perspiring freely and sucking up air, it is hard to take him seriously. "No, really, we used to do this at Purdue too," said Arrington. "But learning all the different formations, and what to with them after that—that's the hard part. The pros are a whole new ballgame."

In the middle of the field, wide receivers run patterns as defensive backs do their best to shadow them. James Hunter comes up with an interception. Lem Barney knocks a pass down, and secondary coach Billy Atkins is there to compliment them.

Moments later it's Bob Schnelker's turn to cheer. The receiving coach is happy with another fine catch by rookie Jesse Thompson.

On the outskirts of the field, looking more like the Express than the Lions, are the kickers. Here monotony is raised to new heights. For a solid hour footballs are kicked, punted, and place-kicked by the four Lion kickers.

Then after some stretching exercises, the kickers come back for another half hour. By late morning, Tom Skladany has kicked the ball in some manner more than 60 times.

The morning fades into afternoon, and the Lions are back for more isometrics, more drills and scrimmages. The two-hand touch declared by the coaches is deceiving: No one seems to mention that at the line, play is live. And occasionally, full contact cannot be avoided. The result in sometimes a hard hit—at other times it is more costly, as in the case of Walt Williams' separated shoulder.

The day ends with closed door meetings inside the Lion's OU offices. The players climbing the hills to the locker room are already encased in a winning attitude.

"I wish I had him (Clark) for a coach in college," says Tim Cunningham, a free agent running back from Long Beach State. "He is a winner. You can just tell by talking to him. I hope I'm around for the good things that are gonna happen this year."

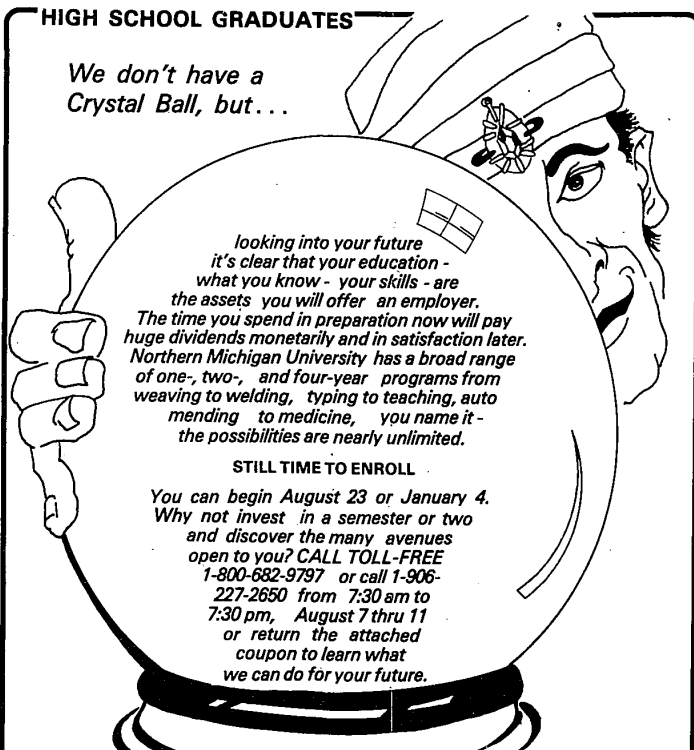
Such optimism is not only from the rookies. All-pro linebacker Charlie Weaver is also "enthusiastic" about the coming season.

"Teamwork is how you win and teamwork is what Monte Clark stresses," says Weaver. "The Lions always seem to come to camp negative, but not this year. As a team, I've never seen us so positive."

"Because of the coaching staff," says Landry, "the team has a positive attitude for the season. We know he is a winner and that he knows how to win. That's something that's been lacking around here for awhile."

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