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those games.

"It's the sense of competition, to take your driving skills and compare that with the technical knowledge that's required in the modified class.

"As long as (the engines) conform to the regulations of the class, it's bring whatever you believe is your best on water and take race it. It's not only racing on water but a level of engineering knowledge and experience."

Steve Linn of Farmington Hills also will be competing in the same class, driving a boat powered by an Alfa Romeo V-6 and owned by his brother, Randy Linn, of Livonia.

The Linn Racing Team has finished among the top three in 16 of 19 races, winning the Marine Prop Riders high-point championship in 1992 and the M.A.C.H. Series championship in 1991. The Linnas also were Region 6 champs in 1990-91.

Dabrowski's boat is equipped with a BMW six cylinder. The engines cost between \$15,000 and \$25,000 apiece and enable the boats in the modified class to reach speeds of 130 mph.

"In order to compete at that level, you have to have three motors," Dabrowski said. "The stress and strain you're putting on a motor is three times what it was designed to do in a car."

The boats are also much safer and more aerodynamic than they used to be.

"At one time it was considered

quite dangerous," Dabrowski said, adding drivers once sat in open cockpits.

"Now you're an integral part of the boat in a fully-enclosed canopy with a self-contained breathing apparatus. What it did was lower the center of gravity and make it easier to turn the boat."

The one-mile, five-lap course on Sylvan Lake is considered one of the fastest in the country with two world records that are registered with the Union of International Motor Boating in Brussels, Belgium.

Racers on Sylvan Lake will earn points toward the American Power Boat Association's national high-point championship.

The regatta will feature races in five other classes of hydroplanes ranging from the 1.5-liter, 13-foot boats to the 22-foot unlimited class that raced on the Detroit River this year.

There is no charge for admission, but racers are promoting a charitable plan similar to a walk-a-thon whereby spectators can sign pledge sheets. All proceeds will go to the Rainbow Connection.

Sylvan Lake is located on Pontiac Drive, west of Telegraph and Orchard Lake roads. Take Telegraph to the Orchard Lake exit and follow the signs to the Oakland County Boat Club.

For more information on the Rainbow Connection call (810) 783-9777.

Lakers best in tournament

The Kensington Valley Lakers rallied in the final game to defeat Barry Hill 8-7 Sunday and capture first place in their division of the Mayor's Invitational in Battle Creek.

The Connie Mack team spotted Barry Hill leads of 5-1 and 7-3 before starting its comeback.

Aaron Lawson's two-run single cut the deficit, to 5-3, but Barry Hill scored twice more in the top of the sixth inning.

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The Lakers were scoreless in their half of the sixth. Brent Anderson started the KV seventh with a single, but two outs followed.

Back-to-back singles by Lawson and Drew Henson drove in one run, and Eric Pierce roped a two-run double to cut the difference to one, 7-6. Pat Curran's RBI single sent the game into extra innings.

In the eighth, John Steiger and Don Widajewski walked; however, Steiger was out at

home trying to score on Lance Siegwald's hit.

But Lawson followed with the game-winning single. Pierce drove in KV's first run with a sacrifice fly, scoring Widajewski.

The Lakers (21-5) won their first five games in round-robin play over Sunburst (Ohio), Lakeview Lounge of Battle Creek, the Adrian Lookouts, B.B. Roaners (Ohio) and the Marquette Royals from Chicago.

In the first game, Henson hit two home runs and was the winning pitcher. Tom Willerer and Widajewski also homered.

Bob Macken and 12 strikeouts and pitched a two-hitter in the second game. Lawson hit a two-run homer in the 6-2 win.

Justin Schultz won the third game as the Lakers edged Adrian 7-6.

Willerer and Lawson homered again. Roaners in support of winning pitcher Steiger.

Willerer struck out 11 in a 7-2 win over the Royals. Lawson, Willerer and Joe Nistray hit home runs in the game.

SWIMMING

FARMINGTON GLEN 312
KENDALLWOOD 283
(July 18 at Kendallwood)

Kendallwood double winners: Mark Monroes (Bunder), 25 free, 17:42; 25 free, 21:09; Sarah Swain (5:10), 50 free, 41:11; 50 free, 36:48; Kristen Wolff (9:10), 50 breast, 48:58; 50 back, 43:08; Kevin Ryan (11:12), 100 IM, 1:21:37; 50 free, 40:15; Danielle Clayton (15:18), 50 back, 37:15; 100 free, 1:05:91.

Kendallwood single winners: Andrew Warwick (Bunder), 25 breast, 28:96; Glenn Legacki (9:10), 50 free, 48:52; Michael Rooney (11:12), 50 back, 40:35; Tim Ryan (11:12), 50 breast, 42:79; Tara Grider (13:14), 50 back, 35:29; Neve Alver (15:18), 50 breast, 37:32.

