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Lauer sweats out O&E golf success



STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

Ann Lauer watches the flight path of her tee shot while Eric Zonder of Farmington Hills steps up to the tee.

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Golf's a game offering a multitude of challenges. A golfer must consider his own attributes and liabilities, then calculate how to attack every course, every hole, every shot. When playing in a tournament, there's another element to deal with — the opposition.

All of those components took a back seat to another factor at Saturday's Observer & Eccentric/Whispering Willows women's golf tournament. The oppressive heat (in the mid-90s) pushed its way to center stage, ruining players' concentration en route.

"I was tired," said Ann Lauer of Birmingham after completing the 18-hole endurance test. "I was definitely tired. You couldn't pay me to go out there again."

LAUER'S RELUCTANCE had a reason. She finished the tournament with a bogey, bogey and a double-bogey over the last three holes.

And yet, it was Lauer's heat that willed the opposition long before those final holes. While her chief adversaries — 1987 champ Erica Zonder of Farmington Hills and Trish Waldecker of Livonia — struggled starting the back nine at Livonia's Whispering Willows, Lauer was on fire.

She carded birdies on the 10th and 12th holes and had pars on the 11th, 13th, 14th and 15th to open up a nine-stroke advantage, a bulge far too great to lose even with her rather weak finish.

The victory was Lauer's third (the others were in 1983 and 1986). She shot a 77 and, even though she double-bogeyed 18 while Zonder birdied for a three-stroke swing, Lauer still won by five strokes.

"I WAS pretty happy with the way I played — except the last three

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Under new management

Farmington High's boys soccer team has a new coach this year, but Cathy Cole is no stranger to city residents familiar with the

sport. Cole previously coached for four years at North Farmington. See Page 2D for a preview story on the Falcons.

Holzer Ford captures NABF crown

Tom Holzer Ford of Farmington Hills brought home a national championship Sunday, winning the National Amateur Baseball Federation's College World Series in Youngstown, Ohio.

The tournament culminated with Holzer Ford blanking the Clark Griffiths Rebels of Falls Church, Va., in the rubber match of their tournament rivalry.

Holzer Ford opened with a 4-3 victory over the Rebels but later, after beating the Kettering Yankees of Dayton, Ohio, in its second game, lost to the Virginia ballclub, 11-10.

In the final, Holzer Ford posted a 5-0 shut-out behind the three-hit pitcher Loomis, the most valuable pitcher in the tournament.

Loomis went 6½ innings and struck out seven before he was relieved by Steve Hirschman after developing a sore arm. Hirschman held the Rebels to two hits over the final two innings.

HOLZER FORD scored single runs in the second, third and fifth innings and added two for insurance in the finale. Rick Tavormina was 2-for-5 and drove in two runs, and Steve Rudelic also had two hits.

Keith Dutkiewicz, who played center field for Holzer Ford, was named the NABF most valuable hitter after batting .545 in four games. Rudelic was a defensive honorable mention for his play in left field. Loomis, Dutkiewicz, who went 9-for-17 overall, Rudelic and Chris Kloc were placed

baseball

in the all-tournament team.

In the opening game, Rudelic scored the winning run against the Rebels in the top of the ninth. With two outs, he singled and went to second on a passed ball. Rudelic moved up on a bunt and raced home when the relay got by the first baseman.

Holzer Ford scored earlier on a pair of two-out singles by Dutkiewicz and Paul Newitt and Tavormina's groundout. Dutkiewicz was 2-for-3, Rudelic and Kevin Ritter 2-for-4.

Winning pitcher Tom Colter struck out seven and didn't walk anybody during 4½ innings of sparkling relief. He closed the game by getting the first and third hitters on strikeouts and the middle batter with a pop-out.

LOOMIS GAVE up back-to-back home runs in the second, and the only walks (4) of the game gave the Rebels a 3-1 lead in the fifth.

With 15 hits in the second game, Holzer Ford held a 5-1 lead after one inning and went to claim a 10-5 victory. The Yankees had 13 hits but made four errors.

Dan Hilliard paced the offense with a 4-for-5 game that included two RBIs. Dutkiewicz belted a solo homer, also had two

RBI and went 3-for-5.

Hirschman keyed the first inning with a two-run single. Rudelic was 2-for-3 with one RBI and Newitt batted 2-for-5.

Kloc was the starting and winning pitcher, scattering nine hits over five innings. He struck out six and walked none. Hirschman finished up, striking out two and also refusing to issue a walk.

Then came Holzer Ford's only loss in third game, which was decided by Derek Hascopian's three-run homer during a five-run eighth that gave the Rebels an 11-9 advantage.

HOLZER FORD, however, outbit the Vir-

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Individual goals remain on Jurek's grid agenda

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New season, new goals.

In Scott Jurek's first four years as a member of Eastern Michigan University's football team (he was recruited in 1984), the goals were clear-cut: win the Mid-American Conference crown and the California Bowl, and prove the Hurons belonged.

It was just before Jurek's first year at EMU that the other MAC members tried to boot the Hurons out of the league. Eight-straight losing seasons, coupled with the inevitable poor attendance, led to their bear ouster.

That changed last year. EMU survived and, in December, it was the Hurons who saved the MAC. Embarrassing losses in three consecutive California Bowls had sparked talk of ending the automatic pairing of the MAC champion versus the Pacific Coast Athletic Association (now Big West) winner.

EMU ended such chatter by shocking 17-point favorite San Jose State. After years of agony, the Hurons



Scott Jurek

were football heroes and MAC survivors. "I've got so much pride in this place," said Jurek at Saturday's media day, "it's unbelievable."

THE SUCCESS of '87 are history now. Jurek, a 6-1½, 225-pound lin-

side linebacker from Plymouth Salem, is not. He still has another year of football eligibility. And while many of the goals that carried him through his first three seasons have been realized, others remain.

Although many of his team's goals were accomplished last year, Jurek's personal goals were not. "Last year I worked my butt off in (preseason) camp," he said. "Through the first half of the season I played well, but I struggled through the middle. Then I played well at the end."

"My goal this year is to be consistent throughout the season. I'm going to bust my butt in camp to win a starting spot."

At inside linebacker, success can be easily tracked by tackles. Jurek was sixth on the team with 58; he also had one interception. He started five games.

Those totals may seem unimpressive, but they're not considering how the game's played this year. Four or five players will shuffle into the two inside spots. "Any linebacker is going to have to be super to

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