Kendallwood relay winners: 52-year girls, 200 medley (Tara Grider, Lauren Turner, Jen Bendich, Judy Telford), 2:28:22; 52-year boys, 200 medley (Pat Brady, Michael Grindem, Kevin Ryan, Loch Lynch), 2:28:56.

SPORTS CLUB 330
PILMONTREE 208
(July 18 at Sports Club)

Pilmtree triple winners: Patrick Geromette (10-under), 25 back, 20:80; 25 breast, 20:41; 25 free, 18:35; Michael Miller (Bunder), 25 back, 45:54; 25 breast, 28:87; 25 free, 31:06.

Pilmtree double winners: Christine Geromette (Bunder), 25 free, 24:78; 25 back, 20:20.

Pilmtree single winners: Lindsay Abbott (11:12), 50 free, 34:59; Kristin Bachor (10-

under), 25 back, 23:93; Morgan Reed (5-under), 25 free, 29:34; Lisa Scher (13:12), 50 back, 40:58; Lauren Salton (10-under), 25 breast, 24:46.

Pilmtree relay winners: 40-year girls, four-lap freestyle (Kristin Bachor, Leslie Oriek, Kristin Rink, Lauren Salton), 1:30:07; 52-year girls medley (Lindsay Abbott, Melissa Crawford, Leslie Oriek, Jackie Drivney), 3:15:36; 52-year girls freestyle (Alexandra Blakeney, Leigh Costlow, Meredith Crawford, Alicia Oriek), 2:54:59.

FARMINGTON GLEN 339
HUNTINGTON WOODS 222
(July 18 at Farmington Glen)

Glen girls double winners: Kim Orsini (11:12), 50 back, 20:10; 100 IM, 1:25:15; 50 free, 34:41; Andrea Dalle-Monache (15:18), 50 breast, 40:16; 50 free, 34:19; Courtney Green (Bunder), 25 back, 23:15; 25 free, 20:37; Carolyn Kirschke (9:10), 50 free, 42:65; 50 breast, 52:43; Chrissy Fleck (Bunder), 25 free, 19:12; 25 breast, 27:22; Katie Booms (13:14), 50 breast, 39:10; 50 back, 35:9.

Glen girls single winners: Jessica Petrus (11:12), 50 free, 34:45; Janelle Horton (15:18), 100 free, 1:09:84; Annemarie Scario (15:18), 100 IM, 1:20:04; Katie Fleck (9:10), 50 free, 38:15.

Glen boys double winners: Mickey Owen (13:14), 100 IM, 1:14:47; 50 breast, 37:85; Deyl Booms (9:10), 50 free, 43:05; 50 breast, 44:75; Mark Kozlowski (11:12), 50 free, 38:32; 50 breast, 50:41; Rob Egbers (15:18), 50 back, 33:54; 50 free, 30:02; Kevin Kirschke (Bunder), 25 free, 20:60; 25 free,

25:25; Ryan Fitzpatrick (11:12), 100 IM, 1:26:56; 50 free, 36:72.

Glen boys single winners: Chris Owen (15:18), 50 breast, 33:31; David Soley (11:12), 50 back, 50:88.

Derek Edmondson (Bunder), 25 back, 27:87; Pete Bosler (15:18), 100 free, 1:00:53; Paul Haapanen (9:10), 50 back, 45:41; Sean Murphy (13:14), 50 back, 41:58; John Armstrong (9:10), 50 free, 41:46; Matt Egbers (13:14), 50 free, 30:22.

Glen mixed relay winners: 40-year 200 medley (Kim Orsini, Ryan Booms, Courtney Green, Lauren Booms), 2:48:32.

Glen girls relay winners: 52-year 200 medley (Kristin Bachor, Katie Booms, Molly Orsini, Carolyn Kirschke), 2:33:0; 80-year 200 freestyle (Andrea Dalle-Monache, Annemarie Scario, Sarah Cohn, Stefanie Fitzpatrick), 2:09:88.

Glen boys relay winners: 60-year 200 freestyle (Rob Egbers, Jon Booms, Pete Bosler, Chris Owen), 1:51:09.

HEART OF THE HILLS 321
BEECHVIEW SWIM CLUB 234
(July 2)

Beechview double winners: Kevin Mill (Bunder), 25 back, 21:28; 25 free, 20:60; Bill McDermott (9:10), 50 free, 43:50; 50 back, 45:28; Lindsay Feltner (13:14), 100 IM, 1:18:5; 50 breast, 39:42; Dan Gabriel (15:18), 50 back, 38:03; 100 IM, 1:11:25.

Beechview single winners: Ashley Suckley (Bunder), 25 breast, 27:35; Erik Wolf (9:10), 50 breast, 45:18; Sean Wolf (11:12), 50 free, 35:04; Lionel McFarian (11:12), 50 free, 31:87; Dan Ozlekan (11:12), 50 breast,

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